

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

WOMAN'S  
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COUNCIL

1937

## ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Year	Place	Year	Place
1872	Cincinnati, Ky.	1895	Meridian, Miss.
1873	Nashville, Tenn.	1896	Washington, D. C.
1874	St. Louis, Mo.	1897	Birmingham, Ala.
1875	Nashville, Tenn.	1898	Greensboro, N. C.
1876	Lynchburg, Va.	1899	Nashville, Tenn.
1877	Kansas City, Mo.	1900	Fort, Tex.
1878	Knoxville, Tenn.	1901	Asheville, N. C.
1879	Augusta, Ga.	1902	Charleston, S. C.
1880	Catsburg, Ky.	1903	Memphis, Tenn.
1881	Nashville, Tenn.	1904	Jacksonville, Fla.
1882	Little Rock, Ark.	1905	Muskogee, Okla.
1883	St. Louis, Mo.	1906	Opelika, Ala.
1884	Fort Worth, Tex.	1907	Richmond, Va.
1885	Lexington, Ky.	1908	New Orleans, La.
1886	Kansas City, Mo.	1909	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1887	Atlanta, Ga.	1910	Clarkville, Tenn.

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1893—St. Louis, Mo.	1895—Little Rock, Ark.
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1895—Asheville, N. C.	1898—Knoxville, Tenn.

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1897—Dallas, Tex.	1905—Montgomery, Ala.
1900—New Orleans, La.	1906—Asheville, N. C.
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1904—Kansas City, Mo.	1910—Nashville, Tenn.

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1922—San Antonio, Tex.	1935—St. Louis, Mo.
1923—Mobile, Ala.	1936—Dallas, Tex.
	1937—Columbia, S. C.

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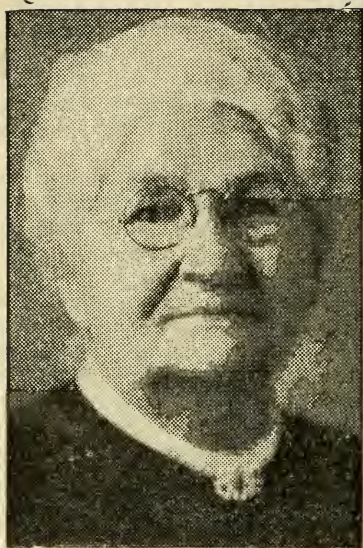
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**Twenty-Seventh Annual Session**  
of the  
**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL**  
of the  
**Methodist Episcopal Church, South**

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held its Twenty-Seventh Annual Session in the historic Washington Street Methodist Church, Columbia, South Carolina, March 11-15, 1937.

This was the Council's first visit to South Carolina, a state rich in the missionary history of the Southern Methodist Church. From here the first foreign missionaries of the Church, Charles Taylor and Benjamin Jenkins, went out to China in 1848. Here lived Bishop Capers, who became superintendent of missions to the Creek Indians in 1821, and founded the missions to the slaves in 1829. Here lived Mrs. Maria D. Wightman, Miss Isabelle Martin, and other women who pioneered in missionary service; and from here have gone since 1878, fifty-one missionaries and deaconesses. Of these, seventeen foreign and seven home missionaries are now in active service.

These sacred memories and the very complete and careful preparations made by our hostesses for the entertainment of the Council created an ideal atmosphere for this meeting.

The two days preceding the formal opening of the Council were days of activity and interest. Committees met; the Deaconess Conference held its annual meeting. There was also an open meeting held in the Church where the program, "Building a World Christian Community," was provided by the missionaries and deaconesses. This program was but a foretaste of the wealth of information and inspiration that was to be dispensed by the missionaries and deaconesses as the Council program unfolded during the five days that followed.

Wednesday evening the Council members, missionaries and deaconesses met in Executive Session to greet friends from sister denominations, to talk with them of weighty matters dealing with unification; and to state the values that each Woman's Missionary Organization related to the proposed union would wish to conserve; for while serving the same cause, from the same motive, in like spirit and devotion, differences in organization and policy do exist. The honored guests at this meeting were Mrs. H. E. Woolever, representing the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Mrs. W. H. C. Goode, of the Home Missionary Society, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and Mrs. J. W. Shell, President of the Annual Missionary Convention of the Methodist Protestant Church.

It was a gracious occasion, most interesting and instructive, one calculated to strengthen the good fellowship existing between these four organizations.

Guided by the guest speakers and the leadership within the Council, the spiritual tide rose to high levels frequently during the meeting, creating a sense of a strong undertone ready to rise at the slightest touch. Three times such peaks were reached in the daily meditations when, his pattern the "Sermon on the Mount," Dr. W. T. Watkins, with earnest conviction outlined "Jesus' View of the Kingdom of God," "Jesus' View of Life," and Jesus' "Sources of Power."

Important factors in upholding the rare quality of the meetings were the presence throughout the session of Bishop Paul B. Kern and Bishop Arthur Moore, and their contributions, each according to his genius in addresses, sermon and other ministries. Bishop Kern delivered a tribute to Bishop Capers that brought to the present generation a fresh appreciation of the strong indefatigable Christian who endured hardship as a pioneer Methodist preacher, and a pioneer missionary in his own land where he made the first move of his Church toward meeting its responsibility for its "Brother in Black."

Bishop Kern also officiated at the consecration service on Sunday evening and in the celebration of the Holy Communion at the close of the last session, which sacred services uplifted the souls and made glad the hearts of all who participated.

The ceremony of conferring the honor of the Emeritus relation upon Miss Ella D. Leveritt, forty years a missionary in China, was included in the Sunday evening program.

Bishop Arthur Moore, introduced by the Council President, as a missionary to China, Japan, Korea, Poland, and the Congo, exemplified his sympathy with and concern for his comrades in service, in his address on "Our Work in Foreign Fields," when he forcefully portrayed the needs of peoples of all fields, but especially those of the Congo for the redeeming gospel message, and the heroism of the missionaries, in spite of the thin line by which some of the stations are held. More missionaries needed, was the often repeated call. Sunday, in the Municipal Auditorium, where the morning service was held because the attendance upon the Council had increased far beyond the capacity of Washington Street Church, Bishop Moore preached with power from the text, I Corinthians 2: 2, the one sermon, he said, he had resolved to deliver throughout the Bishops' Crusade.

The Pledge Service, another high peak, brought the pledge for 1937 up to \$823,392, an increase over 1936 of \$18,732. This was most significant in the face of recent calamities, floods, dust storms, and the California frost. A victorious note was sounded by the stricken conferences. The Louisville Conference had suffered more than any other, yet by faith their pledge was made equal to that of 1936, in

recognition, they said, of the joys that are still theirs. Among the number increasing the pledge, Virginia stood first, with an increase of \$5,000, in recognition of material blessings, free from disasters, that had been theirs.

Bishop Francis J. McConnell, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, delivered an address on "International Relations and World Peace" with the conclusion that personality is the one great value, and that he who serves his fellows serves God.

Miss Charl Ormond Williams, President of the National Federation of Woman's Clubs, in an address on "Woman's Responsibility in a Changing Order," urged that women maintain an upstanding citizenship, willing and ready to share the responsibility of solving present pressing problems. It was her belief that the humanitarian program embracing the problems of education, housing and social security is the root of the problem of maintaining peace at home and abroad.

Interracial Relations was well presented in messages from three speakers: Miss Emma Gray speaking on "Paine College, an Adventure in Race Relations"; Miss Thelma Stevens speaking on "Bethlehem Center and Race Relations"; and Mrs. R. P. Neblett on "The Missionary Society and Race Relations."

Dr. J. W. Shackford, pastor host, was happy in his presentation of the organization and work of the "Council for a Christian Social Order" and in a meditation based on the topic, "Following Jesus beyond the Cross."

Among inspiring messages on the program from the fields of service were the brief but stirring addresses delivered by Miss Katharine Johnson on "Hiroshima Woman's College" and Miss Annimae White on "The Morning Cometh and Also the Night," a message from the Congo.

The constant attendance of Mr. D. A. Pressly, organist and choir director of Washington Street Church, his untiring and indispensable service, and the music numbers provided by him were highly appreciated.

Refreshing recreational events included a Pilgrimage on Saturday afternoon to historic points in Columbia, with tea at Columbia College; and a trip to Charleston and the beautiful Magnolia Gardens. The latter came after the adjournment of the final session, a charming climax of a fine meeting. The trip planned and provided by the South Carolina Conference under the leadership of Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood and Mrs. G. E. Edwards, perfect in every detail, will ever be a treasured memory.

In 1938 the Council will turn its face to the West, for it is in Tulsa, Oklahoma, that it plans to hold its next meeting.

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## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened for a five-day session in the Washington Street Church, Columbia, South Carolina, Thursday morning, March 11, 1937, Mrs. J. W. Perry in the chair.

After a period of silent worship, presided over by Mrs. W. D. Taylor, Secretary of the Memphis Conference, the hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," was sung, and Mrs. Perry announced: "The twenty-seventh annual meeting is now in session."

Mrs. Perry spoke of the gavel which she held in her hand, and would use during the meeting. The gavel is the property of the South Carolina Conference, organized by Mrs. Maria D. Wightman in 1878, and which she served as president thirty-five years. It is made of the wood from the pulpit of the old Friendship Church from which Dr. Charles Taylor and Dr. Benjamin Jenkins went out to China in 1848 to establish the first foreign mission of the Southern Methodist Church.

The roll was called by the Secretary. One hundred and three delegates and accredited alternates were present. Eight alternates were listed. One member at large was absent and five conferences—Illinois, Indian Mission, Northwest, Poland, and Western Mexican—were not represented.

The Secretary presented the credentials of two fraternal delegates: Miss Anita Delgado Villarreal from the Mexico Woman's Missionary Society, and Mrs. James E. Ellis from the South Brazil Woman's Missionary Society.

The complete roll is as follows:

### OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

President, Mrs. J. W. Perry.

Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Mills.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Parker.

Treasurer, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton.

Organization Secretary, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne.

Literature Secretary, Miss Estelle Haskin.

Children's Secretary, Miss Noreen Dunn.

Administrative Secretary of Home Work, Mrs. J. W. Downs.

Administrative Secretary of Foreign Work, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon.

Superintendent of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. W. A. Newell.

Calendar Clerk, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins.

## MEMBERS AT LARGE

Miss Daisy Davies	Mrs. Harwell Wilson
Miss Mabel K. Howell	Miss Margaret Young
Mrs. R. L. Hobby	Mrs. W. B. Landrum
Miss Louise Young	Mrs. Hume R. Steele
Mrs. A. B. Smith	

## CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

<i>Conference</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
Alabama	Mrs. T. H. Tyson	Mrs. R. R. Ellison
Arizona	Mrs. L. E. Wyatt	Mrs. G. M. Marshall
Baltimore	Mrs. W. H. Ballengee	Mrs. Ida Rhodes Grover
China	Miss Eloise Bradshaw*	Miss Hsui-li Yui
Central Texas	Mrs. J. W. Spivey	Mrs. W. C. Guggolz
Cuba	Miss Lucile Lewis*	
Florida	Mrs. F. B. Godfrey	Mrs. C. D. Williams
Holston	Mrs. L. A. Tynes	Mrs. W. H. Wysor
Illinois		
Indian Mission		
Kentucky	Mrs. J. C. Lewis	Miss Elsie Wright
Little Rock	Mrs. J. M. Stinson	Mrs. H. King Wade
Los Angeles	Mrs. J. K. Nielsen*	Mrs. Turner McBaine
Louisiana	Mrs. G. S. Sexton, Jr.	Mrs. Wiltz M. Ledbetter
Memphis	Mrs. Homer Tatum	Mrs. Walter D. Taylor
Mississippi	Mrs. W. F. Mahaffey*	Mrs. Paul Arrington
Missouri	Mrs. R. M. Lewis*	Mrs. A. W. Walker
New Mexico	Mrs. C. S. Walker	Mrs. H. G. Stacy
North Alabama	Mrs. T. M. Francis*	Mrs. John R. Turner
North Arkansas	Mrs. Henkel Pewett	Mrs. B. E. Snetser
North Carolina	Mrs. A. M. Gates	Mrs. W. C. Chadwick
North Georgia	Mrs. L. M. Awtrey	Mrs. M. E. Tilly
North Mississippi	Mrs. H. L. Talbert	Mrs. R. P. Neblett
North Texas	Mrs. Claude M. Simpson	Mrs. Virgil R. Walker
Northwest		
Northwest Texas	Mrs. C. M. Randal	Mrs. J. G. Merritt
Oklahoma	Mrs. E. B. Dunlap	Mrs. J. D. Lawhorn
Pacific	Mrs. E. H. Morris	Mrs. F. M. Thomas
Poland		
St. Louis	Mrs. A. R. Walker	Mrs. H. F. Clinger
South Carolina	Mrs. G. E. Edwards	Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood
South Georgia	Mrs. George Nunn	Mrs. Dan C. Harris
Southwest Missouri	Mrs. H. R. Farmer*	Mrs. S. O. Brill
Tennessee	Mrs. J. H. Harvill	Mrs. J. J. Stowe
Texas	Mrs. J. W. Mills	Mrs. C. T. Schaedel
Texas Mexican	Miss Eugenia Smith*	
Upper South Carolina	Mrs. T. I. Charles	Mrs. J. P. Byars



Virginia .....Mrs. Lee Britt.....Mrs. N. V. Coleman  
 Western Mexican ....  
 Western N. C. ....Mrs. Charles C. WeaverMrs. W. R. Harris  
 West Texas .....Mrs. Seth A. Craig...Mrs. S. L. Batchelor  
 Western Virginia ...Mrs. Ward M. Downs. Mrs. T. A. Bennington  
 Deaconess .....Miss Minnie Lee EidsonMiss Lora Long

\*Alternate.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

General Secretary, Dr. W. G. Cram.  
 Administrative Secretaries of the Board of Missions:  
     Foreign Department, General Section, Dr. A. W. Wasson.  
     Foreign Department, Woman's Work, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon.  
     Home Department, General Section, Dr. G. C. Emmons.  
     Home Department, Woman's Work, Mrs. J. W. Downs.  
 Education and Promotion Secretaries:  
     General Section, Dr. H. P. Myers.  
     Woman's work, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne.  
 Treasurer, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton.

WOMEN MEMBERS OF BOARD OF MISSIONS

Mrs. J. W. Perry, President Woman's Missionary Council.  
 Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Alabama Conference.  
 Mrs. F. B. Godfrey, Florida Conference.  
 Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Louisville Conference.  
 Mrs. Wiltz M. Ledbetter, Louisiana Conference.  
 Mrs. Homer Tatum, Memphis Conference.  
 Mrs. E. F. Ellis, North Arkansas Conference.  
 Mrs. Claude M. Simpson, North Texas Conference.  
 Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Northwest Texas Conference.  
 Mrs. E. A. Kitchell, St. Louis Conference.  
 Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, Southwest Missouri Conference.  
 Mrs. J. P. Harvill, Tennessee Conference.  
 Mrs. T. I. Charles, Upper South Carolina Conference.  
 Mrs. Seth A. Craig, West Texas Conference.

The report of the Recording Secretary was made by the Secretary, Mrs. Fitzgerald Sale Parker. This included the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Wednesday afternoon. (See Report, page 56.)

At the request of the Secretary, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, and Mrs. W. B. Landrum were appointed assistant secretaries for this meeting.

The Secretary was requested to send a message of love and sympathy to Mrs. Henry S. Owen, absent because of illness.

The special Sessions' Committees were announced as follows:

*Committee on Public Worship.*—Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, Mrs. D. B. Refro.

*Committee on Resolutions.*—Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Mrs. E. B. Dunlap, Mrs. C. C. Weaver.

*Committee on Publicity.*—Mrs. C. W. Turpin, Mrs. W. R. Harris, Mrs. J. Roy Jones.

*Committee on Courtesies.*—Mrs. T. I. Charles, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. A. F. Spigner.

*Committee on Announcements.*—Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Miss Minnie Lee Eidson, Miss Margaret Young.

*Committee on Bulletin Subscriptions.*—Mrs. F. B. Godfrey, Mrs. L. A. Tynes.

*Committee to Fill Vacancies on Standing Committees.*—Mrs. A. R. Walker, Mrs. A. M. Gates, Mrs. T. A. Bennington.

*Committee to Examine the Minutes.*—Mrs. J. P. Harvill, Mrs. W. H. Ballegee, Mrs. Turner McBaine.

The following Sessions Committees which held their meetings in the church on Wednesday morning are listed for record:

*Committee on Home Field.*—Mrs. J. W. Mills, Miss Louise Young, Mrs. Hume R. Steele, Mrs. R. R. Ellison, Mrs. W. C. Guggolz, Mrs. W. H. Wysor, Mrs. J. M. Stinson, Mrs. Turner McBaine, Mrs. C. S. Walker, Mrs. B. E. Snetser, Mrs. W. C. Chadwick, Mrs. H. L. Talbert, Mrs. G. E. Edwards, Mrs. H. R. Farmer, Miss Eugenia Smith, Mrs. L. M. Awtrey, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. Seth A. Craig, Miss Minnie Lee Eidson, Dr. G. C. Emmons, Mrs. J. W. Downs.

*Committee on Foreign Fields.*—Miss Margaret Young, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Miss Hsiu-li Yui, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Mrs. J. W. Spivey, Miss Lucile Lewis, Mrs. F. B. Godfrey, Mrs. J. C. Lewis, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. M. W. Burke, Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Mrs. E. B. Dunlap, Mrs. E. H. Morris, Mrs. A. R. Walker, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. Dan Harris, Mrs. J. P. Harvill, Mrs. S. L. Batchelor, Mrs. T. A. Bennington, Dr. A. W. Wasson, Mrs. E. A. Kitchell, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon.

*Committee on Education and Promotion.*—Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. Harwell Wilson, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. G. M. Marshall, Mrs. Ida Rhodes Groover, Mrs. C. D. Williams, Mrs. H. King Wade, Mrs. J. K. Nielsen, Mrs. Wiltz M. Ledbetter, Mrs. Walter D. Taylor, Mrs. Paul Arrington, Mrs. H. G. Stacy, Mrs. J. P. Byars, Mrs. Henkel Pewett, Mrs. C. M. Randal, Mrs. H. F. Clinger, Mrs. F. M. Thomas, Mrs. S. O. Brill, Mrs. Ward M. Downs, Dr. H. P. Myers, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne.

*Committee on Children's Work.*—Mrs. T. H. Tyson, Mrs. L. E. Wyatt, Mrs. W. H. Ballengee, Mrs. L. A. Tynes, Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Miss Elsie Wright, Mrs. W. F. Mahaffey, Mrs. F. M. Francis, Mrs. N.

V. Coleman, Mrs. C. T. Schaedel, Mrs. Claude M. Simpson, Miss Noreen Dunn.

*Committee on Christian Social Relations.*—Mrs. W. A. Newell, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. A. W. Walker, Mrs. A. M. Gates, Mrs. R. P. Neblett, Mrs. John R. Turner, Mrs. J. G. Merritt, Mrs. J. D. Lawhorn, Mrs. J. J. Stowe, Mrs. T. I. Charles, Mrs. C. C. Weaver, Mrs. George Nunn, Mrs. E. F. Ellis, Miss Lora Long.

The Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Mills, was called to the chair, while the President, Mrs. J. W. Perry, read her annual message to the Council. This message dealt with the goals of the year, including the Home Mission Jubilee celebration which had emphasized studies in Rural Work and Interracial Relations; the School of Christian Living held in Scarritt College in September, by the Committee on Spiritual Life and Message, and the Bureau of Christian Social Relations, an outstanding achievement of the year; and of the increase in membership and offerings, but also of a decrease in per capita giving. She spoke of the great Christian movements, international, interdenominational, and church-wide. Under the first head is the International Missionary Council to be held in Hangchow, China, in the autumn of 1938, which has for its theme "The Church." This Council will have but three hundred delegates, thirty-five of whom will be from North America, and our Church and our Council are honored in the appointment of Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon as one of these few delegates. The message was placed on record. (See Message, page 43.)

The report of the Vice-President, made by Mrs. J. W. Mills, covered the varied work of this office in a good year and a very full one, and reached out even beyond the bounds of her own church in teaching a federated group representing eight denominations. This service had also included participation in the Bishops' Crusade. The report was placed on record. (See Report, page 51.)

Call was made for memorial resolutions and committee reports, and the following reports were placed on the Calendar:

Standing Committees: Finance and Estimates, No. 1; Spiritual Life Nos. 1 and 2; Council Candidate Committee; Literature; Status of Women, Nos. 1 and 2; Sessions Committees: Foreign Fields; Home Field; Sessions Candidate Committee.

The treasurer, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, prefaced her Report with the words: "Greetings and congratulations! For the first time since the depression I come to you saying that we have paid our pledge in full and overpaid it." "From all sources the amount raised was \$959,332, an increase of approximately \$1,000 over the preceding year from the same sources." The increase from the Conferences was \$17,581. "Whatever the cause, our per capita gifts have steadily decreased since 1933, when the average was \$3.33 as compared with \$2.99 in 1936. Financial conditions have grown better throughout the country; we

have not kept pace in our giving with the blessings we have received. Los Angeles Conference led in per capita giving, with \$5.09, Baltimore next with \$4.14, Arizona next with \$3.83. Since 1878, when the Woman's Missionary Movement was organized (in the Southern Methodist Church), the women have contributed \$30,552,552.12. This is about one-third of the total amount raised for the Woman's Missionary Society—the balance is used for local purposes." Mrs. Fulton also stated that the organ, the memorial to Miss Maria L. Gibson, in Wightman Chapel at Scarritt College, had been completed since the 1936 meeting of the Council, which completion includes the chimes in the Belle Bennett Memorial Tower. The treasurer's report was accepted. (See Report, page 68.)

The Body then stood in silence for a moment in thanks for all of life and service that had made possible these gifts of love.

The hymn, "Break Thou the Bread of Life," was sung.

Then before Mrs. H. E. Woolever, of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the guest of the Council for a day, could take her departure, the following much-appreciated telegram was read:

"Washington, D. C., Mrs. J. W. Perry, President Methodist Woman's Missionary Council, Columbia, South Carolina. The Methodist Episcopal Church Commission on Union sends you greetings. With vote of Philadelphia Conference our Church has given necessary two-thirds vote for union. We rejoice in your initiative in giving consideration to the union of so major a work of the Church as the Missionary activities carried on by Methodist women. Our prayer is that you may be divinely led in finding Christ's will in your great work."

(Signed) HARRY EARL WOOLEVER, *Secretary*.

The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge this telegram from Dr. Woolever.

The hour for worship having come, the Rev. W. T. Watkins, D.D., professor in the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, delivered the first of his series of three messages on "Jesus' View of the Kingdom of God," a message simple, direct and imperative. He said: "Jesus never defended any authority, nor claimed any for himself, but he had supreme confidence in the authority of truth. The Sermon on the Mount is a transcript of reality. The authority of these laws lies not in the fact that Jesus uttered them, not in the fact that they are in a book, but in the fact that the universe of God is made that way. Jesus spoke of 'a kingdom of God' because God's will is expressed in the laws of reality which hedge us in whether we will or not. If God is truth, the kingdom of God demands that man shall be governed by no prejudice or selfish motive; we cannot live unembarrassed in the presence of God with prejudices, shams, and unreal things in our lives. God is holy; that means that God embraces in his

personal life all moral values, and that we cannot live unembarrassed in God's presence unless we, too, seize for our personal lives all understood moral values. God is love. We cannot live unembarrassed in His presence so long as we keep in our lives a single contradiction of love. Not hate alone, but indifference and exalted individualism."

The Report of the Home Work was made by Mrs. J. W. Downs, Administrative Secretary in this Department. Mrs. Downs said that the church must meet the needs of the community. She made a plea for church unity whereby a plan may be found enabling all churches to co-operate in facing the forces contrary to Christianity. The Report was received for record. (See Report, page 93.)

The Report of the Committee on the Home Field, including the Report of the Deaconess Conference held in Columbia the two days preceding the Council meeting, was read by the Calendar Clerk, considered and adopted as read. (See Report, page 124.)

The Report of the Foreign Fields was made by Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Administrative Secretary of this Department. She said that great encouragement had come to the missionaries through the \$90,000 saved by favorable exchange, and allocated to the work last spring. This had meant more than the money and the three buildings for which it was spent. It meant renewed zeal in missionary work, and encouragement because we have been able to go forward materially and spiritually. The great outstanding need is more missionaries. In her report of the Jubilee celebration at Hiroshima, October, 1936, special mention was made of the appreciation according to Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, our messenger to this celebration, and her message. The Report was received for record. (See Report, page 124.)

Messages were then read from Dr. J. Hinohara, president of Hiroshima Jogakuin; Mrs. Emily Dobes, Praha-Vrivoice, President of the Czechoslovak Woman's Missionary Society, Miss May Wightman, and Mrs. M. E. Mackey and Miss Lila May Campbell.

The Secretary was instructed to reply to these messages.

The following friends were introduced: Mrs. A. J. MacKinnon, Maxton, N. C., mother of Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon; Mrs. J. W. Shell, president of the Annual Missionary Convention, Methodist Protestant Church; Mrs. R. T. Hollis, Chairman, Committee on Literature of the Woman's Connectional Missionary Council of the C. M. E. Church; Miss Emma Gray, member of the faculty of Paine College; Mrs. Clarence Roberts, Shawnee; Mr. Howard Carter; Dr. J. W. Shackford, pastor Washington Street Methodist Church; Dr. A. W. Wasson; Dr. G. C. Emmons; Dr. H. P. Myers, Dr. E. C. Peters, President of Paine College, Augusta, Georgia; Senorita Dulce Ferraz, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Miss Layona Glenn, Emeritus Missionary, Brazil; Miss Shao Sui-liu, of Ginling College, China, and the following young women official visitors from their conferences: Miss Virginia Henry, Baltimore Conference; Miss Virginia Stafford and Mrs.

W. G. Brown, Holston; Miss Pauline Goodman, Little Rock; Mrs. J. K. Neilson, Los Angeles; Miss Lillian Hay, Memphis; Mrs. H. E. Frizell, Mississippi; Miss Sara Exum, North Carolina; Mrs. H. A. Carithers, North Georgia; Mrs. Zach Whisenant, North Mississippi; Mrs. Clarence Roberts, Oklahoma; Mrs. J. G. Nunnally, South Carolina; Mrs. H. R. Carter, South Georgia; Mrs. Robert Ragan, Tennessee; Miss Martha Frances Morgan, Upper South Carolina; Mrs. George Howell, Western North Carolina; and H. C. Stacy, New Mexico.

There were also present at the meeting a number of conference secretaries of children's work, including Miss Elizabeth McMillion, Florida; Mrs. T. M. Francis, North Alabama; Miss Mildred Mealor, North Georgia; Mrs. J. L. Jett, Upper South Carolina; Mrs. E. P. Walsh, South Carolina; and Mrs. George Hoyle of Western North Carolina.

The following list of new Life Memberships made in South Carolina this year was read:

Mrs. Helen Barber Bourne, former president of Upper South Carolina Conference Woman's Missionary Society, now Education and Promotion Secretary of the Council, presented by Upper South Carolina Conference Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. J. P. Byars, Conference Secretary, presented by the districts of the Conference. Mrs. J. L. Jett, Conference Secretary of Children's Work, presented by the Rock Hill District. Miss Ellie Few, Conference Superintendent of Missions and Bible Study, presented by Greer Auxiliary. Mrs. Ben Day, Conference Recording Secretary, presented by Easley Auxiliary. Mrs. B. F. Zimmerman, Conference Superintendent of Christian Social Relations, presented by Central Auxiliary, Spartanburg. Mrs. L. G. McCullough, District Secretary, presented by Greenwood District. Mrs. W. M. Corbitt, District Secretary, presented by Columbia District. Mrs. Floyd M. Stevenson, District Secretary, presented by Anderson District. Mrs. Mattie Nicholson Rainsford, former Vice-President of Upper South Carolina Conference Woman's Missionary Society, presented by her family. Mrs. Hallie Nicholson Greneker, former District Secretary, presented by Edgefield Auxiliary. Mrs. A. L. Asbill, presented by Ridge Spring Auxiliary. Mrs. Fermon Moser, presented by Mr. Fermon Moser, Great Falls Auxiliary. Mrs. Nannie Hicks, St. Paul Auxiliary of Greenville, S. C. Mrs. J. R. Lupo, St. Paul Auxiliary, Greenville, S. C. Mrs. A. R. Williams, presented by St. John Auxiliary of Aiken, S. C. Mrs. John Wright, presented by Johnston Auxiliary. Mrs. J. C. Diggs (mother of Miss Ruth Diggs, Missionary), presented by Rev. J. C. Diggs. Mrs. Ollie Schoenberg, District Spiritual Life Leader, presented by her daughters. Mrs. J. J. Elder, presented by Trinity Auxiliary, York, S. C. Mrs. R. H. Cain, Conference Superintendent of Supplies, South Carolina Conference Woman's Missionary Society, presented by Little Rock Auxiliary.

Mrs. James R. Williams, District Secretary, South Carolina Conference, presented by Marion District.

*Baby* Life Memberships: George Summers Duffie, Jr., presented by Rock Hill District; Barbara Ann Johnson, presented by Rock Hill District.

After the benediction the morning session stood adjourned.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Thursday afternoon session opened with quiet music, after which the hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," was sung, and Mrs. J. W. Perry led in prayer.

Miss Daisy Davies announced that the Rev. J. P. Diggs had placed in her hands a check with which to make his wife a Life Member of the Woman's Missionary Society. Dr. and Mrs. Diggs were introduced and her name was recorded as a Life Member.

The following reports were placed on the calendar: Report Committee on Constitution and By-Laws; and reports numbers 1 and 2, Commission on Unoccupied Areas, and the Report of Condidate Committee.

A message of greeting was read from Mrs. I. Morris, president of the North Alabama Conference, absent because of illness in her family.

The Secretary was requested to send a message of love and sympathy to Mrs. Morris.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Fields was read and adopted as read. (See Report, page 124.)

During the consideration of this report Miss Shao Sui-Lin of China, and Miss Ana Delgado Villarreal of Mexico were introduced. Miss Shao brought greetings from China and spoke of the Chinese women of today who are different from their mothers and grandmothers, since within two decades women of China have received all the privileges for which women in other lands have had to struggle. In modern China women have all the freedom men enjoy. All opportunities are open to them. The only question is, are they qualified to bear the responsibilities open to them? The leading women in various fields have received their training directly or indirectly from missionary influence. It is Christianity that set them free.

Miss Delgado Villarreal (deaconess) brought greetings from the Woman's Missionary Society of Mexico and from a group of twenty-two deaconesses. She told of the work of these deaconesses and expressed their gratitude for the missionary teachers, and the work of love being done in Mexico.

The Report of the Committee on Finance and Estimates was presented and considered in sections.

The following appropriations recommended for the Department of Education and Promotion were adopted: for administration, \$20,678.-

70; for Education and Promotion, \$35,141; total for the Department, \$55,819.70

For the Home Department the basis of appropriations, \$216,910.67 was read. The following appropriations were approved: For mountain work, \$14,261; for Mexican work (in United States), \$35,956.32. For the mountain work it was stated that 98 per cent of the teachers in three Kentucky counties were educated at Sue Bennett College, London, Kentucky.

While considering the Gulf Coast Work, Miss Margaret Young spoke of St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, the Friendly House, where she is Head Resident, and where they minister to many nationalities. Mrs. Wiltz M. Ledbetter spoke of the work at Houma, Louisiana, among our native French folk; and Miss Mary Beth Littlejohn told of her work with the Indians at Dulac, Louisiana.

The total appropriation for Gulf Coast Work, \$18,435, was approved.

Mrs. T. L. Walker, president of the City Mission Board, Tampa, Florida, spoke of the gratifying work being done there. Miss Mary Lou Barnwell and Miss Grace Thatcher continued the report of work among the Cubans, the latter speaking for Wolff Settlement and the former for the Rosa Valdez Settlement, both in Tampa.

The appropriation for Cuban work, \$13,024, was approved.

While considering Negro Work, the following persons reported on the work: Miss Louise Young for the Nashville, Tennessee, Bethlehem Center; Miss Thelma Stevens for the Augusta, Georgia, Bethlehem Center; Mrs. Russell for Birmingham, Alabama, Bethlehem House; Mrs. C. C. Weaver for Winston-Salem, N. C., Bethlehem House; Mrs. J. W. Perry for the Chattanooga, Tennessee, Bethlehem House; Miss Ruby Berkley for Memphis, Tennessee, Bethlehem Center; Miss Emma Gray and Mrs. J. W. Perry for Paine Annex, Augusta, Georgia; and Miss Berta Ellison for Bethlehem House, Spartanburg, S. C.

The total appropriation for Negro Work, \$36,607, was approved.

Dr. J. W. Shackford, pastor host, was introduced. He called attention to the large number of visitors who were shut out of the meeting for lack of room and stated that an amplifier was being installed in another part of the building in order to bring these people within hearing distance of the program.

The Report of the Council Committee on Candidate Work was read by Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, Secretary of the Committee, who introduced the candidates to be consecrated Sunday evening. For Home Mission Work: Miss Marjorie Haggart, Louisiana Conference; Miss Rosamond Johnson, South Georgia Conference; Miss Mary Miller, South Georgia Conference. For Foreign Work: Miss Betty Alt, Baltimore Conference, under appointment to Korea; Miss Louise Killingsworth, North Mississippi Conference, under appointment to China; Miss Agnes Malloy, South Georgia Conference, under appointment to Cuba; Miss Virginia Neel, Baltimore Conference, under appointment to Brazil; Miss Lucile



Vail, North Georgia Conference (former contract teacher in Mexico and Cuba), under appointment to Mexico.

The Report of the Council Candidate Committee was received and placed on record. (See Report, page 162.)

A Life Membership in the Woman's Missionary Society was bestowed upon Mrs. Helen B. Bourne by her Conference, Upper South Carolina.

The afternoon session was closed with a devotional service led by Miss Daisy Ritter, deaconess from Columbia, Upper South Carolina Conference, who read scripture passages concerning the "Widow's Mite" and "the Fields . . . white already to harvest," and led in prayer.

#### THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

The Thursday evening session opened with the hymn, "Heralds of Christ," the Rev. J. R. T. Major, pastor of Shandon Methodist Church, Columbia, read the scripture lesson and led in prayer.

Special music, including the Crusaders' hymn, was rendered by the girls' choir of Columbia College.

The Chairman, Mrs. J. W. Perry, introduced the speaker for the evening, Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Bishop in charge of the work of the church in China, Korea, Japan, Europe and Africa, who delivered an address on "Our Work in Foreign Fields." He paid high tribute to the women for their participation in this work with special reference to Miss MacKinnon. He took for his text "All authority" is mine—"Go ye . . . and, lo, I am with you always." He said: "Millions are freer, better and happier because of the great program of missions"; "that the missionary movement will be part of the world's history of the last one hundred years; . . . that the lives of all men depend on the finding of the cross." His stirring address brought new inspiration, new vision, and a new desire to carry the gospel of love to all men everywhere. He closed his message with prayer.

The hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" was sung, and Dr. W. G. Cram pronounced the benediction.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

After a period of silence and worship the Friday morning session opened with the singing of the Crusaders' hymn, "Fairest Lord Jesus," and prayer led by Mrs. J. W. Mills.

The report of the Committee to examine the Minutes was made by Mrs. W. H. Ballengee, who stated that the minutes of Thursday morning had been approved.

The Chair stated that Mrs. W. I. Herbert, former member of the Council and mother of Miss Anne Herbert (missionary), had fallen and broken her arm.

Regret for this accident was expressed in the request from the Body that a message of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Herbert.

Miss Eloise Bradshaw, missionary to China, presented her creden-

tials as alternate for the president of the China Missionary Society, also a report from that Conference. Miss Bradshaw was seated, and the report filed.

To the call for resolutions, standing and Sessions Committees, the following papers were presented: Report of Standing Committee on Scarritt College, and Reports of Sessions Committees on Christian Social Relations, Committee on Children's Work, and Committee on Education and Promotion.

Dr. W. G. Cram, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, presented a report including a summary of his findings during his wanderings through mission fields at home and abroad. In an attempt to appraise the immensity of the task, he said that in Europe, Africa, the Far East, Latin America, and the United States, as yet the missionary work of the Protestant Churches is still in its initial stage. Missions have passed through the pioneering stage; that the new strategy, if we find it, will demand that the systems and agencies which we have established must be dynamically Christian. He had found unification the trend of the day, a happy augury. He thinks the most complex of the problems of unification will be the proper correlation and integration of the missionary work. Through the success of the recent National Preaching Mission he had glimpses of the potentialities of a full inclusion of home and foreign missions by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, into its categories of formation and study. (See Report, page 53.)

The Report on Education and Promotion was made by Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, Secretary. Her report contains a resume of the work of 8,336 Woman's Missionary Societies with a membership of 277,890, an increase over 1935 of 274 societies and 19,909 members. She said the Efficiency Aim sets a high standard; if properly interpreted it should stimulate a society to high endeavor and great achievements. Only 968 societies reported having achieved the Efficiency Aim. Sixty-six per cent of the societies observed the Week of Prayer, their offering amounted to \$59,999.29. This report lists but a part of what has been done, yet there is even more that must be done. The Report was received and placed on record. (See Report, page 98.)

The Report of Children's Work was made by Miss Noreen Dunn, Secretary, who prefaced her message with an expression of appreciation of the privilege given her by the Council, to work definitely for children. She said this year's report of the "Council Secretary of Children's Work" belongs in part to Miss Constance Rumbough and in part to the speaker . . . who did not take over the responsibilities of the office until July 1, 1936. Appreciation was expressed for the "consideration and help which Miss Rumbough gave (her) in preparation for the new work before she left the office. Others also were gratefully mentioned. Her work had been varied. To meet the need caused by the discontinuance of "World Friends" a "Missionary Bulletin for Children's Workers" had been created with a special page

called "A Private Word" prepared for the Conference Secretaries. As an evidence of co-operation, she said that in an emergency she had been privileged to write the children's world friendship unit on China, for the Board of Christian Education. There had been an increase of \$183.55 in funds received by the Woman's Missionary Council from Children's Work, the total amount for 1936 being \$17,350.70. The Report was received and placed on record. (See Report, page 105.)

The Report of the Literature and Publicity Department was made by Miss Sara Estelle Haskin, Secretary, in the attractive form of exhibits. Exhibit one was the introduction of Mrs. M. B. Corlette, contact woman in the Supply Department, successor to Mrs. Henry Conatzer, who served the Board and the Council with unusual efficiency for many years, now retired because of extreme illness.

Exhibit two was Miss Juanita Brown, introduced as successor to Miss Noreen Dunn in the Department of Literature.

Exhibit three was a many-times enlarged edition of the Year Book for 1936 with the leaflets and everything necessary for the building of a perfect program for any missionary society.

Miss Haskin's complete report was received and placed on record. (See Report, page 110.)

The hymn "Come, Holy Spirit" was sung, a prelude to the worship period, at which time Dr. W. T. Watkins delivered his second message. His theme was "Jesus' View of Life," a general text, Luke :9 2, and a text for the day, Matthew 5: 2, the introduction to the Sermon on the Mount. He said it was not intended here to outline the Sermon on the Mount, but to use it and Jesus' teaching act as symbolic of his concern to instruct men. He said the most revolutionary thing in Jesus was his thought of God. Always in religion the ultimate quest is to know the will of God. In Jesus' time men were following a partially understood will of God, but legalism and ritualism clouded their understanding. Jesus taught that whatever is humanly most helpful, whatever yields the greatest good to men, that is the will of God. He identified the service of God with the service of men, not simply humanitarianism; it is the will of God, therefore religious. Jesus lived on the assumption that the spirit is superior to the body and that personality is of more value than things; that there is no wealth except inner wealth. He was committed to the view that as between selfish concerns and the welfare of the brotherhood, it is the brotherhood that must have the chance. In this view is our salvation. Jesus exalted the permanent and abiding over the transient and fleeting. He took the long-time view of things.

Mrs. S. F. Killingsworth, Chairman General of Local Committees, was introduced.

The Report of the Committee on Education and Promotion was read, considered by divisions, and adopted as read. (See Report, page 128.)

Dr. H. P. Myers, Secretary of Education and Promotion, General

Section of the Board of Missions, was introduced. He spoke of his interest in and appreciation of this Department of the Woman's Work.

An innovation in the Council program was introduced when the group of young women, special representatives from their Conferences, were presented. Their message was delivered in a panel discussion led by Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. George S. Sexton, Jr., and Mrs. Paul Arrington. The young women participating in the discussion included Miss Virginia Henry, Miss Virginia Stafford, Mrs. William G. Brown, Miss Pauline Goodman, Mrs. J. K. Neilson, Miss Lillian Hay, Mrs. H. E. Frizell, Mrs. H. G. Stacy, Miss Sara Exum, Mrs. H. A. Carithers, Mrs. Zack Wisenant, Mrs. Clarence Roberts, Mrs. J. G. Nunnally, Mrs. H. R. Carter, Mrs. Robert Ragan, Miss Martha Frances Morgan, Mrs. George Howell.

The queries and revelations of the discussion are indicated as follows: Recognizing that this is a changing world, the answer must be "Who is changing it?" The Council recognizes that it needs to enlist young people in the missionary cause of the church; and this discussion sought answer in the question: "What are you thinking of missions?" The discussion revealed that the young women are not world-minded; this is due to a lack of missionary knowledge, spiritual development, training, contacts with missionaries, and a place of leadership or responsibility in the missionary society.

Attention was called to the fact that young women are not brought into the work of the Woman's Missionary Society until several years have elapsed after their promotion from the Young People's Division of the Church School.

At the conclusion of this discussion Miss Noreen Dunn presented the findings of the discussion. To the question, "What has the missionary society to offer these young women?" Miss Haskin replied: "World Service."

Appreciation was expressed of the contribution made by this group to the program.

It was voted that these findings be mimeographed and distributed to the Council members.

Announcements were made.

The Report of the Committee on Public Worship (appointments of speakers for Sunday services) was read by the chairman of the Committee and accepted.

The session adjourned after the benediction pronounced by Dr. H. P. Myers.

#### *FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION*

The Friday afternoon session opened with the hymn, "Fight the Good Fight."

The Report of the Committee to Examine the Minutes, presented by Mrs. J. P. Harvill, chairman, stated that the minutes for Thursday afternoon's and Friday morning's sessions had been examined and found correct.

The Report of the Committee on Children's Work was read by the Calendar Clerk and considered by items. Item 10 was amended by the recommendation that it be referred to the Joint Committee on Co-operation, and the report adopted as amended. (See Report, page 131.)

The Report of the Committee on Literature was read, considered by items, and adopted as read. (See Report, page 132.)

The Report of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations was made by the Superintendent, Mrs. W. A. Newell, who, speaking for the Bureau as a whole, in the brief time allowed her, could but lightly touch its five active divisions: Industrial Co-operation, Citizenship and Law Enforcement, Rural Development, Interracial Co-operation, and International Relations and World Peace.

She spoke specifically of the value of the Leadership Training Schools for Negro Women, and of the importance of leading the women into the understanding of the principles of the Bureau. She told of the development by auxiliaries of a few outstanding projects of each division of the Bureau, these having been culled from the year's reports from the auxiliaries through their Superintendents of Christian Social Relations. (See Report, page 114.)

The Report of the Sessions Committee on Christian Social Relations was read by the Calendar Clerk and considered by items.

The chairman of the Bureau Committees each led in the discussion when recommendations related to their respective Divisions were presented: Mrs. J. W. Mills for Christian Citizenship and Law Enforcement; Miss Louise Young for Interracial Co-operation; Miss Mable Howell for Rural Development; Mrs. F. S. Parker for International Relations and World Peace. (Mrs. I. Morris, chairman of Industrial Relations, was not present.) (See Reports of Committee Chairmen, 137-148.)

The Committee Report was amended by inserting as 4 under "I. General" the statement "We appreciate and endorse the Recommendation made by the Committee on Education and Promotion in their Report under second heading, items 3 and 4, in which the attention of the Christian Social Relations Committees is called to the Christian Living Series of Studies and the packets related to Christian Social Relations."

The Report was further amended by an addition of the following, to number 6 under II: "4 new posters on Anti-Lynching—the 4 for 50 cents, 703 Standard Building, Atlanta, Georgia."

The Report was then adopted as amended. (See Report, page 133.)

The following privilege motion of appreciation to be sent to President Roosevelt was presented by Mrs. Ida R. Groover, Baltimore Conference, and passed as read:

The Committee on International Relations and World Peace recommend that the Council express to our President its appreciation for his initiation and participation in the Inter-American Peace Conference in Buenos Aires in December, 1936, and assure him that we watch with interest every move of his toward Peace. We pledge to him our hearty support and co-operation in all *bona fide* movements in the "Good Neighbor Policy." Signed, MRS. F. S. PARKER, *Chairman*;  
MRS. T. H. TYSON, *Secretary*.

The following privilege motion of appreciation to be sent to Secretary of State Hull, presented by Mrs. L. M. Awtrey, North Georgia Conference, was passed as read:

The Committee on International Relations and World Peace request the Council to express to Secretary of State, the Honorable Cordell Hull, our appreciation for his wise and skillful development of the President's "Good Neighbor Policy" at the Inter-American Peace Conference at Buenos Aires in December, 1936. Also that along with other Peace agencies of our country, we commend him for his unequivocal stand for the renewal of "The Trade Agreement Act."

MRS. F. S. PARKER, *Chairman*;  
MRS. T. H. TYSON, *Secretary*.

The Chair introduced Dr. J. W. Shackford, pastor of Washington Street Church, Columbia, and Executive Secretary of the Council on "A Christian Social Order," a voluntary organization within the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with "the purpose to work toward a discovery of the full meaning of the gospel and toward its application to the social order."

Dr. Shackford spoke of the organization of this Council at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, in July, 1935, of its membership open to those in sympathy with its general purpose and willing to aid in its support. He called attention to the fact that "we are in the midst of vast changes in human society throughout the world," and said "it becomes us as Christians to be as intelligent as possible regarding changes now under way; while it grows increasingly clear that whatever position the Christian church shall take or fail to take around the creative forces of the immediate future, it will, in large measure, determine the opportunity of the church to serve the future." Other influences are insisting upon the right of way in the remaking of our world. Is the Christian influence lagging where it ought to lead? The Council . . . desires the co-operation of all those who believe that the rising stream of social consciousness is something for more than a passing interest—that it is the expression of a truly Christian mind that is impelled to seek the Christian way ahead.

Consideration of Finances and Estimates was resumed.

The appropriation recommended for Dependent Girls, Vashti, Ga., \$18,865.00, was read. Miss Daisy Ritter, superintendent of Vashti, spoke of the thorough work done in the Vashti School, and of the help and care given the girls. Mrs. J. W. Downs also spoke to this appropriation, and the amount was voted.

The appropriation of \$3,000.00 for Teachers in State Schools was explained by Mrs. Nat Rollins and voted.

The appropriations of \$1,020 for the Young People's church worker at Williamsburg, Va., \$10,362 for Industrial work, including fish canneries and the Moore Wesley House at Biloxi, Miss., and the work for miners at Picher, Okla., and Bluefield, W. Va., \$9,000 for delinquent girls, Virginia K. Johnson Home, and \$18,000 for Scarritt College were approved.

Mrs. E. B. Dunlap, President of the Oklahoma Conference, spoke for the mines at Picher; Miss Ola Gilbert, deaconess, and Mrs. L. A. Tynes, for the mines at Bluefield; and Mrs. H. R. Steele, member of the Committee to study Virginia K. Johnson Home for this institution.

The afternoon session closed with a devotional led by Miss Laura Edwards, missionary to Korea. This consisted of a lesson from St. John 15: 7 and prayer.

#### *FRIDAY EVENING SESSION*

Because of the necessity for larger auditorium than that of Washington Street Church, the Friday evening session was held in the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Vice-President, presiding.

The service opened with the singing of the hymn, "In Christ There Is No East or West" and special music was given by the Boys' Glee Club of the University of South Carolina. Dr. A. L. Gunter, presiding elder of the district, read the Scripture lesson from Isaiah, 65th chapter, and offered prayer.

Mrs. Mills introduced the speaker of the evening, Bishop Francis J. McConnell of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who delivered an address on "International Relations and World Peace." He said that we should stand for principles here at home that have made us a democratic nation; that we should stand for missionary principles; that we must realize the worth of a human being; that more and more the church is standing for peace and the command to "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

This brought to a close the day's program in which Christian Social Relations had received major emphasis. The hymn "Heralds of Christ" was sung and Dr. Enmons pronounced the benediction.

#### *SATURDAY MORNING SESSION*

After the period of quiet worship the hymn "Jesus the very thought of Thee" was sung, and the President called for the order of business.

The Committee to examine the minutes reported that the minutes of Friday afternoon's session had been examined, corrected and approved as corrected.

Dr. J. L. Cuninggim, president of Scarritt College, was called to the platform to give his report of Scarritt College. With a few words including the statement that since the last Council meeting, rural work, a new branch of the curriculum at Scarritt, had been inaugurated under the direction of Miss Sarah McCracken (consecrated in 1936 to service in the home field). He then requested that since his report would be published in the annual report of the Council that his time on the program be given to Mr. Earl Moreland, Vice-President of Scarritt College. Mr. Moreland, in his remarks, stated that Scarritt College had passed through two periods and is now entering upon a third.

In its first thirty years as Scarritt Bible and Training School in Kansas City, its foundation had been laid and strengthened. In the second period, as Scarritt College, guided in its enlargement by Dr. Cuninggim, its basic structure had been raised, scholarship has been accentuated. Now the pinnacle is to be lifted. To complete this successfully, he said, three things must be done: the church, laymen and clergymen, adult and youth, must be made aware of Scarritt; large gifts must be sought; and three more chairs endowed. (See Report, page 121.)

The Report of the Committee on Scarritt College was read and received as read. (See Report, page 164.)

The Report of the Committee on Spiritual Life and Message, made by the chairman of the Committee, Miss Daisy Davies, registered a growth in interest in this most essential work. She told of two meetings held during the year which had had a large part in this advancement: The first, the School of Christian living, held in September at Scarritt College, and participated in by the Committee on Spiritual Life and Message and the Bureau of Christian Social Relations; the second, a Retreat held by the Spiritual Life Committee for reevaluation of this work, in the home of Mrs. J. N. McEachern in Atlanta. (See Report, page 148.)

Report number 2 of the Committee on Spiritual Life and Message was read, considered by items, freely discussed and adopted as read. (See Reports, page 152.)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Estimates was resumed. The following items were voted: for City Missions and Conference appropriations, \$7,088; for Western work, \$519.

Deaconesses engaged in rural work were called to the platform and introduced: Miss Bert Winter, Miss Minnie Lee Eidson, Miss Myrtle Davis, Mrs. Minnie Webb Forest, Miss Sarah McCracken, Miss Helen Phillips, Miss May Wess Bell, Miss Lula Kagey, Miss Wortley Moorman, Miss Willie May Porter, Miss Bessie Williams, Miss Hyda Heard, Miss Sara Kee, Miss Julia Reid, Miss Erlene Aylor.

Miss Sarah McCracken spoke of the rural work being done co-operatively with Scarritt College, the Board of Missions, the Board of Christian Education, and the Woman's Missionary Council.

The appropriations for rural work, \$3,100; for miscellaneous items, \$15,345; the total for administration of the Home Department, \$9,928.35, and the total for the Home Department, including its share of the appropriation for Education and Promotion, \$255,280.72, were voted. (See Report, page 126.)

Miss Zoe Anna Davis, student counselor at Eastern Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville, N. C., spoke of the values of religious work with young people in colleges.

Deaconess Minnie Lee Eidson spoke of work in rural communities, illustrating the same with incidents and stories of the work with its "Lights and Shadows."



The hymn "Walk in the Light" was sung, and Dr. W. T. Watkins brought the third and last message of his series of meditations. He prefaced his message with an expression of appreciation of the blessing received by him in participating in this Council meeting. The subject for the hour was "Jesus' Source of Power," his text, John 18: 36. He spoke of the optimism and poise of Jesus, of his unbounded confidence in the power of truth to win, of his confidence in the power of good will to beat down antagonism, of his confidence in the power of love, the most tremendous power that can be released on earth; and of his confidence in God. Nothing unlooses as much power in human life as love. Love short-circuits the ordinary strokes of will. Love enables men to walk the impossible way. It is the only thing with power enough in it to change a world into the Kingdom of God.

Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, treasurer, came to the platform to conduct the Pledge Service. She first gave her place to Mrs. G. E. Edwards, president of the South Carolina Conference, who, calling Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Conference Secretary of South Carolina Conference, to the front, conferred upon her the honor of Honorary Life Patron. This was done in behalf of her Conference, in recognition of faithfulness and efficient service for more than twenty-seven years.

As the roll of conferences was called by Mrs. Fulton, each Conference Secretary stated the pledge of her conference for 1937 as follows: Pledges: Alabama, \$24,000; Arizona, \$2,400; Baltimore, \$36,000; Central Texas, \$22,000; Florida, \$35,250; Holston, \$33,000; Illinois (absent); Indian Mission, (absent); Kentucky, \$16,000; Little Rock, \$17,500; Los Angeles, \$5,600; Louisiana, \$26,000; Louisville, \$18,000; Memphis, \$31,000; Mississippi, \$18,000; Missouri, \$9,000; New Mexico, \$6,000; North Alabama, \$32,000; North Arkansas, \$16,500; North Carolina, \$38,500; North Georgia, \$47,100; North Mississippi, \$20,000; North Texas, \$24,000; Northwest, (absent); Northwest Texas, \$20,000; Oklahoma, \$22,000; Pacific, \$4,500; South Carolina, \$23,500; South Georgia, \$45,000; St. Louis, \$11,000; Southwest Missouri, \$7,500; Tennessee, \$25,000; Texas, \$30,000; Upper South Carolina, \$22,500; Virginia, \$50,250; West Texas, \$22,500; Western North Carolina, \$45,800; Western Mexico, (absent); Western Virginia, \$13,500; Cuba Missionary Society, \$127. Total, \$823,392, an increase over 1936 of \$18,732.

In the course of the Pledge Service, the question was raised, How does the Los Angeles Conference continue to lead the Council in per capita giving? The Secretary of the Conference, Mrs. Turner McBaine, replied: "It was in the heart of Mrs. F. W. Peters (the late president of that Conference) that every woman should give a sacrificial gift." She continually stressed the spiritual life.

This Pledge Service marked a high point of the Council Session. Grateful enthusiasm was aroused when many conferences raised their pledges, and there was a clear note of victory when each conference located in the January flood area, where such desolation was wrought,

placed its goal as high as that of 1936, in recognition of the joys that are yet theirs.

The missionaries on furlough from Africa (Congo Belge), Miss Annimae White, Miss Ruth O'Toole, R. N., Miss Myrtle Zicafoose, and Miss Catharine Parham, and Bishop Arthur Moore were called to the platform while appropriations for that field were being considered. The missionaries were introduced, and Bishop Moore spoke of the importance of the \$10,000 building fund included in the list of appropriations for Africa, and of the great need of reinforcements of workers. The following amounts for this field were voted: for missionaries' salaries, \$12,258; total for Africa, \$32,206.

Miss Ruth O'Toole spoke of the work with lepers which is financially supported by the Government Leper Association (Brussels), of the Normal School at Wembo Nyama, and of the difficulties in training these teachers.

The Report of the Committee on Status of Women was made by the Chairman, Mrs. T. I. Charles.

A special feature of the morning program in emphasizing the status of women was an address on "Woman's Responsibility in a Changing Order," by Miss Charl Ormond Williams, Field Secretary and former President of the National Education Association, and president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

Miss Williams expressed appreciation of the group she was about to address, and as a token of the impression made upon her by the Pledge Service she had just witnessed, made known her desire to make a contribution to the pledge by returning the honorarium that had been offered her by the Council. She spoke of the present-day social economic and political upheaval; of the changes that had taken place in the manner of life and responsibilities of women; and urged adequate preparation for the tasks that women must face in living up to their responsibilities for bettering local, state and national conditions, and building a better world in which to live.

The benediction was pronounced by Mr. E. C. Peters, and the morning session stood adjourned.

#### *SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION*

The Saturday afternoon session, devoted chiefly to Interracial interests, was called to order at two o'clock.

The hymn "Rise Up, O Men of God" was sung.

A tribute to Bishop William Capers, the founder of the Mission to the Slaves, was delivered by Bishop Paul B. Kern, who said, in part: "Around this church and around some of the notable historic spots in South Carolina cluster blessed memories of this pioneer preacher and bishop. During those days (his school days) it had been in his mind to become a lawyer, but he was gloriously converted and decided to give up his Blackstone for the Bible and let this Book be the sole book that gripped his heart and mind. From 31 to 65 he gave notable

and creative service, particularly in South Carolina and Georgia. He was a pioneer missionary to the Creek Indians in 1821. In 1829 he founded and developed the mission to the slaves, which "at the end of twenty-five years had succeeded far beyond the expectations of the early leaders." He was one of the General Missionary Secretaries of the M. E. Church, 1840-1844, and Bishop of the M. E. Church, South, 1846-1855.

A paper on "Paine College, an Adventure in Race Relations," was read by Miss Emma W. Gray, member of the faculty of Paine College, Augusta, Ga. Miss Gray said that interracial work is the distinctive feature of Paine College. Dr. George Williams Walker, a gentleman, a scholar, and a Christian, its president for twenty-seven years, had set the tone of the college. From its beginning three things have been emphasized, scholarship, positive Christian character, and interracial brotherhood.

Miss Thelma Stevens, Head-Resident of Bethlehem Center, Augusta, Ga., in speaking on "The Bethlehem Center and Race Relations," stated as her conclusion: that "The white group as a whole must become conscious of the Negro as an integral part of society, whose needs, feelings and aspirations are the same as his own group; and that acquisition of enlarged opportunity means responsibility for both races."

Miss Dorothy Weber, co-worker and true helper of Miss Stevens, was introduced.

Spirituals, "I'm Going to Lay Down My Heavy Load," "Study War No More," and "O Mary, Don't You Weep" sung by a quartet from Allen College, Columbia, were much appreciated.

"The Missionary Society and Race Relations" was the subject of a paper read by Mrs. R. P. Neblett, conference Secretary of the North Mississippi Conference, an able worker in the interracial field of service. She sketched the work of the women in this field from its beginning in 1899 and marked its growth as interest increased in conferences and auxiliaries and greater efforts were made to create public opinion, which will respect the rights and personalities of all.

Discussion following this paper revealed that there had been an unusual and an enthusiastic interest shown in the autumn mission study "A Preface to Racial Understanding" by Dr. Charles S. Johnson. It was stated that in some cases the results of the study were like a great revival.

The report of the Committee on Unification and Race Relations, a study group of the Committee on Interracial Co-operation, read by Miss Louise Young, chairman of the Committee, was received and placed on record. (See Report, page 138.)

The following resolution presented by Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Secretary of the Committee on Interracial Co-operation, was read and passed as read:

#### RESOLUTION

"Whereas, our co-operation with members of the Colored Methodist

Church in Leadership Schools, local Training Schools, joint services of worship, community clubs, and Bible classes has increased inter-racial interest and has promoted more Christian attitudes; and

"Whereas, we are conscious that our areas of co-operation should be enlarged; and

"Whereas, we are interested in preparing for the expected unification of the three Methodisms within the near future;

"Therefore be it resolved, That wherever possible our missionary societies seek helpful contacts with the missionary societies and other organizations of the Negro members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in local communities, in zones, districts, and Conference meetings.

MRS. M. E. TILLY,

MRS. A. C. JOHNSON."

During the afternoon, a folder written by Mr. E. C. Peters, President of Paine College, giving the story of the life of Dr. George Williams Walker, founder of Paine College and its President for twenty-five years, was distributed through the house by Mr. E. C. Peters.

After the benediction, pronounced by Dr. J. L. Cuninggim, the afternoon session stood adjourned and the Council members joined in a pilgrimage to the historical points in and around Columbia, stopping for tea at Columbia College.

#### *SUNDAY MORNING SESSION*

The Sunday morning service, beginning at eleven-thirty, Columbia's usual hour for service, in the Columbia Township Auditorium, had approximately five thousand people in attendance. The auditorium was made worshipful and pleasing by the decorations of palms, white carnations, and Easter lilies, provided by the missionary society and the Isabelle D. Martin Class in memory of the founder of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Washington Street, Miss Isabelle D. Martin, its President from 1899 until her death in 1913. She was officially related to the South Carolina Conference as Treasurer, Vice-President, and Secretary from 1883 to 1913.

The great audience stood in silent prayer, and were then led by the Washington Street choir and orchestra in singing "How Firm a Foundation."

After reciting the Apostles' Creed, prayer was offered by Rev. A. L. Gunter. Bishop Arthur J. Moore read the Scripture lesson from I Cor. 2. The choir rendered two numbers, "Ho, Every One That Thirsteth" as the offertory, and the chant, "All Things Come of Thee." The hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," was sung by the congregation, and Mrs. Perry introduced Bishop Moore as a missionary from China, Japan, Korea, Poland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and now the United States. Bishop Moore took for his text, "I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified." His theme

was "the experience and expression of spiritual life and the significance of the uplifted cross." He closed his message with prayer. Hymn No. 181, "The Church's One Foundation," was sung, and Bishop Moore pronounced the benediction.

#### SUNDAY EVENING SESSION

Sunday evening the consecration was held in the Presbyterian Church, this church being larger than the Washington Street Methodist Church. The altar was beautiful with white carnations and Easter lilies and the chancel rail draped in white.

After the organ prelude, the eight young women candidates to be consecrated, followed by almost a hundred missionaries, deaconesses, and Christian nationals who are studying at Scarritt College, all dressed in white, entered, singing the processional, "Lead On, O King Eternal." The candidates, missionaries, and deaconesses who were to participate in the program took their places on the rostrum. The hymn, "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart," was sung. Bishop Arthur J. Moore read the Scripture lesson from Matthew, eleventh chapter, and offered the opening prayer.

The Washington Street Church choir sang "Lovely Appear" from Gounod's "Redemption."

Miss Ella D. Leveritt, of Newnan, Ga., missionary in China, 1896-1936, having completed the Council requirements with reference to age and continuous service, was awarded the certificate of Emeritus Relation. In presenting the certificate, Mrs. Perry paid tribute to Miss Leveritt's life and work, saying of her, "She has done both evangelistic and educational work ever since she has been on the field. She has always been willing to live in lonely, hard places, although she is by nature a social person. She has added a great deal to the lives of the missionaries and nationals."

Miss Leveritt, speaking for the emeritus missionaries, spoke briefly to the incoming class of her long years of service and the joy of being a missionary.

Brief addresses were made by Miss Susie Peach Foster, missionary, and Miss Maggie Marshall, deaconess, speaking for the active missionaries and deaconesses, and responses were made by Misses Rosamond Johnson and Miss Marjorie Haggart for the new deaconesses and Misses Louise Killingsworth and Virginia Neel for the new missionaries.

Following the ritual for the simple and impressive consecration service, Mrs. J. W. Perry presented the eight candidates to Bishop Paul B. Kern, who, for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, commissioned each one "to take the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to all the world" and dedicated each of the following to the work of a foreign missionary or deaconess: Deaconesses: Marjorie Haggart, Vinton, La., Louisiana Conference; Rosamond Johnson, Columbus, Ga., South Georgia Conference; Mary Miller, Vashti School, Thomas-

ville, Ga., South Georgia Conference. Foreign missionaries: Betty Alt, Registered Nurse, Baltimore, Md., Baltimore Conference, appointed to Korea; Louise Killingsworth, Fayette, Miss., North Mississippi Conferences, appointed to China; Agnes Malloy, Remerton, Ga., South Georgia Conference, appointed to Cuba; Virginia Neel, Washington, D. C., Baltimore Conference, appointed to Brazil; Lucile Vail, Cartersville, Ga., North Georgia Conference, appointed to Mexico.

The service closed with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Kern.

#### MONDAY MORNING SESSION

After quiet and meditation the last morning session opened with the joyous service hymn, "Awake, Awake to Love and Work." Dr. John W. Shackford, pastor-host, delivered a devotional meditation based on the Gospel message as recorded by Mark, 10: 32-40, "Following Jesus beyond the Cross." He said in part: "Long ago Jesus chose the way he must follow. He must go to Jerusalem and in the face of all history follow his Father's will. As Jesus went before, there was something unusual about him; the separation between him and his disciples was beginning and would widen until they should be reunited on the other side of the Cross.

"The loneliness and tragic inability of Jesus to convey to his followers what was in his heart is repeated in our hearts because of the difficulty of making our generation understand the deeper meaning of the gospel. We stand alone with the spirit of Christ in our hearts until there comes into our lives that deeper meaning which, on the other side of the Cross, together, we shall understand."

But following Jesus entails more—the realization of the meaning of the light of the Cross and its experience, that Jesus is Love, the central thing in the universe; that love and its purpose do not originate in our humanity. Love can reveal itself only by that last full measure.

The report of the Committee to Examine the Minutes was made by the Chairman, Mrs. J. P. Harvill, who stated that the minutes of Saturday morning and afternoon sessions had been examined and found correct.

The following telegram from Mrs. Frank Siler, former Recording Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and Co-Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council throughout its first quadrennium, was read by the Secretary:

"Greetings from an ever remembering old-time comrade—first Corinthians sixteen twenty-four." Mrs. Frank Siler.

The time having come to determine the meeting place for the Council's 1938 session, invitations were extended from the Oklahoma and Little Rock Conferences. Speaking for the former, Mrs. E. B. Dunlap, President of the Conference, invited the Council to Tulsa. This had its second in a toast, "Oklahoma," sung by the lovers of that great state.

Mrs. J. M. Stinson, President of the Little Rock Conference, called the Council to meet in Little Rock after an absence of twenty years. This was seconded by Mrs. O. W. Petway, President of the auxiliary in First Church, Little Rock. Mrs. H. Pewett and Mrs. E. F. Ellis of North Arkansas Conference urged acceptance. They, too, had a song. Many telegrams from both cities were reported. The majority vote was for Tulsa, whereupon Mrs. Stinson's request that the vote to go to Tulsa be made unanimous be approved.

On motion, Report No. 2 of Committee on Finance and Estimates was taken from the calendar in order to make clearer some items listed in Report No. 1 of that Committee. The Report was considered by items. Miss MacKinnon, Mrs. Fulton, and Mrs. Downs explained that the appropriations listed in this report were made possible by surplus funds, accrued balances resulting from a number of causes: differences in exchange, increase in giving, inability to use some amounts appropriated for a definite purpose. The value of the Revolving Fund was stated. Mrs. Downs stated similar reasons, for a surplus existed in the Home Department, except that here there is no question of exchange.

Dr. A. W. Wasson was called to the platform to speak to the appropriation of \$15,000 to Hiroshima College, Japan, where we are capitalizing on a very rich history and where the body of alumni is a support and protection of the school.

Miss Yeasoon Choi and Miss Chongsun Yun of Korea were introduced.

Miss Yun, a graduate of Ewha College and now a member of Ewha faculty, spoke of things necessary there: a home for the teachers of whom there are eight missionary and six nationals, who live in a crowded state on the fourth floor of the Music Hall. This they call their "pent house." They need a fund for their garden of native flowers which is being made by one of the teachers, and they need three additions to the teaching staff.

Miss Choi spoke of her Alma Mater, Ginling College, which has all the students it can care for. It takes money to add to the library. Here reinforcements for the faculty are needed and funds for the library. There is evidence to show the growing sense of responsibility of the alumni, but help from Mission Boards is needed.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Estimates was adopted by a standing vote. (See Report, page 127.) A prayer of thanks was offered for the accrued balance by which these great needs in the fields may be met.

Mrs. J. W. Perry, in the name of the Union Boards, responsible for Ewha and Ginling Colleges, of which Boards she is a member, expressed thanks for the appropriations to these colleges from the accrued balances.

The following missionaries to Brazil were introduced: Miss Lela Putnam, Miss Zula Terry, Miss Berta Simmons, Miss Lydia Ferguson,

Miss Virginia Neel. Miss Lela Putnam, who has spent most of her time since 1916 at Colegio Isabella Hendrix, Belo Horizonte, spoke of this school, known so well over a large area, where it is said to be the best school. They are hoping to have all the buildings that are required by the government.

Miss Zula Terry from Colegio Americano, Porte Alegre, spoke of this work. Miss MacKinnon explained other items of the appropriation for Brazil.

Miss Berta Simmons spoke of a desire to inaugurate a new work, similar to rural work done in the United States, beginning at Colegio Centenario, Santa Maria.

Miss Ferguson spoke of the work in Instituto Methodista, Ribeirao Preto, where they hope for a new dental clinic; there is a note of progress and development in the institution.

Miss Layona Glenn, emeritus missionary from Brazil, was presented. She spoke in favor of co-education in Brazil.

The total appropriation for Brazil, \$97,745, was voted.

Miss Katherine Johnson, Dean of Hiroshima College, who has been in Japan fifteen years, while Hiroshima has been a member of the Council family only ten years, spoke of the waves of extreme nationalism in Japan; of the Japanese woman's need of Christian education which makes necessary foreign Christian teachers; for Japan needs help in social, economic, and international thinking. She told of the plans and aspirations for the new Hiroshima. She said the next few years would be very difficult, full of adjustments, that "we want your prayer, not for material things, but that we may seek first the Kingdom of God. I am asking for your daughters—women who will come out to help us do our job.

Miss Annimae White, of the Congo Belge, stated as her topic, "The morning cometh, and also the night." She said: "We need workers in Africa. We are trying to set up an indigenous church there." Her plea was not for money but for workers, women and men. That it was a hard thing to do to leave her work for a furlough when there was no one to take her place. That the African does not "swallow the Christian religion" just because the white people bring it to them; they weigh it, and watch the missionaries to see how it works. They named Bishop Moore "Patience."

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Status of Women was read and received for record. (See Report, page 152.) Report No. 2 of the Committee on Status of Women was read, considered by items and adopted as read. (See Report, page 160.)

The following privilege motion presented by Mrs. T. I. Charles was voted: "In view of the facts that we are emphasizing co-operation in world missions, and that a World Conference is to be held in Hangchow, China, in 1938, when Christians from many nations will gather to consider the Church and the Christian message, and that five of the twenty-five delegates appointed from America to the World



Conference are women, we would register appreciation for the five, but we are constrained to think that the proportion of women is inadequate in the light of the increasing demand for women who may lead in co-operative missionary movements and in the dissemination of the Christian message.

"We are grateful that a woman of our Church, Miss MacKinnon, is one of the five women chosen, and realizing what this will mean in our communion, we covet for other groups of women this opportunity for world understanding and service.

"We therefore request the Foreign Missions Conference in the selection of the remaining ten delegates, to increase the number of women who may attend this Conference and bring nearer to fulfilment the time when men and women may work together without discrimination as to sex and each may make his or her contribution in building a Christian world.

MRS. T. I. CHARLES,

MRS. E. A. KITCHELL."

The missionaries from China were introduced, and all persons present having connections in China were called to the platform: Miss Anne Herbert, Miss Susie Mayes, Miss Eloise Bradshaw, Miss Ava Morton, missionaries; and those connected with China: Miss Elizabeth Claiborne, Miss Sui-liu Shao, Miss Hsiu-li Yui. Emeritus missionaries: Miss Virginia Atkinson, Miss Alice Waters, Miss Ella Leveritt.

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary be requested to send messages to all emeritus missionaries that they might know that they were remembered. The motion prevailed.

Appropriations for China were read: items listed on this estimates sheet were explained by Miss MacKinnon and the missionaries and nationals present. These explanations included notes on work of institutional churches; the Missionary Society which sponsors a worker, pays her salary in an inland mission, and sends a contribution to the Treasurer of the Council. Life members of the China Missionary Society are Mrs. C. T. Schaedel and Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon; Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb is teacher of a class of former McTyeire students in Moore Memorial Church, Shanghai; Shanghai Medical School and medical work in general; Laura Haygood School, which sends thanks for its new building, that is regarded as an expression of fellowship, since the offerings from the Week of Prayer made it possible; and finally that there is urgent need for a missionaries' home in Changshu.

Ten thousand and forty-six dollars was voted for China.

The Vice-President was called to the chair while the President offered a motion—namely, that the Secretary of Organization and Promotion be requested to list in the Committee Report needed supplies and equipment for Margaret Williamson Hospital.

The morning session adjourned after the benediction pronounced by Bishop Paul Kern.

## MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session Monday afternoon opened with silent prayer, followed by the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult."

Calendar business was then resumed.

The session's Committee on Candidate Work was read and considered seriatim. Item 1 relating to procedure was received. Item 2b was amended by placing the words, "We request" at the beginning of the sentence; items 2, as amended, and items 3 and 4 were referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. (See Report, page 163.)

The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was read and considered by articles. Item 3 of Article I, concerning By-Law 7 (2) for auxiliaries was amended by inserting after the word "names," in line 7, the words, "of children under six years of age," and after the word, "dollars," in line 8, the words, "and the names of older children for ten dollars."

By-Law 9 of By-Laws for the Woman's Missionary Council, setting forth the functions of the Candidate Secretary, be stricken out, was amended by changing the nonconcurrence of the Committee to concurrence. The report was then adopted as amended. (See Report, page 165.)

The report of the Commission on Unoccupied Areas was read, discussed, and adopted as read. (See Report, page 160.)

The report of the Committee on Lectureships was read. The Vice-President was called to the chair while the report was under discussion. The report was adopted with addition of the words, "or 1938." (See Report, page 166.)

The report of the Committee to Fill Vacancies on Standing Committees was read and adopted as read. (See Report, page 166.)

A memorial to the Board of Missions was read and approved as follows:

A REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS FROM  
THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

"Whereas, there is a very great need of detailed information regarding the organizations and policies of the various Boards of Missions whose work is involved in unification; and

"Whereas, the Woman's Missionary Council has had a Committee to Study Women's Organizations and Policies;

"We request the Board of Missions to appoint a similar committee to work with the Council's committee that there may be a united study of these missionary agencies, with the understanding that such study shall be carried on in full recognition of the fact that the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will not take action on unification and appoint legal committees or commissions until 1938.

MABEL K. HOWELL, *Chairman*;  
MRS. HOMER TATUM, *Secretary*."

The report of the Committee to Study Organizations and Policies of the Woman's Boards of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the Methodist Protestant Church was read and accepted as read. (See Report, page 166.)

The report of the Joint Committee on Deaconess Work was read and received as read. (See Report, page 164.)

Consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance and Estimates was resumed.

Miss Lucile Lewis, missionary from Cuba, teacher in Colegio Buenavista, Havana, and alternate at this session of the Council for the President of the Cuba Woman's Missionary Society, was introduced. She spoke of the work in Cuba; and the total appropriation for Cuba, \$30,094, was approved.

Missionaries from Japan were introduced: Miss Katherine Johnson, from Hiroshima Jogakuin; Miss Moselle Tumlin, from Oita; Miss Anne Peevy, Lambuth Training School for Christian Workers, Osaka; Miss Gertrude Feely, Oita; and Miss Charlie Holland, Palmore Institute, Kobe. Miss Holland spoke of the work in Palmore Institute. She stressed the opportunity the Council has in training Christian secretaries who serve Japanese business firms, and expressed the hope that the work here will soon become self-supporting.

Miss Anne Peevy spoke of the kindergarten work of the Lambuth Training School and of the influence of the kindergartens which reach far beyond the little children actually touched by them. This, she said, is really evangelistic work.

Miss Katherine Johnson told of the influence of Hiroshima Jogakuin, of the new location secured for the school, and also of the larger plans for its future.

A total appropriation for Japan, \$96,089, was voted.

Miss MacKinnon introduced the missionaries and nationals from Korea: Miss Yeasoon Choi and Miss Chong sun Yun, students at Scarritt; Miss Nannie G. Black, Superintendent Woman's Evangelistic Center, Songdo; Miss Laura Edwards, in City and Rural Work, Seoul; Miss Hallie Buie, Carolina Institute, Seoul; Miss Helen Rosser, Nurses' Training School, Ivey Hospital, Songdo; Miss Susie Peach Foster, Social Evangelistic Center, Chulwon; and Miss Sadie Maude Moore, Head Resident of the Woman's Evangelistic Center, Wonsan. Miss Moore spoke of the large numbers reached through the clubs and classes of the Social Evangelistic Center.

Miss Laura Edwards spoke of Rural Work where better homes and better health are stressed and religious training is given in the churches and homes.

Miss Chong sun Yun, a member of the faculty of the Theological Seminary, told of the fine young men and women who have come out of our schools and entered the ministry, also of the need of libraries for her people who are so anxious to learn.

A total appropriation for Korea, \$75,000.00; and a total for Manchuria-Korean Conference \$1,320 were voted.

The following representatives from Mexico were introduced: Miss Pearl Hall, Palmore Institute, Chihuahua; Miss Lucile Vail, Centro-Social, Saltillo; Miss Ruth Ellyson Byerly, Centro-Christiano, Durango; and Miss Ana Delgado-Villarreal, Mexican deaconess student at Scarritt College and fraternal delegate to the Council from the Woman's Missionry Society in Mexico.

The following appropriations were voted: Total for Mexico, \$32,-439; total for Poland, \$6,969; total for Miscellaneous, \$47,258.89; total for Administration, \$12,348.64; and the grand total for the Foreign Department, including foreign share, Education and Promotion, \$571,-308.43.

Mrs. Piggott stated that the Committee on Missionary Service has had no meeting this year.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions, read by Mrs. W. B. Landrum, was approved as read. (See Report, page 167.)

The report of the Committee on Laws was read by Mrs. J. R. Turner and placed on record. (See Report, page 166.)

The Program Committee for the 1938 Annual Meeting of the Council was named, as follows: Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Noreen Dunn, and Mrs. E. B. Dunlap, Mrs. H. R. Steele.

Mrs. J. P. Harvill, reporting for the Committee to Examine the Minutes, stated that the minutes of Monday morning's session had been examined and found correct.

The following committee was appointed to examine the minutes for Monday afternoon's session: Mrs. J. P. Harvill, Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon.

With the calendar clear, the Council approached the closing hour of this last session "in the mind to honor the memory of those who have died since the last annual meeting, and by participation in the Holy Communion join in a memorial to the Lord through whom alone men and women must draw the strength of their lives and their inspiration for service."

"Mrs. A. C. Johnson, of the Louisville Conference, directed the thinking of the Council in the hour sacred to the memory of comrades in service who have gone before. Her memorial meditation honored not only the members and workers of the Council, but leaders in the conferences, a host of unnamed and unknown women at the crossroads whose loyalty has kept alive the missionary flame, and all noble spirits who have wrought in the Master's kingdom and each in his or her place have lived for the highest good and labored to make the way safe for the oncoming generation."

Tributes to the life and work of those honored in the service were read by Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. Virgil Walker, and Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, as the sacred roster was named:

MEMORIAL ROLL

Miss Jennie Ducker

Who gave twenty-one years of service in the Home Field.

Mrs. John R. Nelson

Former Vice-President of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and of the Woman's Missionary Council, and a great Conference leader.

Bishop E. D. Mouzon

A Christian statesman and a brother beloved.

(See Memoirs, page 169.)

Bishop Paul B. Kern, assisted by the presiding elder, Dr. A. L. Gunter, and the pastors of Columbia, Drs. J. W. Shackford, J. E. Merchant, and J. A. Barrett, officiated in administering the Holy Communion. This sacred hour brought to the company gathered there a sense of companionship with Jesus, in whose name they seek to serve God and humanity, and in the peace and quietness which prevailed when the sacramental benediction had been said, the twenty-seventh session of the Woman's Missionary Council stood adjourned.

MRS. J. W. PERRY, *President*;

MRS. FITZGERALD S. PARKER, *Secretary*.

(The minutes of the afternoon session were examined and approved by a majority of the committee. L. P. P.)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MRS. J. W. PERRY

In the midst of the busy rush of things we pause for a brief review of the record of a year of countless activities and interests and to take a forward look to the infinite stretch of life ahead. There is value in such an occasion. Like a bridge, it links "protracted past and brief today with all the time to come."

### HOME MISSION JUBILEE

The Home Mission Jubilee year has brought many compensations for the time and effort put into the celebration. Among the many worthy attainments mention can be made of only a few of them.

One of the objectives of the Jubilee was a study of and emphasis upon rural work. We rejoice in the general observance of the Week of Prayer and the Thank Offering given on that occasion which is making possible the enlargement of our rural program in a number of places, and which will enable our Home Department to enter-prise work in other communities. A fresh and fascinating interest in rural problems is being created and some noteworthy experiments are being developed which we trust may contribute toward placing the church in its rightful place of leadership in the rural community. Mr. Basil Mathews has said: "I doubt whether there is any greater need in the world, on a long view, than the training of really rurally minded men and women, who will go to an area and build there a new rural civilization Christian to the core, each person knowing the Jesus who taught peasants by parables of farming life; the children being taught by project methods that integrate their knowledge to their daily life, and to grappling with its problems; and the rural church thinking of itself as linked up with every act of the home, the furrow, the barn and the hen roost, and as one with its fellows across the world." To aid in the consummation of this ideal is the purpose of our rural work.

Emphasis upon interracial relations has been another goal of the year. It was a happy coincident that this should have been the topic for the interdenominational Home Mission Study Course, and that a *Preface to Racial Understanding* should be the textbook in our Jubilee year. The cordial reception and widespread use of this book is indicative of progress in the development of a better understanding between white and Negro people. Many, no doubt, have come to a clearer conception of the struggle of the Negro in his upward climb and of his attainments within the past seventy years. There has come a deeper appreciation of the hard and difficult adjustments

which both races have been called upon to make, and must still make as they work together toward better relationships. As a result of this study many diversified projects in local communities have been undertaken by study groups. We rejoice in the fact that our Home Department is able to extend and enlarge the program of Negro work.

The School of Christian Living held jointly by the Spiritual Life and Message Committee and the Bureau of Christian Social Relations, at Scarritt last September, marks a new attainment in the blending of emphases upon the personal and the social aspects of our Christian gospel. The importance of a deeper personal religious experience and the responsibility of Christians in the development of a social order founded upon the principles of Christ were made the basis of study and discussion and of daily meditation and prayer. Out of these days of worship and study and of facing together the complex economic and industrial conditions of today, there came a clearer understanding and a deeper conviction that no life can be fully surrendered to the will of God and remain oblivious to the injustices, inequalities, and burdens which are being borne by multitudes of people around the world. We realize more fully the fact that the standards for a Christian social order cannot be worked out and maintained unless the process begins in the transformation and redemption of the individual. The greater the need for a changed social order, the greater the need for men and women personally and wholly dedicated to the service of God. The experience of heart searching and of high resolve which every member of that school passed through can never be forgotten.

#### UNATTAINED IDEALS

Through the study and research which has gone forward during the year it has been made clear that many of our unreached goals and unattained ideals are demanding careful consideration and diligent pursuit. Someone has said: "Ideals are good things to run races with, but the moment you stop chasing them they sit down to become opinions." Some trends in our work would warn us of danger in this regard. We would not be true to the tasks committed to us if we failed to take cognizance of this fact.

The increase both in membership and in offerings is gratifying. It is indicative of the earnestness and devotion of the women of the Missionary Societies. No more faithful and loyal group can be found. Making the financial basis of membership a freewill offering rather than stated dues has given many women the privilege of membership in the Society that would not have joined under the former plan. The increase in income, however, has not been commensurate with the growth in membership, and it is no idle curiosity that causes us to inquire into the reasons. In 1933 the per capita gifts from the Conference amounted to \$3.33; in '34, \$3.21; in '35,

\$3.08; and in '36, \$2.99. There are a number of possible reasons for this.

The heavy demands made upon the auxiliaries by local interests is taking a heavy toll from the auxiliary treasury.

Appeals for new members on the basis of its costing little to join, rather than a higher appeal of opportunity for the investment of material possessions that will pay dividends in spiritual values, was never contemplated when the change was made, yet we are aware such appeals are made. Support of the work based on the ability of the individual member was the ideal in mind, but there is danger of its becoming a mere opinion and the gifts for our connectional work drifting into a matter of convenience.

Another possible reason for the decrease in per capita gifts in some instances may lie in the decentralization of interest in the Missionary Society and an increased interest centered in the Circles. The Circle plan has many commendable qualities and can be made to contribute largely to the effectiveness of the organization, but when interest in the Circle supersedes loyalty to and interest in the connectional work of the Society there is cause for concern.

Much praise is given to the Woman's Missionary Society for the efficiency of its financial system and policy. We believe the work is carried forward on a sound business basis. We would not be content to have it otherwise. We are a good collecting agency. It becomes a bit embarrassing, however, to hear this often spoken of as if it were the chief attainment of the organization.

We have rejoiced in the fact that the bulk of income has been obtained through small gifts from many members. It must ever be so, but there is the possibility of this ideal obscuring another important goal. There is danger of our failing to seek large gifts and to cultivate in those members who are able to contribute liberally a more generous support of our work.

Our organization is also commended for its educational plans and policies. It is frequently said that the Missionary Society is better informed on missions than any group in the Church. "Every member an intelligent, active worker," is a goal toward which we are striving, but none of us is ready to admit that it has been attained. A simple test or quiz on missions given to the auxiliary members would reveal the distance we have yet to go, and whether the reputation which we enjoy is well deserved.

Above these goals stands one which is of far greater value and significance than any yet mentioned. A richer, fuller experience of fellowship with Jesus Christ and a deeper consecration to the will of God and to his service on the part of every member of the Missionary Society is to be desired above all else. Until its worth can be measured by the spiritual quality of life to be recognized in its members rather than by its financial success the Missionary Society is falling short of its most worthy contribution to the Church.



## WORKERS AN IMPERATIVE NEED

The urgent need for more workers, at home and in other lands, is causing a critical situation. This is the greatest unmet need in our Foreign Department. Our missionaries are breaking under the strain of overwork. They are looking to the Council with serious questioning as to why relief is not sent. Most of these requests are for persons to do specific types of work. In the Foreign Department requests have come for twenty-six new workers this year. The selective process by which these workers must be secured is a delicate and difficult one. To find young women physically fit, intellectually trained and equipped, spiritually endowed, and constrained by a burning missionary passion is indeed a heavy responsibility. Our Candidate Committee and its work should be made a subject of daily intercession by each member of this body. We must find, too, a more adequate method of challenging our finest and best young women with the opportunities for definite life service both in the homeland and in foreign fields.

## WORLD CONDITIONS TO BE FACED

The world into which these workers are called to go with the Christian message is one of extreme confusion and unrest. The issues to be met are increasingly more complex and formidable. Delay in sending recruits only makes the situation more acute. The emerging of a new world order fills one with mixed feelings of hope and forebodings. What the new world civilization will be can only be determined by the predominance gained by certain forces that are now in mighty conflict for supremacy. The possibilities of a new civilization founded on the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of all mankind "when all the treasures of the past and all the beauty and joy of the present will be the common heritage of humanity freely shared in an atmosphere of good will and helpfulness" fills one with eager expectation. On the other hand, Communism, Facism, and Nationalism are making bold strides, each offering to furnish men with a complete philosophy of life and a panacea for all the ills and injustices "which flesh is heir to." They take no account of man's spiritual needs, nor do they reckon with the utter futility of trying to build a permanent and harmonious world community with God left out. The progress these movements are making and the boldness of their claims fills one with terror. It intensifies the conviction that the present is a most critical time and that the challenge to Christian forces has never been surpassed in gravity and urgency. The report of the Federal Council of Churches on the state of the Church says: "Christianity knows that it is in for a tremendous struggle with these new movements. But it can never meet them adequately with mere programs for new activities or with appeals to feelings. It must meet thought with thought, philosophy with philosophy, the new gospels with the Gospel. It must

meet the deification of race and class with the message of the incarnation of the Most High God in the universal man who gathers all races and classes into one body of a common Lord." This is the world into which new missionaries must go, and this is the message of hope which they must take.

While the Church has been slow in realizing the seriousness of the situation and in facing its responsibility, there are unmistakable signs pointing to an awakening of the necessity for a "better presentation of Christ's priceless Gospel to a world which need not be always trembling on the brink of disaster if it will but mend its ways."

#### THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE

The Bishops' Crusade is the response of our Church to the urgency of the present world crises. The twofold objective of the movement places emphasis on the necessity for a revival of missionary zeal and power, and a deeper experience of the presence of God in the life of the individual. The meetings already held and the offerings made for missions are evidences of a desire on the part of many for the consummation of the goals which have been fixed. There is much to encourage us, but we must remind ourselves that the Crusade is only in its initial stages. The journey ahead is not an easy one. The road to Aldersgate Street is not a paved highway, nor can we go in streamline cars. A Crusade suggests a pilgrimage with long, weary hours of travel, with worn and tired bodies trudging over rough and perilous ways. But the objective is so challenging and so impelling that Crusaders forget their fatigue as they press toward the goal of their desires. The vision of a reinforced and revitalized missionary enterprise and of a church on its knees seeking for the experience of a "strangely warmed heart," kindles a glow of expectancy and determination to press on to the end. There is deep gratitude for the hearty co-operation and loyal support which the women have given. There is much more for us yet to do. The plans of our Committee on Spiritual Life and Message are in harmony with this wider church movement, making it possible for us to render a definite service in the second objective of the Crusade. The Spiritual Life groups in the local churches may become sources of spiritual power yet undreamed of, if with all our hearts we truly seek Him.

#### LARGER MOVEMENTS

Many other denominational and interdenominational movements clearly indicate that present world conditions have shaken the Church out of its complacency, and that it is determined on meeting this crisis with an earnest proclamation of a message of hope and salvation. It is perhaps true that more attention has been given to the alarming world situation and to the foes which are challenging the Church than to what the Church can do to meet and conquer these

enemies. There are evidences that this fact is being definitely realized and that the consciousness of its weaknesses and failures is giving deep concern to the Church.

That two world conferences are to be held this summer, one at Oxford, the other at Edinburgh, with programs built around the Church and its mission in the world, is an indication of the earnestness being felt for a more adequate presentation of Christ and his message to the world. The subject for consideration at Oxford will be "The Relation of the Church to the State and to Society." Three hundred official delegates and an equal number of selected visitors will compose the Conference, and will represent every section of the globe. Following a week later the World Conference on Faith and Order will hold another world-wide conference at Edinburgh. Its program will be closely related to and continue to emphasize the topics of the Oxford meeting. The necessity for Churches to move together in a greater spirit of unity and co-operation with "central emphasis upon the Christ all of whose friends constitute the Universal Church" will be paramount.

#### THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

In the fall of 1938 in Hangchow, China, ten years after the Jerusalem Conference, the International Missionary Council will hold another enlarged meeting. The program of this Conference will also center around the Church. Five main topics have been decided upon: (1) The faith by which the Church lives; (2) the witness of the Church; (3) the life of the Church; (4) the Church and its environment; (5) closer co-operation.

At the Jerusalem Conference the Younger Churches were invited in equal numbers with missionary leaders to discuss the future program of missions—the relation of the Older and Younger Churches being one of the main topics. At the Hangchow Conference the World Mission of Christianity and the extension of Christ's Kingdom will hold central place. All churches, both old and young, today are considered sending churches; the "home base" is recognized to be wherever there is a Christian church. With united effort the Church Universal must go forth to conquer.

This Conference will be composed of three hundred delegates from the Protestant Churches throughout the world, thirty-five of whom are to be from North America.

A large group of the world's greatest Christian thinkers and writers have been engaged in the preparation of books, outlines of study, and other materials in order that those who are delegates to these several world conferences may be guided in their preparation for the meetings and that those who are not privileged to attend may be making their contribution through prayer and thought, and that they may be prepared for the reception of the pronouncements to be issued by these assemblies. The individual Christian anywhere

can share in the process of remaking the world. Men and women can be won for service in this cause by rewards that challenge. The promise of comfort is not enough. Dr. William Adams Brown says: "War's appeal is to the strong. Its compensation is spiritual—glory or honor or the consciousness of duty, or the thanks of a grateful country. If we are to win men from such a service to a higher service, similar and higher rewards must be offered—greater glory, truer honor, higher duty, the gratitude of mankind. Safety first may be a good motto for a railroad or a savings bank; it will not do for a country, still less for the Church." "Christ for the world, the world for Christ," must be our motto, and the consuming passion of the Church must be the realization of that goal.

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MRS. J. W. MILLS

My duties as Vice-President, as a member of Council committees, and as conference and auxiliary worker are so closely related it is hard to distinguish between them; but since all of them "actively advance the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council," they will properly fall under my work for the year.

It was my pleasure to assist in the meetings of three Conference Societies in April—the Texas, the Central Texas, and the St. Louis. Each celebrated the twenty-fifth year of the united Home and Foreign Work. It is interesting to see the earnestness with which the Conference officers try to work toward goals as set forth in the Council study of "What we are trying to do in our Annual Meetings."

Much time was spent in preparing the courses and teaching the new study books. I taught one General Missions course and the "Leadership of Mission Study Groups" at the Southern Methodist University's Pastors' School. The text on Racial Understanding has created new attitudes between the races and has been well received by most auxiliaries.

For two weeks in September I accompanied Mrs. Hume R. Steele, whose interracial and teaching work are well known, to four points in the Texas Conference, at each of which she held three-day Institutes. The Auxiliary Superintendents of Study and of Christian Social Relations were invited to attend and receive help in preparing to teach and interpret into Christian living the new study, "A Preface to Racial Understanding."

I taught "Out of Africa" in the School of Missions of the Federated Council of Church Women in Houston in October. This required approval by the International Council of Religious Education. It was a class composed entirely of teachers, with eight denominations actively taking part.

The Institute of Human Relations, an organization of Catholics, Protestants, and Jews, met in Estes Park in August. It was a rare privilege to attend this institute in such beautiful surroundings. Many leaders of the three groups participated in the study of the points where relations often become tense. Judge Florence Allen was the only woman on the program, but as I listened to panel discussions on "International Relations," "Industrial Problems," "Education—religious and secular"—I felt very much at home, and again rejoiced that the women of Southern Methodism were so evidently led of God in planning their enlarged missionary program to meet the issues of the day in which we live, and the study of problems which must be worked out in a Christian way, or they will not be solved.

Five times since our last annual meeting, Council work has necessitated my going to Nashville. In May three committees were called while women were there for the annual meeting of the Board of Missions. In September, at Scarritt College, the joint Committees of Spiritual Life and Bureau of Christian Social Relations held the five-day School of Christian Living. In November the Bureau and regular mid-year Executive Committee meetings were held. In January a careful restudy of the seven years' work of the Bureau was made, and in February the Finance and Estimates Committee met, with other committees preceding and following.

The committee appointed to restudy the policy of the Virginia K. Johnson Home met in Dallas for several days in November. The study was carefully made and reports formulated. A few more days in Dallas gave us advantage of attending the Preaching Mission and hearing deeply spiritual messages.

The General Missionary Council, held in New Orleans in January, launched the Bishops' Crusade, and with missionary women participating, many of us attended and took part on the program and in the Conference rallies which followed.

The year has been full, and at times weariness overtakes one, but I have found that

Rest is not quitting the busy career;  
Rest is the fitting of self to its sphere,  
'Tis loving and serving the highest and best,  
'Tis onward, unswerving, and that is *true* rest!

In these days when we are on the eve of unifying Methodism we are all thinking very seriously. Our Foreign Jubilee Slogan, "Looking Backward, Thinking Forward," might well be our motto again. Those who went before wrought well. They handed to us a task not bound by tradition, but with a well-defined goal. We have constantly restudied and revised methods, and have often been prophetic in planning for our rapidly changing world. Now, we stand—the link between the past, which has been our own—and the future, which must be made up of our own, and large and valuable work and methods planned by others.

We must be open-minded and generous-hearted.

While our way seems good to us, we do not have *all* wisdom. Certain values we list which we greatly desire to hold fast, but we must not be proud and self-boastful. We would not have the chain break where we stand; but we want, like Saint Paul, to be able to say, "We have kept *the faith*."

As Council and Conference women, we desire to serve. Often I wish we would help all of our women to know the fulness of joy and life in love expressed in overtime service. We are trying to know God's will and in his strength to do it.

In the early days, this was expressed *negatively* in our duty to-

ward God and man. So many today "get by" by not doing certain known sins—theirs is a negative Christianity.

An early prophet glimpsed the *positive* side as he replied to his own query of what the Lord required—"Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly." In the fulness of time, the revelation was made, and gradually its meaning unfolds to those who search. Toward God—our duty—to love, to worship, to obey. Toward man—to love, to respect, to strengthen the weak and erring, to forgive, to practice the Golden Rule.

When we have done all these things of *duty*, we are still unprofitable servants—we want to do overtime service—in love that knows no limits, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity through the Woman's Missionary Council.

### GENERAL WORK

DR. W. G. CRAM, GENERAL SECRETARY

I am listed on the program for a report. To report is a simple matter if limited to movements within the missionary circles of our Board of Missions, its missionary forces and its auxiliary agencies. By the time this Council has adjourned you will have become thoroughly acquainted with the routines of administration as well as the romance and achievements of your constantly expanding program.

You will have heard many of your deaconesses and missionaries and will have seen upon the faces of those newly consecrated the determination of love and the glory of dedication to the nobler tasks of human service.

Since this panorama of events and pageantry of persons will give emphasis and direction to your thinking and action, I think it is unnecessary to make any attempt at a report which would be full of duplications and other things with which you are acquainted.

Therefore, with your permission, I wish to wander around a bit. Not as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. And I hope when I am through your conclusion will not be that I am a "wandering star reserved to the blackness of darkness forever."

There are some things I have seen and heard, and I must tell you about them.

First, let me say that in my wanderings in Europe and Africa and in the Far East and Latin America and in the United States, that as yet the missionary work of the Protestant Churches of the world is still in its initial stage. This is no reflection upon the glory and the achievement of the past, nor is it saying our work is not well conserved. It is but an attempt to appraise the immensity of the task, and to say that, after a hundred years, the modern missionary movement still faces a world unsaved—a world in revolution and unrest—a world in which indigenous peoples are exploited by un-Christian industries and new territories are subjugated and appro-

priated by the force of arms. And to this melee of armies and orgies of devastation, greed and conquest, some branches of the Christian Church heretofore will be found uttering no protest; on the contrary, it will be giving its blessings. This is also to say that the missionary boards and societies and missionaries must discover a plan of approach that might be called a new strategy. Missions have passed through the pioneering stage. The organization of churches, the setting up of educational systems and social agencies have gone forward gradually, and we now have a great corps of national leaders, men and women, ready to advance.

The new stratagem, if we find it, will demand that these systems and agencies which we have established must be dynamically Christian. You must add to your questionnaires and your searching surveys and your conferences with administrative secretaries one more vital and definite inquiry—namely, "Is the proposed agency or institution or movement to be distinctly Christian?" The time was, in the beginnings of our work, when we could do almost everything in the way of schools or institutions or other cultural movements better than the governments. That day is past. But we can make them Christian, and no secular or political unit can ever surpass us.

Secondly, in my wanderings to and fro, I have heard of unification. It is the trend of the day and it is a happy augury. When it comes the most complex of all the problems that will face us is the proper correlation and integration of the missionary work, the one grand and sacrificial venture of the three great branches of Methodism. It will be futile if we take counsel only with ourselves. It will be a humiliating spectacle if someone should rise in our councils and say, "Couldn't hear nobody pray." We must search for and find the mind of Christ. Careful research and frequent informal conferences among ourselves and with those of the other Methodisms must be entered into.

Recently I propounded six questions to an independent authority on missions, regarding a carefully prepared document based on research and present-day missionary operations. This document is highly informing. I hope to be able to share it with you. Among the things which he said must be conserved without question are: (1) The missionary society in the local church. (He did not say societies.) (2) Preserve and safeguard what is called the "woman's interest"—namely, specialized work for women and children. (3) At all odds the program for Christian missions must be unified. While there is a woman's interest that must be conserved, yet General Boards and General Sections must become vitally concerned about this interest. On the other hand, the woman's societies and Boards must come to support and assist in administering the general aspect of missions. This process is now in its evolutionary or developing stages, as Miss MacKinnon says, and will ultimately result in a unified approach to the whole task of world evangelization.



Again, as I wander, I discover one potential and nation-wide organization of the Protestant Churches of America that has not fully taken home and foreign missions into its categories of formation and study. And that is the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. The recent success of the National Preaching Mission has given support to the view that for the purposes of giving emphasis to any great purpose of the Church of Christ as an agency of promotion it is unexcelled. A great nation-wide movement, enterprised by the Federal Council of Churches in behalf of pagan and neglected peoples in an area in the United States and in behalf of a vigorous foreign missionary policy, would be a most challenging and successful adventure.

## CONDENSED REPORT OF AD-INTERIM MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1936-1937

*Called Meeting, May 4, 1936*

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE met in called session at dinner at the Noel Hotel, Nashville, Tenn., May 4, 1936, Mrs. J. W. Perry in the chair.

The meeting was called at this time, between sessions of the Board of Missions when a number of nonresident members were in the city, to consider any items of business requiring action.

The following Board members and resident Council members were present: Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Constance Rumbough, Miss Noreen Dunn, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Miss Louise Young, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. Homer Tatum, Mrs. J. P. Harvill, Mrs. T. I. Charles, Mrs. F. B. Godfrey, Mrs. Claude M. Simpson, Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, Mrs. A. E. Kitchell, Miss Willia Duncan, Mrs. J. J. Stowe, and Mrs. C. W. Turpin.

The following items from the Home Department were presented by Mrs. J. W. Downs for information and action:

1. After a brief explanation concerning the work at Walsenburg, Colorado, where the workers' opportunities are very limited, Mrs. J. W. Downs stated that no worker would be appointed to Walsenburg this year.

2. Since a request presented from the girls in the Virginia K. Johnson Home, Dallas, Texas, seeking a decrease of one year in the required term of residence would affect the policy of the Institution, it was ordered that a committee be raised to study and evaluate the policies governing the Virginia K. Johnson Home, this committee to be appointed by the Chair.

3. Concerning Wesley Hall, San Francisco, it was voted: that since it has never been the policy of the Woman's Missionary Council to build churches or to assist in building them, there is no desire on the part of the Council to change this policy, but rather to affirm it. However, because the General Board of Missions donated, through the local City Mission Board of San Francisco, the lot on which Wesley Hall, San Francisco, was built and in which building there is a chapel with an organized church and an appointed pastor, and since the need of missionary service in San Francisco is great, the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council recommend:

a. That authorization be granted for the sale of the property known as Wesley Hall, San Francisco.

b. That since it is the policy of the Board of Church Extension to reclaim a gift, if the building to which it was made is sold, the first claim on the proceeds of the sale of this property be that of the Board of Church Extension for \$5,000.00, the amount of its gift to the building.

c. That from the remainder of the proceeds of the sale, should it amount to \$40,000.00, \$15,000.00 of this amount be allocated to the purchase of property in which to continue the church; or if the amount be \$30,000.00, that \$5,000.00 be allocated toward the purchase price of property for the church.

4. Concerning the offer for the Rebecca Sparks Home in Waco, Texas, to be used as a Home for Retired Deaconesses and Missionaries:

It was voted: That the committee state to the Waco Board of Missions its sincere appreciation of their offer of a Home for retired workers, but that inasmuch as a committee was appointed some months ago to formulate policies for such a home, no action can be taken in this matter until next year, when this committee makes its report.

5. The report of the committee appointed by the Executive Committee in Dallas, Texas, March 19, to consider the request of Deaconess Emily Dorsey was accepted; namely, that with Mrs. Downs they had studied the work of the Emily Dorsey Home for Little Girls in Dallas, founded by Miss Emily Dorsey, but found it not feasible to grant the request of the founder that the Woman's Missionary Council take over this work.

From the Foreign Department were offered two items:

6. Resignations from two foreign missionaries: Miss Viola Matthews from Brazil, and Miss Althea May Cronk of Japan, who were to be married soon, were presented by Miss MacKinnon and accepted with regret.

7. It was voted: that the request of Miss MacKinnon be granted, that \$1,000.00 be taken from item "S" of extra appropriations and appropriated to the Hospital in Soochow, China. (Item "S," a sum of \$14,176.39 was appropriated by the Council to pay appropriations in 1936 on the 1937 basis where necessary. See Report No. 2 of Committee on Finance and Estimates, page 136, Annual Report 1936.)

8. By common consent the committee agreed that the date of the 1937 Council should be the same as that observed previous to the year 1936, the second week in March.

9. The following request presented by Mrs. Fred Lamb was approved:

The Deaconess Committee of the Board of Missions recommend

to the Woman's Missionary Council that Probationary Service of Deaconesses be counted as full-time service.

MRS. HOMER TATUM, *Chairman*;  
MRS. FRED A. LAMB, *Secretary*.

Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton stated that the completion of the organ, Memorial to Miss Maria L. Gibson in Wightman Chapel, Scarritt College, was being carried forward, and that it will include an amplifying system that will carry the music to the Tower of the Bennett Memorial.

The question of furnishing the *New Methodist Hymnals* for the Wightman Chapel as memorials or in honor of the deaconesses and missionaries was discussed and met with approval.

10. It was voted that a letter be sent to the Conference Presidents asking if the Conferences would like to honor in this way the deaconesses and missionaries who have gone from their respective Conferences.

11. In response to the invitation that a Fraternal Delegate be sent to the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary organization of the Methodist Protestant Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, May, 1936. Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon was appointed to serve as this delegate.

#### *Mid-Year Meeting, November 11-12, 1936*

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE met in the Chapel in the Doctors' Building, Nashville, Tennessee, November 11-12, 1936, Mrs. J. W. Perry presiding.

The following members of the Executive Committee, of other Council Committees in session in Nashville at that time, and visitors were present:

Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Noreen Dunn, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Daisy Davies, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Miss Louise Young, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. Harwell Wilson, Miss Margaret Young, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. J. P. Harvill; Mrs. T. I. Charles, Mrs. E. A. Kitchell, and Mrs. W. C. Guggolz of the Status Committee; Mrs. J. J. Stowe, Tennessee Conference Secretary; Mrs. C. W. Turpin from the Press Bureau; and Miss Juanita Brown, Assistant in the Literature Department.

Mrs. Henry S. Owen was absent because of illness, and Mrs. Homer Tatum because of business.

The Secretary was instructed to send a message of love and sympathy to Mrs. H. S. Owen.

The report of the Committee on Agenda presented by Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, was amended by listing with the Evaluation Study groups to report next November, the Committee on Status of Women, Commission on Unoccupied Areas, and all Study Groups that have not yet reported. These Committees were granted the privilege of co-opting other members if so desired.

Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton included in her report as Treasurer the following information:

Income from Conferences for Three Quarters: 1935, \$495,023.98; 1936, \$507,369.37.

Increase for Three Quarters, \$14,345.39.

Pledge for 1935, \$797,950.00; Paid Three Quarters, 1935, 62%, \$495,023.98.

Pledge for 1936, \$804,680.00. Paid Three Quarters, 1936, 63%, \$507,369.37.

St. Louis Conference paid 75½% of pledge; New Mexico paid 74% of pledge; Upper South Carolina paid 70% of pledge.

Fourth Sunday Collections, 1935, \$12,475.97; Fourth Sunday Collections, 1936, \$12,332.92; Decrease, \$143.05.

Retirement and Relief Fund—Foreign, \$223,790.65; Home, \$207,511.10; Total, \$431,301.75. Number of Missionaries supported from interest on fund: Foreign: Emeritus, 10; Retired, 20. Home: Retired, 19. Average Salary: Foreign, \$51.99. Home, \$37.42.

Income from this fund insufficient to meet the demands. Each year the interest on this fund has to be supplemented. Her report closed with the statement:

We are asking that 1937 Week of Prayer be for Retirement and Relief Fund.

The report of the Department of Education and Promotion made by the Secretary, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, urged the necessity for the study of and formation of well defined policies of the ten lines of work within this Department. The report stated that all departments show lines of progress, especially that related to the cultivation of young women. Nearly 25,000 of the members are the younger groups. "The report at the close of the third quarter of 1936 shows 8,048 auxiliaries with 265,049 members; the largest membership ever reported."

In the study of this department gratifying development was noted, "the fall classes indicate a remarkable interest in the study of the American Negro. Of the 25,000 women studying this quarter, a large number are using this topic, and 365 of the 13,262 mission study classes will apply for special Council recognition."

Miss Juanita Brown, Assistant in the Literature Department, succeeding Miss Noreen Dunn, was introduced by Miss Haskin.

With her report of the Literature Department, Miss Haskin presented the *Yearbook* for 1937, and the literature for the first quarter, and exhibited the beautiful cover designs of the *World Outlook* for the next three months.

Miss Noreen Dunn reporting for the Children's Department, made special reference to the literature being prepared for the several groups, and to the changes in the work which may be made at the General Conference in 1938.

Mrs. W. A. Newell reporting for the Bureau of Christian Social relations, emphasized meetings with women of other groups and the inspiration and information gained thereby. She spoke of the School of Christian Living held by the Bureau and the Committee on Spiritual Life and Message at Scarritt College in September this year, where thirty-one Conferences were represented by the Conference Superintendents or substitutes, which will mean much in the development of the work of the Bureau in the Conferences. She said the sale of Peace Bonds were well received; and declarations against lynching have been circulated.

The report of the Committee on Candidate Work made by Mrs. J. W. Downs, Chairman, included the following items: 28 Conferences have each a Conference Committee on Candidate Work; scholarships at Scarritt have been granted to four seniors for a second year; three seniors for the first time; eight new scholarships; and five scholarships to nationals.

Mrs. Fulton read a letter from Mrs. H. S. Owen concerning the financial status of the Scarritt Bible and Training School property in Kansas City. A portion of this letter with facts and dates from Mrs. Fulton's books, also the action of the Executive Committee, are as follows:

Early in 1931 the Scarritt Bible and Training School property was sold for \$9,000.00. On June 4, 1931, we received check for \$2,000.00 and notes to cover the balance. To February 14, 1933, we had received \$5,600.00. Since then no payments have been made. On November 8, 1936, Mrs. H. S. Owen of Kansas City, Missouri, who has had this property in charge for the Woman's Missionary Council, wrote she had been offered \$1,500.00 cash for balance of indebtedness. This to include commission and having abstracts brought up to date.

1. After discussion it was voted to accept this offer.

Mrs. Fulton made the following statement:

In December, 1926, a part of the Scarritt Bible and Training School property was sold to Kansas City District for a District Parsonage. Notes for \$6,500.00 were given on which \$2,950.00 was paid to October 5, 1931. No payments on principal have been made since then. Interest at 5½ per cent was paid through April 30, 1935. No interest payments have been made since then.

On October 26, 1936, Dr. J. C. Glenn, Presiding Elder of Kansas City District, wrote Mrs. Owen as follows: "I am requesting the Council, through Mrs. Fulton, to accept \$100.00 as payment for the accrued interest as of April 6, 1936. In other words, we owe \$193.25. We are begging them to forgive the balance which is \$93.25—if the Council will forgive the \$93.25 interest account, we will begin as of October 6, 1936, with interest accrual of \$97.62. I believe we can formulate a satisfactory debt paying program at the beginning of our next annual conference year.

2. After discussion it was voted that Dr. Glenn's request be granted and his check for \$100.00 accepted.

3. On the motion of Miss MacKinnon, it was voted that the action of the Council in setting aside \$3,000.00 from the Week of Prayer fund for the Institutional Church at Porto Alegre, Brazil (see page 57, item 6, *Annual Report*, 1936), be rescinded.

4. It was then voted that the \$3,000.00 thus released be divided equally between Brazil and the Congo.

Miss MacKinnon reported a letter from missionaries in Japan expressing appreciation of Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb's visit.

5. Mrs. J. W. Downs stated that a balance of \$2,600.00 remains in the Old Gold Fund, and on her motion, it was voted that this amount, \$2,600.00, be appropriated to the Bethlehem House in Memphis, Tennessee, and to Sunny Acres, North Carolina.

Dr. W. P. King, Editor of the Nashville *Christian Advocate*, was introduced. He then led the daily Board Worship Service.

Mrs. J. W. Downs stated that the property in Tampa, Florida, formerly occupied by Wolff Settlement, has been used by the Cuban Church located on the adjoining lot.

6. It was voted that this property be given to the General Section of the Board of Missions for use of the Cuban Church.

Mrs. Fulton stated that Mrs. Nora Wrenn of Montcagle, Tenn., had bequeathed to the Board of Missions a beautiful home to be used as a rest home for Missionaries and Deaconesses. She expressed the hope that the Council might be able to take it over and prepare it for such a home.

The Chairman requested Mrs. Fulton to investigate the status of a piece of property within the Montcagle Assembly Grounds, known as the "Missionaries' Home."

By request, Mrs. T. I. Charles spoke for the Committee on Status of Women, saying that plans had been made for publicity and the report prepared for the 1937 Council. She requested the group to indorse the preparation of a Memorial to the General Conference asking for Clergy Rights. This to be decided by vote of the Council.

7. The Committee by common consent approved the plan presented by the Status Committee for promotion during 1937.

Dr. W. G. Cram, General Secretary, spoke of the Bishops' Crusade, the primary objective of which is the cultivation of the missionary spirit in the Church, and secondary the payment of the debt of the Board of Missions. A layman in Japan had given Yen 5,000 toward the liquidation of this debt.

Miss MacKinnon reported the sudden death in an automobile accident of the brother of Miss Margaret Billingsley of Korea.

The Secretary was instructed to send messages of sympathy from the Executive Committee to Miss Billingsley and to her mother.

Miss Estelle Haskin presented the report of the Program Committee for the 1937 Council Meeting to be held in Columbia, South Carolina.

8. Items related to the Annual Meeting upon which action was taken, are as follows:

a. Voted that one or more representatives of the missionary organizations of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Protestant Church be invited to present the plans of organization and procedure of their boards to the Woman's Missionary Council Wednesday evening, and that the Deaconesses and Missionaries be invited to be present.

b. Voted that the annual meetings of predecessor Woman's Boards be held on Saturday evening at the informal dinner.

c. Voted that Mrs. C. W. Turpin be elected Editor of the *Council Bulletin*.

d. Voted that the General Chairman of the Local Committees for Council Meeting be invited to meet with the Program Committee.

e. Voted that the Program Committee shall name the Council Session Committees which include local members.

The report concerning the "Negro in the Proposed Plan of Union of Methodism," read by Miss Louise Young, stated that a comprehensive study had been made of articles from secular and church papers, and that the study will be continued.

9. It was voted that the Committee to study the Plan of Unification as it is related to the Negro be requested to prepare a statement to be presented to the Executive Committee as to the attitude of this Body to the Plan of Union of Methodism.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work and the Proposed Plan of Union of Methodism was made by Miss Howell.

10. Voted that the Woman's Missionary Council, as soon as it seems feasible, take steps to secure a joint conference of one or more leaders from each of the three Woman's groups with a view to mutual acquaintance, and for study together of values that should be conserved in Woman's work in any future plans for the unification of the missionary activities of the churches.

Mrs. J. W. Perry reported concerning the Woman's Home Mission-



ary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, giving interesting information concerning their organization and procedure.

Mrs. J. W. Mills reported concerning the Missionary program of the Methodist Protestant Church, where the women have no separate organization.

Mrs. J. W. Downs in her report brought information concerning property owned by the Council, and stated that since the last Council meeting Miss Jennie Ducker, Deaconess, had died.

Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon in her report gave an interesting and informing account of her visit to the Mission Fields in Europe.

A letter from Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb expressing, to the Executive Committee, appreciation for the opportunity to represent the Council at the Hiroshima Jubilee Celebration held in October, was read by Mrs. Perry who had also distributed to the body copies of a letter from Dr. Z. Hinohara, President of Hiroshima College for Women. In this letter Dr. Hinohara thanked the Woman's Missionary Council for sending to the Jubilee Celebration its strong representative (Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb), "who most ably brought to us for the occasion a cordial and spirit thrilling message. Mrs. Lipscomb's presence itself was really a source of inspiration to our school, especially during the celebration."

11. The report of the Subcommittee on Organization was presented by Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Item 1, concerning a Secretary of Young Women's Groups, was adopted with instructions that it be referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Item 2, concerning Baby Specials, was adopted and ordered to take the same course as the preceding item.

This report was placed on file.

12. It was voted that the Secretary be asked to keep a complete file of all reports presented by the Evaluation Study Groups.

Miss Daisy Davies, Chairman of the Spiritual Life and Message Committee, presented the Report of this Committee on Evaluation of this work, saying in part: The Retreat idea is having its influence not only in the missionary societies but in the Church. The School of Christian Living, held in Scarritt College early in September of this year, was significant in that it made clear that Christian Living must blend the individual and the social emphasis.

Miss MacKinnon spoke of the approaching World Conference to be held in Hangchow, China, in 1938. Here the theme will be "The Church," and the chief emphasis will be placed on the younger churches.

Mrs. W. J. Piggott reported for the Special Committee charged with the responsibility of providing a seminar for rural women. This was adopted as read as follows:

13. The Committee charged with the responsibility of providing a seminar for rural women submits the following report:

In order that there may be a thorough discussion of the rural situation involving such questions as possible ways of relating the church to the community need, and evaluating Council plans as related to the rural situation; we recommend: 1. That two seminars be held in connection with the Seminar Conferences planned for Lake Junaluska and Mount Sequoyah. 2. That a committee of two from this special committee be appointed to work out the plans for these seminars in co-operation with a joint committee on summer conferences.

MISS MABEL K. HOWELL, *Chairman*;  
MRS. W. J. PIGGOTT, *Secretary*.

14. The following recommendation presented by Miss Howell was adopted as read:

The Rural Development Committee, in co-operation with the Commission on Unoccupied Areas, request the Woman's Missionary Council through its Executive Committee, to appoint a research committee to investigate and report on the feasibility and possibility of an experimental co-operative farm for the benefit of the share-cropper.

The Research Committee ordered in this recommendation was named as follows: Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. W. A. Newell, and Miss Louise Young.

15. Voted that an invitation be sent to the C. M. E. women to send an official representative from their General Missionary Council to the 1937 Council meeting.

16. Voted that an official request be sent to the General Secretary of the Board of Missions, that when fixing the dates of the General Missionary Council, he take into consideration the dates of meetings of the Foreign Missions Conference, the Council and Home Missions, and the Conference of the Missionary Education Movement, in all three of which the Board of Missions is entitled to large representation.

17. The following recommendation was adopted:

That a Committee be appointed to investigate the feasibility of establishing retreat houses for groups and for individual retreatants.

*Signed by*—DAISY DAVIES,  
ESTELLE HASKIN,  
MABEL HOWELL.

18. Misses Davies, Haskin, Howell, and Mrs. Bourne were named on this Committee.

19. Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, and Mrs. H. B. Bourne were added to the Committee on General Conference Legislation.

20. The following were named as delegates to the Council of Women

for Home Missions, to be held in Asbury Park, New Jersey, January 11-14, 1937: Mrs. Harry Murrey, Mrs. L. E. Chaffee, New Orleans; Miss Margaret Young, Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, Miss Louise Young, Mrs. Foster Baird, Louisville; Miss Daisy Davies, Miss Ellen Gainey, Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Noreen Dunn, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne.

21. The following were named as delegates to the Foreign Missions Conference to be held at Asbury Park, New Jersey, January 6-8, 1937: Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. Ida R. Groover, Miss Mary D. Finch, Japan; Miss Anne Herbert, China: Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Miss Noreen Dunn, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. W. J. Piggott.

22. As delegates to the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War to be held in Chicago, Illinois, January 26-29, 1937, the following were named: Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. Ida R. Groover, Mrs. A. R. Walker, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Miss Louise Young, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. A. M. Gates, Mrs. T. H. Tyson, Mrs. C. M. Simpson, Mrs. J. G. Merritt, Mrs. L. M. Awtrey, Mrs. C. W. Turpin.

23. A letter from Mrs. Lucy W. Peabody to Mrs. Perry in regard to trends working against missionary interests, and suggesting a plan for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Woman's Foreign Mission Work, was read by Mrs. J. W. Mills, and referred to a committee composed of Misses MacKinnon, Howell, and Haskin.

24. The Committee to Fill Vacancies on Standing Committees submitted its report which was adopted as read as follows:

That two vacancies on Committee on Constitution and By-Laws shall be filled by Mrs. W. C. Chadwick, North Carolina Conference, and Mrs. M. E. Tilly, North Georgia Conference, and that the vacancy on the Committee on International Relations and World Peace be filled by Mrs. Ida R. Groover, Baltimore Conference, and that the vacancy on the Committee on Industrial Relations be filled by Mrs. J. J. Stowe, Tennessee Conference.

Signed—MRS. J. P. HARVILL,  
MRS. W. B. LANDRUM,  
MRS. J. W. DOWNS.

A letter from Deaconess Josephine Berglund read by Mrs. Perry, stated that for family reasons, she desired the Executive Committee to relinquish all rights as beneficiary of an insurance policy that she had taken out some years ago, naming the Woman's Work as beneficiary.

The Committee expressed its appreciation of Miss Berglund's thought for the future of the work and stated their willingness to release her from all obligation in this matter.

25. The following resolution was then passed:

*Resolved*, That the President, Mrs. J. W. Perry, and the Secretary,

Mrs. F. S. Parker, of this corporation, be, and they are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered, as the act and deed of this corporation, to complete a disclaimer to all right, title and interest of this corporation in and to Policy No. 570,246, issued by The Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of California on the life of Harriet Josephine Berglund.

Mid-Year session stood adjourned at the close of a brief worship period: a call to prayer led by Miss Haskin for God's help in surrender, and prayers led by Mrs. Mills for the Bishops' Crusade; by Mrs. Steele for guidance; and by Miss Dunn for spiritualization.

MARCH 10, 1937.

The Executive Committee met in the Jefferson Hotel, Columbia, S. C., Wednesday afternoon, March 10, 1937, at two-thirty o'clock, Mrs. J. W. Perry in the chair.

All members were present except Mrs. Henry S. Owen, who was detained at home by illness.

In preparation for the Council meeting which would convene the following day special sessions committees were named and the hostesses for Council guests were appointed. (See list and personnel of committees in Annual Report, page 16.)

1. Voted: That the committee known as the Committee on General Conference Legislation shall henceforth be known as the Committee on Organization and Policy.

2. Voted: That the appointment of the additional member to be placed on this committee be left to the committee.

3. The report of the Committee on the Virginia K. Johnson Home, Dallas, Tex., appointed May 4, 1936, was read by the secretary of the committee, Mrs. J. W. Mills. The report gave evidence of careful study and investigation of the character of work of the institution, its past and present policy, and of the study of the evolution of such work for unfortunate girls during the last three decades.

The paper was freely discussed. The first sentence of Exhibit III was amended to read: "It is also the purpose of the Home to work out the best plan for the care and education of the baby. Where adoption seems the best policy the mother shall be encouraged to consent to the adoption of her baby. The report was received until further study and experimentation could be made," and the committee was continued.

The Treasurer read a letter from Mrs. Henry S. Owen, expressing her regret because of her inability to be present and stating her desire to refinance the loan on the district parsonage property of the Council in Kansas City.

4. It was voted that Mrs. Owen be authorized to refinance this loan.

5. Her report of the Scarritt property was read, as follows:

REPORT OF MRS. H. S. OWEN FOR SCARRITT PROPERTY TO THE  
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1936

Balance on hand March 1, 1936 .....	\$ 101 22	
Receipts for taxes from Mrs. I. D. Fulton.....	125 00	
Account Settlement Scarritt Property 10-12-36..	1,500 00	
10 per cent released from frozen account Union National Bank .....	6 81	\$1,733 03
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Expenditures, 1936:		
August 1. Safety Box .....	\$ 2 75	
October 9. Paid city taxes .....	54 80	
November 1. Account Stenographer and station- ery and stamps .....	3 75	
November 28. Paid state, county and school taxes	75 04	
November 28. Check to Mrs. I. D. Fulton, Treas.	1,500 00	1,636 34
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March 1, 1937. Balance on hand .....	\$ 96 69	

GENEVA B. OWEN.

The Secretary was instructed to send a message of love to Mrs. Owen and regret for her illness and enforced absence.

6. A letter from Mrs. R. W. Barnes relative to the Emily Dorsey Home for Girls, Dallas, Tex., was read and the Secretary instructed to write to Mrs. Barnes of the action regarding this Home taken by the Executive Committee in its May meeting.

7. Letters and a memorial seeking the return of Miss Mary De-Bardeleben to the faculty of the University of Oklahoma were presented by Mrs. J. W. Downs.

Voted: That because of Board of Christian Education has the responsibility for placing teachers of religion in state universities and because the salary of the teacher is involved, we regret our inability to provide a teacher of religion for the University of Oklahoma.

8. Voted: That, inasmuch as we do not want to disregard such an opportunity, this action just taken shall not be understood as closing the matter with the University, and that the whole situation be investigated as to its possibilities.

9. The report of the Committee on the Place of the Negro in Unification, which was to be presented to the Council on the following Saturday, was read by Miss Louise Young. With an amendment the paper was accepted with sincere thanks.

MRS. FITZGERALD S. PARKER, *Secretary.*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

MRS. INA DAVIS FULTON, TREASURER

### Receipts by Departments

CONFERENCE	Adult	Baby	Total	Fourth Sunday Offering Children	Grand Total
Alabama	\$ 23,226 67	\$ 387 54	\$ 23,614 21	\$ 440 14	\$ 24,054 35
Arizona	2,195 62	12 48	2,208 10	91 90	2,300 00
Baltimore	34,843 58	458 73	35,302 31	524 20	35,826 51
Central Texas	21,358 21	317 28	21,675 49	329 51	22,005 00
China Mission	88 69		88 69		88 69
Cuba Mission	117 05		117 05	5 19	122 24
Florida	35,272 51	182 49	35,455 00	1,069 33	36,524 33
Holston	32,781 87	228 13	33,010 00	723 87	33,733 87
Illinois	753 81	2 10	755 91	59 11	815 02
Indian Woman's Missionary Society	146 58	55	147 13		147 13
Kentucky	15,051 85	93 05	15,144 90	371 27	15,516 17
Little Rock	16,976 78	23 22	17,000 00	335 08	17,335 08
Los Angeles	5,824 62	75 38	5,900 00	136 33	6,036 33
Louisiana	24,736 08	277 55	25,013 63	755 98	25,769 61
Louisville	18,418 34	215 67	18,634 01	337 21	18,971 22
Memphis	30,197 47	397 67	30,595 14	697 18	31,292 32
Mississippi	18,962 99	80 66	19,043 65	500 34	19,543 99
Missouri	7,746 16	12 71	7,758 87	148 85	7,907 72
New Mexico	6,545 06	92 62	6,637 68	225 93	6,863 61
North Alabama	31,271 63	729 37	32,001 00	708 26	32,709 26
North Arkansas	15,554 70	261 87	15,816 57	423 43	16,240 00
North Carolina	38,630 16	599 84	39,230 00	587 66	39,817 66
North Georgia	45,806 95	1,297 05	47,104 00	691 90	47,795 90
North Mississippi	19,547 87	209 79	19,757 66	288 76	20,046 42
North Texas	23,722 23	156 25	23,878 48	527 76	24,406 24
Northwest	1,040 42	5 17	1,045 59	46 21	1,091 80
Northwest Texas	19,288 80	120 79	19,409 59	349 44	19,759 03
Oklahoma	20,570 73	151 91	20,722 64	366 39	21,089 03
Pacific	4,405 65	15 37	4,421 02	184 45	4,605 47
South Carolina	23,665 89	513 11	24,179 00	523 77	24,702 77
South Georgia	42,944 75	376 25	43,321 00	653 85	43,974 85
St. Louis	11,034 79	63 21	11,098 00	97 28	11,195 28
Southwest Missouri	7,424 41	49 90	7,474 31	133 08	7,607 39
Tennessee	23,091 34	149 86	23,241 20	458 39	23,699 59
Texas	29,496 31	503 69	30,000 00	357 71	30,357 71
Texas Mexican	85 25	10 00	95 25		95 25
Upper South Carolina	22,487 60	128 20	22,615 80	460 90	23,076 70
Virginia	47,516 11	507 93	48,024 04	2,120 00	50,144 04
West Texas	21,844 52	359 47	22,203 99	373 43	22,577 42
Western North Carolina	46,450 53	179 25	46,629 78	835 90	47,465 68
Western Mexican	182 40	15 00	197 40	12 42	209 82
Western Virginia	12,587 59	269 47	12,857 06	398 29	13,255 35
Totals	\$803,894 57	\$9,530 58	\$813,425 15	\$ 17,350 70	\$830,775 85
Totals, 1935	788,646 46	7,391 15	796,037 61	17,167 15	813,204 76
Increase	\$ 15,248 11	\$2,139 43	\$ 17,387 54	\$ 183 55	\$ 17,571 09

Receipts for 1936

CONFERENCE	Foreign	Home	Scarritt	Totals
Alabama	\$ 14,430 47	\$ 8,488 79	\$ 694 95	\$ 23,614 21
Arizona	1,465 48	708 87	33 75	2,208 10
Baltimore	22,389 08	11,851 38	1,061 85	35,302 31
Central Texas	13,377 35	7,791 69	506 45	21,675 49
China Mission	88 69			88 69
Cuba Mission	61 05	56 00		117 05
Florida	22,669 53	12,470 52	314 95	35,455 00
Holston	21,000 80	11,490 72	518 48	33,010 00
Illinois	494 14	270 77	6 00	755 91
Indian Woman's Missionary Society	84 23	43 90	19 00	147 13
Kentucky	9,233 87	5,646 20	264 83	15,144 90
Little Rock	11,222 67	5,557 88	219 45	17,000 00
Los Angeles	4,233 55	1,612 45	54 00	5,900 00
Louisiana	12,526 13	11,660 52	826 98	25,013 63
Louisville	11,147 77	6,930 23	556 01	18,634 01
Memphis	18,598 78	10,804 36	1,192 00	30,595 14
Mississippi	11,902 88	6,307 43	833 34	19,043 65
Missouri	4,903 91	2,575 46	279 50	7,758 87
New Mexico	4,141 77	2,238 91	257 00	6,637 68
North Alabama	18,719 87	12,756 27	524 86	32,001 00
North Arkansas	10,244 37	5,133 25	438 95	15,816 57
North Carolina	25,053 81	13,551 19	625 00	39,230 00
North Georgia	27,249 81	17,350 19	2,504 00	47,104 00
North Mississippi	12,143 44	7,059 44	554 78	19,757 66
North Texas	14,105 31	9,073 17	700 00	23,878 48
Northwest	654 47	367 21	23 91	1,045 59
Northwest Texas	12,415 88	6,340 21	653 50	19,409 59
Oklahoma	12,548 84	7,246 40	927 40	20,722 64
Pacific	2,873 80	1,177 45	369 77	4,421 02
South Carolina	14,794 75	7,530 25	1,854 00	24,179 00
South Georgia	23,625 99	18,590 46	904 55	43,321 00
St. Louis	7,348 60	3,533 36	216 04	11,098 00
Southwest Missouri	4,805 89	2,341 42	327 00	7,474 31
Tennessee	14,519 94	7,746 36	974 90	23,241 20
Texas	19,011 65	10,287 13	701 22	30,000 00
Texas Mexican	59 04	36 21		95 25
Upper South Carolina	14,936 22	7,516 03	163 55	22,615 80
Virginia	30,951 04	16,422 89	650 11	48,024 04
West Texas	13,224 42	8,430 67	548 90	22,203 99
Western North Carolina	29,877 33	16,419 04	333 41	46,629 78
Western Mexican	126 29	71 11		197 40
Western Virginia	7,387 38	4,893 11	576 57	12,857 06
Total	\$500,691 29	\$290,322 90	\$22,410 96	\$813,425 15
Other Sources	63,926 31	58,725 93	324 51	122,976 75
School Funds		14,432 64		14,432 64
Education and Promotion	4,248 80	4,248 78		8,497 58
	\$568,866 40	\$367,730 15	\$22,735 47	\$959,332 02

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

*Regular Work:*

Cash Balance close 1935.....\$208,579 77

*Receipts:*

Bible Women.....	\$ 28,344 20		
Day Schools.....	1,738 65		
Life Members.....	17,965 49		
Pledge.....	419,641 00		
Scholarships.....	9,091 01		
Specials.....	1,030 57		
Refrigeration Fund....	394 42		
Interest.....	926 34	479,131 68	
			\$687,711 45

*Transfers:*

Interest from Restricted Funds to Regular Ac- count.....	\$ 1,818 91		
Income from Doctors' Building for regular work used for rent, etc.....	1,487 04	3,305 95	
			\$691,017 40

Disbursements.....\$350,546 12

*Transfers:*

From Surplus (Regu- lar) to Restricted Funds.....	95,285 35		
Old Gold to Restricted Funds.....	6,192 41	452,023 88	\$238,993 52

*One-half Education and Promotion:**Receipts:*

Literature Sales.....	\$ 4,147 98		
Publications.....	100 82	\$ 4,248 80	

*Transfers:*

Income from Doctors' Building for rent.....		2,524 48	
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		\$ 6,773 28	
Disbursements.....		30,757 17	23,983 89*

Cash Balance.....\$215,009 63



*Restricted Funds:*

Cash Balance close 1935.....\$ 44,036 46

*Receipts:*

Bequest: Laura N. Ho-  
man.....\$ 1,000 00  
Mrs. Callie Fishburn. 5,000 00  
Annuities..... 5,200 00  
Income on Investments. 25,650 02  
Gifts..... 25 34  
Insurance..... 26 48  
Profit made on Invest-  
ments..... 10,687 73  
Maria L. Gibson Fund  
for Retirement and  
Relief..... 7,150 77  
Week of Prayer, 1935... 133 44  
Week of Prayer, 1936... 29,999 64  
Endowment Fund—Vir-  
ginia Scholarship.... 612 50  
Refunds..... 350 00 85,835 92

Equity in income from Doctors'  
Building..... 5,208 33

*Transfers:*

From Surplus to Restricted Funds  
—for Special Appropriations.... 95,285 35  
Old Gold Fund to Week of Prayer  
1935..... 6,192 41  
Bennett Watch Fund from Regular  
Fund..... 203 12  
Transfers for adjustments in Invest-  
ments..... 4,150 00

*Funds Collected:*

Notes.....\$ 18,600 00  
Bonds..... 88,646 52 107,246 52 \$348,158 11

*Disbursements:* Spent.....\$ 81,085 72  
Invested..... 163,623 75  
Transfer of Investments..... 2,300 00  
Transfer income from Doctors' Build-  
ing for rent, etc..... 4,011 52  
Transfer interest to Regular Funds.... 1,818 91 252,839 90

Cash Balance.....\$ 95,318 21

*Centenary:*

Cash Balance close 1935.....\$ 38,881 64

*Receipts:*

Interest..... 781 51

Cash Balance.....\$ 39,663 15

HOME DEPARTMENT

*Regular Work:*

Cash Balance close 1935.....\$ 74,061 64

*Receipts:*

Life Members.....\$ 8,983 81  
Pledge..... 209,818 92  
Interest on Savings Ac-  
counts..... 463 18  
Miscellaneous Income.. 263 60

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Scholarships.....	18,153	33		
Home Mission Special..	22,036	01		
Tuition Fees.....	14,432	54	274,151	39

*Transfers:*

Interest from Restricted Funds.....			6,187	47
Income from Doctors' Building for rent, etc.....			1,391	64
			<u>\$355,792</u>	14

*Disbursements*.....\$252,873 80

Transfer of Old Gold from Regular Funds to Restricted Funds..	2,693	84	255,567	64
			<u>\$100,224</u>	50

*Home Department—Education and Promotion:**Receipts:*

Publications.....\$	100	81		
Literature Sales.....	4,147	97		
	<u>\$</u>	<u>4,248</u>	<u>78</u>	

*Transfer:*

Income from Doctors' Building for rent, etc.....			2,524	47
	<u>\$</u>	<u>6,773</u>	<u>25</u>	

*Disbursements*.....30,757 13 23,983 88\*

Cash Balance.....\$ 76,240 62

*Restricted Funds:*

Cash Balance close 1935.....\$ 88,284 55

*Receipts:*

Annuities.....\$	2,900	00		
Bequest: Mrs. Sarah B. Courtney.....	1,004	19		
Dormitory Funds.....	6,583	71		
Insurance collected.....	1,492	59		
Income on Investments.....	28,037	07		
Profit on Bonds Sold... MacDonnell Jubilee Fund for Retirement and Relief.....	10,147	23		
	7,150	77		
Week of Prayer, 1935... Week of Prayer, 1936... Sale of Old Camp Site, Augusta, Ga.....	133	39		
	29,999	65		
	200	00		
Wolf Settlement Emer- gency Fund.....	629	50		
Vashti Funds.....	1,031	88		
Miscellaneous Income..	20	00	89,329	98
Equity in income from Doctors' Build- ing.....			5,208	33

*Transfers:*

Bennett Watch Fund from Regular Funds.....			203	11
Old Gold Fund from Regular Funds...			2,693	84

*Funds Collected:*

Notes.....	\$ 33,390 00		
Bonds.....	147,708 57	181,098 57	
			<u>\$366,818 38</u>
<i>Disbursements: Spent.....</i>		\$ 70,758 98	
Invested.....	\$245,875 00		
<i>Transfers: Interest to</i>			
Regular Funds.....	6,187 47		
Income from Doctors'			
Building for rent, etc.	3,916 11		
For adjustments.....	1,650 00	257,628 58	328,387 56
			<u>\$ 38,430 84</u>

*Centenary:*

Cash Balance close 1935.....	\$ 28,042 01		
<i>Receipts:</i>			
Interest.....		563 64	
			<u>\$ 28,605 65</u>

SCARRITT COLLEGE

Cash Balance close 1935.....\$ 10,288 66

*Receipts:*

Scholarships.....	\$ 4,641 35		
Maintenance.....	17,769 61		
Interest.....	324 51	22,735 47	

*Funds Collected:*

Sale of Property, Kansas			
City, Mo. (final pay-			
ment).....	\$ 1,500 00		
Notes.....	900 00		
Bonds.....	500 00	2,900 00	

Transfer for adjustment..... 600 00 \$ 36,524 13

*Disbursements.....* 22,535 96

Transfer for adjustment.. 38 50 22,574 46

Cash Balance.....\$ 13,949 67

BENNETT MEMORIAL

Cash Balance close 1935.....\$ 1,363 59

*Receipts:*

From Conferences for			
Book of Remembrance..	\$ 300 00		
Interest.....	225 00	525 00	

Transfer of Investments..... 3,350 00

\$ 5,238 59

*Disbursements.....* 4,435 40

Cash Balance.....\$ 803 19

## SUMMARY OF CASH BALANCES AND BANKS

*Regular Account:**Cash:*

Foreign Department.....	\$215,009 63	
Home Department.....	76,240 62	
Education and Promotion.....	3,380 53*	\$287,869 72

*Banks:*

American National checking account....	\$231,201 19
Broadway National Savings.....	15,000 00
Third National Savings.....	15,241 50
Commerce Union Savings.....	26,427 03

\$287,869 72*Restricted Account:**Cash:*

Foreign Department checking account...\$	95,318 21
Home Department checking account....	38,430 84
1934 Week of Prayer Savings, Foreign...	14,289 18
1935 Week of Prayer Savings, Foreign...	25,620 00
Centenary Savings, Foreign.....	39,663 15
1934 Week of Prayer, Home.....	22,329 17
1935 Week of Prayer, Home.....	26,250 00
Miscellaneous Savings.....	19,120 00
Centenary Savings.....	28,605 65
Scarritt College Funds.....	13,949 67
Bennett Memorial.....	803 19

\$324,379 06*Banks:*

American National checking account...\$	148,501 91
American National Savings, Centenary..	28,605 65
Broadway National Savings, Centenary..	39,663 15
Broadway National Savings, 1934 Week of Prayer.....	14,289 18
Broadway National Savings, 1934 Week of Prayer.....	22,329 17
Broadway National Miscellaneous.....	19,120 00
Broadway National Savings, 1935 Week of Prayer.....	26,250 00
Commerce Union Savings, 1935 Week of Prayer.....	25,620 00

\$324,379 06

## CLASSIFICATION OF DISBURSEMENTS

## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

*Regular Work:**Foreign Fields:*

Brazil: Maintenance, Salaries, and Schol- arships.....	\$ 39,852 88
China: Maintenance, Salaries, and Schol- arships.....	74,674 57
Congo: Maintenance, Salaries, and Schol- arships.....	19,855 91

Cuba: Maintenance, Salaries, and Scholarships.....	24,997	41	
Japan: Maintenance, Salaries, and Scholarships.....	52,054	78	
Korea: Maintenance, Salaries, and Scholarships.....	70,078	00	
Siberia: Maintenance, Salaries, and Scholarships.....	878	64	
Mexico: Maintenance, Salaries, and Scholarships.....	36,735	95	
Poland: Maintenance, Salaries, and Scholarships.....	6,040	00	
Medical Fees.....	4,272	69	\$329,440 83
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Inter-Board Work.....	2,100	00	
Furlough Study.....	4,618	58	
Scarritt College Fund.....	15,500	04	
Refrigeration Fund.....	505	00	
Contingent (\$1,000 of this is on 1935 Appropriations)....	6,802	43	
Miscellaneous.....	170	20	
Outstanding Drafts in 1935 (paid 1936).....	4,277	38	
<i>Administration:</i>			
Salary and Clerical Help, General Secretary.....	\$ 864	00	
Travel of Bishops.....	982	35	
Salary of Foreign Secretary and one-half Treasurer.....	3,888	93	
Clerical Help, Office Expense, and Travel.....	6,216	96	
Board Meetings.....	418	88	12,371 12
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Rent transferred from Fund.....	1,487	04	
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Advances on 1937 Appropriations.....	\$ 71,945	55	
Less drafts outstanding.....	38,856	66	33,088 89
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			\$410,361 51
Cash advanced in 1935 on 1936 Appropriations.....	\$ 51,781	64	
Outstanding drafts on 1936.....	8,033	75	59,815 39
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			\$350,546 12
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<i>Restricted Funds:</i>			
Annuities.....	\$ 2,538	53	
<i>Scarritt College Funds:</i>			
Interest, Bennett Bequest (for Library).....	165	36	
Interest, Gatlin Bequest.....	121	00	
Interest, Sally Hendrix Bequest.....	102	00	
Advanced expenses on Wrenn Bequest.....	127	01	
Expenses on Real Estate.....	212	42	
Retirement and Relief Interest.....	18,909	49	
<i>Week of Prayer Funds:</i>			
Expenses on 1936.....	697	05	
Hiroshima College, Japan.....	5,000	00	
China, New Building.....	20,000	00	
Brazil for Library and Repairs.....	1,062	50	
Congo, Buildings.....	900	00	
Changchow General Hospital, China....	4,793	27	
Furniture and fixtures.....	163	51	
Miscellaneous, interest on bonds purchased.....	1,400	68	

Spent from \$95,285.35 transferred from Regular Account for special appropriations:

Brazil, Granbery College.....	1,000 00
China, Ginling College.....	1,000 00
China, Laura Haygood Normal School...	5,000 00
China, Woman's Christian Medical College.....	1,000 00
China, Social Center Development and Evangelistic Work, Wusih.....	7,000 00
China, Soochow Nurses Training School.	1,000 00
Congo, Automobiles.....	1,305 80
Congo, Furniture.....	600 10
Japan, Palmore Woman's English Institute.....	1,500 00
Korea, Ewha College.....	1,000 00
Korea, Lucy Cuninggim School.....	1,500 00
Korea, Moving Fund.....	2,576 00
Miscellaneous.....	6,796 00
Repairs on all fields.....	1,865 00
Scarritt for training students.....	75 00
Ungranted Supplementary Askings.....	3,700 00

\$ 93,110 72

Drafts outstanding..... 12,025 00

\$ 81,085 72

*Investments:*

Notes.....	\$ 7,750 00
Bonds.....	155,873 75

163,623 75

\$244,709 47

#### HOME DEPARTMENT

*Regular Work:*

Bible Teachers.....	\$ 4,499 86
City Mission and Conference Appropriation.....	\$ 3,043 15
Birmingham City Mission Board.....	300 00
Fort Worth.....	199 92

3,543 07

*Cuban:*

Ruth Hargrove.....	\$ 2,160 00
Rosa Valdez.....	4,243 83
Wolff Settlement.....	5,556 86

11,960 69

*Delinquent Girls:*

Virginia K. Johnson Home.....	8,523 10
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*Dependent Girls:*

Vashti Industrial School.....	\$ 16,704 59
Tuition Fees.....	6,122 24

22,826 83

*Gulf Coast:*

Houma.....	\$ 12,247 36
New Orleans.....	4,773 92

17,021 28

*Mexican Work:*

Holding Institute.....	\$ 13,319 17
Homer Toberman.....	3,157 07
San Antonio.....	3,600 00
Valley Institute.....	5,753 30

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Community Center, El Paso .....	5,064 00	
Laredo Church .....	960 00	31,853 54
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<i>Industrial Work:</i>		
Picher, Okla. ....	\$ 900 00	
Bluefield, W. Va. ....	4,671 38	
Wesley Community House, Biloxi, Miss. ....	2,346 79	
Moore Community House, Biloxi, Miss. ....	2,340 42	10,258 59
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<i>Miscellaneous:</i>		
Deaconess Expense and Travel .....	\$ 2,063 68	
Furloughs .....	9,875 00	
Council of Women .....	345 00	
Rural Work (\$1,500 paid from 1935 Appropriations) .....	2,188 13	
Cajun Work .....	548 00	15,019 81
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<i>Mountain Work:</i>		
Sue Bennett Appropriation .....	\$ 13,490 88	
Tuition Fees .....	8,310 30	21,801 18
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<i>Negro Work:</i>		
Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga. ....	\$ 7,295 98	
Chattanooga Bethlehem House .....	900 00	
Memphis Bethlehem House .....	966 00	
Nashville Bethlehem Center .....	8,216 50	
Paine College .....	9,811 29	
Winston-Salem .....	900 00	
Interracial Commission .....	1,000 00	
Spartanburg Bethlehem House .....	625 00	29,714 77
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<i>Western Work:</i>		
Part-time worker .....	\$ 400 00	
Walsenburg, Colo. ....	965 00	
San Francisco .....	1,470 00	
Phoenix, Ariz. ....	150 00	
Spofford Home .....	2,400 00	5,385 00
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Scarritt College .....		18,000 00
Contingent .....		1,636 49
Scholarships .....		18,153 33
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<i>Home Mission Specials:</i>		
Winston-Salem Bethlehem House .....	\$ 1,000 00	
Alabama Conference .....	300 00	
Kentucky Conference .....	750 00	
Louisville Conference .....	1,020 00	
Oklahoma Conference .....	745 00	
North Carolina Conference .....	400 00	
Virginia Conference .....	1,320 00	
West Texas Conference .....	900 00	
North Mississippi Conference .....	999 96	
Louisiana Conference .....	1,140 00	
Western Virginia Conference .....	900 00	
North Georgia Conference .....	1,200 00	
South Georgia Conference .....	2,175 00	
North Texas Conference .....	1,200 00	
Texas Conference .....	100 00	
Florida Conference .....	1,200 00	
Memphis Conference .....	1,800 00	
Central Texas Conference .....	1,200 00	
North Arkansas Conference .....	1,200 00	19,549 96
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Sunny Acres Rural Work.....		2,249 01	
<i>Administration:</i>			
Salary and Clerical Help of General Secretary.....	\$	863 88	
Salary of Home Secretary and one-third of Treasurer.....		3,888 83	
Clerical Help.....		2,742 08	
Office Expense and Travel.....		1,465 15	
Board Meetings.....		343 65	
	\$	9,303 59	
Rent (from fund).....		1,391 64	10,695 23
			\$252,691 74
Less advances in 1935 on 1936.....			17,745 11
			\$234,946 63
Advanced on 1937 Appropriations.....	\$	15,969 54	
Home Mission Specials.....		1,957 63	17,927 17
			\$252,873 80
<i>Restricted Funds:</i>			
Annuities.....	\$	899 12	
Scarritt College:			
Interest, Belle H. Bennett Bequest (for Library).....		235 50	
Interest, Burton Bequest: Scarritt Scholarships.....		400 00	
Advanced expenses on Wrenn's Nest.....		127 00	
Dormitory Funds.....		6,909 08	
Scarritt College: Interest, South Georgia Endowment Fund.....		200 00	
Jubilee Interest.....		2,450 00	
Negro Work at Augusta, Ga.....		425 00	
Expenses on Real Estate.....		1,084 81	
Retirement and Relief Interest.....		14,750 50	
St. Mark's Repair Fund.....		533 25	
Vashti Funds.....		19,925 64	
Brevard Library Fund (Magazines).....		43 05	
Week of Prayer, spent on 1936.....		3,461 62	
Week of Prayer, 1935 repairs.....		4,342 69	
Building Ensley, Ala.....		6,542 66	
Week of Prayer, 1934 repairs and equipment at Sue Bennett.....		3,764 65	
Week of Prayer, 1933 Library Fund for Paine College.....		3,359 44	
Nashville Bethlehem Center Week of Prayer for furnishings.....		200 22	
Miscellaneous, interest on bonds purchased.....		1,104 75	\$ 70,758 98
<i>Investments:</i>			
Notes.....	\$	29,900 00	
Bonds.....		215,975 00	
			245,875 00
			\$316,633 98



EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

General Secretary and Clerical Help.....	\$ 863 88	
Salaries: Secretaries and one-third of Treasurer	7,655 54	
Clerical Help.....	7,848 09	
Office Expense and Travel.....	3,127 55	
Publications.....	14,339 99	
Service Department.....	7,204 56	
President of Council.....	750 00	
Social Service Superintendent.....	1,870 00	
Vice-President.....	200 00	
Recording Secretary.....	200 00	
Council Meeting.....	7,883 12	
Schools of Missions.....	1,200 41	
Federation of Literature and Women's For-		
eign Missions.....	500 00	
Secular Press Bureau.....	500 00	
Committees.....	3,641 74	
Rent (from fund).....	4,637 84	
Operating Expense, Junaluska (from fund)...	411 11	
	\$ 62,833 83	
Less amount spent on 1935 Appropriations...	1,319 53	
		<u>\$ 61,514 30</u>
<i>Scarritt College:</i>		
Scholarships.....	\$ 4,641 35	
Maintenance.....	17,769 61	
Taxes on Kansas City Property.....	125 00	
		<u>\$ 22,535 96</u>
<i>Bennett Memorial:</i>		
Four names on Book of Remembrance....	\$ 404 25	
Organ (to complete the organ in Scarritt		
Chapel).....	4,031 15	
		<u>\$ 4,435 40</u>

Board of Missions,  
Methodist Episcopal Church, South,  
Nashville, Tenn.

#### WOMAN'S WORK

GENTLEMEN:

According to engagement, we have examined the books of account and records of the Treasurer, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, of the Woman's Work of the Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the year 1936 ended as of January 31, 1937, and submit herewith Balance Sheets showing the financial condition of the Woman's Work at the close of January 31, 1937, and a statement of Income and Appropriations for the year.

All recorded cash, as shown by the Cash Receipts Books, was traced into the respective depository banks and bank balances verified. All cancelled checks paid for the period were compared with Cash Disbursements Book entries.

Investments in Stocks, Bonds, and Notes Receivable were verified by inspection of the securities or receipts therefor. Deeds to Real Estate were inspected.

Advances to Funds and Institutions, and Advances on 1937 Appropriations, together with Funds Held for Restricted Uses, Missions Special Funds and Transient Funds, are as shown by the books.

Drafts Outstanding are as shown by the Draft Register.

The foregoing statements are from our audit report, which presents schedules and supporting exhibits in detail of the assets and liabilities of both Regular and Restricted Funds, including funds of Scarritt College and Bennett Memorial, handled through the office of the above Treasurer. No discrepancies were disclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER K. JONES & COMPANY,  
BY THOMAS PICKENS,  
*Certified Public Accountant.*

NASHVILLE, TENN.,  
FEBRUARY 20, 1937.

WOMAN'S WORK, BOARD OF MISSIONS, METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, NASHVILLE, TENN.

BALANCE SHEET, REGULAR FUNDS, JANUARY 31, 1937

		<i>Assets</i>			Education and Promotion
		Total	Foreign	Home	
<i>Current</i>					
Cash in Banks (Overdraft*)	\$287,869 72	\$215,009 63	\$76,240 62	\$3,380 53*	
<i>Advances</i>					
On 1937 Appropriations	\$ 91,516 61	\$ 71,945 55	\$15,969 54	\$3,601 52	
On Missions Specials	1,030 00		1,030 00		
	<u>\$ 92,546 61</u>	<u>\$ 71,945 55</u>	<u>\$16,999 54</u>	<u>\$3,601 52</u>	
Total Assets	\$380,416 33	\$286,955 18	\$93,240 16	\$ 220 99	
<i>Liabilities and Surplus</i>					
<i>Current</i>					
Drafts Outstanding	\$ 47,111 45	\$ 46,890 46		\$ 220 99	
Transient Funds	53 50	53 50			
Missions Specials	6,490 32	723 51	\$ 5,766 81		
Miscellaneous Income for Education and Promotion	220 10		220 10		
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 53,875 37</u>	<u>\$ 47,667 47</u>	<u>\$ 5,986 91</u>	<u>\$ 220 99</u>	
<i>Surplus</i>					
Balance February 1, 1936 (Credit)	\$327,241 72	\$247,553 78	\$79,687 94		
Adjustments (Debit)	94,930 35	94,930 35			
	<u>\$232,311 37</u>	<u>\$152,623 43</u>	<u>\$79,687 94</u>		
Excess Income over Appropriations, year 1936	94,229 59	86,664 28	7,565 31		
Surplus January 31, 1937 (Credit)	\$326,540 96	\$239,287 71	\$87,253 25		
Total Liabilities and Surplus	<u>\$380,416 33</u>	<u>\$286,955 18</u>	<u>\$93,240 16</u>	<u>\$ 220 99</u>	

WOMAN'S WORK, BOARD OF MISSIONS, METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, NASHVILLE, TENN.

BALANCE SHEET, RESTRICTED FUNDS, REGULAR WORK, JANUARY 31, 1937

		<i>Assets</i>		
		Total	Foreign	Home
<i>Current</i>				
Cash in Bank—Checking Account	\$ 133,749 05	\$ 95,318 21	\$ 38,430 84	
Cash in Banks—Savings Accounts	175,877 15	79,572 33	96,304 82	
	<u>\$ 309,626 20</u>	<u>\$174,890 54</u>	<u>\$134,735 66</u>	
<i>Investments</i>				
Stocks and Bonds	\$ 576,584 18	\$256,574 94	\$320,009 24	
Notes Receivable	302,266 32	127,995 24	174,271 08	
Real Estate	13,591 40	4,800 00	8,791 40	
	<u>\$ 892,441 90</u>	<u>\$389,370 18</u>	<u>\$503,071 72</u>	
<i>Advances</i>				
To Funds and Institutions	\$ 51,496 28	\$ 51,496 28		
On Expense of Wrenn Bequest	254 01	127 01	\$ 127 00	
	<u>\$ 51,750 29</u>	<u>\$ 51,623 29</u>	<u>\$ 127 00</u>	
Total Assets	<u>\$1,253,818 39</u>	<u>\$615,884 01</u>	<u>\$637,934 38</u>	

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

<i>Current</i>	<i>Liabilities</i>		
	Total	Foreign	Home
Drafts Outstanding . . . . .	\$ 12,025 00	\$ 12,025 00	
<i>Funds for Restricted Uses</i>			
Annuities . . . . .	\$ 53,070 28	\$ 38,134 72	\$ 14,935 56
Bequests . . . . .	159,544 57	69,632 17	89,912 40
Undirected Bequests . . . . .	1,363 77	1,363 77	
Permanent Endowments . . . . .	72,623 56	20,071 99	52,551 57
Revolving Funds . . . . .	143,436 87	87,354 06	56,082 81
Restricted Contributions and Credits, Sundry . . . . .	811,754 34	387,302 30	424,452 04
	<u>\$1,241,793 39</u>	<u>\$603,859 01</u>	<u>\$637,934 38</u>
Total Liabilities . . . . .	<u>\$1,253,818 39</u>	<u>\$615,884 01</u>	<u>\$637,934 38</u>

## BALANCE SHEET, OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS, JANUARY 31, 1937

<i>Current</i>	Total	Scarritt	Bennett
			Memorial
Cash in Bank . . . . .	\$ 14,752 86	\$ 13,949 67	\$ 803 19
<i>Investments</i>			
Bonds . . . . .	\$ 2,471 88	\$ 2,471 88	
Notes Receivable . . . . .	6,650 00	3,850 00	\$ 2,800 00
	<u>\$ 9,121 88</u>	<u>\$ 6,321 88</u>	<u>\$ 2,800 00</u>
<i>Advances to Bennett Memorial Fund . . . . .</i>	<i>\$ 2,347 04</i>		<i>\$ 2,347 04</i>
Total Assets . . . . .	<u>\$ 26,221 78</u>	<u>\$ 20,271 55</u>	<u>\$ 5,950 23</u>
<i>Liabilities</i>			
<i>Funds for Restricted Uses</i>			
Restricted Contributions and Credits, Sundry . . . . .	\$ 26,221 78	\$ 20,271 55	\$ 5,950 23

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND APPROPRIATIONS, REGULAR WORK, YEAR 1936

## WOMAN'S WORK, BOARD OF MISSIONS

<i>Income</i>	Total		Home
	Total	Foreign	
Pledges . . . . .	\$629,459 92	\$419,641 00	\$209,818 92
Bible Women . . . . .	28,344 20	28,344 20	
Life Members . . . . .	26,949 30	17,965 49	8,983 81
Scholarships . . . . .	9,091 01	9,091 01	
Day Schools . . . . .	1,738 65	1,738 65	
Specials . . . . .	981 60	955 57	26 03
Interest . . . . .	9,395 90	2,745 25	6,650 65
Total Income . . . . .	<u>\$705,960 58</u>	<u>\$480,481 17</u>	<u>\$225,479 41</u>
<i>Appropriations</i>			
Field Work . . . . .	\$501,149 55	\$336,159 41	\$164,990 14
Education and Promotion . . . . .	47,967 77	23,983 89	23,983 88
Training School—Scarritt . . . . .	33,500 04	15,500 04	18,000 00
Administrative . . . . .	21,674 71	12,371 12	9,303 59
Contingent . . . . .	7,438 92	5,802 43	1,636 49
Total Appropriations . . . . .	<u>\$611,730 99</u>	<u>\$393,816 89</u>	<u>\$217,914 10</u>
Excess Income over Approp- riations for Year . . . . .	<u>\$ 94,229 59</u>	<u>\$ 86,664 28</u>	<u>\$ 7,565 31</u>

RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION

	Foreign Work	Home Work	City Missions
1878-79 .....	\$ 4,014 27	.....	.....
1879-80 .....	13,775 97	.....	.....
1880-81 .....	19,362 10	.....	.....
1881-82 .....	25,609 44	.....	.....
1882-83 .....	29,647 31	.....	.....
1883-84 .....	38,873 52	.....	.....
1884-85 .....	52,652 12	.....	.....
1885-86 .....	51,588 76	.....	.....
1886-87 .....	50,092 63	\$ 261 55	.....
1887-88 .....	69,729 65	3,837 51	.....
1888-89 .....	68,165 34	4,258 40	.....
1889-90 .....	75,476 54	2,954 88	.....
1890-91 .....	85,969 44	3,046 83	.....
1891-92 .....	66,448 59	3,727 51	.....
1892-93 .....	71,199 12	4,623 20	.....
1893-94 .....	66,377 90	4,995 37	.....
1894-95 .....	63,951 98	8,457 87	.....
1895-96 .....	74,403 16	17,553 79	.....
1896-97 .....	82,880 47	15,346 11	.....
1897-98 .....	86,418 76	18,896 43	.....
1898-99 .....	83,587 07	31,566 82	.....
1899-1900 .....	94,638 55	33,914 04	\$ 5,400 92
Twentieth-century offering.....	2,426 39		
1900-01 .....	82,674 22	48,249 17	6,237 76
Twentieth-century offering.....	2,426 39		
1901-02 .....	104,017 97	46,197 27	4,186 12
1902-03 .....	112,458 78	51,799 56	6,105 50
1903-04 .....	132,143 37	59,414 98	11,110 23
1904-05 .....	146,151 51	74,574 31	19,535 64
1905-06 .....	155,951 10	79,975 74	21,587 57
1906-07 .....	174,597 82	100,996 65	22,985 27
1907-08 .....	226,192 88	118,044 64	29,864 98
1908-09 .....	235,440 97	127,093 97	40,724 53
Sale of Property...	23,737 31		
1909-10 .....	254,554 75	139,799 19	42,770 68
Sale of Property...	10,007 71		
1910-11 .....	274,355 17	151,209 39	54,303 06
Sale of Property...	5,797 90		
1911 .....	244,952 44	141,587 41	46,851 33
1912 .....	292,206 14	181,461 42	59,677 45
Sale of Property...	1,617 81		
1913 .....	282,684 75	198,277 11	69,596 19
1914 .....	277,569 09	186,747 68	81,160 91
1915 .....	292,629 61	199,384 26	76,584 95
1916 .....	318,395 94	212,314 75	69,540 54
1917 .....	350,545 95	225,581 62	76,637 12
1918 .....	410,277 42	264,205 25	81,418 77
1919 .....	481,114 52	386,052 13	88,906 92
1920 .....	556,342 56	400,292 31	98,420 67
1921 .....	544,738 16	402,749 68	135,500 76
1922 .....	529,547 08	397,029 80	105,448 00
1923 .....	544,225 66	412,762 28	64,093 66
1924 .....	562,656 01	451,654 16	59,258 89
1925 .....	629,672 80	455,857 57	.....
1926 .....	631,590 77	464,313 50	.....

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

	Foreign Work	Home Work	City Missions
1927	678,404 19	409,851 11	
1928	640,703 26	481,314 68	
1929	686,654 10	535,602 68	
1930	644,272 03	496,852 66	
1931	655,823 66	413,442 90	
1932	565,074 94	367,128 76	
1933	502,848 00	321,663 22	
1934	533,793 58	351,302 19	
1935	557,867 48	380,779 71	
1936	574,424 73	372,938 48	
Jubilee, 1927	100 00		
Jubilee, 1928	52,198 31	52,198 30	
Jubilee, 1929	1,247 41	1,247 40	
Centenary, 1920	498,511 35	174,583 12	
Centenary, 1921	479,490 31	164,501 94	
Centenary, 1922	152,311 70	27,594 34	
Centenary, 1923	285,678 84	106,430 29	
Centenary, 1924	78,683 48	3,152 25	
Centenary, 1925	81,348 26	24,348 26	
Centenary, 1926	39,184 18	18,986 81	
Centenary, 1927	7,448 74	2,746 03	
Centenary, 1928	5,392 40	1,331 64	
Centenary, 1929	7,109 85	1,137 05	
Centenary, 1930	3,631 44	1,025 54	
Centenary, 1931	1,844 44	765 80	
Centenary, 1932	1,121 64	705 04	
Centenary, 1933	988 32	221 38	
Centenary, 1934	1,766 50	672 59	
Centenary, 1935	891 53	665 52	
Centenary, 1936	781 51	563 64	
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	\$17,941,982 35	\$11,486,762 28	\$1,378,008 42

## SCARRITT FUNDS

Balance on hand from 1915	\$	2,025 40
Amount received in 1916		7,028 12
1917		7,256 53
1918		6,206 98
1919		12,992 45
1920		16,791 38
1921		27,095 55
1922		25,228 50
1923		22,078 42
1924		32,757 15
1924 Centenary		331 32
1925		22,284 16
1926		24,424 92
1927		27,862 26
1928		34,540 14
1929		30,618 38
1930		34,881 00
1931		34,222 92
1932		26,837 06
1933		22,380 17
1934		21,817 07
1935		20,763 18
1936		22,735 47
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	\$	483,158 53

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FUNDS

1921: Home Schools.....	\$	6,101	82
1922: Home Schools.....		12,102	80
1923: Home Schools.....		9,131	95
1924: Home Schools.....		7,512	20
1925: Home Schools.....		7,720	81
1926: Home Schools.....		6,074	69
1927: Home Schools.....		1,899	36
1928: Home Schools.....		1,013	16
1930: Home Schools.....		793	67
1921: Scarritt.....		2,806	00
1922: Scarritt.....		9,279	90
1923: Scarritt.....		7,096	45
1924: Scarritt.....		6,527	26
1925: Scarritt.....		4,596	04
1926: Scarritt.....		4,399	80
1927: Scarritt.....		578	00
1928: Scarritt.....		50	00
1929: Scarritt.....		760	34
1930: Scarritt.....		442	97
	\$	88,887	22

BENNETT MEMORIAL FUNDS

1923: Bennett Memorial.....	\$	46,325	07
1924: Bennett Memorial.....		80,228	92
1925: Bennett Memorial.....		124,673	57
1926: Bennett Memorial.....		388,356	99
1927: Bennett Memorial.....		9,725	11
1928: Bennett Memorial.....		3,901	11
1929: Bennett Memorial.....		1,308	27
1930: Bennett Memorial.....		446	00
1931: Bennett Memorial.....		424	25
1932: Bennett Memorial.....		215	91
1933: Bennett Memorial.....		579	44
1934: Bennett Memorial.....		344	75
1935: Bennett Memorial.....		925	78
1936: Bennett Memorial.....		525	00
	\$	657,980	17
Belle Bennett Watch Fund, 1934.....		380	97
Belle Bennett Watch Fund, 1935.....		46	76
	\$	427	73
Grand Total.....	\$	30,552,552	12

## FOREIGN WORK

SALLIE LOU MACKINNON, SECRETARY

### *European Visit:*

Each year has brought to me as secretary of foreign work the privilege and responsibility of a visit to one or more of our mission fields, and each year I have attempted to share with you something not only of the information gained, but also something of the inspiration and deepened convictions of the wonder and necessity of mission work.

This year I visited the work of our church in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Belgium. I sailed on July 3, going directly to Prague for the meeting of the Czechoslovakian Conference. Bishop Moore, at my suggestion, had asked Miss Sallie Lewis Browne, of our mission in Poland, to meet me in Prague as there were questions in regard to Woman's Work in Czechoslovakia about which I felt the need of consultation with a missionary working in Europe. I arrived in Prague on Saturday night, and on Sunday morning at five o'clock Bishop Moore, Rev. J. P. Bartak, Miss Browne, and I left for a three-day tour through Bohemia, visiting the churches, the young people's camp supported by the church in Czechoslovakia, the birthplace of John Hus, and other places of historical interest to the Protestant Church. We returned to Prague for the meeting of the Conference Woman's Missionary Society, which was held the day before the opening of the conference. I met with the women in the afternoon and spoke at night at the annual conference. The Woman's Conference Missionary Society is small, but the women are enthusiastic; in addition to the work done in Czechoslovakia they make an annual contribution to the work in Africa. In connection with the conference sessions I had numerous interviews with men and women in regard to the work. A committee from the Conference Board of Missions sought an interview with the view of securing aid from the Woman's Missionary Council in the establishment of a deaconess movement in Czechoslovakia.

At the close of the conference in Prague we went directly to Katowice, Poland, where as in Prague a most interesting meeting of the Conference Woman's Missionary Society was held previous to the annual conference. The careful work of Miss Browne and Miss Lawrence in promoting not only the missionary society, but all the work for women in the church was evident in every part of the program.

From Katowice I went with Miss Lawrence to Beuthen, Germany, to visit the mother house of a Lutheran order of deaconesses at Friedenshort. The workers in both Czechoslovakia and Poland urged



larger participation on our part in the deaconess movement, and as I realized that their idea of a deaconess movement differed greatly from mine I decided to visit Friedenshort, which I was told was the best of the deaconess homes in Central Europe. I found beautiful relief work, a fine communal living with an emphasis upon simplicity and spirituality, but with no definite training courses even in Bible. The missionaries suggested that we might be able to send our deaconesses there for training.

From Beuthen I went to Warsaw, the headquarters of our work in Poland. The days of fellowship with Miss Browne and Miss Lawrence were delightful, and we were able with leisure to go into the details of the work and to plan for the future. There had been no visit from a woman secretary to Poland since Miss Case's visit in 1928. Miss Lawrence and Miss Browne are giving their time to the organizational work with the women—translating material, planning programs for women's meetings, preparing the Sunday school literature and program material for young people, and visiting the churches and societies throughout the conference. This year they are to hold in co-operation with the preachers and men missionaries institutes or short-term schools in various parts of the conference.

The missionaries have made a beginning toward a deaconess movement. One Polish young woman was consecrated as a deaconess in 1935; another is studying to become a deaconess. The missionaries plan the course of study, teach some of the courses, select other courses from the schools of the city, and direct the practice work. I was deeply impressed by the ability and the earnestness of the deaconess and the deaconess candidate. In order that the deaconess movement may from the beginning be an integral part of the church work, the conference missionary society and the local church are sharing with us in the support and training of the deaconesses.

The missionaries are asking that another woman missionary be sent to Poland for work with students in the city of Warsaw. Work among the student class is greatly needed and, I believe, would reinforce the work now being done by our women. I think we are not justified in sending missionaries to Poland as local church workers or as pastors' assistants.

The educational and promotional work with the church women and young people and special student work in Warsaw, and the training of deaconesses offer large opportunities to the missionaries to broaden and strengthen the whole program of the church in Poland. German influence is strong in sections of Poland, and there are many evidences of the German attitude toward women, which would hinder their greatest development as individuals and prevent their making their largest contribution to the church and to society. The work of women through the church is of inestimable value in developing personality and leadership.

From Poland I went to Brussels, Belgium. The Belgium Conference had been held before I reached Europe, but Dr. Thonger, Mr. Stanley, and the other preachers were generous with their time in showing me the work of the churches. On Sunday morning I spoke at the English service in Brussels and in the afternoon at the Flemish service. Europeans take vacations very seriously, and the women who are leaders in our church were on vacations, so I was not able to meet any large number of them. I met individuals and discussed with them the problems of the work with women in Belgium. There is no doubt in my mind that the work in Belgium and Czechoslovakia would have developed in a broader way had there been definite work for women in these conferences, but I am convinced that the greater need for this work is in Poland.

Several general impressions and convictions have come from my visit to our work in Europe:

1. After the War and the establishment of the independent governments of Poland and Czechoslovakia there was something like a mass movement toward Protestantism, particularly in Czechoslovakia. The Czechoslovakian people had associated the rule of the Catholic Church with the rule of Austria and in their joyful freedom from Austria they turned also toward the freedom of Protestantism. Our church had proved itself a friend through its relief work. In such an atmosphere it was natural that the Methodist Church should have been organized.

2. The mission and church have developed without the usual aids to missionary work, and in view of this the progress made is remarkable. We did not take to Europe Western education, music, medicine, social settlements; we took only the spiritual emphasis of our church. While the churches in the Orient and in Latin America appear to be stronger than the Methodist Church in Europe, I wonder if we would have made as great progress in these countries without the auxiliaries of schools, social settlements, and hospitals.

3. The church has been greatly concerned in propagating the gospel and in nourishing the church members, and there has been little emphasis on the contribution that the church can make in changing social conditions. This is different from the emphasis made in certain mission fields where we have been concerned with the general contribution to society and perhaps have not placed an adequate emphasis on the development of the church itself.

4. Eventually there must be a uniting of the Protestant forces in the countries of Central Europe if they are to have any large influence there. At least a part of our problem is so to strengthen the Methodist Church that it can make its full contribution to a united Protestantism and at the same time guard against developing the type of denominational loyalty which makes union difficult.

From Belgium I went to England and Scotland for a short vacation.

In London I was able to make contacts with some secretaries of the International Missionary Council and with some of the women of the Methodist Church. I also had the privilege of visiting Selly Oak in Birmingham, England, a most interesting group of colleges for the training of Christian workers. It is a unique and worth-while group of colleges not only in its methods through which a maximum of freedom is given to the students in their choice and pursuit of courses, but also in the success with which groups varying as widely as the Friends, the Methodists, and the Anglo-Catholics are co-operating in academic and spiritual work. I believe that some of our missionaries who travel through Europe would be greatly benefited by a stay at Selly Oak.

*General Progress:*

Every country around the world in which our church is at work has felt the stress and conflict of the world situation of 1936. Letters and reports from missionaries and national Christians reveal a keen sensitiveness to national currents of thought and action and a deep concern regarding political and social change. At the same time the year has been somewhat unusual in the uninterrupted, steady progress of the work of the mission and the church. Schools have had record enrollments, churches have reported increasing congregations, social settlements have enlarged the number and variety of activities, hospitals have been crowded with patients and in many cases have projected new forms of extension health work, church organizations for women have increased in membership and have broadened their areas of service. In every field new plans have been made for meeting the needs of rural people and for taking the gospel into unreached rural places.

*New Buildings and New Plans:*

In China, Japan, Korea, and Brazil new building programs are bringing visible assurance to the workers that long-felt needs are being met and that mission work is on the advance. At Laura Haygood Normal School, Soochow, China, the music building is completed, the administration and classroom buildings and the new faculty home are nearing completion, and plans for an auditorium and chapel have been made and the money has been raised, largely in China, for this fourth building. The school has the largest enrollment in its history, and in the expectation of new buildings the faculty and students have carried on cheerfully and joyfully in limited quarters under the constant sound of hammer and saw.

For many years we have had a school at Wusih, China, and a small social center. The latter was conducted in the home built for two missionaries. With the appropriation of \$7,000 made last year land has been bought and a new home for the workers and a new

Center building are being erected. The contractor is charging nothing for his services, giving them as a contribution to the work of the church and of the social center.

Plans have been approved and money sent to Korea for the long-looked-for new building at the Seoul Social Center. The building will be begun as soon as winter passes and the spring weather permits building. The last letters from Korea are enthusiastic with the expectation of a generous contribution from the Korean community for the Center. Korean patrons have given generously to our schools, and we rejoice in the growing appreciation of social work indicated by their response to the enlarged program of the social center in the capital city.

At Chulwon, Korea, the Korean church, the Department of General Work, and the Department of Woman's Work of the Board of Missions have united in building a new church and social center. More adequate social work will be possible. The social work will continue to be under the direction of the women missionaries and at the same time will be closely integrated with the work of the church.

Palmore English Institute in Kobe, Japan, is rejoicing in an enlarged plant which gives new classrooms and a chapel large enough to hold all the student body and some guests.

For Hiroshima School in Hiroshima, Japan, 1936 has been a glorious year. In October the Jubilee Anniversary of the founding of the school was held. Alunmae, patrons, and government officials united with the missionaries and the church groups to rejoice in the history of fifty years of service and to look forward to a larger future service. Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb represented the Council at the celebration, and her presence and message were deeply appreciated. Shortly after the celebration negotiations for the purchase of land on which to build a new plant were completed. The new site lies between Hiroshima and Miyajima and both street car and railroad connect it with these cities. It faces the incomparably beautiful Inland Sea. To the 1936 Week of Prayer offering of \$30,000 will be added the proceeds from the sale of the present property of the school. The alumnae and friends of the school are making generous contributions for building and endowments. To meet adequately the opportunities and demands for the girls' school and woman's college we should increase our contribution to at least \$50,000, and more if possible.

Brazil's new buildings are not yet in process of erection, but because of increasing enrollments in schools and the general atmosphere of growth and development throughout the nation and our church the missionaries and their co-workers are asking in big terms for resources with which to meet present and future opportunities.

In 1928 property was bought for a new site for Colegio Isabella Hendrix in Belo Horizonte, and \$50,000 was borrowed by the Board of Missions to complete the amount of money necessary for its pur-

chase, with the agreement that the old site would be sold within three years and that the first charge against the proceeds of the sale would be the repayment of the loan with interest. Under existing world economic conditions it has not been feasible to sell, and the millreis has so decreased in value that twice as many millreis will be required to pay the debt as would have been necessary when the purchase was made. While on furlough in 1935 Miss Mary Sue Brown studied school building at Peabody and drew plans for the buildings at Isabella Hendrix, which have been highly praised by experts. One part of the old site has been sold this year and permission granted to build the first unit of the new plant. The Central Council of Brazil has asked that the foreign share of the Week of Prayer offering for 1937 be directed to Brazil to be divided between Colegio Isabella Hendrix and Colegio Americano as the first step in a five-year plan for the development of the work in Brazil. The money set aside by the Woman's Missionary Council last year for improvements at Colegio Americano is not sufficient to develop the school. If we can make provision for these two schools this year, we shall enter a broadening avenue of service.

In addition to the building programs mentioned, many needed repairs have been made on the buildings in various countries. The buildings at Colegio Eliza Bowman in Cienfuegos, Cuba, which were badly damaged by a tornado have undergone extensive repairs and are now in excellent condition. The social centers at Monterrey, Chihuahua, Saltillo, and Durango, Mexico, have all had needed repair work done. In Sunkiang, China, the Department of General Work and the Department of Woman's Work have united in contributing to the repair of the Bible School buildings so that they might be used as a conference center for adult education, summer conferences and institutes.

These new buildings and plans for advancement have brought great encouragement to missionaries and nationals who have faced during recent years growing demands and opportunities with inadequate equipment and with little hope of reinforcements. Most significant is the fact that in the Orient each of the new buildings has been made possible by the combined gifts of the national Christians and friends and of the women of America.

#### *Personnel:*

While national Christians in the younger churches are carrying increasing responsibilities for the building of the world Christian community the contribution of the missionary continues to be of fundamental importance. The five young women who went as missionaries last year are finding great joy and satisfaction in the lands to which they have gone. The unanimous opinion expressed in their letters is that going was tremendously worth while and that the task

ahead demands their utmost. For reasons of health and because some missionaries have reached the retirement age the number of missionaries retiring this year is larger than the number of new ones going to the field, and every field except Mexico is calling for reinforcements. In my opinion the most urgent unprovided need of our work today is for new missionaries. The work already established and the work to be projected call for the most able and devoted young women of our church to joyful, fruitful service in the building of a world-wide Christian community.

*International Missionary Council Meeting:*

In 1928 the International Missionary Council met in Jerusalem, and the results of the meeting have been of great significance in missionary policies and activities. In 1938 another world meeting of the International Missionary Council is called to meet in Hangchow, China. The central theme of the coming meeting is *The Church*. The meeting is to be held in Asia in order that the delegations from the Asiatic countries will be large. Two-thirds of the delegation will be from what the Jerusalem Conference called the "younger churches." North America has been allotted thirty-five delegates. So small a group cannot hope to represent the interests of the churches of North America or to make the necessary contribution to it except as the individuals of the group are aided in preparation and in participation through the prayers and the thinking of others who are concerned for the missionary enterprise. Miss Esther Strong, one of the secretaries of the International Missionary Council, writes as follows concerning preparation for the Hangchow meeting:

"In preparation for the Council meeting at Hangchow the Foreign Missions Conference has appointed a central committee to plan for the total American contribution and the details of making this contribution effective. In North America as elsewhere, this preparation will not be so much the writing of papers and reports as the life and work of the churches of North America, as they can be lifted up and be made of value to the world-wide Christian Church. In participating in this conference it is hoped that the churches will be stimulated to new activity and come to realize that their own work is not alone for themselves. It will be dignified and blessed by being part of a greater plan, part of the work of the Church universal. When the reality of this universal fellowship dawns fully upon us and we see in the foreign missionary movement the instrument of God in building and strengthening this fellowship, we shall indeed have entered upon a new day."

In all the continents of the world and in most of the nations of the world Christian communities are having a part in the preparation for the Hangchow Conference. The women of the Southern Methodist Church are called into the world fellowship of thought and prayer and labor for this great world conference.

## HOME WORK

MRS. J. W. DOWNS, SECRETARY

It is interesting and challenging to report on this section of our work, to try to give you a concise statement of what your hundred and seventy-three active deaconesses and almost equal number of contract workers and teachers are trying to do in co-operation with the people of many communities for the correction of conditions that degrade life and create suffering and misery. These three hundred and fifty workers, who have dedicated their lives to service, are also rendering an effective ministry to the individuals who have been bruised and hurt by the conditions that exist. In each case they have planned their programs of service after knowing the people and their needs, this knowledge having been gained by working with them, by personal contacts in the homes, and at the task by which the quality of the life of the Christian helper is revealed, as well as conditions and needs of the community. They also show by their life and service that the Church has the power to challenge the people to rise out of selfishness and to practice brotherhood instead of taking brotherhood out in talk.

They have taken into consideration the misery that comes through poverty, through disease, and lack of education.

They have co-operated with the schools and encouraged training in morals that must be maintained if the Christian church is to be effective in the life of the individuals and through them in the lives of communities which make the nation.

They have taught and stood for the dedication of life to clean and wholesome living as the assurance of unselfish and substantial citizenship and for a progressive and happy living.

Then the problems of health and poor living are being studied and corrected through their co-operative service with the help of the community, county, or government nurses and doctors who are also giving themselves to the task of meeting and correcting unhappy conditions that exist.

Our records show that we serve in thirty-five Wesley Houses, which are our community settlements, in seven Bethlehem Centers, which are our Negro settlements, and through service in these institutions try to help demonstrate that a happy life is a life that is progressive along all the fronts of living.

In each of these institutions practically all age groups of the communities are served and distinctive Christian principles are taught and put into practice by a co-operative undertaking of community development and living.

We have been particularly glad to note that through the study of *A Preface toward Racial Understanding*, by Charles S. Johnston, an increased interest has been manifest by many local groups, and a desire to help in bettering the conditions of our Negro neighbors has been expressed and in many places put into action.

The new Bethlehem House, opened in Memphis, Tennessee, a year ago, is now in its own home with a building adequate for the needs of the present and with an already extending program in the Negro sections of the city where the school building has been made available for this purpose and contact with the faculty and the students is desired.

There has been a distinctive service rendered to the Negroes in Richmond, Virginia, in co-operation with the church, state, and government, with the prospect of service that will reach many people in a very needy area.

The opportunity for co-operative work with the Negroes of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, has not yet been made possible. We hope that in the near future some plan may be worked out that will insure this service in Arkansas.

In keeping with this increased interest we are hoping to go forward with renewed zeal in interracial co-operation through this department of our work.

There have been no new Wesley House enterprises, though there has been an increased demand for service through the ones already established. There has been co-operation with the government community work in practically all of our Wesley Houses. The Boards and workers have given themselves and their facilities for service freely in fostering and carrying out every movement made to better living conditions.

There has also been a distinct interest in smaller cities and towns to provide better living conditions, better school facilities, and opportunities for Christian teaching and nurture with their less fortunate people in isolated sections of their communities.

The study and interest of rural conditions have given new impetus to our interest in this part of our work. The plan for training our missionary candidates in Scarritt College for distinctive rural service has been entered into heartily, co-operatively by Scarritt College, the General Board of Christian Education, the Conference Boards of Missions, the Woman's Section of the General Board of Missions, both Foreign and Home. The presiding elders and pastors have also co-operated fully and have made possible this training which we hope will better fit the workers who go out from Scarritt College to render a more helpful service to the local communities.

Through the plan of rural co-operation a piece of community work has been begun with the Mexican people in one of the smaller towns of the Western Mexican Conference. One of our deaconesses, who is



a well trained young Mexican woman in charge of this work, has identified herself with her own people, with the native American people of the town, and has been able to work through the community, the churches, and the schools in a way that has been more encouraging.

Thirteen rural centers have been entered in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia. The deaconesses appointed have worked in co-operation with the presiding elders and pastors and Boards of Missions and Christian Education in the communities to which they have been sent.

The reports from the rural workers show varied activities such as reported by one worker: "Thirty-two Teachers' Training Classes taught, seven Sunday Schools reorganized, fourteen League divisions organized, ten Vacation Bible Schools held, ten Woman's Missionary Societies organized, six Council Mission Study Classes taught with twelve Auxiliaries, ten small Sunday schools supplied with Christmas programs, and six hundred children given Christmas entertainment." Co-operation with the government agencies in the organization of clubs for women in the industrial sections, visiting the sick and the needy, providing medicine, rural social life, and the building of a community house in a distinctly rural area are other things accomplished.

We plan to carry on in the rural areas co-operatively for another year in the communities where work was undertaken through the help of the Week of Prayer Offering of 1936.

There is an increased interest in the down-town city church which we hope to be able to co-operate in by helping to furnish church workers and visitors, to assist the pastors in carrying out an effective program and to maintain the local interest in the church that will keep it in this area for the service it can render for what its presence in this section means and for the influence that it may have on the lives of people.

It has not seemed necessary to undertake new schools in any of the areas of which our church operates, though the schools we are operating are rendering a most helpful service. Sue Bennett, our Junior College, continues to teach ninety-eight per cent of the rural teachers of the county in which it is located and of the adjoining counties and this year it has been undertaking a rural community service from the school by the faculty which has been effective and stimulating to the religious lives of the community into which they have gone.

Our other schools have carried on effectively through the year, rendering Christian service and teaching Christian living, stimulating Christian living through co-operation and helpful example.

We continue to serve in a few of our state schools in Bible and Religious Education Departments and teaching. The numbers reached are not always large, but the service rendered to the young people in training counts for much.

We also have Student Counselors at two of our state colleges through the co-operation of the Woman's Missionary Conference in which the institution is located and in co-operation with the local church group, the Conference group, and the Boards of Christian Education.

Our dormitories at state universities continue to serve many college and university young women with a distinctly Christian home influence and helpful service.

The homes for business women, which are known as our Co-operative Homes, have been full of young women who have been able to live under Christian influence on a co-operative basis where salaries have not been adequate to meet living expenses.

The committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Council to study the Virginia K. Johnson Home for unmarried mothers is making its report to the Executive Committee this year. They recommend the continuance of the institution with changes in the regulations and requirements.

The one most unique institution to which we contribute is Spofford Home in Kansas City, Missouri. It is a demonstration of what may be done under difficult adjustment conditions of children, sometimes in their own homes, and when they have been thrust out into the world without parents or home influence.

Deaconess Grace Driver was assigned to our Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. She is associated with the nurses during their training period, living in the home with them. The Superintendent has written most encouragingly about Mrs. Driver's service there.

The work in the Cajan district of Alabama is beginning to show results in the lives of the people of the community and by change in the attitude of the Board of Education and other agencies of that section.

Through the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Home Missions Council there has been an ever enlarging opportunity for co-operation with other denominations and an opportunity to work with them on committees, and this year as one of the Vice Presidents.

There has also been opportunity for association and service in the departments of the Federal Council of Churches; viz., the Department of Race Relations; the Social Service Department; and the Department of Church Social Agencies.

Our organization carries very little excess baggage, though it has varied and different sections and departments of work. We have tried constantly by study and investigation to make the ship fit the passengers, and through the fifty years of our organization there has been continuous effort and a strong desire to keep an ever increasing zeal and enthusiasm for our work that it may be based on knowledge of peoples and needs and that it may raise the standard of our Christian living.

There have not been closed doors, so far as the work of our organization is concerned. The machinery is kept in constant action through the program which provides for Bible and Mission Study classes and through the Christian Social Relations Department thousands of Methodist women have been provided with studies and activities varied enough to enlist the sympathy and co-operation of the now more than two hundred and sixty-five thousand women whose names are enrolled in the seven thousand Missionary Auxiliaries of our church.

Your Secretary of this department had opportunity to serve in the Bishops' Crusade as woman speaker in five meetings. In these meetings we talked to thousands of women, and as I stood before them in their sectional meetings, I saw by actual count that these are for most part our missionary women and was assured that their interest in the church as a whole was manifest through the attendance on these meetings and the promised co-operation in them. I was made more conscious of our responsibility as an organization to continually maintain a high plane of spiritual life and through this living to make our contribution to our church.

## EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

MRS. HELEN B. BOURNE, SECRETARY

The report given last year called attention to the restudy of our organization which we are making through sub-committees of the Executive Committee. Partial reports from some of those committees have been very revealing and stimulating. Out of the study has come great encouragement and gratitude. We have discovered elements of strength in many of the policies which have marked the progress of the woman's missionary society. We have learned where certain modifications may be necessary and, best of all perhaps, we have redivined the conviction which has clearly prevailed throughout our history, that we are not bound by traditions, that we are ready to make changes incident to progressive development and that the woman's missionary society is adaptive according to the emerging needs. Even more, that there is genuine prophetic vision which sees beyond the immediate necessary adjustments to that which the far-future may demand.

The sub-committee which is making a study of the organization itself, specifically, has given attention to its methods of education and promotion; such as increasing membership, particularly the enlistment of younger groups, the study program, meetings of every kind, including objectives, programs, and materials for these. Members of this sub-committee have worked with groups restudying the Spiritual Life, Christian Social Relations, Children's Work, Literature, and Plans for Rural Development, so that we have been able to appropriate some of the conclusions of other studies in developing plans for the organization. The result of this is manifest. The group-thinking has been projected into some well defined methods of work in the conferences, the reports of which give evidence of increasing interest and a fine quality of service.

At this point, I wish to make two observations: the women already interested and experienced in the mission of the church are finding in the woman's missionary society an increasing opportunity for the development of personal religion, for a continuous study of world needs and conditions, and for an intelligent expression of their social vision, thus the woman's missionary society may be a training center for their major interests and endeavors while contributing richness to the total life and to effective usefulness.

Observe further that the organization must continue to provide the kind of program of work which shall make an unmistakable appeal to disinterested women, who lack missionary motive, and who for many different reasons do not find in the woman's missionary society any

major interest. We have been forced to realize there are defects somewhere which have caused thousands of women who should be in the woman's missionary society to remain outside its membership and who are definitely local-minded rather than missionary-minded. To learn why we have not enlisted their interest is still one of our major problems. It is not simply a problem of method but also of motivation. That must be the chief concern of our incomplete study.

In the preparation of this report for 1936, I have depended upon the yearly reports of Conference Secretaries sent by January 30, 1937, the last day I was able to hold mine open. Some of the Conferences have expressed the hope that they have done better work than this report indicates. Such Conferences will be seeking constantly during the year to obtain prompt and accurate quarterly and yearly reports. While these are not ends in themselves, they help us to check up on achievements. We set goals or hoped-for outcomes, and reports enable us to observe the outcome.

### *Membership*

Frankly, I am very much gratified with this report which is a résumé of the work of 8,335 Women's Missionary Societies with a membership of 277,535, an increase over 1935 of 273 societies and 19,554 members. This includes our three foreign Conferences insofar as we were able to secure figures.

### *Foreign Conferences*

There are three foreign Conferences in the countries where our church is at work which now have membership in our Woman's Missionary Council. Those are China, Cuba, and Poland. The others, except Africa, hold a relationship to the autonomous churches which have been organized in Brazil, Japan, Korea, and Mexico. The societies in Africa have not been organized into a Conference Society.

We hear of fine work being done by the Woman's Missionary Societies in all these countries. We have had reports from the China and Cuba Conferences, and these are included in our statistical table.

The two missionaries in Poland are "trying to have real missionary societies, but most of their energies have to go to supply local needs, because congregations are so poor. In several churches they have active organizations." One of their objectives is the training of a deaconess and a share in the support of one consecrated in 1935.

The China Woman's Missionary Conference retains 50 per cent of its funds for local home mission work, such as supporting Bible women. Of the other 50 per cent, one-fourth is sent our Council Treasurer for Africa, and the remaining three-fourths are used for other missionary enterprises.

The Woman's Missionary Conference in Cuba is making special plans to promote stewardship, spirituality, and evangelistic work among the Cuban women this year, and they are manifesting great interest in their children.

#### *Enlistment of Young Women*

The definite efforts to enlist younger women have brought in 10,289 members, a great number of whom are not in separate groups. This is as it should be. We are continually reiterating that our effort is not to form separate societies but to give opportunity where needed for the inexperienced younger groups to have a short period of special preparation for efficient service in the Woman's Missionary Society, as was the case formerly when they had a society of their own.

#### *Baby Specials*

The increase by about 600 societies in the promotion of Baby Specials had added members and funds to Woman's Missionary Societies during the past year. Fewer than one-fourth of the societies report this phase of work, but it may help to start the children on the "missionary way," even though there is slight missionary education provided for the little child himself. The chief value lies in interesting parents and friends of little children in the missionary enterprise. This it does do and the funds given, \$9,530.58, are tangible evidence of this interest.

#### *Life Members*

A large number of children were made life members during 1936. We cannot keep separate records of children and adults, and all the life membership funds are added to the regular maintenance; but this interest in making both children and adult life members has gone beyond our expectations, the total being 1,842 life members and names on the memorial roll, bringing to our treasury \$26,949.30 contributed for this purpose. We are now sending a small card with the adult life membership pin. It certifies to the membership, giving the date when presented, and it also interprets the significance of the pin. If the pin is lost, this card enables the holder to replace the pin for \$1. The new life membership leaflet has been a splendid piece of literature in promoting this phase of our work. All Conferences but four have reported life members. Some of the very small Conferences have reported from two to four life members, the Western Mexican and Texas Mexican being included in these. Twelve Conferences presented seventy or more life memberships, North Georgia leading with 220; Baltimore, 157; North Alabama, 122, North Carolina and West Texas, 105 each.

#### *The Efficiency Aim*

The Efficiency Aim sets a high standard of work. If interpreted in its true spirit, which implies a constant development on all depart-

ments of our work, it should stimulate a society to high endeavor and splendid achievements; but if meticulously adhered to, as to "the letter of the law," without spiritual motive, it may defeat the end in view. There should be a much larger percentage of our societies achieving this aim. Only 968 were reported, not quite twelve per cent of the total number of societies.

#### *Supplies*

The Supply Department continues a rich ministry to our Council institutions, especially to those in the Home field. The past year the cash contributions from ten Conferences sent to Mrs. Fulton for foreign refrigeration amounted to \$394.42. This added to the 1935 contribution enabled us to send over \$1,600 for this purpose. St. Louis in 1935 and Holston in 1936 reported sending direct to the field amounts sufficient for two refrigerators. More than 8,000 donations were reported through this department in 1936, valued at nearly \$80,000.

#### *Week of Prayer*

Two hundred more societies reported observing Week of Prayer in 1936 than in 1935. This is sixty-six per cent of the total number. The total amount received, \$59,999.29, is to be divided between our Home and Foreign Specials.

#### *Study Program*

This department of work furnishes opportunity to test the application of the principles of an educational process to the development of our missionary enterprise. Our experience confirms the conviction that the same principles and methods tried and accepted in educational institutions today can be used in giving missionary education which will result in changed attitudes and conduct in individuals and the church regarding the world mission of Christianity. We have thought of achievements not so much in terms of numbers reported as of the quality of work done and the resulting changed situations in individual, church, and community life. The personal letters received, in addition to reports, bear radiant testimony to the value of our study program. The spring study of 1936 did not prove as popular nor so useful as the fall study of *The American Negro*. Some Conferences, therefore, have reported fewer classes and fewer members during the past year, and the totals are proportionately decreased. But there was a fine increase in the number participating, and in the quality of work done, in the fall study of *The American Negro*. The number of societies applying for Special Council Recognition on this study was the largest we have ever had. The number of books sold (more than eleven thousand), the enthusiasm of the participating groups, and the thoroughly worthwhile activities of classes and communities prove the unusual response to this study and its consequent

far-reaching values. With few exceptions the Conferences report these classes the best they have had. The total number of Council classes for the year was 3,187.

Our new Bible study books have been in great demand and are proving very popular and helpful. If properly used, they should answer the need in this field for at least two years.

#### *Summer Schools and Conferences*

We are most enthusiastic about the work done in Pastors' and in Christian Workers' Schools and in the Conferences and classes held at Lake Junaluska and Mt. Sequoyah. Thirty-two Conferences were represented at Lake Junaluska and at Mt. Sequoyah, fifty-nine Conferences and district officers and many other representative women being present. Eighty-seven Conference and district leaders attended the Pastors' and Christian Workers' Schools beside a large group of auxiliary women. We co-operated in sixteen schools including the two Leadership Schools. There were 629 members enrolled in our missions courses and 387 received their individual credits. We are planning to co-operate in sixteen, and possibly seventeen, schools this coming summer, in addition to the more extensive plans for the work at Mt. Sequoyah and Lake Junaluska. We shall have missionary conferences with school features at each place and there will be splendid opportunities in a wide variety of missions courses and discussion groups to become better trained leaders for every department of our missionary work.

#### *Meetings*

The education and promotion of Woman's Missionary Societies is not done chiefly through the work in an office. The contacts the Secretary can make in the various kinds of meetings held in the interest of the work enable me to have personal touch with the women who are doing the work. This I consider my best means of learning how the Woman's Missionary Society can and should do its work in the local church. It enables us to learn together how effectively Council organization policies work and where modifications are needed. Since coming to this office, I have had contacts with leaders in every Conference but Northwest and Illinois, and have attended meetings in twenty-one Conferences. At the close of the summer, I shall have been in five others, making a total of twenty-six of the thirty-nine Conferences.

Following the Council Meeting in Dallas, it was my happy privilege to visit the Western Conferences. Beginning the first of April, I went to Carlsbad, New Mexico, then to Safford, Arizona, on to Ventura, California for the Los Angeles Conference, and then to Modesto for the Pacific Conference. I found a courageous and deeply spiritual group of women in each Conference, and they are accomplishing fine things in spite of some rather difficult situations. Their "mag-



nificent distances" are perhaps the chief obstacle, but they "cover" those when an annual meeting is in prospect. I learned much from them and wish for every Council officer the high privilege I enjoyed among the missionary women of these four conferences.

Following the meeting of the Board of Missions, I taught our Leadership Course in Pastors' Schools at Shreveport, Louisiana; Biloxi, Mississippi; and Athens, Alabama. I repeat what I said last year: that such classes and the Conferences we may have with missionary leaders present furnish one of the best opportunities for training auxiliary leadership.

In July and August, I met with approximately 125 leaders at Lake Junaluska and Mt. Sequoyah for Conference periods in which we discussed matters of vital interest and sought to become more effective in our leadership of Woman's Missionary Societies.

The School of Christian Living at Scarritt College conflicted in date with the Missionary Education Movement meetings in September, so I did not attend the meeting in New York as usual, but I did go to Asbury Park, N. J., in January of this year for such a meeting and stayed for the meeting of the Home Missions Council. These followed our General Missionary Council Meeting in New Orleans, which of course I attended.

#### *Conclusion*

When I consider the blessings that have filled my life because of my relationship to woman's missionary societies, I am deeply grateful; when I realize the opportunity for service in this relationship, I am conscious of tremendous responsibility; but when I have assurance that God is taking what we offer Him and that He, you and I are helping Him bring a world to Christ, I am deeply humble and radiantly joyful. He hath sent us forth into His harvest; we shall return bringing precious sheaves.

REPORT OF SUPPLIES FOR 1936

MISSION AND BIBLE STUDY CLASSES AND MEMBERS, 1936

STATISTICS FROM CONFERENCES FOR 1936

CONFERENCES

Adult Auxiliaries	Members Adult Auxiliaries	Young Women's Circles	Members Women's Circles	Auxiliaries Promoting Baby Specials	Auxiliaries Observing Prayer Week	Auxiliaries Achieving Efficiency	Life Members and Names Added to Memorial Roll	MISSION AND BIBLE STUDY CLASSES AND MEMBERS, 1936					REPORT OF SUPPLIES FOR 1936					
								Mission Study Classes	Members Mission Study Classes	Classes Applying for Spec. Conn.	Bible Study Classes	Members Bible Study Classes	Donations to Home Inst-tutions	Donations to Foreign Inst-tutions	Donations to Ministers	Total Numbers of Donations	Value of Donations	
Alabama	247	34	440	73	189	33	65	5,816	361	96	294	294	11,377	295	49	284	\$ 2,807.20	
Arizona	293	42	5	14	4	17	14	3,200	320	5	18	2	5,011	285	49	284	\$ 1,925.50	
Baltimore	8,533	52	1,035	56	227	33	152	2,996	156	35	116	142	2,395	142	31	198	2,402.79	
Central Texas	225	19	342	103	190	39	98	5,744	340	159	249	346	4,317	346	235	581	4,376.23	
China	95	602		22														
Cuba	249	10,778	79	1,189	67	203	25	7,999	463	38	294	294	11,377	115	26	141	1,760.36	
Florida	287	11,129	70	1,311	83	216	7	6,531	376	67	405	197	7,195	197	12	241	1,789.49	
Holston	91	463		1	12	3		38	2		18	4	38	4		4	13.25	
Illinois	50	215																
Indian Mission	176	4,379	32	611	26	117	14	1,977	127	34	65	195	1,977	195	5	201	1,869.00	
Kentucky	176	6,523	39	753	24	101	24	3,183	83	82	114	2,737	69	18	50	167	2,004.78	
Little Rock	104	1,158	38	1,777	20	4,391	8	1,779	20	90	290	1,779	65	14	79	5	5,659.98	
Los Angeles	7,106	7,106	38	145	27	87	21	4,748	59	145	83	1,930	879	63	163	3,342.09		
Louisiana	211	5,775	48	773	38	131	9	2,167	221	463	362	7,896	412	46	458	3,342.09		
Louisville	203	10,052	62	1,164	148	218	45	8,079	431	184	184	3,820	412	46	187	2,038.95		
Memphis	222	3,916	26	348	32	145	24	4,445	264	130	158	1,921	184	46	187	2,038.95		
Mississippi	189	3,216	16	298	32	101	18	2,077	47	60	136	1,921	184	46	187	2,038.95		
Missouri	189	3,216	16	298	32	101	18	2,077	47	60	136	1,921	184	46	187	2,038.95		
New Mexico	89	189	18	327	9	53	18	2,242	11	81	11	1,921	184	46	187	2,038.95		
North Carolina	378	12,088	60	975	137	583	11	8,294	111	126	324	3,368	47	2	243	2,239.49		
North Alabama	378	12,088	60	975	137	583	11	8,294	111	126	324	3,368	47	2	243	2,239.49		
North Arkansas	217	7,282	37	587	38	144	16	3,919	182	239	324	3,368	47	77	73	206	1,869.00	
North Carolina	12,444	84	1,541	97	948	53	64	8,294	111	126	324	3,368	47	77	73	206	1,869.00	
North Georgia	421	17,403	102	2,068	136	346	104	220	522	8,119	241	3,921	306	22	102	102	2,716.44	
North Mississippi	202	5,928	37	990	42	138	17	3,866	8,744	60	343	3,921	306	22	102	102	2,716.44	
North Texas	196	7,823	15	310	21	144	24	4,265	5,222	194	191	3,893	184	18	41	486	3,229.87	
Northwest	23	350	1	15	17	10	5	242	18	241	3	151	3	114	6	8	678.79	
Northwest Texas	241	7,443	28	500	32	190	26	4,349	107	164	164	2,363	228	90	114	430	2,852.72	
Oklahoma	279	10,901	31	646	35	54	21	6,256	138	148	148	3,483	92	21	113	218	2,168.65	
Pacific	41	1,181	7	129	4	26		730	41	28	28	364	1	25	25	25	175.08	
Poland	181	3,921	31	535	16	91	11	3,370	46	105	141	2,441	141	33	23	167	2,355.09	
St. Louis	236	6,779	73	719	27	121	4	1,628	102	371	136	42	136	42	17	196	2,361.33	
South Carolina	333	11,633	51	2,877	93	237	75	6,256	138	148	148	3,483	92	21	113	218	2,168.65	
South Georgia	137	4,161	14	200	13	95	15	1,033	350	43	51	1,021	134	4	138	4	2,784.28	
Southwest Missouri	245	7,456	21	388	26	186	18	3,454	29	138	3,483	117	338	49	168	3,563.03		
Tennessee	260	8,940	44	600	84	196	48	3,966	271	338	338	5,048	334	90	24	448	3,463.76	
Texas	18	396	26	546	45	173	3	5,399	104	168	168	3,529	241	54	36	331	2,810.54	
Texas Mexican	275	8,493	96	1,827	105	302	18	9,523	614	139	583	9,166	620	63	25	136	620.63	
Upper South Carolina	495	17,765	97	1,827	105	302	18	9,523	614	139	583	9,166	620	63	25	136	620.63	
Virginia	26	379			8	15	2											
Western Mexican	448	17,203	109	1,890	116	256	16	9,085	87	354	354	6,864	332	7	40	379	1,685.01	
Western North Carolina	200	6,975	32	547	44	171	42	5,316	110	242	4,270	120	24	22	11	131	3,571.32	
West Texas	122	3,868	26	404	21	75	16	1,122	51	45	45	806	24	46	22	46	352.78	
Total	8,335	277,535	1,487	25,623	1,893	5,540	968	1,842	9,542	163,128	3,187	7,592	148,488	5,900	547	1,200	8,187	\$79,608.86

## CHILDREN'S WORK

NOREEN DUNN, SECRETARY

This year's report of the Council Secretary of Children's Work belongs in part to Miss Constance Rumbough and in part to me, in view of the fact that I did not take over the responsibilities of this office until July 1, 1936. My own part, however, would not be begun properly without an expression of gratitude for the consideration and help which Miss Rumbough gave me in preparation for the new work before she left the office. I am also deeply indebted to Miss Haskin, to Mrs. Bourne, and to the other Council Secretaries for their splendid co-operation in helping me to become adjusted to a new work, and in a special way to Miss Sadie Garth, my secretary, whose efficiency and whose understanding of the work have been of inestimable value to me.

Feeling keenly the need of getting directly in touch with the latest developments in the fields of elementary and religious education, I spent six weeks last summer in Teachers College, Columbia University and in Union Theological Seminary attending classes, lectures, discussions, and reading the latest books in fields related to my work. Since then I have made a special effort to be present for meetings of the Missionary Education Movement, the Foreign Mission Conference of North America, the Council of Women for Home Missions, and the International Council of Religious Education because I believe that one charged with the work of this office should have a basic interdenominational concept of what is being done in the field of missions generally and in the field of children's work particularly.

Early last fall I had the privilege of participating in a series of district institutes for children's workers in the Virginia Conference, promoted jointly by the Conference Director of Children's Work of the Board of Christian Education and the Conference Secretary of Children's Work of the Woman's Missionary Society. This experience was a valuable one for me and gave me a better picture than I could have received in any other way of the possibilities inherent in the co-operative plan for the missionary education of children. Having been made a member of the Associate Council of Children's Workers of our church I attended the yearly session in December where valuable contacts with directors of children's work in other conferences were made. Plans are now under way for my participation in a number of training schools, co-operative conferences and institutes for children's workers, all of which I heartily welcome as channels through which the co-operative plan may be made to function more effectively.

Because of the fact that *WORLD FRIENDS* with its superintend-

ent's pages had been discontinued, soon after coming into the office I felt the need of a medium through which auxiliary secretaries of children's work, as well as conference secretaries, might be reached. For this purpose a *Missionary Bulletin for Children's Workers* was begun. Two issues of this bulletin have been prepared to date, and they have been enthusiastically received by conference workers. In connection with the bulletins a special page called "A Private Word" has been prepared for the conference secretaries, so that each could have the benefit of any new or helpful methods which have been used effectively in other conferences.

Last fall an emergency arose in regard to the authorship of the junior unit on China for this spring, and because of a shortage in time the co-operative committee on children's work asked me to undertake this work for them. This unit and the primary unit by Mrs. Kent are now completed, and arrangements have been made with missionaries in China for the sending of gifts to the children of China in connection with the studies this spring. In a special effort to avoid undue breaks in the continuity of church school programs throughout Southern Methodism, two months were set aside by the co-operative committee for the spring missionary units, April for churches using the specially prepared booklets, and May for churches using group graded literature. A slight deviation was also made in regard to the fall unit which will come in December this year instead of November, due to the special fitness of that month to a study of the topic "Christmas Around the World."

Before Miss Rumbough left the office she promised our secretaries of children's work a simplified report blank. These blanks have been completed and were used during the last half of this year. Compared to the reports for the spring of 1936, the fall returns show a slight increase in the total number of churches reporting the use of the missionary units, in spite of the fact that the spring is generally conceded to be a more popular time of the year for the use of these units. Compared to statistics for the fall of 1935 a much larger increase is noted, four hundred more churches having reported using the units in both primary and junior departments in the fall of 1936. This is indeed encouraging, particularly in view of the fact that many church leaders felt that a study of the American Negro was untimely and would not be popular. How much of the increase in these figures is due to the simplified report blanks, how much is due to the unexpected interest in the fall study, and how much is due to the increased efficiency of the co-operative plan cannot be determined. But whatever the cause or combination of causes, we are grateful to be able to report this growth in numbers. We are happy also to be able to report an increase of \$183.55 in funds received by the Woman's Missionary Council from children's work. The amount for 1936 was \$17,350.70, whereas that for 1935 was \$17,167.15.

Far more interesting than the statistical elements contained in the

reports for the last half of 1936 were the comments on the fall unit which came from both conference and auxiliary secretaries of children's work. These comments alone form a valuable document. I am sorry that all of them cannot be printed in this report, for they contain stories of true heroism on the part of secretaries of children's work and church school teachers in putting on these units in the face of strong opposition, and they contain also many interesting references to Christian growth in adults as well as in children. The following quotations gleaned from reports will serve to show the trend of comments made from almost every conference with reference to the study of the American Negro:

North Georgia: "The world friendship units stimulated the interest of pupils and they seemed to enjoy these more than any part of the church school."

Florida: "Our children have been more interested in this last study than in any other we have had. I think perhaps because they could do things and see results."

Texas: "I think the study of the unit did much to create a friendly feeling among our children for the Negroes—helping them to realize the many ways the Negro race is a help to us."

South Carolina: "From this unit of study all who participated have a better understanding of our Negro neighbors, as well as a deeper appreciation of the service they have rendered and are still rendering to society and a sense of our obligation to them."

Western North Carolina: "Nine churches reported as good attendance for extra sessions during this unit as for Sunday morning classes, and one of these had three more in the primary and junior departments at extra sessions than on Sunday morning. One teacher said she had had response from many of her children who before now would not talk."

North Alabama: "Our reports for the November unit revealed numerous articles for the Birmingham Bethlehem House and other places. It was encouraging to read how they enjoyed the unit. Thirty-seven reported the Negro unit the best and most timely we have ever had. Some homes have seen the children kinder to servants. Various groups expressed wonder and surprise that we have such great Negroes."

South Georgia: "The Negro unit was enjoyed more than any other unit, as the Negro is more comprehensible to the children than a foreigner. The unit proved helpful in each child's daily life."

North Mississippi: "The Negro unit was a decided success, the change in attitude most gratifying. Friendly exchange of gifts between a local Negro school and the church school children at Christmas time and a box of games, school materials, etc., for Bethlehem Center were enjoyed. As a direct outcome of this study, our Negro friends were invited through their churches to attend our community out-door vesper service the Sunday before Christmas. As a result many came

and were enthusiastic when it was suggested that their choirs participate in the service next year."

One of the most interesting of all comments came from the Northwest Conference in the form of a problem stated by a local secretary to the conference secretary of children's work as follows: "We have five or six Negro children in our Sunday school. The children take this as a matter of course. The adults of the church are our problem. They have prejudice and will not open their hearts and minds to learn." When we read this we are lead to agree heartily with the local secretary from the Florida Conference who said: "It is too bad that a study of this kind is not had oftener, for many of our men and women of today would have an entirely different viewpoint if they had had a study like this when they were younger."

But even the older people in most cases were not immune to change. This side of the picture is revealed in the Louisiana Conference report in which the conference secretary declared that in nearly every report sent to her some such sentence as the following was found: "It is a revelation to us as teachers, and the children are intensely interested in the contributions of the Negro race to our civilization."

These comments are an inspiration to those charged with the missionary education of the children of our church; for we are led to see very clearly that the missionary education of children reaches not only children but men and women who are parents and teachers and friends of children, and that in so doing it helps to make Christian world citizens for today as well as for tomorrow.

As Council Secretary I cannot help being deeply grateful for any part I may have in the promotion of the co-operative plan for the missionary education of children, and I realize how helpless I should be in my present position without the co-operation of the thirty-eight conference secretaries who work so diligently with me. A period of change undoubtedly faces us just as we are beginning to become accustomed to the workings of the present plan; but until the time comes when the three branches of Methodism have become one, and until a plan for the missionary education of children has been agreed upon by the united body, it is my hope that all of us will do our work even more faithfully and earnestly than we have done in the past. We need to give to each day's work our best effort and our most loyal support so that we may have a missionary minded group of children's workers strong enough to help us weather successfully any changes that may come.

The following statistical report, compiled by conferences, compares the last full year of the existence of World Clubs and Circles (1933) with the last half of 1936. Such a table enables us to see the conferences in which the co-operative plan needs special help and attention. In studying these tables it should be remembered that many of the smaller churches which have no secretary of children's work, and indeed in some instances no missionary society, study the missionary units just the same since these units are written into the regular group graded Sunday school literature which the majority of small churches use.

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CONFERENCES	LAST YEAR (1933) OF WORLD CLUBS AND CIRCLES				LAST HALF OF 1936					
	No. World Children's Circles	No. Boys and Girls World Club	No. Members in World Ch. Cir.	No. Members in Boys and Girls W. C.	NO. CHURCHES STUDYING MESSENGRY UNITS		TOTAL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE SUNDAY MORNING SESSIONS		TOTAL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE EXTRA SESSIONS	
					Pri. Dept.	Jr. Dept.	Pri. Dept.	Jr. Dept.	Pri. Dept.	Jr. Dept.
Alabama.....	62	83	737	1,363	68	68	1,590	1,365	503	553
Arizona.....	.....	9	49	135	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baltimore.....	27	69	395	1,653	39	34	813	887	189	256
Central Texas.....	30	74	500	1,500	79	76	1,224	1,224	584	562
Florida.....	57	100	819	1,744	43	44	1,981	1,092	127	205
Holston.....	101	132	1,820	2,924	44	44	1,335	1,441	338	555
Illinois.....	2	10	24	368	3	3	50	75	25	30
Indian Mission.....	9	9	55	41	21	21	113	85	.....	.....
Kentucky.....	24	29	338	539	55	60	825	975	245	350
Little Rock.....	28	37	707	717	23	25	379	511	140	226
Los Angeles.....	8	17	177	329	6	7	626	626	45	45
Louisiana.....	43	54	652	1,038	31	34	609	864	201	316
Louisville.....	25	51	372	887	25	23	453	375	203	175
Memphis.....	114	121	1,089	1,680	48	49	813	992	328	469
Mississippi.....	119	142	1,398	2,203	29	30	15	17	10	14
Missouri.....	13	27	104	482	19	20	165	340	57	190
New Mexico.....	3	14	34	298	8	7	246	196	36	54
North Alabama.....	179	228	3,053	5,072	164	158	2,977	3,080	641	1,406
North Arkansas.....	33	59	545	1,213	25	22	432	515	194	166
North Carolina.....	115	113	2,123	2,399	72	78	1,752	1,652	434	420
North Georgia.....	185	201	2,903	4,001	96	96	1,819	2,464	1,020	1,020
North Mississippi.....	68	85	800	1,382	88	89	1,045	910	170	225
North Texas.....	13	29	130	502	31	32	928	975	151	196
Northwest.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	7	108	118	16	23
Northwest Texas.....	50	68	569	1,021	24	25	454	444	117	116
Oklahoma.....	37	83	648	1,747	39	39	1,675	1,366	493	497
Pacific.....	19	29	229	435	6	7	124	123	6	12
St. Louis.....	31	64	597	1,494	120	120	968	1,146	98	201
South Carolina.....	29	65	386	1,207	37	37	588	1,713	246	209
South Georgia.....	61	134	1,270	2,232	59	59	974	1,158	247	375
Southwest Missouri.....	22	38	120	322	26	26	26	37	12	15
Tennessee.....	39	56	512	928	41	34	733	544	257	231
Texas.....	70	93	577	1,464	41	38	1,085	1,191	360	324
Upper South Carolina.....	63	100	911	1,353	25	25	434	424	517	236
Virginia.....	139	191	3,288	4,931	131	115	3,890	4,209	1,242	1,124
Western North Carolina.....	77	87	1,298	1,760	80	80	2,560	2,725	780	825
West Texas.....	84	124	392	795	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Western Virginia.....	19	33	248	727	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	2,023	2,858	29,789	52,886	1,665	1,649	33,061	35,359	9,801	11,830

## PUBLICATIONS

SARA ESTELLE HASKIN, SECRETARY

The work of the Literature Department cannot be thought of in mere terms of materials written and edited. The process of production is much more complicated. As much writing as time and staff will permit is done in the office. However, the processes involve more (as in every other office) than appears on the surface. In addition to writing, there is the work of contacting writers, editing manuscripts, meeting emergencies when writers fail, securing and selecting pictures for cover and letter press of *World Outlook*, contacting printers and discussing with them "make-up," prices, etc., deciding on use of budget, reading proof, answering many inquiries, directing the woman's section of the Service Department, working with committees, attending meetings, and many other small duties too numerous to mention.

The election of Miss Noreen Dunn upon the resignation of Miss Constance Rumbough as Children's Secretary brought a change in the personnel of our office. Miss Dunn left her editorial work on July first to take up her new task. We were fortunate in securing Miss Juanita Brown as assistant editor. Miss Brown had already served for several months in the woman's work and had been working for four and a half years in the editorial department of the Board of Christian Education. Because of Miss Brown's talent and training the change was made with a minimum of loss. On account of certain adjustments which we have been able to make the indications are that we shall be able to more nearly compass the full task of the department. The pamphlets on the field have not been revised and completed for lack of sufficient time, personnel, and budget. These will be completed within 1937. There was delay in launching the project for Mexican Missionary Societies because of a change in presidents in the Western Mexican Conference. However, the difficulties have been overcome and this work is going forward. The programs for new societies (first year) have had some important revisions and reprints.

Two important and attractive new promotion pamphlets have been written by Miss Brown: *Becoming a Life Member* and *Helping Babies Around the World*.

*The Week of Prayer* material for 1936 consisted of five leaflets and a large section of the October *World Outlook*. The splendid type of material issued was due to the work of the writers: Dr. Leslie Rumble prepared the all-day retreat pamphlet; Miss Noreen Dunn the additional worship leaflets; Miss Mabel Howell the pamphlet on the rural special; Miss Katherine Johnson and Miss Ida Shannon the one on the Hiroshima College special. *The World Outlook* carried much enrich-



ment material made possible through the splendid co-operation of the faculty of Hiroshima College, in Hiroshima, Japan. They furnished some very outstanding pictures for the rotogravure section. This co-operation was unusual in its promptness and efficiency. No literature is sent to the auxiliaries which seems to meet with such favorable response as that issued for the Week of Prayer.

*Programs.* One of the most difficult and important sections of work is the program building through the Yearbook and the monthly pamphlets. Our aim has been to create sufficient material to be adapted to the varying needs. For the first quarter of 1937 two leaflets for each month were issued, one treating of a major subject and the other a minor and related topic. The second set forth in a simple manner some feature of our work. The suggestion was made that either or both may be used according to the interest and preparation of the groups. It is yet to be discovered in how far this will supply a long-felt need for more varied material.

The reports sent in by Publicity Superintendents on the effectiveness of the 1936 programs are favorable for the most part. However, a number of unfavorable criticisms have been received, for many of which the editor is very grateful. The criticisms revolve around two questions: the amount of material and its lack of simplicity. Some want very short leaflets, thus eliminating work on the part of the speakers or readers; others see the necessity of a sufficient amount for a background and for the possibility of selection. How to satisfy the needs of all and how to secure writers that will in all instances "deliver the goods" are still unsolved problems upon which we shall continue to work.

The cost of literature distributed to auxiliaries is as follows:

Council Minutes .....	\$ 2,516.33
Council Bulletins .....	483.65
Monthly Bulletins .....	1,021.11
Yearbooks .....	1,395.00
Program pamphlets (including New Societies and Mexican Societies) .....	3,515.86
Organization Material .....	4,859.90
Estimates, Council Programs, Secretaries Reports, etc. (Paid from Council Meeting Fund.) .....	655.45
Children's Material .....	324.92
Week of Prayer Programs, Envelopes, etc. (Paid from Week of Prayer Fund.) .....	1,393.09
Material purchased from other agencies .....	653.00
Pictorial leaflets .....	439.77
Incidentals .....	30.13

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\$17,288.21

*The Service Department.* Some vital changes have come to the Service Department during the past year. We must record with sorrow the loss of the most efficient head of the department on account of serious illness. Not only the staff but the entire membership of the Council and the auxiliaries had come to depend upon Mrs. Conatser's quick efficiency and knowledge of every detail of the work.

The year brought to the department an entire reorganization. It was moved into larger quarters and the scope of its work greatly enlarged. Mr. W. W. Brockman was given the superintendency and Mrs. B. M. Corlette was selected to take special supervision of the distribution of the supplies for the Woman's Missionary Societies. The cost for this service is as follows:

Salaries .....	\$4,298.50
Postage .....	2,504.45
Supplies, machine replacements, telephone, hauling, and incidentals .....	695.14
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The sales of the department vary from year to year, conditioned by the materials which carry a sale price and prompt remittances. The amount received this year is slightly below that of 1935:

Record Books .....	\$2,577.05
Yearbooks .....	2,766.77
Council Bulletin .....	594.75
Plays and Pageants .....	128.82
Social Service Packet .....	92.49
Life Membership Pins .....	237.00
World Day of Prayer .....	191.62
Council Minutes and postage on same .....	379.40
Miscellaneous .....	1,328.05
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Total .....	\$8,295.95

*The World Outlook* continues to enlarge its field of usefulness. There is heartening evidence that pastors are giving to our women larger support as they seek to "sell" the *World Outlook* to the congregations. The staff of the Board of Christian Education is doing much to promote its use within their constituency. It is found useful in the church schools, its articles often contributing background material for the leaders and pictures which enrich the children's sessions. The Woman's Missionary Society is still the church group which assures the life of the magazine. One auxiliary reports forty-five members, all subscribing to the *World Outlook*.

The editor of the *Woman's Work* who is responsible for the cover pages is making every effort to secure pictures that will in some

sense represent the fields in which we work. Attractive Japanese and Mexican pictures are easy to find, but beyond that the task is difficult. We believe, however, that we are finding some sources in China and Korea.

The income from subscriptions and advertisements has been sufficient to support the magazine including the restoration of the rotogravure section in seven issues. The editors within the limits of their budget are seeking constantly to produce a better *World Outlook*.

## BUREAU OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

MRS. W. A. NEWELL, SUPERINTENDENT

During the past year the Bureau, according to its charter, has co-operated with "agencies working toward social reform and the development of a social conscience." The nature and extent of this co-operation deserves consideration in our annual report. The Bureau gives slight co-operation in some organizations through its membership. In these cases, the Superintendent receives their official publications and is able to utilize material from these which will stimulate interest in our common objectives. Members of the Bureau hold membership and official positions in other organizations for like reasons and gain similar resources, which are put to use in their Committee work.

In some organizations your Superintendent has taken an active part; as it is neither ethical nor practicable to sit as learner and to acquire, without giving and serving as well. Considerable time and interest have been given to service on the official boards of such organizations as the Council for a Christian Social Order, the National Council for the Prevention of War, the Woman's International League, the Consumers' League, the General Commission on Interracial Co-operation, and the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching.

These are the organizations whose purposes are directly in line with those the Council has chosen for this Bureau during the quadrennium and beyond. The literature in pamphlet and leaflet form which has been offered to us gratis or at cost, is prepared by experts. We could not possibly duplicate their researches, and these materials have been invaluable for promoting interest and activity in the Auxiliaries.

Through co-operation with the National Council for the Prevention of War we have promoted several projects. Reports from Auxiliaries show much interest in placing Peace Nooks in local libraries, and using the film bulletins ("Peace Action Pivots") which give information on films that place false values on war. Peace Bonds have been widely sold, bringing the monthly "Peace Action" into many homes and Committees for use on Auxiliary programs. Forty per cent of the purchase price of these bonds has been directed to organizations, chosen by the buyer, which promote World Peace. Much of this has come to the Missionary Society peace projects and to the Council.

The Women's International League for Peace, through its Mandate Committee, gave thousands of copies of the "People's Mandate to the Governments." These, distributed to all Auxiliaries, signed and re-

turned to the Mandate Committee must have swelled in no small degree the bulk of "mandates" carried last fall to the Inter-American Peace Conference at Buenos Aires, by a delegation of women from the Mandate Committee, headed by representative (Mrs.) Caroline O'Day, who made the presentation speech. Many Methodist names are among the 1,500,000 that were piled six inches deep on that six-foot table before the Conference.

This mandate insists that our respective governments:

1. Stop immediately all increase of armaments and armed forces;
2. Use existing machinery for the peaceful settlement of present conflicts;
3. Secure a world treaty for immediate reduction of arms;
4. Secure international agreements founded on recognition of world independence to end the economic anarchy which breeds war.

The Emergency Peace Campaign following upon these other peace activities found much local support from Auxiliary women, prepared and glad to help put on community-wide programs for education in the measures that lead to war and those which make for peace.

The National Child Labor Committee furnished all our Conference Superintendents with packages of their latest material on the Federal Child Labor Amendment, including folders, dodgers, two pamphlets ("Child Labor Facts" and "Handbook of the Child Labor Amendment.") They also offered to put interested women on the free mailing list for a monthly "News Letter" on the progress of the Child Labor Amendment.

The National Consumers' League has furnished all Conference Superintendents with valuable charts—"Labor News of the Twelve Southern States" corrected to date, also with copies for distribution to applicants through our Literature Depository. These studies have been useful to women who have been active in promoting progressive labor legislation during the present sessions.

The General Commission on Interracial Co-operation continues to furnish the Council with the expert service of its staff, who are engaged in research and who promote, through publications and conferences, education in the needs of our Negro population for better schools, public health provisions, economic opportunity and civic justice. Dr. Eleazar, Dr. Raper, and Mrs. Ames have rendered noteworthy service in this field of our work. Many superintendents report having interested the classes of high schools in essay contests in "America's Tenth Man" and use of "Singers in the Dawn," and of Dr. Raper's pamphlets on lynching, such as "The Mob Still Rides." Through a wide use of Mrs. Ames' pamphlet, "Friends and Neighbors," the attention of our members had been directed to study of the Negro communities. Much activity has been stimulated by the simple survey outlines, and the records of projects carried on jointly by Negro and white church women: Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Wel-

fare or Community Clubs, playgrounds, pre-school care of children, Bible classes and better church school work.

Equally important to missionary societies has been the interest aroused through the annual bulletins of the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching which, like the small pamphlet referred to above, have been distributed to our superintendents at cost, on application to our own and the Commission headquarters. The newest help in this line is free to all who will use it—three effective dodgers, "What One Woman Can Do to Prevent Lynchings," "A Lynching Threatens," and "What Is the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching?"

It is fortunate for the Bureau that the membership of the Central and State Councils of this organization contains so many Conference Superintendents and other Conference officers, since in its meetings, together with women of other organizations, both denominational and civic, they receive definite plans which enable them to enlist Auxiliary women in a continuous educational program for the eradication of this shameful manifestation of the mob spirit.

The Federal Council of Churches has been most helpful in organizing work for better motion pictures through its Committee, and in rallying citizens to an interest in disadvantaged wake workers in coal mining villages and industrial communities.

Reports from Conference Superintendents show the results of these co-operative activities and studies in increasing reality in types of service. This has been fostered in some Conferences through the work of Conference Chairmen in one or more of the five lines of Committee work. An example of what this may mean is found in the remarkable report of the Conference Chairman of Interracial Cooperation in the Alabama Conference. Mrs. A. C. Greeson has written articles for the daily, and church press, made addresses, interested clubs, spoken before City Council committees, granted interviews to leading Negro citizens—ministers, teachers and other professional men—written a large number of personal as well as circular letters to women of the Conference, and in all possible ways worked in the interest of greater opportunity for the Negro race. In this way she has promoted hospitalization, clinics, employment, care of children, better public school buildings, better salaries for teachers, and higher standards of preparation for them. The costs of this were borne in part by the Alabama Conference Society and supplemented largely by her personal contributions. It is the type of intensive work which brings results.

Active results are shown also from our Mission Study text, in promoting better relations between the races. Dr. Charles S. Johnson's "A Preface to Racial Understanding" has been read and discussed by many Auxiliary groups, and from this they have acquired new outlooks in the opportunities we can provide for better conditions

among the Negroes, better conditions which will ultimately effect a better social order among all races.

Courses for women were sponsored by the Bureau and directed in the main by Conference Superintendents and other Conference Officers, and six standard training schools under the auspices of the Board of Religious Education of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. The Conference Societies and Auxiliaries bore the same responsibilities and the same financial relation to them as in former years. Last summer was the first, and—in a sense—experimental season under the new and closer co-ordination plan with the educational forces of the C. M. E. Church.

Since the establishment of a Board of Religious Education in that church, with well-trained secretaries, responsible for directing the training of religious workers for church schools, Epworth Leagues, and such other institutions as may be within their field, it was not only inevitable but desirable that the leadership training for colored women, which the Council pioneered more than eight years ago, should be brought into a proper relation with the official developments planned by this Board.

Two meetings were held, in February and in November 1936, called by our Council Committee on Interracial Co-operation and participated in by the C. M. E. Secretaries, Secretaries of our own Board of Christian Education (which had been co-operating for some years with the Bureau in sending instructors in Religious Education to these schools) the Women's Connectional Council of the C. M. E. Church, and our Administrative Secretary of Home Missions, Woman's Work. The agreements decided upon by the group in its last session have been sent to the Council members, but one error should be corrected.

Heretofore the plans for courses for women have been made by the Council Superintendent in close correspondence with Conference Superintendents, with the "deans" selected for each school, with the presidents of colleges in which the schools have been held, with the bishops and the officers of the Women's Connectional Council of the C. M. E. Church. From now on, all arrangements will head up in a Regional Committee for each bishop's area of the C. M. E. Church. The Conference Superintendents and the Extension Secretaries of our Board of Christian Education will be members of these Regional Committees with representatives of the Woman's Connectional Council and the Secretaries of the Board of Religious Education of the C. M. E. Church. This Committee will be responsible for promoting various phases of the work needed in these schools, for planning courses, and will serve as a Board of Managers for the C. M. E. Leadership Training School within the area. The Secretary of the C. M. E. Board of Religious Education will call the Regional Committee meetings.

Through misunderstanding, Lincoln Ridge was not named as one of the Leadership Schools with which the Board of Religious Edu-

cation is co-operating. Lincoln Ridge is on the same basis with respect to that Board as are the five other schools. This Board accredited the instructor in Religious Education last year. The attendance of the women students at schools last summer was as follows:

Lincoln Ridge, 51; Mississippi Industrial College, 67; Lane College, 55; Miles College, 78; Paine College, 97; Texas College, 100. Total enrolled, 448.

The follow-up work which the women of the auxiliaries have done with the colored women who attended these schools has been one of the finest products of our experiments in interracial co-operation. We believe that we have passed the experimental stage in this work in the local community to a degree. We are sure that the basis of contact established through the whole process of finding a delegate, acceptable to the Negro local group, giving her such aid as she needs in order to attend, studying community needs with her and her associates in the local church and finally helping them to carry on their activities is sound and wholesome for women of both races who are thus uniting in service.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools, day nurseries, playgrounds, school lunches, better school equipment, libraries, better church schools, teacher training classes and Bible classes clinics, these are among the activities that are being helped or established through the impetus gained in the leadership schools and fostered interracially in the local communities.

An Institute was held at Bethlehem House, Winston-Salem, N. C., by the women of the Methodist churches of the city, and taught by well prepared instructors, both colored and white. This type of institute was recommended by the Council some years ago, and has been developed in several places. It has the approval of both the Council and the C. M. E. educational forces.

One of the high points of the year was the School of Christian Living at Scarritt College, September 16-21. This was the first time since 1930 that the members of the Bureau have utilized fully the appropriations made annually for Bureau and Committee meetings, believing that the sacrifices of opportunity could better be endured at home and in this department, when the money used here might be used to keep some missionary in the field, or in according her needed facilities. The financial resources of the Bureau were turned into making the "School" possible.

Twenty-three Conference Superintendents of Christian Social Relations and many committee members assembled at Scarritt with Chairmen of Conference Spiritual Life Committees. For five days these delegates gave themselves completely to the study, prayer, meditation and planning for actively interpreting the teachings of Christ in our collective life today. It was a time of renewed faith, increased zeal, clearer understanding of the social problems of our time and above all of spiritual insight.



The Conference Superintendents have been following a method of reporting which gives the Council Superintendent and the Chairmen of Bureau Committees a much more definite understanding of the nature of activities in the Auxiliaries. In addition to tabulating the numbers of Auxiliaries doing various types of work they have painstakingly copied descriptions given of the services rendered of every kind. This adds immensely to their labors, but is helpful to us in seeing the scope of Auxiliary activity. It is encouraging to note the reality of much of their service. This broader conception of the meaning of social service comes as one result of the reorganization of the Bureau of "Christian Social Relations" in several areas of modern life.

Work for World Peace, for Christian Citizenship and Law Observance, for Interracial Co-operation shows a great growth in originality, initiative, and constructiveness. People are better prepared to see what needs doing, and the means to doing it in these areas, than they are in those of industry and rural life. The whole world of industry and economics has been in such chaos that even the wisest thinkers and most experienced industrialists and authorities have differed and suffered perplexity. It is not strange then that laywomen should be slower to comprehend their abilities in promoting welfare in these fields than in some others.

There also are many obstacles to developing a program for rural church women, to be found in the conditions of country life, but progress is being made. Our committees are persistently working at the problem of marking out progressive lines that will employ the talents of rural church women, their experience, to the advancement of their home, church, and community life. We have confidence that, eventually, a program which is clear and true will be evolved.

The questions which are asked of auxiliary superintendents on the report blanks which they send to the Conference Superintendents are:

Is your church on a rural circuit? Do the churches on the circuit co-operate? In what ways? Does your Auxiliary have a sister society? How do you help each other? If your Auxiliary is in a small village or in the open country what has been done to promote community welfare and Christian social relations?

Answers to these questions show that a few churches on rural circuits have regular or occasional joint meetings with happy results socially and spiritually. Co-operation is not so quickly or easily worked out. Leadership and guidance are needed to point the way. Many urban and rural churches enjoy the sister society relationship. Some extremely interesting activities have come to light in the reports on work for community welfare. This field is capable of producing remarkable results when more attention is given it as planned by the Bureau Committee on Rural Development. Baltimore, Florida, North Alabama, North Georgia, South Carolina, South Georgia,

Southwest Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, Upper South Carolina, and Western North Carolina Conferences report many fine activities.

A quotation from Western North Carolina will give a glimpse of the extent and type of work being done in these societies.

"First Quarter: Number on rural circuits, 55; number co-operating with other churches on circuit, 46; number having sister societies, 31; promoting welfare in community, 25.

From Upper South Carolina this statement is significant; "Our rural auxiliaries are making more definite plans for rural welfare for the third quarter they report; co-operation with other auxiliaries in investigating and helping needy families, donating books and magazines for a reading room for young people, securing teachers for a rural church school, conducting a daily vacation Bible school, working for a new school building, working for a parsonage and wiring for electricity, working for a community center, building a new church, securing a new carpet, in playground work, in one big social each year, in local problems, in home-coming celebration, in pageants, in mission study classes, in standard training schools, in aiding rural Negroes, in joint meetings of colored and white missionary societies, in opening their homes for young peoples' meetings, in all forms of church work."

Your superintendent has had many happy experiences in connection with her work since our last Council session. The School of Christian Living was a time of revitalizing of ideals, of defining objectives, for those who lead in the Conferences. The annual meeting of the Council for a Christian Social Order, held at Lake Junaluska, was a most profitable session. Problems were squarely faced, and there was general participation in discussion. There have been the usual Conference visitations, committee and Bureau meetings, correspondence, travel, and writing of leaflets and articles. Perhaps the happiest experience, possibly because it was the fruition of such hopes and promise, were the visits to the Paine College and Mississippi College Leadership Schools. And to crown the year, there was the January meeting of the Bureau, for evaluation of its organization and work. In this we had the assistance of our Secretary in charge of Literature, a Conference Superintendent, and the former General Secretary of the Sunday School Board. The long experience and clear conception of educational processes and spiritual values made this "evaluation" session far more than just "another meeting." Reviewing the progress of the past seven years we face the future hopefully.

## SCARRITT COLLEGE FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

J. L. CUNINGGIM, PRESIDENT

### I

The record of Scarritt College during the present year has not been marked by any spectacular achievement, but in several particulars we have made definite and gratifying progress.

One important addition has been made to our program of training. I refer to the inauguration of rural work under the direction of Miss Sarah McCracken. Through the splendid leadership of Miss Howell and with the active co-operation of Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, and the representatives of the Tennessee Conference Board of Education and Board of Missions, a joint program of rural work is being carried on in the nearby territory. A good number of the Scarritt students are actively participating in the work and are finding the experience a valuable feature of their preparation. This undertaking is, I trust, but a prophecy of a much larger, more adequate program of rural training at Scarritt in the near future.

The student attendance this year shows a gratifying increase over the enrolment of last year. The statistics for the Summer, Fall, and Winter Quarters are as follows:

Graduate Students .....	67	
Senior College Students .....	48	
Special Students .....	28	
	143	
Total .....	143	
Students from Co-operating Institutions .....	142	
	285	
Total .....	285	

The 143 students enrolled at Scarritt College represent nineteen states and nine foreign countries. They are distributed as follows:

Alabama .....	5	Ohio .....	1
Arkansas .....	5	South Carolina .....	3
California .....	9	Tennessee .....	20
Florida .....	2	Texas .....	2
Georgia .....	13	Virginia .....	4
Indiana .....	3	Brazil .....	6
Kentucky .....	5	China .....	8
Louisiana .....	7	Cuba .....	2
Mississippi .....	2	Congo Belge .....	4
Missouri .....	6	India .....	2
Maryland .....	2	Japan .....	4
New York .....	1	Korea .....	9
North Carolina .....	8	Mexico .....	5
Oklahoma .....	4	Poland .....	1

More important than the increase in the number of students is the growing influence of the institution. This is indicated by the presence at Scarritt this year of missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church on furlough from Mexico, from India, and from China, and a Presbyterian missionary from Mexico. It is indicated also by the fact that a choice young man from Mexico and one from Korea have been selected and sent to Scarritt by the Boards of the two Methodist churches, the Methodist Episcopal and our own, in order that they might be trained as leaders for their own people in the field of religious education. We have further assurances from leaders of the Methodist Episcopal Church that a much larger number of their missionaries as well as candidates for missionary service will attend Scarritt College in the near future.

Since my last report to you, progress has been made also along financial lines. Last spring a campaign was put on in Nashville for \$75,000, and slightly more than that amount was subscribed. In addition to this successful effort, two donations have been received, one for \$5,000 from a friend in Washington, D. C., and another from a friend in Oklahoma City for \$20,000. Thus our financial resources have been increased by approximately \$100,000 during the year.

The cultivation of our constituency has been going forward steadily under the able leadership of our Vice-President, Mr. J. Earl Moreland. I believe that Scarritt College is constantly becoming better known and better loved by the Church as a whole. With the co-operation of the several Scarritt Representatives appointed by the Conference Missionary Societies the number of Scarritt Associates has increased until there are now more than 1,500. Through the development of the plan of Associates it has been our desire and effort to extend the contacts of the institution beyond the missionary women to the other members of our Church. We are deeply indebted to the Scarritt Representatives for their co-operation in getting the College in the minds and hearts of a wider constituency.

## II

Turning our eyes to the future, may I call attention to the fact that the meeting of the Council in 1939, two years from now, will be the fiftieth anniversary of the first official action taken for the establishment of Scarritt Bible and Training School? It was at the meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in Little Rock in 1889 that the resolution was passed authorizing Miss Belle H. Bennett to present the claims of the proposed Training School throughout the Church, to enlist the sympathy and aid of workers, and to collect funds for its establishment. In view of these facts I wish to ask whether it will not be the pleasure of the Council to make a special feature of Scarritt College at its meeting in 1939.

If this should be your pleasure, the College would like to make that meeting of the Council a milestone in its program of develop-

ment. During the two years from now until that time several specific projects might be undertaken. And no doubt a definite period such as I have suggested would be of value in bringing these projects to a successful culmination.

Among suitable objectives I would suggest that our cultivation program might aim to secure two thousand additional Scarritt Associates. It is our purpose to have as our Associates eventually 10,000 friends from the Church and from the country at large who will desire to have some individual part in the program of Scarritt College. We would like to increase our present number by 2,000 during the next two years. With the co-operation of the Scarritt Representatives we believe this can be done.

Again in our program for the raising of \$1,000,000 we would hope that within these two years we could secure \$500,000 for increased endowment and additional buildings. With the assistance of Mr. Moreland and the co-operation of those friends who believe in the work Scarritt College is doing, surely it ought to be possible to bring such an undertaking to success. If this can be accomplished, the second half of the task will doubtless be realized with greater ease during the two or three years following.

It is not necessary at this time to outline in detail the program in mind for the next two years. What I have suggested will indicate some of the objectives before us. The success of our undertaking will depend upon the co-operation of an increasing number of ministers and laymen, men as well as women. After the Church has thought of Scarritt for nearly fifty years as an institution of interest only to missionary women, it is a very difficult task to lead the Church to change its thinking and to understand the full significance of Scarritt College for its entire program. But very definite progress has been made, and the institution has an increasing hold on the thought and the affections of the Church. With the continued co-operation of the missionary women and other friends, Scarritt College will eventually be known and loved by the entire constituency.

In closing, I wish to express to the Council and to the many local Missionary Societies that you represent my deepest appreciation of all that you have done for Scarritt College. Your loving loyalty through the years has made the institution what it is today, and I am sure will not fail in the years to come.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN FIELDS

A report from Brazil, setting forth a proposed five-year plan of expansion, was read by the Committee on Foreign Fields, for information and consideration. The committee approved the general plans.

The Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Week of Prayer offering in the Foreign Department be directed to Retirement and Relief.

2. That we approve the recommendation of the Central Council of Brazil—for the establishment of a junior college at Colegio Bennett.

3. It is the conviction of the Committee that higher education in foreign fields should be conducted on interdenominational lines—and that a committee at home should study such a plan for Colegio Bennett.

MRS. W. B. LANDRUM, *Chairman*;

MRS. E. A. KITCHELL, *Secretary*.

### COMMITTEE ON HOME FIELD

We recommend:

1. That the Week of Prayer Offering for 1937 be directed to the Retirement and Relief Fund for deaconesses.

2. That the request of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Missionary Society asking to be allowed to increase the Council Pledge \$1,000 for the salary of a deaconess for the Cedar Grove section of Shreveport be granted.

3. That the request of the South Georgia Conference Woman's Missionary Society to raise \$2,500 for the purpose of securing another worker and adding to the Industrial Center, Community House, Columbus, Ga., be granted.

MRS. LEE BRITT, *Chairman*;

MRS. W. C. GUGGOLZ, *Secretary*.

### REPORT FROM DEACONESS CONFERENCE

We are presenting a few of the facts gathered from reports of our group leaders—those facts in which you may be more particularly interested.

#### CHURCH DEACONESS

That the service a deaconess can render to a church has been called to the attention of preachers and congregations by means of articles sent to several of our *Christian Advocates* and by addresses to groups of preachers. There seems to be an increasing demand for this type of service. Three new places were filled this year.

## RURAL WORKER

Those engaged in rural work believe that the time has come to set up standards to aid conference women in the moving of a deaconess from one community to another. By this is meant some definite suggestions for making preliminary investigations in a community to discover facts that may be used as a basis for deciding where the leadership of the deaconess can contribute the most. There seems to be doubt as to the advisability of frequent moves.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A few of the outstanding accomplishments for the year, mentioned by those whose efforts are expended in settlements, are: Summer camps, Negro Youth Conference, extension branches opened, thirty young people received into the church.

It is interesting to learn that although our settlements are "manned" by women, the attention given to men and boys in organizational activities is about the same as that given to women and girls. Frequently, the work with boys is done by outside leaders.

## CO-OPERATION WITH CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

The following ways whereby settlements might co-operate with the Committee on Christian Social Relations were suggested:

1. Work out interracial experiments and promote training projects among Negro church groups.

2. Have all chairmen of C. S. R. in a city meet with settlement workers to study and discuss needs and opportunities in a given community.

3. Let the C. S. R. be responsible for securing volunteer workers.

4. Chairmen attend meetings of the City Mission Board.

5. Let the Council Bureau of Christian Social Relations provide settlements with the result of their research and study.

6. Settlements should act as laboratories for carrying out the theories of the Council Bureau.

## STATUS OF WOMEN

As a whole, deaconesses are given more opportunities to share on committees and local boards than they can use.

The following item concerning the attitude of deaconesses toward clergy rights for women came from recent questionnaires:

Of 93 answers, 76 favored clergy rights for women, but only five desired to become preachers.

Deaconesses in all types of work have improved their methods and planning by attending important conferences which have given attention to the problems that are theirs, and by means of reading those magazines which give help to those seeking to discover opportunities to serve.

MINNIE LEE EIDSON, *President*;

LORA LONG, *Secretary*.

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ESTIMATES

## REPORT No. 1

## APPROPRIATIONS

## BASIS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Bible Women .....	\$ 28,344 20
Day Schools .....	1,738 65
Interest .....	9,395 90
Income Specials .....	26 03
Life Memberships .....	27,564 22
Literature Sales .....	8,295 96
Pledges .....	628,845 00
Scholarships .....	27,244 34
Specials .....	970 57
Balances (Foreign) .....	86,664 28
Increase over 1936 (Home) .....	7,500 00
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	\$826,589 15

## APPROPRIATIONS

Foreign .....	\$543,398 58
Home .....	227,370 87
Education and Promotion .....	55,819 70
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	\$826,589 15

## FOREIGN

*Foreign Fields:*

Africa, \$32,206; Brazil, \$97,745; China, \$90,046; Cuba, \$30,094; Japan, \$96,089; Korea, \$75,901; Manchuria-Korean Conference, \$1,320; Mexico, \$32,439; Poland, \$6,969. Total, \$462,809.

*Foreign Miscellaneous:*

Stabilization Fund and Ungranted Supplementary Askings, \$3,349.89; Furlough Study, \$6,000; Medical Fees (four per cent of all missionary salaries), \$6,959; Pamphlet literature for missionaries, \$300; Scarritt College, \$18,000; Committee on Co-operation in Latin America, \$1,000; La Nueva Democracia, \$300; Foreign Missions Conference, \$900; International Missionary Council, Hangchow, \$450; Retirement and Relief, \$10,000. Total, \$47,258.89.

*Foreign Administration:*

Salaries, \$4,688.92; Clerical Help, \$4,434.72; Office and Travel, \$1,725; Board and Committee Meetings (one-half), \$600; Bishops' Travel, \$900. Total, \$12,348.64.

*Foreign Contingent:*

Total, \$20,982.05.

Total Foreign Appropriations, \$543,398.58.



## HOME

*Home Institutions and Lines of Work:*

Mountain Work, \$14,261; Mexican Work, \$35,956.32; Gulf Coast Work, \$18,435; Cuban Work, \$13,024; Negro Work, \$36,607; Dependent Girls, \$18,865; Bible Teachers in State Schools, \$3,000; Young People's Church Worker, \$1,020; Industrial Work, \$10,362; Delinquent Girls, \$9,000; Scarritt College, \$18,000; City Missions and Conference Appropriations, \$7,088; Western Work, \$2,919; Rural Work, \$3,100. Total, \$191,637.32.

*Home Miscellaneous:*

Deaconess Travel, expense, outfits, \$3,000; Furlough Allowance, \$12,000; Membership dues to Council of Women, \$345. Total, \$15,345.

*Home Administration:*

Salaries, \$4,688.58; Clerical Help, \$3,114.77; Office and Travel, \$1,525; Board and Committee Meetings (one-half), \$600. Total, \$9,928.35.

*Home Contingent:*

Total, \$10,460.20.

Total Home Appropriations, \$227,370.87.

## EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

*Administration:*

Salaries, \$8,288.92; Clerical Help, \$8,664.78; Office and Travel, \$3,725. Total, \$20,678.70.

*Education and Promotion:*

Travel and Office Expenses of Council Officers, \$3,270; Service Department, \$7,946; Publications, \$8,400; Co-operative Plan—Children's Work, \$500; Committee Work, \$11,125; Missionary Education Movement, \$500; Literature, Federation of Foreign Boards, U. S. A., \$100; Schools of Missions, \$2,800; Inter-Board Work, \$500. Total, \$35,141.

Total Education and Promotion, \$55,819.70.

Grand Total, \$826,589.15.

## REPORT No. 2

The Committee recommends:

1. That the salaries of missionaries in Cuba be restored to \$1,000.
2. That the work budget program of the four fields—China, Korea, Japan, and Mexico—be made on the basis of "3 for 1" exchange instead of "2 for 1" as formerly.
3. That the building funds as appropriated for foreign fields be released in 1937.
4. That 1937 appropriations in the Foreign section be paid on the basis of 1938 appropriations where needed.

5. That the following appropriations be made from accrued balances and surplus:

*Foreign Department*

Revolving Fund .....	\$75,000 00
Retirement and Relief Fund .....	24,123 43
Bennett College, Rio, Brazil .....	15,000 00
Hiroshima College, Japan .....	15,000 00
Ginling College, China .....	15,000 00
Ewha College, Korea .....	7,000 00
Education and Promotion Department .....	1,500 00

*Home Department*

Revolving Fund .....	\$25,000 00
Retirement and Relief .....	50,000 00
Bethlehem House, Winston-Salem, N. C. ....	1,000 00
Bethlehem House, Memphis, Tenn. ....	1,000 00
Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga. ....	800 00
Bethlehem House, Nashville, Tenn. ....	387 94
Education and Promotion Department .....	1,500 00

DAISY DAVIES, *Chairman*;

MRS. J. W. MILLS, *Secretary*.

### EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

The Committee recommends:

*I. Concerning Bible Study*

1. That we continue to promote the study of Stewardship as one of the Bible study topics and that the 1937-38 approved list include the four books on Stewardship found on the 1936-37 list.

2. That societies take one of the studies on Stewardship as an optional Bible study as frequently as they find it needful and profitable.

3. That the approved 1937-38 list include the three new Bible studies published in 1936.

4. That societies select for 1937 and 1938 any topic of the list which they have not yet studied.

*II. Concerning Mission Study*

1. That we approve the new topics for 1937-38:

- a. The Moslem World
- b. The Church in Rural America

2. That the following 1936-37 topics be continued:

- a. Africa
- b. The American Negro
- c. Women and Home Missions

3. That Christian Social Relations Committee emphasize such studies in the Christian Living Series as are related to their work.

*The Christian Living Series:*

- (1) Christian Missions and World Peace
- (2) What Alcohol Is and Does
- (3) Christian Principles and Practice in Business
- (4) Parents as Teachers of Christian Living
- (5) Achieving a Christian Home
- (6) Toward the Christian Ideal of Brotherhood

4. That we attempt to secure the use in circles of the varied missionary materials available, and that interest groups be formed for such studies as Peace, the Family, and related topics.

*III. Concerning Baby Specials*

1. That the use of the Florene McEachern gift boxes for little children be emphasized and the leaflet be widely distributed in order to interest parents and friends of little children in the Baby Welfare work at home and abroad.

2. That the Superintendent of Baby Specials visit the parents of all new babies, suggesting the use of gift boxes and also baby life memberships.

*IV. Concerning Young Women*

1. That continued effort be made to enlist young women as members of the Woman's Missionary Society.

2. That only where it is the wisest plan should they be grouped in a separate circle.

3. That renewed emphasis be placed on Articles 4 and 5, page 138, Report of 1936.

4. That material now available be more widely distributed to young women's circles and its importance stressed.

*V. Concerning New Members and Organizations*

1. That conferences begin the first of the year to make plans for securing new members and organizing new societies, by selecting interested women in unorganized churches and using them as key women to plan the special feature program the second quarter and to continue this emphasis through the third quarter.

2. That district and zones co-operating with conference officers originate their own plans and programs, using suggestions in the *Handbook* and sending to Literature Headquarters for promotion packets as needed for new societies.

3. That we explain and interpret the Efficiency Aim at the district meetings as a most efficient means for cultivation and as a goal that *can* be achieved.

*VI. Concerning Finances*

1. That, in view of the decline in per capita giving, we urge the necessity for emphasizing the *financial* basis of membership and

challenging women to *give to missions* rather than merely pledge to a budget.

2. That a statement be made of the funds necessary to meet the needs of home and foreign missions and that conferences be asked to set a goal of per capita gifts for Council work.

3. That auxiliaries make the January meeting more vital in stimulating a desire to give, also that the presentation of missionary information continuously through the year be so magnified that a final spiritual and missionary emphasis with dedicated offerings at a Harvest Meeting will be assured.

4. That, next year at the Council meeting and in the meetings that follow during the year, provision be made on the program for a strong message on *Giving of Money to Missions*.

5. That we continue efforts to supplement our missionary funds by seeking honorary life memberships, adult and children life memberships and memorial funds.

6. That a pin similar to the life membership be presented to honorary life members.

7. That we urge a persistent effort to secure \$4 for Scarritt College from more auxiliaries, this being the only direct approach to woman's missionary societies for the regular maintenance of Scarritt.

8. That conferences comply with recommendations of Council to make a study of financial policies and of funds, and send a copy of their findings to the Organization Secretary of the Council to be used in summer conferences.

#### VII. *Concerning Supplies*

1. That we undertake as foreign specials through the Supply Department to furnish the missionaries' new home at Laura Haygood School, Soochow, and to provide items of equipment for Margaret Williamson Hospital, Shanghai.

2. That funds for these specials be sent by Conference Supply Superintendents to the Council Treasurer, and that no funds be sent direct to the school or hospital.

3. That Conferences in the flood area where it is needed take as their Emergency Special, helping to refurnish parsonages in those areas, and that funds or supplies for this special be reported through the Conference Superintendents of Supplies.

#### VIII. *Concerning Summer Conferences and Schools*

1. That Conferences provide as far as possible for attendance of specially selected district secretaries at the Missionary Conference and one-week school held at Mount Sequoyah, July 19-26, or at Lake Junaluska, August 3-10.

2. That Conference Superintendents of Study, when possible, attend the Leadership School at Mount Sequoyah, July 26-August 10, or Lake Junaluska, August 12-26.

3. That Conference, district, and auxiliary leaders attend Pastors' or Conference-wide Schools in their own conference.

4. That all Conference, district, and auxiliary superintendents of study continue their efforts to have more missions and stewardship courses offered in Training Schools.

#### IX. *Concerning the Woman's Missionary Society as a Force in the Church*

Inasmuch as we earnestly desire that the Woman's Missionary Society shall be a more potent and permeating force in creating a missionary mind and deepening the spiritual life of the local church, and that the society shall be fully committed to the total program of the church, we recommend:

That women make larger use of the opportunities afforded them for a more thorough cultivation and co-operation through the many channels provided by General Conference—namely, representatives on the various boards and committees of the church, teachers in the church school, the co-operative plan for missionary education of children, missionary programs on the fourth Sundays, and participation in the work of the missionary committee of the church, through missions courses in training schools and summer conferences.

MRS. A. B. SMITH, *Chairman*;

MRS. WILTZ LEDBETTER, *Secretary*.

#### COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S WORK

1. That a secretary of children's work be elected in every auxiliary, and that where there is no missionary society the help of the pastor be secured to appoint a worker in the children's division to fill out the report blank to be sent to the Conference Secretary of Children's Work of the Woman's Missionary Society.

2. That early in October the Nominating Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society in each church be asked to consider the superintendent of the children's division, or a teacher or officer of the primary or junior department of the church school for the office of secretary of children's work, provided she is a member of the Woman's Missionary Society.

3. (a) That in addition to the representative of the Woman's Missionary Society on the Church Board of Christian Education, the pastor be asked, wherever practicable, to appoint the secretary of children's work as one of the members at large, provided she is not already a member of the Board.

(b) That the representative of the Woman's Missionary Society on the Church Board of Christian Education keep this Board well informed on the co-operative plan that provision may be made for the regular study of the missionary units in the church school, and that wherever possible this material be ordered with the regular church school literature.

4. That the secretary of children's work keep the missionary society informed as to what is happening in the children's division throughout the entire year as well as during the time when missionary units are in progress.

5. That the secretary of children's work make a special effort to attend mission study classes in the auxiliary and take advantage of any conference or regional schools and assemblies where courses for Christian workers are offered.

6. That the secretary of children's work stress the importance of sending (itemized) all funds raised for the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise to the conference treasurer of that fund.

7. That wherever possible the conference secretary of children's work use the various conference publications to promote the use of missionary units in the children's division of the church school.

8. That members of the auxiliary make available at least one subscription to the *World Outlook* for the children's division in the local church.

9. That members of the local missionary society aid the church school in promoting the use of the *Elementary Teacher* by all teachers in the children's division, especially in the primary and junior departments.

10. We recommend to the Committee on Co-operation, that the free leaflet on the co-operative plan be revised and brought up to date annually, and that it be made available at the first of the fourth quarter for use during the ensuing year.

MRS. W. H. BALLANGEE, *Chairman*;

MRS. A. C. JOHNSON, *Secretary*.

#### COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE

Since changes are taking place constantly in the personnel of our Woman's Missionary Societies, the Committee believes a more thorough study of woman's work in the mission field is a frequent necessity, we recommend:

1. That the theme for the programs of the 1938 *Year Book* be "Southern Methodist Women and the World Community," and that topics on this theme be presented through leaflets, map studies and the *World Outlook*.

2. That efforts be made to produce historical pamphlets on the different fields as rapidly as funds will permit.

3. That whenever vital changes are made necessitating the issuance of new handbooks, a free distribution be made to each auxiliary and thereafter charges of five cents each shall be made for handbooks.

MRS. HOMER TATUM, *Chairman*;

MRS. W. R. HARRIS, *Secretary*.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

I. GENERAL

We recommend:

1. That the subject of health be the special topic for 1937-38 in each of the five departments of Christian Social Relations, to be carried on with reference to Community Life—urban, rural, industrial, and domestic—for all races.

2. We believe that projects formerly recommended and begun by auxiliaries should be continued until satisfactory results are obtained.

3. That wherever possible traveling libraries, including material for all departments, be established and used.

4. We appreciate and endorse the recommendations made by the Committee on Education and Promotion in their report under heading II, items Nos. 3 and 4, in which the attention of Christian Social Relation Committee is called to the Christian Living Series of Studies and to the packets related to Christian Social Relations.

II. CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP AND LAW OBSERVANCE

We recommend:

1. That the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America be petitioned to ask the steamship companies to place a preacher on board each vessel to minister to the spiritual needs of the passengers.

2. That the Woman's Conference Missionary Societies be requested to present Christian Citizenship in their annual meetings in 1937.

3. That auxiliaries study the provisions made in their states for Juvenile Courts.

4. That we endorse and actively co-operate in the efforts of the National Safety Council.

5. That three new packets of literature be prepared:

a. One containing two new booklets on Anti-Lynching.

b. One containing a booklet on Temperance Education.

c. One containing a booklet on Citizenship Studies.

6. Recommended Readings:

Periodicals:

Church School Literature.

Elective studies of the Board of Christian Education.

Two Anti-Lynching plays.

(a) "Country Sunday" (for white players).

(b) "Lawd, Does You Understand?" (for Negro players).

New books recommended for reading:

*Education for a Changing Civilization*, William H. Kilpatrick.

*Education and the Social Crisis*, William H. Kilpatrick.

*A Wider World for Women*, Lucy W. Peabody.

Four new Anti-Lynching Posters—for use in Conferences and other meetings. In tube with chart for use, 50 cents. Inter-Racial Commission, 703 Standard Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

## III. INTERRACIAL CO-OPERATION

We recommend:

1. That auxiliary superintendents of Christian Social Relations give assistance in every way possible in organizing Negro Parent-Teacher Associations.

2. That they also give assistance in conducting Vacation Church Schools for Negro children, furnishing materials when necessary.

3. That auxiliaries be urged to continue their assistance to Negro women in attending the Leadership Schools in which the Council co-operates.

4. That each Conference superintendent of Christian Social Relations be furnished with at least 10 copies of the Questionnaire on Domestic Employment for which she shall be responsible in securing a cross-section of information requested.

5. That a simplified questionnaire accompany the program material for study on Domestic Employment in the third quarter.

## IV. JOINT RESOLUTION

The Committee on Citizenship and Law Observance and the Committee on Interracial Co-operation unite in the following resolution:

Whereas we rejoice that the number of lynchings have decreased from 20 in 1935 to 8 in 1936; and whereas eight are eight too many in a land which we call Christian, we urge our missionary women to continue their campaign for eradication of lynching, through 1937, by explaining to groups the meaning of the Anti-Lynching pledge; securing signatures of both men and women, especially of sheriffs and other officers; and working in every way possible to create a public opinion which respects the rights and personalities of all.

Furthermore, we do hereby endorse the Costigan-Wagner Anti-Lynching Bill, and urge our Missionary women to continue their efforts in behalf of this Bill by letters to Congressmen and Senators and by education in their own communities on the merits of nationwide action for the eradication of lynching.

## V. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

We recommend:

1. That each member of both the Conference and Council Industrial Committees continue the promoting of the group study of co-operatives.

2. That a study be made of collective bargaining with regard to rights and responsibilities of both employer and employee.

## VI. RURAL DEVELOPMENT

We continue to recommend:

1. That local auxiliaries on circuits seek to co-operate with each other in every possible way; that city and town societies adopt rural



societies as sisters and co-operate with them in advancing the work; that rural Missionary Societies work for the betterment of the rural community and seek in every possible way to relate the church to community needs; that rural Societies co-operate with the Presiding Elders in promoting Rural Life Conferences in the district; that effort be made to secure small circulating loan libraries on rural work for use in various zones and districts.

2. We recommend:

a. That larger use be made of the Guide No. 1 on "Rural Community."

b. That wherever Rural Missionary Societies have not participated in a church-wide study of rural missions, they make a careful study of Dr. Ormond's book, *By the Waters of Bethesda*, and seek to discover its meaning for the situation in their own communities. We continue to urge the study of the two packets on Co-operatives (these materials can be secured from the Service Department, Board of Missions, Nashville, Tenn.).

3. We rejoice in the decision of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations that the special project during 1937-38 be "Health," and we recommend that a Guide No. 2 in the Rural Community series be prepared dealing with the question of health.

4. That auxiliary and conference superintendents keep in close touch with the recommendations to Congress from the President's Committee on Farm Tenancy; that they write at once to the National Resource Committee, Washington, D. C. (care of Dr. W. W. Alexander), and secure a copy of the report of the Committee; that they seek to promote the study and discussion of the report; and that they support such measures arising from the report as are in keeping with sound social justice and Christian principles.

5. *Seminars on Rural Work.*

a. The Rural Development Committee rejoices in the recommendation from the Executive Committee that there be held two Seminars for Rural Women at Lake Junaluska and Sequoyah; and urges upon each conference full participation in the plan by sending to the seminar the woman with the best understanding of the rural situation in the conference, and the one most likely to be influential upon her return in putting the results into effect.

b. We recommend that the women selected to attend these seminars be urged to prepare themselves by such reading, study, and investigation as the Rural Development Committee will suggest.

c. We recommend that the members of the Rural Development Committee be privileged to attend one of these seminars, and that they seek in every way possible to assist in making them significant for the development of the rural work.

## VII. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND WORLD PEACE

We recommend:

1. That emphasis be placed upon peace education through the use of:
  - a. Study Groups, using Marathon Round Tables<sup>1</sup> or World Problems<sup>2</sup> or Headline Books of the Foreign Policy Association<sup>3</sup> with helps furnished from that office.
  - b. Reading, individually and collectively, using reliable newspapers and magazines and Headline Books recommended by Foreign Policy Association,<sup>3</sup> or the following list of books selected by this Committee:
    - (1) Kill or Cure—Muriel Lester, \$1.<sup>4</sup>
    - (2) America Contradicts Herself—Goslin & Stone, 35 cents.<sup>3</sup>
    - (3) Peace with Honor—Milne, Dutton, N. Y., \$1.
    - (4) Why Wars Must Cease—Ten Women, \$1.<sup>1</sup>
    - (5) The Cotton South and American Trade Policy—Peter Molyneaux, 35 cents.<sup>5</sup>
    - (6) Picking America's Pockets—David L. Cohn, Harpers, N. Y., \$2.75.
    - (7) Inside Europe—John Gunther, Harpers, \$3.50.
    - (8) My Country and My People—Lin Yu Lang.
    - (9) The Far Eastern Crisis—Henry L. Stimson, Harper, \$3.75.
    - (10) Ethical Issues Confronting the World Christian—D. R. Fleming, \$1.<sup>6</sup>
  - c. Clipping. Auxiliaries are urged to assemble and circulate clippings from newspapers and current magazines.
  - d. Radio. Broadcasts of National Council for Prevention of War, now on the air, and material available from that office for use of local speakers over stations not reached by above network.<sup>2</sup>
  - e. Films. That missionary women make it their duty to lessen the great amount of militaristic propoganda in films, news-reels, and features, and to increase the use of peace films, using as a guide the Bulletin of Current Films, issued by National Council for Prevention of War.<sup>2</sup>
2. That we urge the importance of the study of neutrality.
3. That efforts be made to counteract the ill effects of our national immigration laws by a study of methods for extending the good-neighbor policy into the Pacific area, with special reference to these laws.

MRS. C. C. WEAVER, *Chairman*;

MRS. JOHN R. TURNER, *Secretary*.

<sup>1</sup> Committee on Cause and Cure of War, 1624 Grand Central Terminal Bldg, New York.

<sup>2</sup> National Council for Prevention of War, 532 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

<sup>3</sup> Foreign Policy Association, 8 West 40th Street, New York.

<sup>4</sup> Whitmore and Smith, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

<sup>5</sup> National Peace Conference, 8 West 40th Street, New York.

<sup>6</sup> International Missionary Council, New York.

COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND LAW  
OBSERVANCE

The standing Committee on Citizenship and Law Observance held two meetings in 1936—one at Dallas, Texas, March 17, 18, prior to Council. One day was given to a resume of committee work and reports of member activities, followed by a program of assigned topics. On the afternoon of the second day, guest speakers included Mr. Sargent, Mayor of Dallas, who talked on the potential value of an informed citizenry of women voters, and Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, who related the anti-lynching program to citizenship responsibility. Mrs. Staples, of Los Angeles, explained work being done in the interest of better movies.

The second meeting was held at Scarritt College, September 19, in connection with the School for Christian Living. Questions discussed for early consideration were:

Interest in the approaching election.

The designation of the first quarter of 1937 as a time for securing the signatures of sheriffs, ministers, and other civic leaders to anti-lynching pledges.

A re-study of the Child Labor Amendment.

Co-operation with the Church School in the study of the Liquor problem.

Continued support and study of the Disney Bill.

A protest against the presentation of drinking in the movies, advertisements, and bill boards.

Urging the co-operation of pastors in the observance of Citizenship day.

Establishment of Juvenile Courts where needed.

The contribution of this Committee to the "Findings" Report of the School for Christian Living was:

"The processes making for social change demand concerted action by Christian people in political affairs. We are resolved to make an intensive study of the duties of citizens in order that we may serve more effectively by an intelligent ballot."

*Activities:*

This is not just another report—it is the cumulative effort of an interested group wholly committed to the human welfare ideals of home, church and school. They have communicated to other groups an awakened responsibility of citizenship duties and stimulated an eagerness for knowledge of governmental policies that vitally affect the public concern.

The recommendations which were adopted at Council have been used as a basis for promoting the work in the Conference, Zones, and Auxiliaries with encouraging results. That the Committee has

projected its thought and plan into the programs of the Conferences, is revealed in this excerpt from Mrs. Newell's summary:

"During one quarter in 1936, thirty-three Conferences reported a total of 1,847 Auxiliaries studying Citizenship and 1,623 actively promoting some Citizenship work."

Co-operation in coinciding interests with other agencies has been wholesome and helpful. A study of the texts on Citizenship in the library of the Committee has proved enlightening and profitable to those who have availed themselves of this provision. Six of the Committee attended the School for Christain Living and three members heard Dr. Horton of Chicago, at the Preaching Mission in Dallas, speak on "Women as Voters."

Temperance education, anti-lynching, Sabbath observance, better movies, questions of proposed legislation, publicity of church and secular press, have challenged the enthusiasms and convictions of Southern Methodist women in their understanding of a more adequate citizenship.

The Chairman represented the Southern Methodist women on a committee of the Council of Women for Home Missions, to study the Liquor Problem. At the request of this Committee, she collected and sent to the New York office samples of the literature which our church is using for a study of the liquor question. She attended the following meetings:

Three Conferences of the Women's Missionary Society, and spoke on Christian Citizenship in each of them.

Anti-Lynching meetings attended were the General meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, State meeting at Dallas and the State Interracial Commission at Dallas in November, 1936.

In August of 1936, she was privileged to attend the Institute of Human Relations, at Estes Park, Colorado. The information and inspirational values of these meetings she generously shares in all her group contacts.

It is not possible to enumerate the many and varied interests of each member of the Committee. The same zeal that has characterized the activities of former years is apparent in this record. "Each in her own tongue" has divined the complete content of CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP, as she has sought to relate it to ALL OF LIFE.

MRS. J. W. MILLS, *Chairman*;

MRS. WILTZ LEDBETTER, *Secretary*.

#### COMMITTEE ON INTERRACIAL CO-OPERATION

1. The committee has promoted its work along the following lines of endeavor:

- (1) Leadership Schools for Negro women.
- (2) Increased opportunities for education among Negroes.
- (3) The study of and active support measure to eradicate lynching.

(4) Household employment.

One of the most practical evidences of interracial co-operation has been the establishment of Leadership Schools for Negro women. They have proven to be strong forces for racial understanding, which have greatly benefited the women of both races. With the establishment of the Board of Religious Education of the C. M. E. Church, it was necessary to make plans for co-operation in their schools. Two meetings have been held at Scarritt College with representatives from the co-operating agencies in attendance. Regional Committees were recommended which would be responsible for promoting various phases of work needed in the C. M. E. Church and in planning for these schools.

In addition to these leadership schools, local church women have conducted courses and institutes in missions and other forms of educational work.

2. Increased opportunities for education among the various nationalities have been promoted by the organization of P.-T. A's community clubs, better school facilities, lengthened school terms, and better salaries.

3. A third line of endeavor has been the study and active support of the Costigan-Wagner Anti-lynching bill. Institutes were held in several of the Conferences under the direction of the Interracial Commission. We could put in other anti-lynching activities as well as Costigan-Wagner.

4. Household employment is a new venture on our part in racial understanding and co-operation. In order to get a working knowledge of the conditions under which the Negroes are employed in the homes, the number of working hours, and a probable standard of wages, a questionnaire was prepared by Dr. Charles S. Johnson, author of *A Preface to Racial Understanding* for use by this Committee. Following the endorsement of this project by the School of Christian Living held at Scarritt College last September three copies of the questionnaire were mailed to the one hundred and fifty women who had attended the school. The response from these questionnaires has not been what the Committee hoped for, as only about forty have been returned. Continued cultivation will be made through the Conference Superintendents of Christian Social Relations.

The report of the study on unification by the Committee was read by Miss Young. It was carefully considered and approved for presentation to the Council body.

This Committee wishes to record its appreciation of the study of the American Negro made by auxiliary women. New insights, understanding, and purposeful activities could be recorded. We are growing in our appreciation of personalities and in accepting Jesus' message as one which transcends class or color.

LOUISE YOUNG, *Chairman*;

MRS. R. P. NEBLETT, *Secretary*.

## COMMITTEE ON INTERRACIAL CO-OPERATION

## STUDY GROUP ON UNIFICATION AND RACE RELATIONS

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Women's Missionary Council in November, 1935, plans were made for a number of studies of matters considered important for our work. Since some of us had been troubled about the racial aspect of the proposed plan for the unification of Methodism, your Interracial Committee was asked to make a study of that aspect of the plan and to report their findings to the Executive Committee. When the report was presented last November the Executive Committee requested that the Interracial Committee continue their studies, reporting to the Council.

The plan proposes to unite into one church the entire membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church in the United States of America and abroad. Provision is made for one General Conference, for annual conferences as the fundamental bodies of the church, and for another type of conference new to Methodism, to be composed of a number of annual conferences contiguous to each other, intermediate in its scope between General Conference and the annual conferences. These conferences are called *central* in the foreign fields; in the United States they are called jurisdictional conferences. Five of them are geographically described: the Northeastern; the Southeastern, including Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Cuba; the North-central; the South-central; and the Western. The sixth jurisdictional conference is called the Central Conference and is composed of the Negro Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as now constituted, extending over the United States except in New England and in twelve of the states of the West. In New England and in these western states Negro churches will remain in the Annual Conferences, composed chiefly of white members, within whose geographical boundaries they are situated. The great bulk of the Negro membership will fall in the Central Conference which includes all the southern and southwestern states and the large cities of the East and Middle West.

To understand the place of the Negro in the proposed Methodist Church, we must consider the Negro in the history of American Methodism. There was a time, in the latter part of the eighteenth century, when Negroes constituted from one-fourth to one-fifth of the total membership of the Methodist Church. Throughout its history we may trace the stresses and strains that inevitably grew out of our Christian faith that God called all men to repentance and a new life in Christ Jesus and the very real difficulty of creating a common church life that should include both bond and free, master and slave, white and Negro. In 1816 came the first break when a portion of the

Negro membership withdrew to set up its own church, the African Methodist Episcopal Church which, after more than a hundred years of independent history, now numbers 545,814 members—the largest group of Negro Methodists in the world. A few years later the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church was established which now has 456,813 members. In 1844 came the division by which the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was established. Both the northern and southern churches continued their work of evangelization among Negroes, both free and slave. You have heard this afternoon of Bishop Capers' devotion to this cause. In 1860 more than two hundred Negroes were members of our church. Then came the Civil War followed by the unhappy days of Reconstruction. The Negro membership of our church fell off rapidly with the Negroes' increasing ambition to control their own affairs. In 1870 the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church was established out of the greater part of the Negro membership of our church, a few electing to remain with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Church statistics record Negro members until 1890, since which date there has been no separate recording of Negro members, although undoubtedly there are still some Negroes on our church rolls. The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church membership now numbers 202,713. The Negro membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church is 323,367, all but 7,060 of whom are organized in Negro Annual Conferences. The Methodist Protestant Church has 2,520 Negro members besides a membership of 533 in the Colored Methodist Protestant Church.

Summarizing, we see that there are now four large groups of Negro Methodists, namely:

- 545,814 African Methodist Episcopal
- 456,813 African Methodist Episcopal Zion
- 323,347 Methodist Episcopal
- 202,713 Colored Methodist Episcopal

The plan of union recognizes the historic relationship between our church and the C. M. E. Church and recommends that we continue our financial assistance to this our daughter church. Only the 323,347 Negroes in the Methodist Episcopal Church are immediately concerned in the proposed union. This is by far the largest Negro group in any mixed church, the large majority of Negroes having their membership in wholly independent Negro denominations. The large Negro Baptist population, is loosely organized into several independent Negro bodies. In the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches there are a few thousand Negro members.

The racial aspect of Methodist unification has been widely discussed in the church press and in Negro newspapers and journals. Several outstanding church papers have criticized it severely as unchristian, unbrotherly, and insulting to the Negro. The Negro press has been, for the most part, bitterly opposed to the plan although here and there

Negro writers have defended it as offering the Negro larger autonomy than he has heretofore had in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and as involving no greater segregation than has been practiced for decades and that through the expressed choice of the Negro membership. Some defend it as the only basis in which the Northern and Southern churches can be united, the Negro's status in the Methodist Episcopal Church being sacrificed in order to bring about an important and long-overdue union of the two.

Your committee agrees that the plan is less than ideal; that it leaves much to be desired if the Methodist Church is fully to represent the Kingdom of God on earth. For Methodist churches in the same city to be related to each other only through a General Conference that meets once in four years seems consistent neither with Methodist connectionalism nor with Jesus' concern that "they all may be one." And yet is that not what we have had in Methodism, both North and South, for a generation or more? And is it not preferable to a nation-wide church with only white members? Is it not preferable to a church in which a Negro minority is included but with little if any opportunity for developing a leadership of its own and church program suited to its needs and interests?

Your committee believes that certain provisions of the plan represent an advance in interracial respect and co-operation. The plan provides the same autonomy, including the election of bishops, for the Central Conference as it does for the other jurisdictional conferences. In the General Conference the Negro Jurisdictional Conference, the Negro delegates, and the Negro bishops will have equal representation and equal participation with white conferences, white delegates, and white bishops. The inadequacy of the plan lies in its failure to provide for co-operation between white and colored Methodists in annual and jurisdictional conferences and in local communities. We think we may safely say that the Commission on Unification did not make provision in the plan for more direct relationship between white and Negro Annual Conferences and white and Negro local churches because our churches as a whole are not yet ready for such co-operation. These being the facts, we may perhaps agree that the commission has done the best it could under the circumstances.

There remains the question what can we do to set in motion forces that will build up a desire for co-operation between white and colored Methodist churches in our own communities? We think we have already found the answer in our increasing fellowship with the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. It was about ten years ago that we began working together as missionary women in Leadership Schools for colored women. Many of us, through participation in these schools, have grown in our knowledge and experience of God and have found joy in a broader and more satisfying Christian fellowship than we had ever known before. This year we are finally



merging our Leadership Schools for colored women with the training schools of the C. M. E. Church, their Board of Religious Education carrying the final responsibility for the schools with the officers of our Conference Missionary Societies and the conference secretaries of the Board of Christian Education of our church participating in the planning of the schools, in their financing, in the recruiting of students, and, where it is desired, in teaching and administration. Is not this a good road for us all to travel? Can we not extend this type of co-operation to the Negro groups of the M. E. Church within the bounds of our annual conferences?

We are not suggesting a procedure identical to this, but we are suggesting that we become aware of the Negro congregations in our midst, especially of the M. E. connection, and that we seek to find ways of co-operating with them in the good work of the Kingdom. Let us seek to know their leaders in the missionary societies and let us ask our pastors to go with us in this adventure in Christian understanding. As we find work that we can best do together, let us undertake it together. Let us sometimes worship with one another. Those of us who have had such worship experiences will testify that they have brought us new visions of God and of his love for all men. Is not this the practical way to do our part toward building a great church in which men of all races and nations may find fellowship, in which we may all learn to build together the Kingdom of God?

We as women know the value of having an organization of our own, in which we may do things our own way, with our own leaders, meeting at times that are convenient for us. There is room in the world for organization by age groups, by sex, by occupations, by special interests, by races, by geographical areas, for the pursuit of special objectives. But the Church of God must include all such groups, excluding none and discriminating against none, but uniting all and relating each to all for the sake of the Kingdom.

We rejoice that Methodism around the world includes men of so many races and nations and we pray that it may be used of God to further international justice and goodwill. We rejoice also that Methodism in America has in many instances and in many communities stood for interracial justice and goodwill when it required Christian insight and Christian courage to do so. We believe that we have a great opportunity to help to solve the race problem in America in a Christian way through strengthening the church ties between white and colored Methodists. We believe that such a Methodist connectionalism transcending race and nation and economic class will be better able to create in us the mind which was in Christ Jesus who taught us of one God who is the Father of all and in whom we are all brothers one of another.

LOUISE YOUNG, *Chairman*;  
MRS. R. P. NEBLETT, *Secretary*.

## COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Rural Development submits the following report of its work for 1936 from four points of view. (1) What the Committee has done. (2) What the Chairman of the Committee has done. (3) What the Auxiliaries have done as shown in their quarterly reports. (4) What the members of the Committee have done.

First: There has been held during the year only one meeting of the Rural Development Committee, and that in the fall in connection with the School of Christian Living. The discussion at this school on Tenancy led by Dr. Arthur Raper and Dr. Charles S. Johnson was very significant for the work of our Committee. At this meeting it was agreed that a second packet on Co-operatives should be prepared and that a recommendation should go from the Rural Development Committee, in co-operation with the Committee on Unoccupied Areas, to the Executive Committee asking that a committee be appointed "to investigate and report on the feasibility and possibility of an experimental co-operative farm for the benefit of the share cropper." This resolution was presented to the Executive Committee in mid-year session and a sub-committee was appointed to make the proposed investigation. The Committee on Rural Development has rejoiced in the fact that the Superintendent of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations was asked to attend the Washington Conference on the Farm Tenancy Situation under the auspices of the Resettlement Administration.

Second: The Chairman of the Committee on Rural Development has been seeking to promote the work in various ways. She has participated in a project connected with Scarritt College, looking to the correlation of all agencies of the Tennessee Conference concerned with rural conditions, and has sought thereby to develop a center that would demonstrate the possibilities in co-operative effort. The seminar on rural work conducted by Dr. Ormond at Lake Junaluska was attended, and the conviction was reached that the church is really concerned as never before about rural work. As a member of the Subcommittee of the Executive Committee planning for the evaluation of all the work of the Council the importance of a seminar for rural women as "our next best stop" has been stressed, with the result that plans are on foot to accomplish it this coming summer. As a member of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations your chairman attended in January the Evaluation Committee of the Bureau and prepared for consideration an evaluation report of the work that she has done through the years by the Rural Development Committee. In addition to those efforts she prepared the leaflet for the Week of Prayer on the new rural projects of the Home Department, and she is in process of preparing another leaflet on rural projects for the program material.

Third: It has been most helpful to the Committee's work to have had the privilege of reading the reports that have come from quarter to quarter to Mrs. Newell from the auxiliaries. These reports suggest what is being done along the line of co-operation on circuits, sister societies, and community welfare. Based upon the examination of those reports from thirty-one conferences for three quarters it is clear that 872 auxiliaries reporting are on circuits and that 775 are definitely co-operating with the other auxiliaries of the circuit for the accomplishment of certain tasks. They are lending to each other mission and Bible study books and materials; they are holding joint meetings and classes and retreats; they are co-operating in Church Vacation Schools; they are helping each other in enriching the social life for young people; and they are mutually helpful in the matter of transportation to missionary meetings. The statement of one auxiliary that "we are accomplishing more working together than we ever could working independently of each other" seems to be a general conviction and is ground for great encouragement.

The reports also reveal that 512 societies reporting state that they have "sister" rural societies. The chief ways in which the city and rural "sisters" co-operate are: in lending books and materials; in exchanging programs and speakers; in all-day meetings together; in financial helpfulness, especially in aiding the rural societies by providing curb markets in the city for their products.

At least 600 auxiliaries reported that they were definitely working along lines of community welfare and seeking to relate the church to community needs. The following are some of the ways in which they are trying to function: They are co-operating with the Home Demonstration Agents and helping in the establishment of community canneries; they are co-operating with the county nurses and holding community classes in health; they are especially concerned with the rural schools and report efforts to secure better buildings and to extend the length of the school term. They report supplying clothing and food for school children, establishing dental clinics and providing for vaccinations and operations. They report successful efforts in securing school buses and safety devices. They report the establishment of community centers and recreational programs for young people. There is a good deal of emphasis on beautification projects centering in churches and schools. It is evident that a number of societies have followed the Guide for a Study of the Community with good results. There is at least one report on the organization of co-operatives, and another report states that "Negro farmers have been aided in securing better farms and living conditions." Another report showed that they have provided a rest room in the city for the country women who come to town for various purposes.

All of these reports give us ground for believing that the rural auxiliary women are really active and alert in many cases at least,

to their opportunity for service and give us reason for believing that the work of the Bureau along rural lines has not been in vain.

Fourth: No special effort has been made during this year to direct the work of the various members of the Rural Development Committee, but they have all been active in different ways. They have spent much time in research and study and in promoting projects and study in their conferences. They have taken courses on rural life in leadership schools; visited rural schools and churches; visited government rural projects; made a study of the program of a county Home Demonstration agent and in other ways have endeavored to become awake and aware of the need of the rural community. They have assisted in the formation of Conference Rural Work Commissions; promoted study and discussions in zone and district meetings; aided in health projects; one of the committee members is securing an agent for the *World Outlook* in the churches where there are no missionary societies. In fact, the individual members have been alert and active all through the year.

MABEL K. HOWELL, *Chairman*;  
MRS. M. E. TILLY, *Secretary*.

#### COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND WORLD PEACE

Since last March the Committee on International Relations and World Peace has lost an honored member in the retirement, for health reasons, of Miss Emma V. Pepler, former Secretary of the Baltimore Conference. As a member of this Committee since its organization, she served with marked ability and devotion to the cause of Peace. Her resignation was accepted with regret, and the vacancy filled in November, when the Executive Committee appointed Mrs. Ida Rhodes Groover, who had also succeeded Miss Pepler in her Conference office. Mrs. Groover's ability is known to the Committee who extended to her a cordial welcome.

During the year the Committee has followed its former plan of study through the reading circle, library books where possible, and daily, weekly, and monthly papers and periodicals. The last named have proven mines of informational and suggestive material touching Peace and International Relations in its many related lines of spiritual, economic, and industrial life. Just here it is pertinent to register appreciation of the value of *The Readers' Digest* which rarely publishes an issue that fails to carry one or more articles touching these subjects.

In this study has been found frequent reiteration of the great importance of building up an "intelligent, accurately informed populace which can be ready and able to speak when quick action is required."

The Committee has also been untiring in promoting peace education

and activities through the local church and conference, and through co-operation with other agencies wherever possible. They have aided in developing traveling peace libraries, in one instance the library carried material related to the entire Bureau; spoken to their own and church groups of other denominations; also to interdenominational groups on Armistic Day, and provided material for other speakers. They have participated in Regional Conferences and in Marathon Round Tables sponsored by the Council on the Cause and Cure of War.

Circumstances have limited the attendance of the Committee members upon the many forums and conferences promoted by National Peace organizations throughout our territory, but in some cases they have participated in preparation of these group meetings and through the reports of the same have received help and inspiration.

The outstanding privilege of the year for a majority of the Committee, several being unavoidably absent, was that of having a part in the School of Christian Living, held by the Bureau of Christian Social Relations and the Committee on Spiritual Life and Message at Scarritt College early in September. Here was found enrichment of experience and a deepening realization of spiritual values as related to our specific task.

A more comprehensive account of this School of Christian Living, also a summary of Peace activities in auxiliaries and conferences, by which, in a degree, may be measured the development and growth of interest in International Relations and World Peace throughout our constituency, have their places in the report of the Superintendent of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations.

Saturday afternoon of the session of the School of Christian Living was given over to committee meetings. To this Committee at that time Miss Constance Rumbough, Regional Director of the Emergency Peace Campaign to keep the United States out of war, presented the plans of the campaign. This campaign was endorsed at that time by the Committee, and later by the larger group of the "School," which at the same time approved a call for an effort to secure an increased number of signatures to the People's Mandate to the Governments for Peace. We urge and shall appreciate any assistance that can be given by conference and auxiliary women in furthering the work of the Emergency Peace Campaign.

Again we wish to express appreciation of Miss Estelle Haskin's continued help in promoting Peace through the pages of the *World Outlook* and the *Bulletin of Missionary News*. We would also thank Dr. W. P. King for making the *Nashville Advocate* a minister of peace; and the Board of Christian Education for the excellent promotional material for peace, as well as for other departments of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations that are published in their periodicals.

We have stressed co-operation with other local agencies in carrying forward peace activities; in like manner we have found assistance in co-operating with national organizations which, through the greater strength acquired by the federation of a number of groups, are able to collect data and prepare material otherwise unavailable for our use. Among these agencies are the Conference on Cause and Cure of War, National Council for Prevention of War, Church Union and World Union for International Friendship Through the Churches, and the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. There is also the National Peace Conference, itself a federation of these larger national organizations, even as the Conference on Cause and Cure of War is composed of twelve Women's National Associations. Our relation here is found through the National Boards of Missions, Home and Foreign.

This National Peace Conference will serve as a co-ordinating agency, a clearing house for the Peace Organizations of the Country, whereby the program may be unified and the Peace Movement enabled to present a united front advancing toward the goal of interenational co-operation and World Peace.

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick writes:

"The old age urges all nations to be armed against each other; the new age replies, all nations must co-operate for the world's peace. In that choice between Christ and Satan, Christians have an enormous stake. War in its origin, motives, methods, and issues is the most powerful anti-Christian influence on the earth. But individual service alone cannot handle the problem. The co-operative organization of all the goodwill there is, is indispensable."

MRS. F. S. PARKER, *Chairman*;

MRS. T. H. TYSON, *Secretary*.

## COMMITTEE ON SPIRITUAL LIFE AND MESSAGE

### REPORT No. 1

The year 1936 was significant because of two epochal meetings that have been and will continue to be of great power and influence.

The first was the School for Christian Living, held at Scarritt College in co-operation with the Bureau of Christian Social Relations.

The Conferences responded generously by sending the leaders of these two departments to the school. In addition, the members of the Bureau and the members of Council Committee on Spiritual Life and Message were present.

Speakers and leaders for the school were Bishop Paul B. Kern, Dr. Lester Rumble, Dr. Arthur Raper, Dr. Alfred Barnett, and Dr. Elza Jones. We were glad to have as our guest Mrs. Wilbur Longstreth, chairman of the Spiritual Life Department of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The group of more than one hundred people faced fearlessly the characteristics of a vital Christian including the social implications. Some of the needs of our world today were vividly and strongly presented and the conviction deepened that we must take definite action to remedy the wrongs that are preventing a real Christian civilization.

It is impossible to estimate the far-reaching influence of the school as every section of the church was represented.

The other meeting that has much value in the promotion of our work was the Retreat held by the Council committee for the re-evaluation of our department of work.

Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Sr., graciously entertained the committee at her country home near Atlanta. The fellowship of worship, study, prayer, and discussion was inspiring. We reviewed every phase of our work to discover if we were giving the right direction and emphasis.

Dr. Lester Rumble and Dr. Lavens Thomas met with us and gave valuable help.

A number of definite conclusions were reached, which we present to you in our evaluation report.

The work in the Conferences as reported by the leaders is most encouraging. One of the most significant advances is in the rapid increase in active and efficient groups in the local church. The continuous presentation of the work in all types of meetings and the larger use of literature concerning it and a deepened sense of the value and need of the groups is having a fine response in the increased numbers. Many Conferences report that the number has doubled this year.

There is an unusual opportunity for the Spiritual Life department in all phases of its work to be a creative and dynamic power in the Bishops' Crusade as it seeks to revitalize the church in real Christian living and we are asking every group to help in every way to bring a new spirit of devotion and service throughout the whole church. Some of the encouraging features are the growing use of devotional literature and the increasing number who keep the quiet hour.

The use of the *Upper Room* in promoting individual and family worship is heartening.

Many Conferences held Retreats that were effective in changing lives and in every way deepening the spiritual life of the church.

The Retreat movement, both in special meetings and in connection with the Week of Prayer, is proving a means of spiritual power.

No further detailed report of work done will be given as we wish to close with the evaluation report.

EVALUATION REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE AND  
MESSAGE COMMITTEEI. *General Statement*

The Committee is unanimous in its conviction that the Woman's Missionary Council was divinely led in making provision for a Committee on Spiritual Life and Message. We sincerely believe that the work is meeting a vital need in our organization.

II. *Retreats*

## 1. The Retreat Method:

The Committee made a careful study of the Retreat method as it has been used by the Committee since the organization of this line of work. It is the sense of the Committee that this method has been so rich in results that it should be continued, with such adjustments from time to time as natural growth would suggest. We submit as evidence of its effectiveness the following facts revealed in the reports and in the testimony of those who have participated in these rich spiritual experiences:

(1) The members of the Spiritual Life and Message Committee themselves bear united testimony to the significance of these Retreats in their own lives. There has come to them a deeper conviction of the power of God to transform, not only the individual, but the whole of society.

(2) There is abundant testimony also from those who have been privileged to attend Retreats that Christian experience has been deepened, attitudes changed, and new resources of spiritual strength discovered.

(3) There is also testimony from some pastors and presiding elders that the Retreat idea is having its influence in the church, and that the church is already feeling the impact of the movement. They express the belief that there is a more far-reaching service which may be rendered, and urge the continuance of the method.

## 2. Types of Retreats:

The Spiritual Life and Message Committee has been deeply impressed with the extent to which the Retreat method has permeated the entire organization of the Woman's Missionary Society beginning with the Executive Committee of the Conference and spreading out into the Conferences as a whole and then into districts and zones. It has also noted with gratitude the widespread observance of the Day of Retreat during the Week of Prayer. As a result of this development, it would seem that for the future there is need of placing emphasis on *three* distinct types of retreats:

(1) Retreats conducted by the Council primarily for selected persons, men and women, who are willing to be trained for leadership in the conduct of Retreats.

(2) Retreats which have as their primary purpose the spiritual



enrichment of the lives of those in positions of leadership who are seeking greater fitness for service.

(3) Retreats which have primarily as their objectives the enlistment of persons in quest for a deeper spiritual life, and for a better understanding of the meaning of Christian living.

If these three types of retreats are to be developed it is very evident to the Committee that it needs to make a careful search throughout the church for men and women who can assist in these lines of endeavor.

### 3. The Essential Criteria of Retreats:

Based upon the experience of the past years, the Committee sought to discover and list what seemed to be the essential elements in any effective Retreat, regardless of the length of the period. The following are presented as essential criteria of the Retreat method:

(1) Those in attendance should be expected to come at the beginning and remain until the close. If the desired results are to be obtained, there should not be "coming and going."

(2) The plan for the Retreat should include a balance of the individual and social emphasis of the Gospel message.

(3) There should always be periods of corporate silence.

(4) There should be provision for sharing personal experience.

(5) The celebration of the Holy Communion has been found to be a very helpful feature of every Retreat.

(6) The numerical size of a Retreat group should be governed by the size of the nucleus present who have had former experience in Retreat methods.

### III. *The School of Christian Living*

The Committee gave special attention to an evaluation of the recent School of Christian Living, and believe that it was very significant both for the work of the Spiritual Life and Message Committee and the Bureau of Christian Social Relations, in that it made clear beyond a doubt that our Christian religion, when rightly interpreted, blends as one the individual and the social emphasis.

The Committee faced the question as to the desirability of Conferences attempting to duplicate this School of Christian Living, and it was their judgment that for the present, at least, Conference Spiritual Life Committees should confine their efforts to Retreats, seeking, as has always been urged, to observe the balance of the individual and the social viewpoints.

### IV. *Spiritual Life Work in Conferences*

The Committee considered the Spiritual Life Work in the Conferences, and realized the possibility of permeating every phase of the work with the Spiritual dynamic through the fullest co-operation of the Conference Executive Committees with the Conference Chair-

men of the Spiritual Life Committees. We would suggest the following:

1. That provision be made for the chairman of the Spiritual Life Committee to attend the Conference Executive Committee meetings and to promote adequately the work in the Conference.

2. It is the sense of the Committee that one of the chief means of developing chairmen of Spiritual Life Groups in local auxiliaries is to hold one-day meetings for those leaders in cities, zones, and districts which will have a program providing Retreat features in the morning and a methods period in the afternoon.

#### V. *Spiritual Life Groups*

The committee sought to evaluate the group in local auxiliaries. It had in hand to aid it returns from twenty-four Conferences, to a questionnaire sent out by the Council Chairman of the Spiritual Life and Message Committee. It also drew upon the experiences of individual members of the Committee, who were participating in local groups. The following facts were gathered:

1. That more than 27 per cent of the auxiliaries had Spiritual Life Groups in 1935.

2. That five of the pamphlets prepared for the Spiritual Life Groups have had to have reprints.

3. The questionnaire revealed great variety in method, and a great deal of creativeness in handling groups.

4. The groups are definitely promoting the use of the *Upper Room*.

5. Some groups are maintaining the balanced emphasis of both individual and social message.

6. The groups are adding in many cases "shut-ins" to their membership. They are co-operating with pastors who seem to be increasingly appreciative of the value of the groups.

7. Some groups have become interdenominational.

8. The women are almost unanimous in their expressions of appreciation of the value of groups in local churches.

9. It is very evident that many groups have not attained the ideal set for them—partly because of the newness of the movement and a failure to understand it. There is need for careful cultivation and development of the group work.

10. While there is a large demand for more detailed helps in the conduct of the group meetings, yet it was the judgment of the Committee that any kind of standardization at this time would be a mistake although, of course, the Committee feels that it should continue to provide literature that will guide them in their reading and study.

#### VI. *Concluding Word*

The members of the Spiritual Life and Message Committee greatly appreciate the high privilege that has been conferred on them in being

called upon to guide in this department of the Council's work, which seems to them to be of outstanding significance in this time of confusion as to supreme values.

#### REPORT No. 2

Your Committee on Spiritual Life and Message submit the following recommendations:

I. Whereas the whole church, through the Bishops' Crusade, is putting emphasis upon John Wesley's Aldersgate experience, and since this Committee is anxious to co-operate with this movement, and believes that through Retreats this can be most effectively accomplished, and

Whereas there is need for experienced leaders for Retreats, we recommend:

1. That the Council rescind the action taken last year regarding the holding of Retreats in two or more Conferences;

2. That the Committee be authorized to hold a Retreat for selected men and women who will serve as leaders for Retreats in Conferences.

II. The Spiritual Life and Message Committee has been deeply impressed with the extent that the Retreat method has permeated the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society. As a result of this development we recommend that emphasis be placed upon three distinct types of Retreats:

1. Retreats conducted by the Council primarily for selected persons, men and women, who are willing to be trained for leadership in the conduct of Retreats.

2. Retreats which have as their primary purpose the spiritual enrichment of the lives of those in positions of leadership who are seeking greater fitness for service.

3. Retreats which have primarily as their objective the enlistment of persons in a quest for a deeper spiritual life, and for a better understanding of the meaning of Christian living.

III. We recommend that the following be considered essential criteria of Retreats:

1. Those in attendance should be expected to come at the beginning and remain until the close. If the desired results are to be obtained, there should not be "coming and going."

2. There should be some definite study that would challenge the thought life of the group.

3. The plan for the Retreat should include a balance of the individual and social emphasis of the gospel message.

4. There should always be periods of corporate silence.

5. There should be provisions for sharing personal experience.

6. The celebration of the Holy Communion has been found to be a very helpful feature of every Retreat,

7. The numerical size of a Retreat group should be governed by the size of the nucleus present who have had former experience in Retreat methods.

IV. In order that there may be the fullest co-operation of the Conference Executive Committee and the Conference chairman of Spiritual Life, we recommend that provision be made for the chairman of the Spiritual Life Committee to attend the Conference Executive Committee meetings and to promote adequately the work in the Conference.

V. It is evident that many groups have not attained the ideal set for them—partly because of the newness of the movement and a failure to understand it. There is need for careful cultivation and development of the group work. Therefore, we recommend the holding of one-day meetings for the leaders in local auxiliaries in cities, zones, and districts, which will have a program providing Retreat features in the morning and a methods period in the afternoon.

VI. In order that Retreats in Conferences may be held to the high ideal of the Committee, we recommend:

1. That, where Conference Retreats are planned, the proposed program and leadership be submitted first to the Executive Committee of the Conference, and then to the Council Committee on Spiritual Life and Message, through its chairman, for suggestions and approval.

2. That if preferred, Conferences may use suggested programs and plans for Retreats prepared by the Committee.\*

VII. We recognize the value in keeping in touch with similar movements in other organizations, and recommend that the Committee continue contacts through its membership in Retreats, or movements having the same motivation.

VIII. We recommend:

1. The continued use of the *Fellowship of Prayer* and *The Upper Room*.

2. The wide use of the leaflet, *Six Ways of Praying*, which can be secured by sending ten cents to Literature Headquarters, Nashville, Tennessee.

3. The largest possible use of the programs prepared for Retreats during the Week of Prayer.

DAISY DAVIES, *Chairman*;  
MRS. A. R. WALKER, *Secretary*.

## COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND STUDY OF STATUS OF WOMEN

### REPORT No. 1

Your Committee on Research and Study of Status of Women submits the following report:

During the three years of this quadrennium, the Committee has

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tried through talks and articles in the church press to create an interest in and to secure a larger number of women on the Conference Quadrennial Boards and all local church boards.

Last year a mimeographed study on the Status of Women was prepared, and reports from the Service Department of Literature Headquarters indicate that it was widely used. A copy of this study was placed in every auxiliary in the Louisville Conference, with the request that a few of the items be presented at the regular monthly meeting until the whole had been used. This was done in many places.

Reports were received from the Chairmen of Status Committees in the following Conferences: Central Texas, Holston, Florida, Los Angeles, Missouri, Louisville, Little Rock, Southwest Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, Upper South Carolina, North Alabama, Northwest Texas, New Mexico, and the Deaconess Conference. Other Conferences and their Chairmen are promoting this work but their report blanks were not returned for incorporation in this paper. From the fifteen reports received the following tabulations have been made:

Thirteen stated that Status of Women was presented at their annual meetings, and reports on Status of Women were printed in the annual reports of ten Conferences. Status of Women was presented at 55 of the 85 district and 106 of the 270 zone meetings. Articles on Status of Women were printed in seven of the church papers. The presidents of nine of the fifteen Conference Woman's Missionary Societies presented the Woman's Work at the Annual Conferences. In the Florida Conference the Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Society was invited to sit on the platform with the Conference Board of Missions on Anniversary Night at the Annual Conference, and at the Layman's Hour the vice-president of the Woman's Missionary Society presented the woman's work.

The scope of this Committee on Study and Research of the Status of Women includes women in industry, government education, the home and the Church. During the years of 1935 and 1936, the Committee has made a study of comparisons of salaries of men and women employed in these various fields of endeavor. There is evidence that "community habits and attitudes are still a force operating against the advancement of women no matter what their ability and training for their work."

The Committee is gratified that the topic for the October, 1937, auxiliary program is "The Gospel and Women," and that Miss Noreen Dunn will prepare a leaflet, *Releasing Women Around the World*, and Mrs. W. J. Piggott will prepare the leaflet on *The Status of Women in Our Church*.

#### WOMEN IN THE NEWS

Members of the Committee have clipped from the newspapers and magazines items of interest about "Women in the News." They have noted:

That women who have held important government positions in all countries have as a rule made excellent records, but even in countries which are presumed to be the most progressive, the number of women in government office is surprisingly small. These are among important conclusions reached from an informal inquiry into the status of women in government, in twenty-four countries which has just been completed by the International Federation of Business and Professional Women. Six women are in the present Parliament in Holland; nine women in the British Parliament; two women in the Parliament in Canada; one woman in the Senate and five in the House of Representatives of the United States. In Korea, Switzerland, and France they do not vote, although three women have been appointed to the French Cabinet. In India, although theoretically women have the right of suffrage, they have little opportunity to exercise it, since the vote is granted on the basis of property qualifications.

That there was one woman, Mrs. Burton N. Musser, member of the United States Delegation of the Inter-American Conference for Peace, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in December. Mrs. Musser, delegate, spoke at the Conference and when the People's Mandate to End War was presented, she introduced the two women who spoke for it: Mrs. Musser, delegate from Brazil, and Congress-woman Caroline O'Day of New York.

That for the first time the United States has honored a woman's achievements in social and economic fields by issuing on August 26, 1936, a special three-cent stamp designed from a bust of Susan B. Anthony that is in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The stamp was issued to mark the sixteenth anniversary of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

That the Foreign Missions Council of North America has appointed a committee to discuss the position of women in the Church, especially as to administrative responsibilities.

That when the World's Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association meets in the Orient the topic, "The Place and Contribution of Women," is to receive consideration and in the preliminary studies the work of women in the church is already being included.

Mrs. W. B. Landrum has prepared a mimeographed list of current magazine articles bearing on the status of women, for reference and use in preparing programs.

#### PUBLICITY

This year the Committee will seek through publicity to cultivate the idea of clergy rights for women in our Church on the same basis granted to men. A leaflet giving the opinions of a large number of Council women, missionaries and deaconesses on ordination of women, has been printed and will be distributed at this meeting.

A series of four articles on "Objections Answered" were prepared by members of the Committee and have appeared this year in the

Nashville *Advocate* (March 5, 1937). These articles are intended to answer many of the objections given by those opposed to ordination of women in our church.

#### WOMEN PREACHERS

One of the major emphases of this Committee has been the ordination of women. It was June 1, 1660, that Mary Dyer, a Quaker, was hung on the Boston Commons for the crime of preaching the gospel. The Rev. Annie E. Switzer, a retired Congregational preacher, writing of the incident in the *Woman's Pulpit*, said: "Times change. I have preached within a few minutes' walk of where this was done; no one seemed to think it was improper."

That God does use women evangelists today is shown by the marvelous success of General Evangeline Booth, Commander-in-Chief of the Salvation Army, in her campaign in India. *The War Cry* (February 6, 1937), states that:

"The total congregations in the Southern India Territory have numbered 107,780 in thirteen days. Mercy Seat scenes baffle description. Spaces reserved for penitents have been filled and cleared many times over in all meetings. The total number of seekers in South India has reached 11,695. The General's power to hold the breathless attention of mammoth crowds has won the love, admiration, and devotion of the Indian people."

#### JESUS' ATTITUDE TOWARD WOMEN

The influence of early Christianity upon the status of woman, as evidenced in the Gospels shows the high regard which Jesus had for the personality of women. Luke's record is permeated with human sympathy and an understanding interest in women and children. The teachings of Jesus in regard to adultery, marriage, and divorce were all favorable to women. Three of the parables are based upon incidents in the lives of women: the importunate widow, the lost coin, and the wise and foolish virgins.

While the women mentioned in the New Testament are few in number, they occupy a place of tremendous importance in the progress of womanhood. Probably neither they nor their contemporaries had any conception of the revolutionizing effect of the gospel messages upon the lives of women. Jesus gives no specific instructions concerning women's place in His Kingdom. Nor is there a single note in all His teaching of either class or sex distinction. There is no suggestion in any words uttered by Christ that women were to be excluded from the ministry. Certain principles which Jesus enunciated are: (1) The supreme worth of the individual; (2) his direct responsibility to God; (3) the obligation of unselfish service laid on all irrespective of sex; (4) human brotherhood; and (5) Divine fatherhood.

Jesus' attitude toward woman was shown on many occasions:

(1) To the Samaritan woman at the well Jesus explained the inner meaning of worship: "God is a spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." This was one of the earliest declarations of the wideness of the gospel message. It was spoken to a woman of bad reputation and of a despised race, thus giving great emphasis to the idea of the universal fatherhood of God and the universal sisterhood of women. This unnamed woman felt the power of Jesus' personality, she welcomed His message, and proclaimed it to others. Jesus abode with the Samaritans two days and many believed and called Him the Savior of the world. (John 4: 6-29.)

(2) To Martha Jesus revealed the great personal meaning of the resurrection hope. (John 11: 23-27.)

(3) To Mary of Bethany, who anointed his feet with precious ointment, Jesus said that "Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told as a memorial of her." (Matt. 26: 13.)

(4) To Mary Magdalene was given the charge to declare Jesus' resurrection and she became the first commissioned evangelist of the world's greatest hope. (Matt. 28: 10.)

Women were present at Pentecost. Peter said: "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." (Acts 2: 16-18.) Sons and daughters, servants and handmaidens, are united together without discrimination in the gift and without distinction in the duty. No hint is given that any complaint is made on the part of the Jews gathered from all ends of the earth that women were thus active or thus blessed.

It is almost impossible now to realize the difficulties of the first one hundred years of Christian faith. Between the crucifixion and the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., there passed 40 years of amazing achievement. The Christian Church was established. It was said that Christ's followers were turning the world upside down. In all their efforts and trials they were befriended and supported by women. Prominent among them were: Mary of Jerusalem, mother of Mark; Dorcas, who employed her talent for sewing to help the poor; Lydia, a business woman of Philippi; Priscilla, who had Paul for a lodger and co-worker in tent-making, became a great teacher of the gospel, having had both public and private instruction from Paul himself; Phoebe, whom Paul called "our sister, a servant of the church" and commended her for her service as a helper to many; Eunice and Lois, who had the honor of training a great helper (Timothy) in establishing the Christian Church.



## THE WORLD NEEDS THE MINISTRY OF ORDAINED WOMEN

The world is still in need of the service of Christian women. There is a growing consciousness on the part of women of their responsibility to the program of the whole church and a desire to participate in the formation of its plans and policies. Many women feel that our church should permit women to be ordained on the same basis granted men. Some are qualified to do evangelistic and other types of ministerial work and they have a right to expect their church to put its approval on their labors.

## METHODIST CHURCHES AND ORDINATION OF WOMEN

One of the important questions to be considered at the General Conference next year will be the unification of the three great Methodist bodies. Two of these three churches, the Methodist Protestant and Methodist Episcopal, ordain women to the ministry. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, does not, as women are barred from the ministry by an Episcopal decision rendered in 1896—more than forty years ago. The Methodist Protestant Church ordained the first woman preacher in the United States. In 1920 women were granted license in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in 1924 ordination was granted, but Conference membership withheld. Since then nothing further has been granted. In 1932 an effort was made for admission of women into Annual Conference, but the measure was not passed.

In *Woman and the Church*, the authors say: "The most important contribution to humanity is that every human personality, whether Jew or Gentile, bond or free, male or female, has an infinite value to God and therefore a right to respect and consideration from man. . . . No one is going to listen to a church if it is teaching a principle, the right application of which has not been worked out in the relation of its own members, within its own body. That is why the attitude of the church toward the woman movement is of such vital importance just now. . . . If it is the case of the church which involves the slight to the personalities or any difference to the rights of women, who constitute one-half of its members, can that church hope to offer to the world, distraught through its neglect of this very principle, a message which will carry any weight at all? Many of these regard the prohibition of women, as such, from taking any part in the delivery of the Christian message in a consecrated building, as a slight and insult to the sex, and as a denial to woman because she is a woman, of the full right of human personality."

Mrs. Rendall Harris, a Quaker, asks the question: "Why, if a woman is capable and able and above all else spiritually fitted for such service, may she not find a recognized and complete outlet within the ministry of the church? Can the reply be simply because she is a woman?"

Bishop Weldon of the Anglican See of Durham, in a recent study

of movements in the church of England, had this to say about the place of women in the ministry: "I do not think Saint Paul's prohibition of woman's speaking in the church, applying as it did to a particular church in an Oriental society, can be held to bar the way for all time against them in the ministry of the church. In the end, it will prove impossible that women should be treated as equals in the state and inferiors in the Church."

Someone has said: "The gospel is the most tremendous engine of democracy ever forged. It is destined to break in pieces all castes, privileges, and oppressions. Perhaps the last caste to be destroyed will be that of sex."

In considering the matter of woman's place in the church there is only one matter that need concern us—"What is right?"

Is it right that fully one-half of our church membership should be permanently excluded from the Christian ministry?

#### REPORT No. 2

Your Committee submits the following recommendations:

1. That we continue to use the "Study on the Status of Women," prepared by Mrs. T. I. Charles, in district, zone, and auxiliary meetings.\*

2. That Chairmen of the Conference Status Committees make use of Report No. 1 of this committee as source material for presentation of the study of Status of Women in annual meeting.

3. That the material suggested in the list of current magazine articles bearing on Status of Women be secured and used for program purposes.\*

4. That the packet of leaflets on Status of Women be used in studying and promoting this work.†

5. That we continue to ask the Executive Committee of the Conference Woman's Missionary Society to request the presiding bishop to allow time on the program of the Annual Conference for the presentation of the woman's work.

MRS. T. I. CHARLES, *Chairman*;

MRS. E. A. KITCHELL, *Secretary*.

#### COMMISSION ON UNOCCUPIED AREAS

The Commission on Unoccupied Mission Areas has continued its study of Transients and Migrants.

Our study has led us to make a distinction between these two groups.

It is interesting to note that the unattached (single) transient in the relief population as a whole, come for the most part from the states to the east of the Mississippi River, and the transient families from the states to the west of this river.

\* Free from Literature Headquarters, 712 Church Street, Nashville, Tenn.

† Price, 15 cents. Literature Headquarters, 712 Church Street, Nashville, Tenn.

These transients for the most part are native Americans, naturalized Americans and Negroes. A year ago when so many transients were on relief, much was said in the papers about the government giving relief to foreigners living in our midst.

The question of providing for families in these needy transient groups was a perplexing one. Previously, the Transient Relief program consisted entirely of camps and shelters, where these unattached groups could be housed, but families could not be housed in dormitories or fed en masse. These were returned to their homes, if they had legal settlement; local relief officers were given the charge of these cases. In many areas there was local opposition to this transfer.

### MIGRANTS

Migrants have no permanent homes. Singly or in families they follow the crops, working wherever a crop is in season. Migrant families usually consist of husband, wife, and several children ranging in age from infant to school age.

The migrant worker feels he is not welcome in any community. He is admitted only as an economic necessity. His children are not welcome in the schools and in some cases they are not welcomed in the churches.

Around the Gulf Coast, we find the largest number of migrants in the South. These are called "important workers," and are brought each year from Maryland, after the early crops are over, to work in the shrimp and oyster canneries. Illiteracy is widespread among the children of these families. Many of them, even young ones, work in shucking oysters or skinning shrimp. Poverty is given as the reason for allowing the children to work. The community pays little attention to these workers. Here, as with the mother working in the crops, the problem is to care for the baby and very young children.

As Christian women we are asking what can we do? If there are migrant groups in your community, you can acquaint yourself with conditions and then make them known, thus it may help to change the attitude toward the migrant.

Therefore we recommend:

1. That the Bureau of Christian Social Relations through the Woman's Missionary Auxiliaries make a study of conditions in areas where seasonal fruits and vegetables are raised where migrant workers find their employment, to discover how the local missionary auxiliaries and churches may render service.

2. That the Council co-operate with the "Council of Women for Home Missions" in migrant work by making an appropriation to strengthen the work for migrants in the territory in which our church is working.

3. That the Council approve for our next study the results of the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment in communities in our territory.

MRS. LEE BRITT, *Chairman*;

MRS. C. C. WEAVER, *Secretary*.

### COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATE WORK

The Council Committee on Candidate Work, which was provided for by the Council, has had eleven meetings of the Resident Committee since March, 1936, and two meetings at which both the resident and the conference members were present. The Committee has given careful consideration to the applications for conference scholarships; scholarships for a second year have been granted to four candidates at Scarritt College, and for the first time to three seniors, who had scholarships from other sources for their first year at Scarritt. Eight scholarships have been granted to first-year applicants and five to nationals at Scarritt. A number of scholarships have been under consideration over a period of several months. Six applications for scholarships were not granted, for different reasons: age, health, lack of preparation, or professional achievement, or lack of faculty recommendations. Three applications are withdrawn.

The Committee feels a definite need for continuous search for and cultivation of prospective candidates. In a limited way this has been attempted through correspondence with college presidents. From this correspondence, the Committee has received the names of 118 young women having high standing in scholarship and in student leadership. The follow-up work has been done by the members of the Committee who began the correspondence with the colleges.

From various sources, including the Memphis Young People's Conference of December, 1935, an article written by Miss Louise Young for the *Epworth Highroad*, and correspondence with conference officers, the Committee has had opportunity for correspondence with many young people.

Since a more nearly normal financial situation obtains now than for several years past, there is a larger demand for missionaries and deaconesses. This demand has not been met in full, and the Committee feel a responsibility for a still larger cultivation of the young people who might be available if contact could be made with them and the needs made known. The Committee have spent much time in discussing methods of approach. The Committee have also tried to keep in close touch with Conference Committees, with the hope that by mutual effort a larger number of young women might be brought to the attention of the group, and training provided for them, to meet specific needs in home and foreign mission fields. The Committee feel the necessity for the closest co-operation between the Conference Committees and the Council Committee.

Scarritt College continues to provide scholarships for a number of

young women who are not eligible for Council scholarships, and from this group a number of applications have come for contract and employed positions in the home and foreign fields.

We are presenting at this Council meeting eight candidates, five for foreign work and three for home work. These young women are recommended for consecration by the Committee on Candidate Work of the Council, and the Board of Missions:

Home: Miss Marjorie Haggart, Louisiana Conference; Miss Rosamond Johnson, South Georgia Conference; Miss Mary Miller, South Georgia Conference.

Foreign: Miss Betty Alt, Baltimore Conference; Miss Louise Killingsworth, North Mississippi Conference; Miss Agnes Malloy, South Georgia Conference; Miss Virginia Neel, Baltimore Conference; Miss Lucile Vail, North Georgia Conference (former contract teacher to Mexico and Cuba).

MRS. J. W. DOWNS, *Chairman*;

MRS. HELEN B. BOURNE, *Secretary*.

### SESSIONS COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATE WORK

The Sessions Committee on Candidate Work is composed of the Council Candidate Committee and one member of the Candidate Committee from each Conference. The Committee met in regular annual session with the quadrennial chairman, Mrs. W. H. Ballengee, in charge, and the following items were discussed.

ITEM 1. Procedure in consideration of Candidates for Missionary Service in the Home or Foreign Fields.

By request of Miss Howell, a copy of the statement presented by Mrs. C. T. Schaedel covering this item has been placed on file in the office of the Chairman of the Council Committee on Candidate Work, Mrs. J. W. Downs, and is available to those who desire it.

2. That we refer to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws items: a, b, and 3.

a. That a By-Law authorizing a Standing Committee on Candidate Work, and naming its personnel, be inserted in the By-Laws of Conference Societies.

b. That we request that the Conference Candidate Committee be called together at least once a year, not only to consider prospective candidates in the Conference, but also for the consideration of what may be done toward the discovery of consecrated young women with the training and experience who might be available for missionary service.

3. Present definite needs in both Home and Foreign Fields.

"It is the sense of the Committee that the By-Law concerning the

Candidate Secretary should be stricken from the By-Laws of the Woman's Missionary Council."

MRS. W. H. BALLENGEE, *Chairman*;  
MRS. C. T. SCHAEDEL, *Secretary*.

#### JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE STUDY OF THE DEACONESS WORK

The Joint Committee on the Study of the Deaconess Work held three meetings in 1936, one being for organization only. In 1937, it was possible to hold only one meeting. This was held February 16 in the Doctors' Building at Nashville, Tenn. The day was spent in studying the reports brought in by the three subcommittees, and it was decided to continue the work for another year.

The Committee feels that progress has been made and will have pronouncements and recommendations ready for the next Council meeting.

MRS. FRED A. LAMB, *Chairman*;  
MISS CLARA MAE SELLS, *Secretary*.

#### COMMITTEE ON SCARRITT COLLEGE

The Committee on Scarritt College heard with interest the report of the president of the college, Dr. J. L. Cuninggim, and were gratified at the large enrolment of students from 19 states in the United States and from 9 foreign countries.

We note with pleasure the constant growth in the number of Scarritt Associates, and recommend:

1. That, whenever the College requests the Conference Executive Committee to recommend a person to co-operate with the college in its program of cultivation, the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society seek to secure a well-qualified person who can enlist the interest of the membership of the church in Scarritt College.

2. That in planning the program for the Council meeting in 1939, consideration be given to the fact that in the year 1889 the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, meeting in Little Rock, Ark., passed the resolution authorizing Miss Belle Bennett to collect funds for the establishment of the Training School.

MRS. R. L. HOBODY, *Chairman*;  
MRS. WALTER D. TAYLOR, *Secretary*.

#### COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Your Committee received recommendations for proposed amendments from three sources; the subcommittee on Organization, which was referred to Executive Committee at mid-year meeting and passed that body, from Louisville Conference, and from three members of the Executive Committee.

I. Memorial from Subcommittee on Organization recommending:

1. That Item 9 of Constitution of Auxiliaries be amended by in-

serting the words, "A Secretary of Young Women's Groups," after the words, "A Recording Secretary," so that the item shall read, "The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Secretary of Young Women's Groups, a Secretary of Children's Work, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and Superintendents of Baby Specials, of Study, of Literature and Publicity, of the *World Outlook*, of Christian Social Relations, of Supplies, and of Local Work." (367, Item 9, 1936 Council Report.)

2. That a By-Law defining the duties of the Secretary of Young Women's Groups be added to the By-Laws of Auxiliary Societies.

3. That By-Law 7 (2) of Auxiliary Societies be amended by the addition of the words, "older children may be made life members by the payment of \$10.00," after the words, "Five dollars" in line two; and further amended by striking out the words, "and their," and beginning a new sentence with the word, "names," in line two, so that the item shall read: "Children under six years of age may be enrolled as life members by the payment of five dollars, older children may be made life members by the payment of ten dollars. Names of children under six years of age may be placed on the Memorial Roll for five dollars, and the names of older children for ten dollars. These funds shall be sent by the Auxiliary Treasurer with her quarterly report to the Conference Treasurer." (Page 368, By-Law 7 (2), 1936 Council Report.)

The Committee recommends concurrence.

II. Memorial from the Louisville Conference Woman's Missionary Society concerning By-Law 9 (3) of the Woman's Missionary Council, concerning Candidate Work.

Whereas there is no Candidate Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council, since the Candidate Work is being directed by the Committee whose functions are set forth in By-Law 17 of the Woman's Missionary Council, and

Whereas Article XIII of the Constitution of the Woman's Missionary Council provides for the nomination of secretaries as needed,

Therefore, we recommend that By-Law 3 of the Woman's Missionary Council be stricken out.

The Committee recommends concurrence.

III. Memorial from three members of the Executive Committee:

In view of the fact that only two missionary units for children are used each year, we recommend that the word *quarterly* in By-Law No. 6, which reads, "and shall send a written report quarterly to the Conference Secretary of Children's Work," be changed to semiannually so that it will read: "and shall send a written report semiannually

to the Conference Secretary of Children's Work." (Page 368, By-Law 6, 1936 Council Report.)

The Committee recommends concurrence.

MRS. SETH CRAIG, *Chairman*;

MRS. J. P. HARVILL, *Secretary*.

#### COMMITTEE ON LAWS

The Committee on Laws submits the following report:

1. The Committee has furnished information concerning the law of the Body, when necessary.

2. All memorials, resolutions, and recommendations have been reported out of committees; all papers on the calendar have been acted upon, leaving the calendar clear.

MRS. T. H. TYSON,

MRS. LEE BRITT,

MRS. JOHN R. TURNER.

#### COMMITTEE TO FILL VACANCIES ON STANDING COMMITTEES

The Committee to Fill Vacancies on Standing Committees recommend the following appointments:

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws: Mrs. W. C. Chadwick, North Carolina Conference; Mrs. M. E. Tilly, North Georgia Conference.

Committee on International Relations and World Peace: Mrs. Ida R. Groover, Baltimore Conference.

Committee on Industrial Relations: Mrs. J. J. Stowe, Tennessee Conference.

Committee on Interracial Co-operation: Mrs. Paul Arrington, Mississippi Conference.

MRS. A. R. WALKER,

MRS. A. M. GATES,

MRS. T. A. BENNINGTON.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON LECTURESHIPS

The Committee on Lectureships recommend:

That Mrs. J. W. Perry visit during 1937 or 1938 the Woman's Missionary Society and the institutions of the Woman's Missionary Council of Cuba.

MRS. J. W. DOWNS,

MRS. INA DAVIS FULTON

MISS SALLIE LOU MACKINNON.

#### COMMITTEE TO STUDY WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS AND POLICIES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

The Committee appointed by the Woman's Missionary Council to study the woman's organizations and policies of the Methodist Epis-



copal Church and the Methodist Protestant Church, consisting of Miss M. K. Howell, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. Homer Tatum, and Mrs. A. M. Gates, met for organization during the session of the Board of Missions in May, 1936. Miss Howell was elected chairman and Mrs. Homer Tatum was elected secretary. The members accepted for study definite assignments of the various organizations and policies.

At the Council Mid-year Executive Committee meeting in November, 1936, there were added to the Committees Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Mrs. J. W. Down, and Miss Helen B. Bourne. At this meeting reports were made by the various members regarding progress in study, and plans were made to invite the presidents of the three Woman's Boards involved in unification to be guests at Council meeting in Columbia.

The enlarged Committee held an all-day meeting in Nashville, February 19, 1937, when the plans for the study of women's organizations and policies at the Council meeting in Columbia were perfected, and the values to be conserved in unification were listed and discussed. At this meeting it was voted to recommend to the Council in session in Columbia that they request the Board of Missions at its annual meeting in May, 1937, to appoint a similar committee from the Board that there may be a united study of the organizations and policies of the various Boards involved in unification. It was also voted to ask the Woman's Missionary Council to enlarge the Council Committee to ten members.

MABEL K. HOWELL, *Chairman*;  
MRS. HOMER TATUM, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Habakkuk of the long ago thus prays, "O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years," and this is the prayer of the members of the Council as we turn our faces each year to the Council meeting.

To come to Columbia was to make a pilgrimage. At this beautiful season of the year, when all things seem to vie with each other in telling the glad news of a new life, a resurrected life, our hearts overflow with gratitude for the privilege of the Abundant Life.

When Columbia opened her doors to the twenty-seventh annual session of the Council, we were cognizant of its place of importance among the notable cities of the deep South, the part she played in the building of a nation, but few of us realized its significance as the cradle of Methodist missions.

The building of the city of Columbia on unoccupied areas might have been the inspiration to Southern Methodists to launch out and take the message of the Christ to unoccupied areas of Christian living—embracing the whole world as their parish.

"Go to this conference or that, but don't forget to go to Bethlehem." Our feet have been on holy ground, and our hearts have received a

deep infilling of God's grace. There have been open pathways to the knowledge of God. Of a truth we have found in this Council session that "He who wills to do God's will shall know."

With hallowed memories surrounding us, encompassed about by a cloud of witnesses, we have seen the years stretching back to earlier days of missionary endeavor. Through the glorious opportunity afforded us as members of an organized missionary movement, we march forward with our faces to the sunrise of that new day when the prayer of our Lord shall be realized, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done."

In this meeting we have been made to realize anew that we must learn to pray not only as children of God, but as brothers of the race.

Those who have told stories to little children appreciate the verse from the author of *Alice in Wonderland*, when he wrote:

"And ever, as the story drained  
The wells of fancy dry,  
And faintly strove that weary one  
To put the subject by  
'The rest next time.' 'It is next time,'  
The happy voices cry."

And your Committee wishes it might have the time and the words to express your appreciation of the gracious hospitality of the people of South Carolina.

"'Tis the human touch  
In the world that counts,  
The touch of your hand and mine,  
Which means far more  
To the fainting heart  
Than shelter and bread and wine.  
For shelter is gone when the night is o'er  
And bread lasts only a day.  
But the touch of your hand  
And the sound of your voice  
Shall sing in our souls alway."

Long ago we learned that the highest could not be expressed; it could only be acted. Our hearts, our minds, have been prepared, the words falling from the lips of the speakers on our program have been truths from God. We believe that from this Council meeting there will come an extension of God's Kingdom, for the program was so presented that our spiritual lives found roots and our Christian sympathies and activities were broadened.

"Success is not a destination but a journey"—therefore we are resolved to go forth to help make the world better by having lived in it and done our part to make it Christian.

MRS. W. B. LANDRUM,  
MRS. C. C. WEAVER,  
MRS. E. B. DUNLAP.



## MEMOIRS

*Comrades in service who have entered into life eternal*

For those we love within the veil,  
Who once were comrades of our way,  
We thank Thee, Lord; for they have won  
To cloudless day;  
For life for them is life indeed,  
The splendid goal of earth's strait race;  
And where no shadows intervene,  
They see Thy face.

### MISS JENNIE DUCKER

After many years of Christian service as a Deaconess, Jennie Ducker slipped away into the Father's other room on July 14, 1936, in Louisville, Ky. She had spent twenty-one years in service as a Christian leader and worker, having served in North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

Miss Ducker was born in Atlanta, Ga., March 15, 1867, and was consecrated to Deaconess service by Bishop James Atkins in 1909, after she graduated from the Methodist Training School. She was poised, stately, and efficient under the most trying conditions. In a life sketch she wrote: "The high points in my life are the times that I have been most consecrated to the Lord and his work, when I walked and talked with him and he guided my every thought and action."

After her retirement from active service in 1930 she lived with her sisters in Louisville, Ky., till the time of her going away.

Mrs. J. W. D.

### MRS. JOHN R. NELSON

Mrs. John R. Nelson was born in Kentucky but moved to Texas with her parents when eleven years of age. In her early girlhood, she returned to Kentucky to enter Science Hill Academy, Shelbyville, Kentucky, where she graduated. She and Reverend John R. Nelson of the Northwest Texas Conference were married in 1888. Dr. Nelson was assigned to the Methodist Church in Brownwood, Texas, as pastor the same year. Beginning her married life in a

parsonage home she continued to live in parsonages for the greater part of her married life. Dr. Nelson served many of the Texas churches as pastor and presiding elder, Mrs. Nelson always shared the responsibilities, joys, and sorrows of the church and community with her husband. Two daughters were born to Dr. and Mrs. Nelson, both developing into strong, splendid women who in turn followed the path so effectively trodden by their mother. Mrs. Nelson was officially related to the Woman's Missionary organization of her church locally, in her Conference, and in church-wide capacity. In the last named as Vice-President of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, 1906-1910, and Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Council when it was organized in 1910, she rendered efficient service. She taught in Sunday school, served on committees in all departments of the church through her long and useful life. On October 5, 1936, she quietly laid aside the duties of this world to travel the spiritual road in a closer companionship with her Heavenly Father and those loved ones who had previously gone that way. Mrs. Nelson was a devoted wife and mother, a strong personal friend, a splendid Conference leader among women and a beautiful Christian. Her life goes on though her physical body is no longer with us. Eternal life, continuous life is her heritage. She is not dead.

MRS. J. W. D.

## REPORTS FROM FOREIGN FIELDS

### AFRICA (Congo Belge)

#### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT, MINGA

ANNIE PARKER

This has been a blessed year. The teachers have worked hard, been faithful and loyal and done efficient work. They are Christian men, lead clean lives, do personal work, and conduct many religious services. It is a joy to see them and their wives kneel before the altar and partake of the communion once each quarter. All their wives are members of the Missionary Society. The teachers have taken a personal interest in their pupils.

It is gratifying to see pupils walk in here each day from ten surrounding villages. Some walk five miles each way. Thirty-five of these pupils were not absent a single day during the entire school term.

We also had pupils from our mission village and the boys and girls of the boarding departments.

The seventy-four boys who were in the boarding department did good school work. Many of them were on the honor roll each month. There were very few who were not promoted. The boys attend school each morning and work each afternoon. They built two small buildings, cultivated a large manioc garden, a small plot of sweet potatoes, a small plot of cotton, and two big pineapple gardens. Besides this, they gathered their own wood and drew water, prepared their meals, and kept the school grounds clean. One boy did the sewing for the entire seventy-four and thus saved us a sewing bill.

The boys are respectful, quiet, and obedient. A large per cent of them are Christians. I am proud of them. We are looking forward to securing some Christian leaders from this group.

The annual revival was a great blessing to the members of this department.

Mrs. Joe Maw has taught music and art, and the pupils were pleased to have the opportunity to attend her classes. In the past our school program has not been varied enough.

#### GIRLS' HOME, MINGA

*August:* What a month! Every child of the fifty-five in the home had to have a new school dress, and I did not realize it until almost time for classes. A native man, several of the girls and I were busy this entire month; but the results have been satisfactory.

*October:* Miss Parker and I drove to Luluabourgh for Miss Moore and we took two of the girls with us. They had never been off Minga Hill, much less to Lusambo, Mototo, or Luluabourgh. Their eyes will never be the normal size again.

We brought back from our first itinerary trip three new little girls. Others wanted to come, but we are already too crowded in the small space. The parents in the out-villages were so interested in hearing about their daughters from us. Those who could write had written letters; of course only a few parents could read those scribbly sen-

tences but the preachers are ready and willing to do the reading and answering for their people.

*December:* A real epidemic of pneumonia hit the Home. Five children were in the hospital at one time.

*December 25:* Two of our girls married and left our village; they married teachers, one a Tunda man and one a Minga man. Three more will leave us soon. Their husbands-to-be haven't raised the required amount of dowery nor passed the physical examination yet; but they are working hard.

## EVANGELISTIC WORK, MINGA

ANNIE PARKER

We have twelve Missionary Societies in our district. Here on the station our Society is divided into three circles. The circles meet in the homes of the different members. Our women conduct these services, but some missionary attends each circle meeting. The missionary trains the speaker and is ready to assist in any way desired. Our women pay their dues in small change that they receive from the sale of grain, eggs, fruit. We always have a market day just a few days before time to pay dues. This year we have paid the salary of one of the out-post preachers.

It is an inspiration to visit the Societies out in the district. In the village of Mulenda there are 80 members. One day we attended a meeting there, and the church was overflowing with men as well as women, and some of the good brethren gave gifts to this cause.

One missionary spent six weeks out in the district this year. Our out-post Christians want and need help. It is joy to go to them, though it may mean some physical discomfort, because in this section we have much sand and many steep hills. The women do not have money to give to the cause of missions, but they give generously of their grain. Many of the women attend church regularly and some do personal work.

It is touching to see the gifts that native women present to missionaries at times. They give boiled corn, eggs, palm oil, palm nuts, and pineapples. They want to be our friends, and even though they are eager for gifts in return, I say that they are fine, generous women and it is a joy to know them.

## MEDICAL WORK, MINGA STATION

"MEDICAL BOOK"

The year 1936 has been a very unusual one for the medical department of our station. At the beginning of the year, the work, along with the leper colony, was being cared for by Miss O'Toole while Miss Foreman was in Belgium studying tropical medicine, and Dr. Hughlett was one day out of New York bound for Belgium to study tropical medicine. Then in the second quarter, Miss Foreman reached the field, Miss O'Toole left for furlough, and near the end of the third quarter Dr. Hughlett and his family arrived at Minga.

Miss O'Toole and Miss Foreman certainly deserve credit for the way they have carried on the work. In 1935 the hospital was all but destroyed. All buildings but one are of mud construction with grass roof; the chapel is of brick with grass roof. The two women's wards and the chapel had been burned, having caught fire at the edge of the grass roof. The men's ward had been blown down. Miss O'Toole had built back the women's ward and chapel, and another house for patients. Miss Foreman continues to carry on the work well.

A cloud is cast over our spirits in contemplating that tuberculosis,

which we did not frequently encounter in this section even five or six years ago, is now becoming all too frequent; it bids fair to be a formidable scourge.

We have had the rare experience of operating on a native for acute appendicitis. It is an intriguing study to find why appendicitis is so rare among these people while it is so frequent among even the missionaries living here.

We have been delighted in a real "find" in the way of equipment. An oil company is selling out a large stock of supplies at bargain prices. We bought nearly seven thousand francs' worth, and wanted to buy much more, but feared to for lack of funds. Included was a nice operating table at about one-fifth the original price; we had been searching, even in Belgium, for a good table.

We, along with many other workers, sometimes may wonder why the Lord gives us quite so much work. Then comes the stinging self-reproach, that we should want to be "carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease."

### EDUCATIONAL WORK, TUNDA

LORENA KELLY

January of 1936 found me closing a period of study of French of about three and one-half months in Brussels, Belgium, and making final preparations for completing my journey to the Congo. I am very grateful indeed for this privilege which was mine, for it was a real joy and is constantly proving a great benefit to me. I found the contact with the Belgian people to be most delightful. It was my privilege to be entertained in many of their homes. I particularly enjoyed the contact with our own church in Brussels. Although its people have a tremendous task to perform in that Catholic country they are by no means indifferent to their responsibility in their colony, Congo Belge. The Belgian church is not personally represented on our mission field, but I feel that the time when it will have one of its very own with us is not far off.

On January 28 I sailed from Antwerp. After having had a very interesting visit of two days in London between boats and a delightful sea voyage of almost seventeen days I landed at Lobito Bay on the West Coast of Africa February 17. Then traveling by train and by car I finally reached my destination, Wembo Nyama, February 26.

For about five months I remained at Wembo Nyama for the purpose of studying the language. It had been the plan of the mission for me to have a whole year of language study before assuming the responsibility of the work, but circumstances were such that it seemed imperative that I be given an assignment at once. Therefore, at the missionaries' meeting held in May I was appointed Directress of Central School, Tunda. Of course I was also to continue the study of the language.

On July 1 I left Wembo Nyama to come to Tunda to take up my duties. The term's work has been a source of real joy to me, and I am most grateful for having had this privilege. For the term the school had an enrolment of 195 and a staff of twelve teachers. The student body was composed of children from the local village, boarding students in the village, young men chosen from out-villages by the evangelistic department (the majority of whom are preparing to be preachers), children from the Girls' Home, and the boys in the boarding department.

Our curriculum includes reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling, the native language, hygiene, French, drawing, hand-work, memory work (Bible passages), and singing. The fact that the first four subjects

are needed is obvious. In this land where so little of sanitation is known hygiene is a very important subject; since French is the official language of the Congo it is given special emphasis and is received enthusiastically by the natives; handwork includes the making of such things as straw hats, baskets, window shades, and seats—all from native materials.

The day's program provides a place for gymnastics or games. The African boys and girls being naturally endowed with rhythm perform their exercises in an almost perfect manner. Field Day was one of the outstanding events of the school term. Surely too much emphasis cannot be given to the play side of life, to wholesome activity on the play ground.

The young people of the Congo face the same problem of choosing a life work that the youth of our own country face. In order to help them make a wise choice we conducted during the term a series of lectures on vocational guidance with missionaries and natives participating.

The school term closed with the commencement program on Monday before Christmas. Three students graduated and two finished some advanced work. All five of them and four teachers who had not yet taken the teachers' course are to enter the Normal School at Wembo Nyama at the beginning of the new term.

Not only do the teachers do their work in school, but practically all of them teach in the Sunday school. They give of their means as well as of their time. It is their custom on the days when they receive their salaries to place immediately in a container one-tenth of their earnings. With this money they help support an evangelist.

We were not able to have a school for the women in the beginning of the term. But about a month before Christmas a way opened up for it, and with a group of about thirty very enthusiastic, eager women it was started. Four subjects, reading, writing, arithmetic, and sewing, were offered. Already in this new year the students are asking about their school.

It is indeed a privilege to have a part in the training of the boys of the boarding department, for in it we have the choice boys in the Tunda territory. They are carefully chosen, and if they prove unworthy of their opportunities they must give up their places to those who will be in earnest about the work. It is our sincere desire and hope that these boys will become leaders among their people, and statistics indicate that our hopes will not be in vain. Out of the sixty-two boys consulted about their life work, nine wanted to be preachers, forty to be teachers, four assistants in the hospital, and one a carpenter. Eight have not yet decided. These boys pay a small entrance fee and buy all their school supplies. They receive instruction in the classroom and also training in home life. They do all their work—cooking, cleaning, washing, ironing, and mending. There is planned for them a regular schedule which is rotated every week, thus giving each group an opportunity to learn all phases of the work. They also work on the farm, on which is produced part of their food. We stress cleanliness and neatness and they respond to it. I think I have never yet seen a boy wear a pair of un-ironed trousers.

The work of our whole educational program came to a climax in the production of the Christmas pageant. The people portrayed the story of the birth of their Lord in a beautiful way. They knew their lines well, no prompter was necessary.

Because of Mrs. Wheeler's ill health she and Mr. Wheeler and the children left for America in September. This necessitated extra duties on the part of all of us who were left. My share of this work



included the supervision of the young men students sent in to school by the evangelistic department, the direction of the out-village schools, the supervision of the station Sunday school, and the teaching of a Sunday school class of adolescent boys and girls.

There are in all the out villages where there are evangelists schools in which these evangelists teach. There are twenty-seven of these schools in which are enrolled six hundred seventy-three (673) children. When the students finish the course of two years offered them in their villages they are given an opportunity to enter the station school for more advanced study.

Our station Sunday school which has been well organized by the missionaries is doing a splendid work. During the school months we have thirteen classes taught by natives and missionaries, but during vacation months the number is somewhat reduced. In our Sunday school an effort is made not only to train people to be true followers of Christ but also to train boys and girls, men and women, to be leaders in the work of the Lord.

I am indeed most thankful for the opportunity to serve among these people and am very happy in the work.

### GIRLS' HOME, TUNDA

As you may know, the Tunda Home has six small brick houses to care for a small group of girls, and these houses are all too full now. We hope to be able to get at least one new house built soon. We feel that more and more the parents are realizing what the Christian influence means to their girls. Just after the Christmas pageant, which was given on the lawn of the school grounds, when the little girls had sung so beautifully "Silent Night," a neighboring chief came to me with some of his head men and said he wanted me to take his little girl into the home and make her beautiful like those he had seen and heard that night.

Five of the girls in the Home are communicants in the church here, and all are studying or are already on probation for baptism. It is a joy to be with these girls and to watch them grow in stature and knowledge of our Lord.

It has long been our desire to be able to take these girls with us as we visit among the out-villages, but going on bicycles, it has not been possible. This year it happened that Mrs. Maw, who has the girls' home at Minga in charge, came to Tunda to bring some much-needed supplies. She brought the trailer, and also her matron and four of her girls for a visit. Our girls seemed so happy to have them, and in a few minutes they had turned their lovely little living-room into a guest-room. Soon all the girls were laughing, talking, and singing together.

The following Tuesday was the day planned for the first zone meeting of the women's societies at a village about 16 miles from here. I longed to take the girls to this meeting; so we persuaded Mrs. Maw to stay over one day longer and take her car and trailer to help transport the girls. We had a lovely meeting; the girls sang their songs so sweetly and one of them lead in prayer. It did our souls good to hear the message the Minga matron gave when she was called on. This is something absolutely new to these women, and as far as I know, the very first meeting just of women, in this section. The women of the village chose a speaker who gave a little talk of welcome and spoke of the appreciation of the work done for their girls.

When the day was over, the girls came to me and expressed their thanks at being allowed to attend the meeting and to have had such

a happy day. These girls are growing, and character development is marked in some of the older ones.

There are three of the older girls in the hospital work just now, and we will pray that some of the girls will decide to devote their lives to service. Pray with us, for our Congo girls as they step out with faith in Jesus to live lives different from anything they have ever known.

## BRAZIL

### PEOPLE'S CENTRAL INSTITUTE, RIO DE JANEIRO

ALICE COBB AND RUTH HILLIS

During the year the People's Central Institute has continued to touch the lives of the people on "Morro de Favella." In the day school and kindergarten nearly five hundred children have spent happy days learning the three R's, and learning how to play and work together. At the close of the year one kindergarten mother said, "My little girl has changed completely from a spoiled, unhappy child to an unselfish, contented one thinking of others as well as of herself."

Senorita Isabel Oliveira as principal of the school has shown ability and has proven herself worthy of the confidence placed in her.

In the afternoons the football field has been open to the "moleques" or street boys, and it is interesting to watch them play. They are still rather like "moleques," but we feel that the influence they receive is changing them, even though gradually. The boys adore Mr. Weaver, and it is interesting to watch them as they gather around him.

A forward glance into the new year brings a mingled feeling of happiness and fear in the new responsibilities that are being faced. There is much that might be done at the Institute, and we hope that as time goes by it may become more and more a real social center where people may find friendship, love, and understanding.

### COLEGIO BENNETT, RIO DE JANEIRO

EVA LOUISE HYDE, PRINCIPAL; CATHIE LEE CLARK; MONTA MC FADIN

The year 1936 was one of expansion for Colegio Bennett. At the beginning of the year we were fortunate enough to be able to rent a large house adjoining our property and to convert it into a much-needed primary building. Besides housing our first four primary grades, it is adequate for the sewing department, provides some rooms for English classes, for four dormitory rooms, and for one servant's room. With the new building we were able to increase our enrolment to 350, the largest in the history of Bennett.

Miss Hyde has continued her competent direction of the school, her classes in pedagogy, and her supervision of the practice teachers in the normal course, as well as her duties in the church as a member of the Board of Stewards, and as missionary superintendent in the woman's Society and Sunday School. Besides these responsibilities, she has continued to serve as treasurer of the North Brazil Conference, and has conducted the Sunday school hour for the boarding students in the school. These are only the concrete things Miss Hyde has done. Her wise and untiring guidance of everyone keeps her ever busy.

We are happy that Miss Hyde will have an assistant for the coming year in the position of director of the official course. The person chosen for this responsible place is one of Bennett's own graduates

and teachers—Dona Iracema Castro Campas. The work connected with the official course has steadily increased as we have added a class each year until now we have the complete five-year course. For the first time there will be in 1937 an official graduating class along with the group which will graduate from the High School Department.

Miss Clark has carried on her classes in Home Economics and Child Care, and her work as superintendent of the Primary Department of the Sunday school and counsellor for the Young People's Society. During Miss Mathis' absence she has most efficiently supervised the planning of meals and buying of food for the entire school.

Miss McFadin has acted as head of the English department and as teacher of six English classes. She has done good work in extra-curricular activities—especially as sponsor of the Life Service Band. Her specific church activity has been the direction of the Primary Department of the Sunday school at the People's Central Institute.

### COLEGIO AMERICANO, PORTO ALEGRE

MARY HELEN CLARK, ZULA TERRY, FANNIE WASLEY

It would be difficult for one to say just exactly what part each had in the making of the school for the past year as most things are done through co-operation and not as individual projects. Assemblies, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, and other projects are entered into by both Brazilian and American teachers.

Miss Zula Terry as principal of the primary school has spent most of her time supervising the work of the teachers, teaching English, or directing an English Club. She did, however, have a class in pedagogy for the girls who were graduating from the gymnasium. In the church she worked in all departments, but the kindergarten of the Sunday school and the Woman's Missionary Society were her principal fields. We shall miss her greatly when school opens in March as she is now in the States on furlough.

Miss Fannie Wasley is the only representative of the missionary group in Central Church, but she keeps up the reputation. Her greatest contribution is through her music, but her work is not limited to that as she is often called upon for Bible work and for Sunday school teaching. In the gymnasium she taught all the Bible, and though it is not an official subject, her results have been most gratifying. Besides assisting in the office with reports and statistics, she also helped in the English Department.

In co-operation with the director of the Seminary we helped with the School of Religious Education which was organized this year. Courses in psychology, pedagogy, and Bible were given with the view of preparing Christian laymen that they may more efficiently serve in the churches. The beginning has been small, but we hope to continue in a brighter future.

Our course of study in the gymnasium is strictly circumscribed by the government, so we feel that the greatest contribution we can make is through extra-curricular activities. The girls organized a bazaar for the benefit of the tuberculosis hospital and a small entertainment for the benefit of the German hospital in both of which they were successful. We had an inter-collegiate athletic meet with the girls of Colegio Centenario in Santa Maria, and are eager to continue the contacts made. The German Club, the English Club among the gymnasium girls, the English Club among the graduates, and the two Temperance Leagues had very enthusiastic meetings. For next year we are planning a greater variety of clubs than we have had.

As a whole we feel that our year has been a successful one though we shall hope that the year to come will more nearly reach our ideal.

### INSTITUTO METHODISTA, RIBEIRAO PRETO

LUCY WADE, LYDIA FERGUSON, ROSALIE BROWN

Two years have proved that Instituto Methodista can make a vital contribution to this community. Although many persons are still lamenting the fact that the type of work has been changed, they are becoming more interested in the new work. As we have worked this year, we have thought more of results than of the numbers we are reaching. However, there has been a steady growth in numbers and some new work has been started.

It has been a joy to have Miss Rosalie Brown back at the head of the Kindergarten. With an able teacher helping, splendid work has been done. Regular visiting has greatly increased the enrolment and kept the interest of the parents. During the year the two teachers visited kindergartens in the city of Sao Paulo. The mothers enjoyed the party given for them at the end of the year, and expressed their appreciation of the fine work done. The children are looking forward next year to newly-painted chairs and tables and a much-needed new floor.

Our piano department, though not very large, has grown during the year. One recital was given at the Instituto; and the girls took part in two radio programs.

There is a great demand for English and we feel that this department is meeting a real need. Among our students are grade and high school students, and business and professional men and women. We keep the classes small so that there is an opportunity for individual instruction. We were proud of the fine program given by the department.

Our library is quite a popular place. The majority of readers are school children, but a number of teachers and others have taken advantage of our reading facilities. Some new books and magazines have been added.

New fences and the enlargement of boys' football field have made our playground more attractive and useful. Three new swings have brought joy to the children. Since ours is the only playground of its kind in the city, it has been used by more than two hundred fifty boys and girls. Children from far away as well as those from the immediate neighborhood have come. The football team has been quite enthusiastic, playing games almost every Saturday with teams from the various city schools.

More than thirty young women have played regularly on our tennis court which has been made regulation size. Another group of young women have come for gym classes. Our large open gymnasium has been used by these classes for skating and bicycle riding.

In April we began a Handicraft Class for young women, and an exhibit has been given showing more than fifteen kinds of handwork. In the class everyone is both teacher and pupil. There is a sharing of skills. A request has been made for both a morning and an afternoon group for next year so that a larger number can enter the class.

Instituto Methodista is also a home for high school girls who study in the various schools which have no boarding departments. Among those who came this year we have had one girl with a full scholarship and one with a half scholarship who have helped with the playground work.

Our gymnasium has been used by a basket ball team of young men from the Commercial Night School and also by two classes taught by a trained nurse of the city. A volley ball team of girls from the Normal School has used our outdoor volley ball court. We hope more and more to co-operate with outside groups.

All of us have worked in the church in various capacities: as Sunday school department superintendents and teachers, as chairmen of departments in the Woman's Missionary Society, as counsellors and presidents of Young People's Societies, as assistant superintendent of the Children's Society, as organist, as members of the Board of Stewards, and visiting in the interest of various organizations of the church.

In June during mid-term vacation the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in our church. Twenty-five of the women were entertained in Instituto Methodista. We also had as guests the women who came to the district conference and training school in May.

We are sorry to lose Miss Ferguson, who is going home for a furlough, for she has been of inestimable service in many departments.

Instituto Methodista is one of the youngest children of the Woman's Missionary Council. We are going through an experimental stage, but have great hopes for the future.

### LITERATURE AND WORK IN CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

MISS LEILA F. EPPS

"A Vos Missionaria" is exactly seven years old and before the end of this year we hope to have seven thousand subscriptions to it. Mrs. May Dye Smith is our General Agent and she is doing a splendid work, co-operating with one local agent in each society. They are putting our little magazine into the hands of thousands of people who are learning really to appreciate and to use it. It goes into homes of Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, and into many homes where no religious creed is recognized. They are putting it into offices of dentists and doctors, into schools and clubs and public libraries. The program material, Bible and mission studies, and Week of Prayer programs are being used by all of our Methodist Societies and by the Women's Societies of many Presbyterian and Episcopal churches.

The time has come, when, according to Brazilian law, our magazine must have a Brazilian editor and must be registered. We are doing all that we can to have this done according to law and order. I have already been to town nine times and have spent countless hours trying to get everything into order. Our bishop and the General Board of Education of our church have appointed Dona Martha Romano to be editor-responsible-to-the-law, and I am executive editor—and I am supposed to continue my work as I have been doing for seven years. I am happy to have Dona Martha to help me all that she will. She is a fine Christian young woman and I believe that she is going to mean much to the development of "A Vos Missionaria."

The other day I was in my office working on the material for the next number of "A Vos Missionaria" when a very nice-looking, intelligent young man came in and said: "Miss Epps, you do not know me at all, but I want to know you and I want to tell you my religious experience." He then told me that he is the son of a very fine Christian man who is a friend of ours, living in the interior. He told me how hearing the story of Mary Slessor, missionary to Africa (it

was published in "A Vos Missionaria") changed his life purpose. He had planned to become a naval officer as his father was; but now he is in Campinas in the Presbyterian Seminary. He is doing special Christian work among the firemen and also among the prisoners in the jail in Campinas. He said that he just wanted to tell me about his religious experience and to thank me for the influence of "A Vos Missionaria" upon his life.

In Ouro Preto we asked if there were any evangelical churches in the city, and a dear little woman said to us: "Perhaps you would not call it an evangelical church, but there is one Altar to an Unknown God." She then invited us into her home and took us into a room she has set apart to be used as "God's Room." She is a beautiful Christian woman, the mother of eleven bright boys and girls. It was in "God's Room" of her home that we had the joy of organizing a missionary society composed of twelve Christian women. Their faces were beaming with joy and enthusiasm as we studied together the plans for service and for the development of evangelical work in the beautiful old city of Ouro Preto.

We had a two-months' journey in the interior of the state of Minas Geraes. At Patrocinio we took an old car and drove over the lovely mountains to Muriahe. By noon we were ready to continue our journey for ten miles more in order to spend the afternoon with the women of one of our rural missionary societies. It was a joy to find that little country church packed to the limit with eager and hungry-hearted men and women and boys and girls of every age. We had a blessed service and told our women there about our plans for our service with the women down in Muriahe at noon the next day. At nine o'clock the next morning in Muriahe we heard a voice just outside the door saying: "Please give us a drink of water." Four women, president, vice-president, and two other officers of our woman's society over the mountains, had left their homes at four o'clock that morning and had walked ten miles in five hours in order to attend our service. They said: "We enjoyed our service yesterday afternoon. We prayed for you and asked God to be with you and to bless you and all of the women of our missionary society here today. Then we decided that we wanted a part of the blessing too, so we just got ready and came over the mountains to get it."

### "BEM-TE-VI"

NANCY HOLT

The *Bem-Te-Vi* has now completed fourteen years of service; I have been editor for nine. There are nearly 5,500 subscribers. This number sounds small in comparison with American magazines, but each subscription represents many readers. Today a letter came telling of the great profit and pleasure derived by the Presbyterian Sunday School in Belo Horizonte from its single subscription this year. The copy received by Dr. Nelson Araujo, our missionary to the Indians, has traveled miles around. The *Bem-Te-Vi* goes to Portugal, Chile, Argentine, Uruguay, Porto Rico, Mexico, the Portuguese colonies in Africa, to Brazilian residents in Switzerland, France, and to the United States, as well as to practically every state in Brazil.

The other day a man came from Santos to subscribe for his little boy. He had been buying the weekly Juvenile Supplement of a large daily paper for his son, but the child had seen a copy of the *Bem-Te-Vi* and decided he would rather have it once a month than the *Gazetinha* once a week. The latter is somewhat on the order of the comic colored

supplement in the States, but with a story or two added. Of course, the *Bem-Te-Vi* is for children, so I was elated at this child's approbation.

Besides my duties with the *Bem-Te-Vi* I have had innumerable opportunities to continue my beloved social work. Once I arranged employment for a boy, and word went forth—now people come to me when needing employees or employment. It does give great satisfaction to help a person to a position in which he can earn his living—it solves a multitude of problems at the source. This is equally true when one helps someone toward good health. One doctor alone has performed seventeen operations for persons I have taken to him, and five others have also helped. Of course, this represents countless consultations.

My rural work is the joy of my heart. I have spent my week-ends out at a farm near Sao Paulo, the second largest city of Brazil. The standard of living is astonishingly low. And it has given me great joy to watch the improvement in the children and in the home of a neighbor. On Christmas Day she showed me two photographs, one taken soon after I began going to her home, the other recently. It was interesting to me that she should be thinking along that line. One's work seems more effective as a personal friend than as the representative of an organization.

## CHINA

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### STEPHENSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, CHANGCHOW

LORENA FOSTER, SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES

During 1936 we have had an average of 38 students and of 16 Chinese and 2 foreign graduates each month. With the increase in patients, this has been far too few to provide the kind of nursing care we should like to see given to the patients. We need more nursing staff but we have no more space in which to house them at present.

Miss McIntosh who came to us in September has helped a great deal in improving the nursing service and the appearance of the wards. She has to give half her time to the study of the language and she teaches all the students' English and Physical Education classes, so she does not have the time she should have and would like to have to give toward supervision.

As the institution grows larger and more complex, the duties of the nursing administration are multiplied and we keenly feel the need of more supervisors to give the necessary time to the training of our head nurses in efficient organization of their wards, in seeing that the patients get the best possible nursing care, and in undertaking the responsibility of teaching and directing the students.

We are trying to begin a modest program of directed education upon the wards, to secure a closer correlation of classroom theory and ward practice and above all to provide better nursing care for each individual patient. The program is still in its infancy but we have taken a few steps toward getting it started. We are teaching our own ward routines and procedures in the classroom and we are putting a copy of these into the hands of each nurse and each student. During our regular Graduate Nurses' meeting, we are endeavoring to impress upon the head nurses the importance of their helping to direct and to teach the students while they are upon the wards, and of helping us to make the students' ward reports of more real value to the students. Our principal is increasing the number of Case

Studies for each student and we are asking the head nurses to help the students with these studies.

The School of Nursing has made progress during the year. Our application for registration with the Government was accepted in September. Miss Chang Fei Cheng, a P. U. M. C. graduate who has studied in England, came to us August 1 as principal of the school. She is ideally fitted for giving our students the kind of well-rounded training the Government wishes them to have in order to help with the nation-wide program of health work for China. Miss Chang is planning to build up a Midwifery and Public Health practice work for our students and we have applied for Government aid to provide Midwifery, Public Health, and other teaching supervisors for the school.

We have just completed a two-story addition to our school and dining-room building; this provides a combination living and recreation room, a principal's office, and a laboratory classroom.

Three of our new graduating class of ten are going to Nanking for the post-graduate course in Public Health. Two of them will return to Changchow for this work.

With the well-qualified principal we now have, with hopes of a regular school appropriation from our Mission, and with the increasing opportunities for our students to serve in the Public Health work in Changchow and other places, the future of our school looks very hopeful.

### WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE, SHANGHAI

JOSEPHINE C. LAWNEY, DEAN

DOROTHY GAILBRAITH, ACTING SUPERINTENDENT HOSPITAL

So much of our operative work is emergency work that it takes a very efficient organization on the nursing side as well as on the medical side to be ready to go into action on a half-hour's notice any time of day or night. It is not unusual to have the two delivery rooms and the operating room all carrying on at the same time. Efficiency would not be possible without the work of our own graduates. Dr. Wang has reported that four are in positions of senior residents. They are the "second line of defense" that we have been working for so long, and how thankful we are for them. There are others in our junior staff who give promise of promotion when they have had more experience. Then we have had two graduates promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in the Medical School.

The work of our graduates in other centers brings gratifying reports. One member of the class of 1935 is in the Reformed Church Hospital in Kulangsu; another is teaching in a Government School of Midwifery in Nanking, and each week she has a column in the local press on public health subjects.

The political conditions in China have disturbed us not at all.

We are too short on the side of missionary personnel, and we do want another missionary doctor. Other needs are a free-bed-fund, money for strengthening our evangelistic program, additions to the School of Nursing's teaching staff.

We are hoping to be able to co-operate more closely with Moore Memorial Church in its health program, especially in Public Health, Well-Baby Clinic, and medical examinations for members of the Mothers' Club. We again have charge of the health work in the McTyeire and Bridgman Schools, which whilst giving us friendly contacts with these institutions gives our junior doctors experience in the examination of healthy youth and also helps the income of our hospital.



## MARGARET WILLIAMSON HOSPITAL, SHANGHAI

MARY HOOD, SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES

With the opening of the fall term, the School of Nursing marks the best year that it has ever had. The registration of the School with the Government Ministry of Education is complete, and most of our nursing staff members are registered. The majority of the twenty-four new students are high school graduates with a high scholastic standing in their preparatory work. It is the largest class that has ever been admitted.

The post-graduate work was very satisfactory this past year. Twelve students registered and finished the course. All were experienced teachers or supervisors; this fact made the class work interesting.

We feel that our post-graduate work is a valuable addition to our school. Not only do the students help a great deal during the summer with our own work, but also they have had such wide and varied experiences as to help us keep in touch with nursing problems throughout China.

The Nurses' Association of China conference was held at Nanking in October. Our school was represented by three delegates, including Miss Chang, the new principal of the School of Nursing. The addresses on Nursing Education and Administration and Public Health Nursing Service were the main themes of the conference. The Government workers would like to have the Nurses' Association of China work with them in a closer co-operation in order to meet the needs of the rural sections. We are putting all our efforts into this project, as we realize what a great contribution this work is toward the health and happiness of the rural people of China.

One great joy about the increasing amount of surgery we are getting for second, third, and fourth year medical students is the fact that it means better teaching for the girls, more clinical material and less pure book learning. The Lester Chinese Hospital here allows me to take my students to make rounds in the wards, and the Seniors go any afternoon and watch the minor surgery and accident department, and it is invaluable experience for them.

The great joy of working with the interns is the almost daily growth that one sees in them, not only in technique but in poise and personality, and of knowing that whatever I may be able to do as a single person is multiplied a hundred-fold as they go out to work and teach others.

We are rejoicing in several new pieces of apparatus made possible by Mrs. Doane's gifts. The latest innovations are new lights in the operating and delivery rooms.

Christmas and Eastertide have been festivals of great happiness, and the special services held have been a great help to those who attended.

The Chinese Christian Broadcasting Society has an English half-hour's talk on Sunday evenings, for which Dr. Eno and I (Miss Gailbraith) have taken turns in giving addresses. The transmission reaches to most of China, and even Japan, and it is a great privilege to speak the gospel message to such a wide audience.

Our new colleague, Mrs. Jean Gassaway seems to have "fallen from heaven" just at the moment when we needed her so badly; she is a charming woman and her work promises to be excellent. Her enthusiasm seems unbounded and that has put new hope and vigor into good technicians who needed inspiration.

## SHANGHAI DISTRICT AND NANSIANG WORK

MATTIE L. PEACOCK

Another year with its privileges and opportunities has gone. In looking back over the work of the year, one wonders how many failures would have been successes if the Master had been allowed to take more control of affairs.

The year has not been without its difficulties. The pastor of Nansiang Church was very ill for several months in the early spring. In the fall, the Bible woman in Nansiang was quite sick for more than two months. We did not realize what a big place she filled until we had to do without her for so long. We rejoice that she is well and able to take up her work again. The other two workers on the district have done good work.

We hold weekly meetings for the women both here and at Kading. Now that we have the bus line, I can go to Kading each week for the meetings. We also make frequent trips to country places nearby.

We have held four Short-Term Schools in the district this year. The women seem to enjoy coming to these schools. I believe they go back to their homes with a deeper understanding of Christ and a greater love for him.

## LAURA HAYGOOD NORMAL SCHOOL, SOOCHOW

KWE YUIN KIANG, PRINCIPAL

KATE B. HACKNEY, NINA W. TROY, ETHEL BOST, MARY WINN,  
ANNIE C. PRICE, MISSIONARIES

*Students:* What an influx of new students this year in our school! These new students came from the neighboring towns, as one result of the opening of the new bus lines and the construction of a new railway. Better communication has not only brought the towns closer together but it has also changed the attitudes of conservative parents, making them realize that girls as well as boys have the right to be educated. Consequently, our opportunity to serve the youth of our country is greatly increased. The enrolment for this year is 523. The largest class has 62 pupils. No classroom in this old building is big enough to hold that many, so we have had to divide them into sections and squeeze them into every corner and nook we could find. We have classes in the chapel, the dining-room, and the chorus room.

There are 120 students in the boarding department. Our capacity is 90. We are using the trunk-room and the halls for extra sleeping places. Although we are so very much crowded, yet we are all happy because it will not be long before we can move into the new building.

*Faculty:* There are forty-six on the staff, five of them are missionary teachers and forty-one are Chinese. I am always proud of my faculty because they seem so intensely interested in their work, so conscientiously trying to help the young girls by their living example, and so sympathetic in the common cause for the good of the students and the school.

*Graduates:* In June, 74 students graduated from the various departments of the school. Twenty-four of the graduates took the teacher-training course and now they are teaching. Although two kindergarten-training schools have been opened here in Soochow and Shanghai, our graduates seem to be in even higher demand than before. Three principals came to see me since yesterday, asking for teachers for the spring term; but we were compelled to disappoint them on account of the shortage of graduates. When we move into

our new building we hope to be able to take in more students for training.

*Religious Activities:* In March a team of Religious Education workers came to our school from the East China Christian Educational Association to hold a two-days' Retreat with our faculty. We felt our lives richer and our strength renewed for having had this fellowship and close communion with our Heavenly Father.

In May we had a Religious Emphasis Week. Dr. Z. T. Kaung, pastor of St. John's Church, led the series of meetings. His talks meant much to us. As a result, fifteen students made definite decisions to join the church.

In November, a team of Christian Youth Workers gave a series of lectures on "How to Christianize Our Homes," and recommended a great deal of helpful literature on the subject. Our students were greatly benefitted by these practical talks.

*Summer School Conference for Graduates:* In the summer we had an educational conference for the kindergarten graduates of our school; twenty-six came for two weeks of intensive study, discussions, observation, and practice-teaching. We all felt that we had gained a great deal by such a conference.

*Mother Yang Scholarships:* This year we were given \$2,020 for scholarships, by Mr. P. L. Yang, manager of a Tientsin Factory, in memory of his mother who died in the spring. Mrs. Yang was an earnest Christian and an excellent mother. Mr. Yang, wishing that young women of little means could be given an opportunity to become useful like his mother, gives this sum for scholarships as a means to that end.

*MacKinnon Hall:* Everybody is so proud of the lovely gift from our friends in America, our new Classroom and Administration building. By a unanimous vote of the faculty and student body at Laura Haygood School we have decided to dedicate this building to Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, the foreign secretary of Woman's Work of the Board of Missions, who was once the much-loved teacher and leader of young Chinese womanhood of China. Therefore, we named it "MacKinnon Hall" in English, and "Ling (listen) Sih (snow) Dong (hall)" in Chinese. (Ling Sih is Miss MacKinnon's Chinese name.) We expect to move into "MacKinnon Hall" about Easter-time. How we wish our American friends could be with us that day and rejoice with us!

*Other Buildings:* The residence for the missionary teachers will be completed soon; they expect to occupy it in March. Our new Music Hall, built with the materials of the old buildings, was completed in the spring. It is a two-story building with twenty-two practice rooms and one chorus room. The music faculty and the students are rejoicing.

We are now planning to build an auditorium seating about seven hundred people. Our present chapel is unable to seat even our student body.

We wish to thank our friends in America for their kind help through these many years and especially for the new Classroom and Administration Building. May the New Year bring to each and every one God's own richest blessings!

#### ATKINSON ACADEMY, SOOCHOW

CHARLES J. VANE, PRINCIPAL; MARY M. TARRANT

We have five grades in the Junior Middle School and seven in the Primary. The enrolment in the fall term was 447. The church members number about fifteen per cent of the whole enrolment.

Our faculty members, excluding Miss Tarrant who is on furlough, number 22. More than 50 per cent are church members and the others are probationers. Some of the Christian teachers are members of the church choir, some teach Sunday school classes and some belong to the Board of Stewards. They also teach regular Bible classes.

This term we have had a very good revival meeting led by a famous pastor of Soochow. Twelve students were baptized and joined the church on Christmas Sunday. A great many have signed the probationers' cards.

We have just bought a house whose position is just between the Middle School entrance and the Primary playground; it gives us a wider front, opening on the principal street; we had been thinking and praying about buying this house for a long time, so we are grateful to have it.

Our school receives no appropriation from the home church. For some time we have received only Miss Tarrant's salary from America. We rejoice that before the spring term opens, she will be occupying her old place on our faculty.

### DAVIDSON GIRLS' SCHOOL, SOOCHOW

MRS. Z. N. TSIANG, PRINCIPAL; LILLIAN KNOBLES, NAOMI HOWIE

During this year God has richly blessed our school. Teachers and pupils have worked together with a fine spirit of co-operation and harmony which has made it possible for all of us to be very happy in our tasks.

For the year 1935 the total enrolment of the school was 510, and the number of members of the school staff was thirty. During the spring of 1936 there were 202 pupils in the junior middle school and 286 in the primary and kindergarten departments. This fall the enrolment in the middle school has increased to 225, but there has been a slight decrease in the primary school and the kindergarten. One member has been added to the school staff, making a total of thirty-one. There are only three changes in the personnel of the staff: the school nurse, the physical education director, and one music teacher.

In June thirty-one girls finished our junior middle school. Of these, twenty-seven are continuing their education in a number of institutions, there being seven in the Laura Haygood Normal School, one in the Soochow University Senior Middle School, one in Virginia School, one in a Mission school in Nanking, five in the government middle school of Soochow, seven in the provincial normal school of Soochow, and five in nurse training in a mission hospital.

Last spring and this fall a number of the teachers have been having a Bible Study Circle which meets every Sunday morning at eight o'clock. The attendance at our weekly faculty prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings is good. We are considering organizing a circle of Davidson School teachers in the Woman's Missionary Society of our local church.

All our students attend weekly Bible classes. There are ten classes of Davidson girls in the Sunday school of the local church. A number of Davidson students are active members in the Junior Missionary Society of the Church. Sixty of the girls in our middle school are members of the church choir. In the spring Pastor Yeh was our speaker during Religious Emphasis Week. This fall we expect to have the help of a young woman from the Bible training school in Shanghai.

Our Girl Scouts are very enthusiastic in their work. They have

made a good record in the joint activities of the various schools of the city.

The school has had delightful outings to the nearby hills in the spring and in the fall.

The gymnasium was finished in May, the total cost of the building being a little more than \$10,000. The funds were given by students, the alumnae, and friends of the school. At the opening of the gymnasium seven hundred guests were present to enjoy the program given by the athletics department.

Now that the gymnasium has been completed, we are hoping in the near future to replace one or two of the old buildings which we have outgrown with one big new building. We hope that the Woman's Council in America will be able to help us make this change possible.

### KONG HONG INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH, SOOCHOW

MITTIE SHELTON

During the year there was an enrolment in the Zang Tuh School of 330 pupils. There were two classes in the kindergarten in addition to the regular six grades of the higher primary school. Besides the ten Chinese teachers Miss Shelton helped with two English classes.

The half-day school is for young girls and women who cannot get to regular schools. Some of them are young married women with small children, some are girls too irregular in their school work to qualify for other schools. We offer courses in Chinese, English, Mathematics, Bible, Singing, and Home Economics. We have eighty-four enrolled this year. Some of them serve as instructors in the Free School which is held for children of the poor ricksha men and other poor people of our neighborhood; many taught in the Daily Vacation Bible School last summer. At Christmas time we gave a program for the parents of our students, and although it snowed, many came. We had three Christmas plays and several Christmas songs.

The Women's bath rooms were opened eight years ago, and are still filling a great need in the city. We have a record of 2,790 baths within two months. Mrs. Sung talks with these women as they come for baths and invites them to church.

The Well-Baby Clinic has been established in the church for several years. This year we were very fortunate in having help from the Soochow Hospital. Dr. Rice and Miss West came over every Wednesday afternoon. Since they began in October they have treated fifty babies. On Saturday mornings the mothers who have no warm bath rooms bring their babies for baths. During the spring we emphasized vaccination, and vaccinated 1,814 persons most of whom were children. Dr. Sung comes from Soochow Hospital on Fridays for a Tuberculosis Clinic which meets a great need.

Three of our churches in the city have assumed responsibility for a small orphanage in a little village near Soochow. Miss Kau, the nurse at the church, has been helping to take care of the children there.

Miss Loh works with missionary societies. This year a Young Woman's Missionary Society has been organized. In it are young mothers from the church, and older girls from the Half-Day School. The older women have their society. At Thanksgiving we had a special program for both societies.

### VIRGINIA SCHOOL, HUCHOW

MISS DZO YUEH TSHING, ACTING PRINCIPAL

ROSA MAY BUTLER, JULIA OLIPHANT, SUE STANFORD

The Christmas season was very full this year, for we had a pageant,

a party for the whole school, a number of special programs, a special worship service, and a "White Gift" offering for the poor. Six of our girls were baptized on Christmas morning. It was decided that it would be much more Christian to give the money usually used for refreshments at the school party to the fund for the poor. Each girl was asked to bring food of equal value as an offering to be given to the poor. I am glad to say that the girls responded in a very beautiful spirit to this request.

During the year we have tried in every way to save money in order that we may buy some much-needed equipment, especially for the science department.

This fall we had 38 students in the Senior Middle School; 104 in the Middle School, and 168 in the Primary School. Our enrolment is gradually increasing, but our tuition is comparatively higher than that of government schools, and our educational standard is higher than other schools in Huchow. We have the only Senior Middle School in Huchow. The people are coming to realize that their daughters should have higher education, and the responsibility upon our school is heavy.

We need additional faculty members, at present we have 24 members of faculty and staff. One of the greatest needs is for more English teachers. Our two English teachers are overburdened, carrying the full English schedule for both primary and high school. Another great need is for the experienced Religious Director to give all her time to meeting the spiritual need of our students. We need also a well-trained Chinese teacher to act as supervisor of the Primary School.

Over eighty per cent of our teachers are Christians; naturally they have a great influence on the student body. We have voluntary Bible classes, Sunday school, and an organized Y. W. C. A., all well attended; S. S. classes for children of the neighborhood.

### SUSAN B. WILSON SCHOOL, SUNGKIANG

VONG PAU SZ, PRINCIPAL; PEARL MC CAIN, LUCIE CLARK

At the beginning of the spring term, Miss Yih Ming Chung of Kiangwau Bible School, came to hold a series of devotional meetings with our girls and teachers as well as personal interviews with them. During the revival, three teachers and thirty or more students definitely decided to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and Master. Soon after this, one teacher and fourteen students received baptism and joined the church; one student entered Bible School in the fall, to prepare herself for evangelistic work.

In May our Senior class took a trip to Shanghai. While there they were invited to see "Little Women" given by McTyeire Seniors and also to spend the night at McTyeire. The play was exceedingly fine; our girls appreciated the cordial hospitality extended to them by the McTyeire faculty and students. Next day we visited Moore Memorial Church.

Later on in the same month, the New Life campaign was vigorously launched in this city. Students of different schools were asked to participate. More than forty of our middle school girls, with their teachers, took up the tasks of street-cleaning, home inspection, giving talks on hygiene and social responsibility. Miss Susie Naves joined this little band of amateur social workers with much zest and laughter, creating thus an atmosphere of joy in service.

The General Meeting of our Parents' Association was well attended this year. Over four hundred people, including patrons, visitors, and

guests, spent the whole afternoon in the school observing the exhibits of work done by the students and attending a little program arranged by the school. It was a delightful occasion for us all.

Two exceptionally fine concerts were given in June by the music pupils of Miss Clark and Miss Kwe Yui Kung. Principals and students of other institutions in the city participated in our music-appreciation program.

The Young People's Conference was held in July at Wusih. Fifteen of our girls experienced some jolly good times, interestingly helpful programs, and made many wholesome Christian contacts with the workers and students of other places. At the same time at Changchow the annual meeting of the Student Volunteer Band was held. To this, nine of our girls went and came back with a new vision and insight into the needs of human life.

When school re-opened in the fall, we were thrilled to see many new students, and to have the Hayes-Wilkins Building almost ready for our expansion work.

On October 7 we were invited to see the Chrysanthemum Show at Mochao. Several teachers and ninety girls chartered two buses to attend; the flowers were beautiful.

The religious life of the school is encouraging. There are forty-four members in the middle school, thirty in the primary. All the students attend chapel and Sunday school, and the majority of the middle and higher primary students attend church service regularly. The Missionary Society, Epworth League, Student Volunteer Bands, Daily Prayer Groups, weekly prayer meetings, week-day Bible classes, and rural work have been functioning actively and regularly. The enrolment is 305. There are nineteen Chinese teachers and two missionaries working faithfully together for the great common cause and purpose.

The Student Council is made up of four departments, namely, publication, health, buying and selling, and supervision of campus activities. On the whole, the students perform their duties faithfully.

There is a growing demand for Home Economics courses. We hope in the near future to be able to put up a practice home where lessons in housekeeping and home-making will be taught by a specially qualified person.

We welcomed to Sungkiang and into our Mission compound the Board of Christian Education and the Adult Committee of our Church. They are using the large plant for offices and homes of the different Boards and for large conferences, retreats, training institutes, and camps for women and children.

## EVANGELISTIC AND SOCIAL SERVICE WORK, WUSIH

MARGARET RUE

Our hearts were warmed by two series of fine revival services that were held during the fall. These brought a deepened spiritual life to many of our people and also brought a number of our own students and others to make the decision to follow Christ.

When Miss MacKinnon came to Wusih she saw our desperate need of an evangelistic center. All our work has been carried on in our own home. Women's meetings, Bible classes, special classes and other meetings were held in our living-room. This crowded our work so much that we felt that we must find some way to change. A few months later came the glad news that an appropriation had been made to build an evangelistic center, a deep well, and a home for two missionaries. Now we are looking forward to having a new worker in Wusih.

Most of the workmen on our new buildings come to church in a group on Sundays and hear the gospel story.

One of our greatest projects this year has been the opening of a clinic for our students and for our neighbors who are very poor. One of the doctors from the Episcopal Mission, Mrs. Edward Dyer, has generously offered to give us her services once a week.

We have been able to gain entrance to two large mill-dormitories to hold services one evening each week. Sundays are not holidays for these girls. We also have night school for girls who live in their own homes.

Some of our girls go with us to nearby villages. We went to "the Rope Village"—nearly everyone there makes some kind of rope. There has never been a church there, so we were surprised to find several Christians there.

Most of our school girls come to school half an hour early for volunteer Bible study classes once a week. We want them to know that prayer not only prepares them for their work; prayer *is* their work as Christians.

## WUCHEN

MARY CULLER WHITE

To live where one wants to live, to do what one wants to do, and to have as co-workers those with whom one wants to work—this has been my happy lot for the last few years.

We have an organized church here with a Chinese pastor; and now for the first time we have a Bible Woman appointed to local work.

My own work is divided into three departments: Committee work, riding my circuits, and the work of Stewardship Secretary.

The Woman's Missionary Society will celebrate its twentieth anniversary this year, and every member is asked to give an offering—twenty coppers (six cents) or twenty cents or twenty dimes or twenty dollars!

The Student Volunteer Association is an enthusiastic body composed of the young teachers, students, and nurses in our church. Since the inception of this movement seven years ago, sixteen bright young women have entered the service of our church as Bible Women. My part is to meet with their committees and help make plans.

In both the Nanzing and Huchow Districts there is a splendid team of Chinese workers. During the year one of the workers in the Nanzing District has visited seventy towns and villages, and another has visited eighty. In this work the emphases are shifting. Formerly we visited each place at certain intervals; now we give most of our time to special visits made upon the invitations of local church or missionary society. I have worked in nine Short Term Schools during the year. These schools are now under the local missionary societies both as to supervision and support. In the school programs we have a daily revival hour.

The Stewardship work includes preparation of literature, circulating of libraries, and the conducting of Stewardship Schools.

We are most grateful for a year without serious political disturbances or civil war in our section, and a year that has brought better economic conditions to our people. There is an unprecedented eagerness on the part of the non-Christian to listen to the gospel.



## CUBA

### COLEGIO ELIZA BOWMAN, CIENFUEGOS

FRANCES MOLING, PRINCIPAL

MATTIE LOU NEAL, MARIE CRONE, FRANCES GABY, DRETA SHARPE

All our teachers deserve special mention for faithful service during the year, but it was Miss Gaby who remained during the vacation months and assumed the responsibility of the repairs. Since the time designated for the opening of our fall term found us in the midst of necessary repairs, it was difficult to find room for all classes, but with the experience of former years it was not so hard for our teachers to adapt themselves to circumstances; so as in every other crisis, work was begun with enthusiasm and has thus continued in a spirit of co-operation which could only be equaled by that of other years.

The Superintendent of the Province has planted trees on our campus and has succeeded in interesting many of our students in opening savings accounts in the banks. We have had several government inspectors to visit our school, manifesting great interest in our methods of teaching and in reading our educational journals.

We have had a good year. We began with a matriculation above that of any year since the beginning of the depression. Our graduating class in June was one of promise. Our teachers have been faithful in the discharge of duty. Not once has our pastor failed us in his weekly chapel service. The school has been able to meet all obligations and bring the year to a close with a small balance on hand. Our Week of Prayer offering amounted to \$18.83. The Christmas offering for poor children was participated in by all the teachers and pupils. We are conscious and appreciative of the blessings which have been ours and trust that they may help us the coming year in rendering to our church and school a more efficient service.

### COLEGIO BUENAVISTA, HAVANA

IONE CLAY, PRINCIPAL; ETHEL WILLIAMS, MARY WOODWARD, JUANITA KELLY

So far we have admitted over twenty-five per cent more students that we had last term at this date. In the Primary and Grammar grades every classroom is full to overflowing and lack of space indoors is compelling us to hold certain classes under the trees and on the porches of the school.

The school is exercising a definite religious influence through contacts in classroom, dormitory, patio, and the homes of the students; through Bible classes and chapel services. Each faculty member occupies a position of leadership in at least one department of church work. Of the present class of candidates for membership in Leland Memorial Church, ten are students of Colegio Buenavista.

On Sundays different teachers serve voluntarily as chaperons in the school bus which brings to Sunday school a number of children who otherwise would be unable to attend.

We are doing all in our power to promote the all-round development of the children and young people committed to our care, in accordance with the school's program of physical, social, intellectual, and spiritual activities.

### CENTRO CRISTIANO, MATANZAS

MARY LOU WHITE, HEAD RESIDENT

The Centro Cristiano, by means of social and recreational activities, carries out a program for the development of Christian character in

the individual. It is not a mere recreational center, open to the public at all hours. Outside the church meetings for which the building is lent, the constituency is divided into groups according to age and sex, each under a competent staff member, with set hours for meetings and recreation, with payment of monthly dues for all members. Thus the personal contact of leader with pupil is secured and individual guidance made possible in the development of character.

The Cuban leaders are: Misses Lila Interian and Hilda Vazquez, and Messrs. Moises Boudet and Miguel del Pino. Each of these deserves special mention for co-operation, appreciation of the fundamental purpose of the institution, moral stamina, and effective and tireless labor. Due to their efforts, the club membership has increased greatly and the spirit and discipline of the groups are excellent.

The clubs for underprivileged children and young people meet for two hours every afternoon of the scholastic year, usually devoting one afternoon weekly to business meetings, study or handwork, and other hours to sports. On Fridays the club hour begins with a devotional service led by the staff members in turn at which hour the pastor, Rev. Silvano Sanchez, has contributed inspiring short talks. The Centro staff co-operates with the pastor in all church departments.

The clubs prepare at least two annual Field Day programs, the course closing with Field Day at the end of May. Christmas and Easter programs are usually given just before these holidays. The Christmas program of 1936, offered jointly by clubs, church school, and Young People's Division, was one of the most beautiful and reverent ever presented in the Centro—one which truly represented the meaning of Christmas.

Boy Scout Troop No. 1 of Matanzas, organized in 1931, meets weekly at the Centro under the leadership of Mr. Boudet, municipal Scoutmaster, and Mr. del Pino, and other officials who are Centro products. The Scouts make camping trips, observe all patriotic anniversaries, served this year as traffic police one day of "Children's Week," and carry out an active program in accordance with the principles of the founders of the movement. They are at present building their own shack at the Centro.

The main task of the Centro Cristiano for 1936 has been a fight to rid the institution of false values and to conduct it on the principles of integrity and of the religion of Jesus Christ.

### IRENE TOLAND SCHOOL, MATANZAS

CLARA CHALMERS, PRINCIPAL; LORRAINE BUCK, HOME ECONOMICS;  
ELIZABETH EARNEST, KINDERGARTEN

A good year and a happy one has just closed. Our enrolment reached two hundred and sixty-five; this is one of the largest enrolments we have ever had. There was an average of thirty-eight students in the boarding department, and we collected from local sources twelve thousand dollars.

Our work begins with the kindergarten, continues in eight grades of grammar school, one year of high school, and modern music and commercial departments.

Miss Earnest directs the Kindergarten. The children love her, and through a program of handwork, stories, songs, and games, she leads them gently but surely to know the Good Father of little children. Miss Earnest is also an effective worker in the Primary department of the local church school and the missionary society.

In the grades, high school and commercial departments the work is faithfully administered by capable, well-trained Cuban teachers.

These teachers understand and genuinely sympathize with the fundamental purposes of our school. They are active in the local church (of which the majority are members), the church school, young people's organizations, and the missionary society.

We are proud of our commercial department. We enrolled forty students in this department during the year. The teachers are Christians and their sincere endeavor is to prepare Christian men and women to send into the commercial life of Matanzas and Cuba.

Miss Lorraine Buck is with us this year to help us develop an efficient Home Economics Department; she also teaches English and Bible and is active in local church school and missionary society work and Intermediate League.

Miss Augusta Nelson, our American contract teacher, has charge of English in the grades, ably assisted by her sister, Agnes Nelson. They are members of and active workers in the Presbyterian Church. They received their grammar and high school education in our own Irene Toland School and later studied in the States.

Our piano department is in charge of a very efficient Cuban musician. She loves her work and her students make good progress in their courses.

A great asset to our school is our Students' Association. This organization includes all the students, is organized and directed by the students. Its committees are student government, uniform, library, program, social service, civic service, and first aid. All committees function and achieve success.

Our school has taken the lead in student sport activities in Matanzas; it has influenced social clubs to organize and maintain basketball teams. The spirit at games and practice is one of co-operation and harmony. We have two coaches, one for the boys and one for the girls. They are both exceptional young men in character and bearing.

Bible is taught in all our grades, and our students attend chapel services twice a week. Our great need is for an auditorium; we hold chapel services in a large room of a rented house, two sections are necessary.

## JAPAN

### LAMBUTH TRAINING SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS, OSAKA

T. TANAKA, PRINCIPAL; ANNA BELL WILLIAMS, MABEL WHITEHEAD,  
MARGARET COOK, RUTH FIELD, CATHERINE STEVENS, MARY SEARCY

Christmas was indeed a busy, happy time. Celebrations began as early as December 12. The first group to celebrate was the foreign group; there were about seventy-five people present at a chicken dinner. This group contributed forty yen to the work for poor children—work that is carried on by one of Osaka's leading daily newspapers.

From this date on, some group was celebrating almost every day until December 30 and during Christmas week there were two or three celebrations on some days. On the thirteenth, in a beautiful service of song, climaxed by the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus," the Christmas message was given to those who attended our Sunday evening evangelistic services. Two persons were baptized at that time.

In Lambuth Sunday school there was a "white Christmas." Other ways of celebrating Christmas were: Simple worship services were held at the Red Cross Hospital; the city day nursery teachers came to

a Christmas program here, planned by their supervisor; our students dramatized "The Other Wise Man."

A Fifteenth Anniversary evangelistic campaign is being put on in our territory in connection with the special evangelistic movement in the J. M. C. All the funds for these celebrations have been obtained in Japan and the Japanese are hoping to raise enough to start a new work in Manchuria. There was a forward look in all the anniversary efforts. There is much yet to be done.

Twice lately we have been to Kyoto to attend lectures given for the foreigners of this section by the Society for the Promotion of International Cultural Relations.

The fall has been spent in "journeyings oft"—to Kobe and Hiroshima for the Anniversary meetings, for committees and National Christian Council in Tokyo.

May the peace and love that the Christ came to bring fill your hearts now and all through the new year.

MARGARET M. COOK

The year 1936 has marked the ending of an era. The Mission has celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, as has the Hiroshima Girls' School. Not only so but 543 Christian kindergartens of seventeen denominations throughout the empire of Japan have celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the Christian kindergarten in Japan. Three hundred and nine of these kindergartens are organized into a Federation of Christian Kindergartens, with high standards of work and on friendly terms with the National Kindergarten Conference of 1,500 government kindergarten teachers.

From the very first, kindergarten work has been appreciated, but for financial reasons has not been made compulsory by the Government. As indicated by the number of kindergarten teachers, kindergartens *are* desired and supported wherever possible. Future plans include a continual increase in the number. Meanwhile, Christian kindergartens are not only allowed but encouraged. Herein has been and still is our opportunity. Would that our finances had made possible a larger preoccupation of this field.

Not only are we as Christians in the field but also Buddhist, government, and private welfare organizations are active in their use of kindergartens and day-nurseries. All this indicates the popular demand, which demand creates a Christian opportunity, far-reaching in its influence into homes and communities. Our Southern Methodist share in this work consists of supervision and part support of thirty mission kindergartens and one settlement free kindergarten and one health-center in a slum district; co-operation and supervision in Osaka in settlements, and an orphanage in which Lambuth students practice. We also co-operate in maintaining standards of work in ten independent church kindergartens in the territory of our West Conference.

Calls have come to us for more trained kindergarten workers. Most of these places cannot use graduate teachers without some financial help. Lambuth stands for entering into the kindergarten opportunity with trained Christian workers who will maintain high educational standards while using the kindergarten, with its follow-up work, as an evangelistic agency. Hence the existence of the kindergarten department in the Lambuth Training School for Christian Workers. The past fifteen years have proved the soundness of the principle involved—training kindergartners in an institution for Christian workers.

The Kindergarten Training Department of the Canadian Methodist Girls' School in Tokyo serves the East Conference. But even so, calls

come from the Canadian and Northern Methodist Missions of that territory for Lambuth graduates because they have a three-year course as Christian workers. The Canadian school is sending some two-year graduates to take a third year at Lambuth.

An experience outside of all the usual opportunities that are ours came to us this Christmas because we are at work in Osaka. The recently appointed supervisor of the day nurseries of the Social Service Department of Osaka prefecture is a Christian and a good friend of ours. Through her, we had the privilege of inviting the sixty day-nursery teachers to a Christmas entertainment. Nearly fifty came. To almost every one of these the real meaning of Christmas and the Christmas message came for the first time.

It is with gratitude that we look to our fellow-workers throughout our great church at home to continue a share in what we are doing by study, prayer, and generous support.

### OSAKA ENGLISH SCHOOL

MARY SEARCY

I am glad to report that our work at the Osaka English School is moving along nicely. We still do not have as large an enrolment in the Girls' School as we hope eventually to have, but there have been many encouraging things recently and we feel that the work which we are doing with these young people is most worth while. I am thoroughly enjoying my work and I see so many things to do that I find myself wishing I were three persons instead of only one. From about two in the afternoon until ten at night every day in the week almost every available inch of space in the building is used, but I can think of so many things for which the building might be used during the morning hours, if only some one had the time to give.

Last February we started a Sunday school for our students which meets from nine to ten each Sunday morning. Mrs Cobb and I have each a class with an interpreter. In the spring we hope to have two more classes if we can find suitable persons for teachers. We have had an average attendance of forty students each Sunday, which we think is splendid, considering the fact that the majority of our boys and girls are working and do not always have Sunday as a holiday. The students have full charge of the thirty-minute worship service and they have taken a great interest in it.

In addition to the Sunday school we have special classes of instruction each week for those who are interested in the study of Christianity and the Bible. These classes have been well attended. As a result of these efforts, there is a good spirit in our school and a real interest in the teachings of Christianity. Since the beginning of last year we have baptized fourteen students at school and four others have been baptized at a church of their own choosing. We are giving them the best training we can at our Sunday school, and they are developing into strong Christians. We are beginning to feel the need of a church.

### NAKATSU

MANIE C. TOWSON

Our Mission Jubilee Year, 1936, was marked by several celebrations and a Conference-wide Evangelistic Campaign. Some of the leaders of the Japan Methodist Church visited our city and gave us stirring messages. Some women leaders in the Christian Movement came to us also. One of these is an officer in the National Mothers' Association, and a graduate of Hiroshima Girls' School. She told us in a quiet, unemotional way of her twenty-five years of effort to bring her

husband to Christ. Every woman in the house was moved to tears by the recital and many who have non-Christian husbands felt encouraged to hope that their prayers would be heard and their husbands converted.

We have found that our cooking class is a worth-while activity. The women, Christian and non-Christian, enjoy meeting socially and they seem to find much help from the devotional meetings. One member of this cooking class said that she was moved to become a Christian because she was impressed that this part of our work springs from an earnest religious purpose.

In my work on my circuit, I find much that is encouraging. One woman, the only Christian in her village, walks five miles to attend church services every Sunday. At Christmas time she gave a Christmas celebration which was attended by one hundred and forty villagers. Much interest in the Christian message was awakened by this event.

A few days ago I taught a Bible Study Group in which one of the Christians, a confirmed invalid, gave glowing testimony of what Christ had done for her. On my way home I visited a grief-stricken father and mother; their only son had recently died, and their disconsolate faces were in striking contrast to that of the invalid Christian woman. When I told them that they need not grieve for their little one, that he is safe with the Heavenly Father, they began asking: "Can it be so?" For Buddhists believe that the souls of their dead children are in a dreary land, spending their time piling up stones in penance for their sins of a former existence. It will be my privilege to help these bereaved parents into the fuller light of the Gospel. Contrast their despair with the bright hope of one of our earnest Christian mothers whose husband and three children have been called to their reward. Recently she wrote us, in English: "As the Christmas season draws near, I think of our dear ones who have gone, but they are with Christ and Christ is with us, so we can be happy."

### AIRIN KWAN, OITA

SALLIE CAROLL AND GERTRUDE FEELY

Oita is the capital of one of the provinces on the island of Kyushu. It is a commercial as well as an educational center, and for these reasons offers many opportunities for rich contacts. Oita also has the distinction of being the birthplace of the well-known revival, which was the real beginning of the Japan Methodist Church. Many prominent leaders of our church were influenced by this revival.

The Airin Kwan is the one evangelistic center of the Woman's Department of the Board of Missions, in Japan. We have a residence and a kindergarten building on the Compound. While our work is primarily for women and children, we have been having some classes for students of the Commercial College and Middle School. Through these student groups we have some contacts with the Government Schools, and these contacts have proved very valuable. Through our activities, the Center is in touch with about five hundred people a week. Our work with young people includes classes in English, cooking, and Bible. Our children's work includes Sunday school work, kindergarten, playground, and library work. Music, art, and English are taught. Our World Friendship programs in Vacation Schools have contributed toward friendly relations in our community.

A Christian doctor contributes his services once a week, making possible a free clinic in the kindergarten. Our kindergarten children open homes to us in many sections where we would not be free to visit if we had no kindergarten.

During Miss Feely's absence on furlough, our staff has come to realize and appreciate more than ever her great contribution to the work, and we look forward to her return.

We pray that we may make every opportunity count for the Master.

### HIROSHIMA GIRLS' SCHOOL, HIROSHIMA

REV. Z. HINOHARA, PRINCIPAL; MYRA ANDERSON (FRASER INSTITUTE),  
LOIS COOPER, ALBERTA TARR, IDA SHANNON,  
BONNIE KORNS, LOIS HALL

The past year has been one of great significance in the history of Hiroshima. While the routine work of the school was carried on as usual, the tone of the year's work was set by plans for and participation in the Jubilee celebration of October 1-5. The plans for this Jubilee were begun early in January, 1936, and were so effectively carried out that they resulted in five long-to-be-remembered days of celebration.

In looking back over the months that have passed since this event, it is possible to see a number of permanent values emerging. The co-ordinated effort of every department in the school has brought about a closer relationship between the teachers of the institution. With more than sixty teachers working in four departments, it is difficult under ordinary routine to keep up the feeling of a united whole; uniting in a common purpose of equal importance to all has brought about an atmosphere of understanding co-operation. We have gained, also, the increased confidence of the public. In a land where education is under government control, mission schools are in constant need of renewing public confidence in their efficiency as educational agencies. The review of fifty years of service to the community and the expressions of respect and gratitude from high officials and institutions placed us before the public in a way to secure this necessary renewal of confidence. Through the Jubilee contributions of patrons and graduates of the school, the 100,000 yen endowment fund was completed, assuring us the continued recognition of the government; and a building fund for the new plant was begun. Most important of all, a new viewpoint was established. The eyes of teachers, students, and the general constituency were turned from the past and the present to a future, bright with the possibilities of growth and broadening fields of service.

The curriculum of the school has been changed during the year to include a new course in the college department. Higher education for women has become more and more unpopular as the waves of nationalism have grown stronger during the last few years. This fact has brought a yearly decrease in the college enrolment. In order to tide over this depression period in college popularity and to meet the demands of the present, a two-year Home-Makers' course was planned and the first year was put into operation at the beginning of the new school year in April, 1936. The course proved popular and there were as many applicants as we were able to accommodate. It must be remembered, of course, that this decrease in enrolment does not extend below the college level. The high school enrolment continues to increase with the coming of each new year.

Another high point in the year was the receipt of the Week of Prayer offering of \$30,000. The anticipation of this gift was a great incentive throughout the full days of planning and preparation for the Jubilee. It strengthened the morale within the school as nothing else could have done. The knowledge that the task was a co-operative one in which the work and the hopes were being shared by the thousands of women in America whose prayers and gifts had made

so many dreams come true lightened the burden while it increased the sense of responsibility.

Toward the end of the year one hope became a realization. After many difficulties and much negotiation a twenty-one-acre site was purchased for the building of the new school. The beauty and advantages of this new site have been presented in detail in other places, so that here a detailed description is not necessary. Committees and an architect are at work on plans for the new buildings. It is our desire to build for the future in such a way as to conserve the virtues and the strength of the past fifty years and at the same time to reach out for the opportunities and grow into the needs of the next half century.

Written by Katharine Johnson, on furlough, 1937.

## KOREA

### CAROLINA INSTITUTE, SEOUL

HALLIE BUIE (ON FURLOUGH), RUTH DIGGS, RUBIE LEE

As I think of the work of Carolina Institute for the year of 1936, my heart is filled with praise and gratitude for the many blessings that our Father has bestowed upon this school that is striving so hard to train real Christians, workers for the coming of his Kingdom.

There are 400,000 Christians in Korea, and there are only six registered Christian high schools. Out of every 134 Christian girls only one can study in a Christian school, on account of lack of room. In the primary schools the percentage of those who, for this reason, cannot study is much, much higher.

If we consider the non-Christian girls who cannot enter school, on account of lack of room, the percentage is very high indeed. There are hundreds of girls who must be turned away from the high schools every year on account of lack of room, and in the primary the same thing is true. Our hearts cannot become hardened to the sight of the many girls going away weeping because there is not room enough to take them. They realize that their chance of an education is lost, because the next year will bring many fresh graduates from the lower schools clambering for entrance.

Character building is the aim of our school, the true character that comes from being led by the spirit of the Master. The girls enter into the religious educational program of the school which is splendid and we are rejoiced to watch the development of each girl.

The change in a girl during the years she is with us is very marked; while she has been growing physically and mentally, there has been a decided spiritual development.

We are praying that from among our girls there may be many thoroughly consecrated Christian women who can do their part in helping to bring to this needy land of theirs a strong Christian church.

We never realize what Christian homes mean to a country until we have seen a country where there are practically none; therefore for years we have thought of our girls as the future makers of Christian homes in this land where superstition, the fear of evil spirits, and many strange customs take from the home all of the joy that comes to the Christian home.

Our school is recognized by the government and is considered among the best of its grade in the country; and judging from the entrance our graduates are able to make into the higher institutions, the places they win in the various contests that are given by the schools of all Korea, and the work that our graduates are doing, we know that this is true.

Our dormitory is self-supporting and is organized in such a way as



to give each girl training that will fit her for running, in the most efficient way, the home she will some day establish.

### SEVERANCE UNION HOSPITAL, SCHOOL OF NURSING, SEOUL

MAUDE NELSON

The year has passed satisfactorily in many ways and we are pleased to see that in spite of difficulties progress has been made.

This year we had eighteen young women to receive diplomas in nursing and mid-wifery, fourteen of whom were employed in our institution while the others went to other mission hospitals. We had more requests for graduates than could possibly be filled, which goes to show that the country of Korea is far from having an overflow of nurses. We need many more well-trained nurses to answer the needs in our mission hospitals and in the field of Public Health. Each year we can take in only twenty-five students because of limited dormitory space. Of this number accepted last March eighteen were high school graduates, five had had three years of high school while only two had had just the two years which the government requires. One of the number was a recently trained Bible Woman with several years of experience who realized that a knowledge of nursing would be an asset to her. This is the type of workers for which the evangelistic missionaries are wishing, so we are hoping that more Bible Women will avail themselves of the opportunity to secure nurse training. Of the twenty-five who entered in the spring twenty-four finished the six months' preliminary period and were "capped" the first week of October.

There are sixty-four in the entire student body. The health record has been good though several have had to drop out because of tuberculosis. We have a staff of thirty graduates in the hospitals and clinics. Since only seventeen of them can be accommodated in the dormitory thirteen have to board elsewhere, and decent, accessible boarding places are hard to find. More dormitory space is truly an urgent need.

Dr. O. R. Avison, the founder of Severance, together with Mr. Swinehart, who was the business manager for the building of the new Ewha College, are going to launch a financial campaign for Severance and Chosen Christian College. This will no doubt be the last financial campaign for these institutions in the States so that we are earnestly praying that from it our great needs for the enlargement of the dormitories may be realized.

Among the student activities are a Y. C. A. which functions fairly well; the athletic department with its annual tennis tournament and city-wide ping-pong tournament; the literary department which has several interesting programs during the year giving opportunities for latent talents to emerge. Other departments also make their contributions. The religious department conducts a weekly chapel service. Through this department there was held during November a series of religious services resulting in much spiritual benefit. Our students are all church members or catechumens, but as is the case in many nursing schools, the work is so exacting and tiring that when the students have opportunities for church activities they often are too tired even to go to church. It is for this reason that so many girls after entering training become careless about church attendance and hinder their spiritual development. We hope the day will come when this condition will be bettered.

We are fortunate in having a highly trained music teacher to devote several hours a week to choral classes. Because of this our students are able throughout the year to give good programs and to enter into various programs with other groups.

Gifts this year have made it possible for the hospital to have enough wheel chairs and stretchers for each ward. Feather pillows in the charity ward are indeed a contrast to the usual rice-husk-filled ones. Ball-bearing rollers have been put on a number of beds. With the \$400 sent us by Mrs. Lackey, of Fort Worth, Texas, we were able to add to the small dormitory fund which is a "nest egg" for the enlarging of the student dormitory. For all of these gifts we are truly thankful.

During the past few months we have completed a much-needed laundry, dining room, and kitchen. A further building project is the remodeling of the old wing of the hospital, making of the fourth- and free-class wards sunny and quiet rooms for the first- and second-class patients. This is a long-felt need the completion of which will mean better service for the patients. As a result of our progress we pray that we shall be better servants in our allotted tasks.

The hospital pastor, who is a Princeton graduate, has been faithful in carrying out his many duties. For several months we have been without a Bible Woman, but hope to have one soon. We regret the fact that we do not have a sufficient force to do follow-up work with the patients after they leave the hospital.

Your interest and prayers in our work will be greatly appreciated.

### METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, SEOUL

MABEL CHERRY

This year the Methodist Theological Seminary enrolled more young women in the Freshmen class than have been enrolled in any year since 1931. These young women came from seven different high schools scattered throughout Korea. At the beginning of the school year we were fortunate in securing the services of a former graduate as matron in the girls' dormitory. Through the influence of this young woman the dormitory has had a much more homelike atmosphere, and the young women have been enthusiastic about making student government a success.

The health records of the students have been remarkably good this year. No young woman has been forced to stop school because of illness.

The Junior and Senior classes have made quite a name for themselves and for the school by successful performances of religious plays, and by giving religious concerts over the radio. We all are glad to have these methods of reaching a large non-Christian audience.

Under the leadership of Dr. Billings, there has been a spirit of comradeship felt among the foreign and Korean faculty members, and a spirit of Christian fellowship among students and faculty. It is a pleasure to work in this institution, and we pray that its influence may be felt for good throughout the whole of Korea.

### HOLSTON INSTITUTE, SONGDO

NELLIE DYER, ACTING PRINCIPAL; ALICE MC MAKIN

In March, 1936, 217 girls took our entrance examinations. Of that number, we had room for only 118. In April the new school year opened with a total enrolment of 439. At present there are 86 girls in the dormitory.

While Miss Nichols is on furlough, Miss McMakin and I are the only missionaries in the school. There are 13 Korean and 2 Japanese teachers. Three city Bible Women and one city pastor have taught some of our Bible classes. These Bible Women and four of our regu-

lar teachers are Holston graduates. There has been a very fine spirit among the teachers this year, which has made working with them a pleasure.

Last fall at Ewha College our students took part in the music, oratorical, and basketball contests for high schools. Our chorus won first prize and the student who played a piano solo won second prize.

Rev. L. C. Brannan led our revival meeting in October. The girls were very responsive, and, since the meeting, more than a hundred girls have been accepted in the city churches as catechumens. After a period of probation, they will be baptized and received into the church.

In addition to the regular Bible classes, one of our teachers has a voluntary Bible class of 30 girls, which meets once a week. Thirty of our students teach in the Sunday schools of the city. Forty girls taught in Daily Vacation Bible Schools last summer.

At Christmas time an offering was taken for worthy people in need. The Y. W. C. A. had charge of the sale of Christmas seals and cards within the school (Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign). Much interest was shown in this work.

Happy experiences have overshadowed the unhappy; we are thankful for the opportunity of working with such responsive students.

## IVEY HOSPITAL, SONGDO

ROSA LOWDER

### *Nursing Department*

There are no new developments at Ivey Hospital to report. We have five student nurses at present in our five-year class. The third-year class of five girls will graduate this spring, and we hope to have a new class enter at that time. Of this graduating class we plan to use three nurses, one for supervision of the nurses on the wards, one for the operating-room, and the other for Public Health and Infant Welfare.

Although the three Korean doctors do their share in class room instruction we are short in our teaching staff. It seems, therefore, necessary for me to give quite a bit of time to actual teaching as well as to the supervision of the nurses and during Miss Rosser's absence to the public health work and baby-clinic departments.

### *Public Health and Infant Welfare*

This department is closely related to the hospital, and our nurses in training receive instruction and experience in this phase of the work. Although there have been discouragements, as we look back over the year and consider the service rendered, we realize that as a whole progress has been made.

In the well-baby clinic held twice monthly in the Woman's Center we have enrolled about 200 babies. There has been an average attendance of 71, and 786 babies have been examined, weighed, and measured.

Mothers' meetings held monthly are well attended. This group is largely non-Christian, but many of them have become interested in spiritual things through this contact. These mothers sponsored a concert in June to raise money for a larger water tank and heater for the Center bathroom.

Three hundred women, mothers of clinic babies and kindergarten children, attended the Mothers' Institute in November. This is a greatly appreciated annual feature.

*Country Clinics*

Our public health nurse, a doctor, and the preacher from the hospital held thirty clinics in country villages, the most distant being 100 miles away. The number of patients examined and treated was 749. Some of these villages are inaccessible by automobile, making long walks necessary. The rains and hot weather make country travel difficult, and the nurse recounts many arduous and dangerous experiences.

Medicine is dispensed practically at cost, and free to those with no money. Patients needing hospitalization are encouraged to come to Songdo. When there is room in the car patients are sometimes brought in on the return trips from the country districts.

*Milk Station*

The duties of this department of the work also are cared for by our public health nurse, half of whose salary is paid by the Center. This nurse is assisted in the formula-room by one of our student nurses.

During the past year 24,760 bottles of milk were prepared by formula. Seven babies were fed free of charge throughout the year and many bottles of milk were sent to poor homes, a total of 6,975 bottles being given free.

In non-Christian homes the birth of a baby girl is usually a disappointment. Last year twin girls came into one such home greatly embarrassing and distressing the mother and grandmother. They were allowing one of the babies to starve because the mother was not able to feed both when a neighbor informed the public health nurse of the situation. The babies were given formula milk and the success of the feeding with the ministrations of the nurse reconciled the family. Now they find real pleasure in the pretty twins.

**KORYU COMMUNITY CENTER, SONGDO**

ELLASUE WAGNER

The city of Songdo was my first home in Korea and my work was here for twenty years, so it was truly like coming back home after my furlough last year.

Since Miss Black's report for 1935 is still a true picture of things at the Center, it does not seem necessary to write a full report. We have begun no new projects, but are trying to continue all departments of the organized clubs, classes, and other activities.

The Center's self-supporting kindergarten continues to be a joy to the people of the community as well as to our staff of workers. The parents and friends are working faithfully to raise funds for an endowment, and in addition to small monthly contributions of the not-so-well-to-do parents there are some larger gifts.

The Woman's Club has been something of a problem since these women have no idea as to how a club should function. This autumn they became interested in two projects particularly—a Sewing Institute and a Cooking Class. For the Institute the Singer Sewing Machine Company furnished some machines and the women who had machines brought them. The instructors were furnished by the company. The sixty women who enrolled produced some well-made garments. A woman from Seoul who has specialized in Chinese cookery came for the Cooking Class in which about fifty women outside the Center group attended, thus making the project a financial success. The women were glad to pay the fee and to pay for the materials used.

The Music Club is composed of a group of the young people of the

city who are interested in things musical. The members had a big party at Christmas time and are planning a concert for January. Since our young people of Songdo have little social life this club offers one of the few opportunities for self-expression.

The Night School is one of the main features of the institution. The young women who attend come from the most conservative and wealthy homes of Songdo, but without the Center they have no opportunity for study and improvement. They are an unusually fine group of young women, and we rejoice at the possibility thus offered us of helping them to a richer and fuller life.

A group of street children (not beggars, but children of very poor homes) come to clubs twice weekly for study and care. Each week they are given free baths. As a Christmas project the members of the other clubs brought rice which was sold, the receipts to be used to heat the water and buy soap and towels for the free baths.

The Public Health Nurse of Ivey Hospital has charge of the bi-monthly baby clinic which treats about 200 infants monthly. Miss Ye, the nurse, has done splendid work in this department. She has also prepared by formula nearly 25,000 bottles of milk, 6,000 of which were given to poor mothers for their babies. Miss Lowder has reported this work more fully as she has supervised it in the absence of Miss Rosser, who is at home on furlough.

The work at the Center goes from eight-thirty in the morning until ten in the evening with the help of our splendid and loyal group of Korean workers. Some give mornings and afternoons, and some mornings and nights.

My niece's visit this year has added much to my joy as she helped in various ways at the Center and in the home.

God has been good to allow my return to Korea, and although I am not able to do all that I would wish, it seems to me that the opportunities for service are more abundant and more beautiful than ever before.

### LUCY CUNINGGIM SCHOOL, WONSAN

CARRIE UNA JACKSON, PRINCIPAL; EVELYN DACUS

Although 1936 was the "Rat Year" in the Orient, which is considered a time of misfortune, it has been one of joy and happiness in the school. We have many reasons to rejoice. The teachers and pupils have had good health and we have advanced along many lines. Our special cause for happiness is our new Home Economics Building which is near completion. Many thanks to the church and to the Woman's Missionary Council for it.

Our next goal is a chapel which we need greatly and for which the parents of one of our students has just given five thousand yen.

Miss Jackson besides acting as principal has taught this year in the music department, with twenty-eight pupils in organ and piano. She has found it a joy to work with the students at Lucy Cuninggim.

Miss Dacus has taught ten hours a week at Lucy Cuninggim, though she has also spent a great deal of her time at the Evangelistic Center. She taught English to the first-year students and the "Life of Christ" to the fourth-year students. "The Life of Christ" was taught in Korean, and since it was Miss Dacus' first attempt at teaching in Korean the course required on her part many hours of preparation. Miss Dacus says: "I yearn so to make Christ real to the girls and to lead them into fellowship with him as their friend and Savior."

She has also worked with the same group of girls in the Sunday school of the church, as well as prepare devotional material for the eighty dormitory students. This material is prepared for one week, mimeographed and distributed to the girls. Through this material

Miss Dacus has tried to make religion reach into the center of the students' lives and avoid the ordinary conception that it is an extra-curricular activity for Sunday.

Miss Dacus has also directed recreation for the dormitory students once a week. It is her desire to keep in touch with the girls after they graduate and to relate them to the local church and help them to grow and develop and serve in their local communities. Last spring she organized a club for the graduates of 1935, which is called "The Girls' Adventure Club." They hope to adventure together in play, reading, service, and in friendship with Jesus.

The Francis Hitch Primary School is another of Miss Jackson's responsibilities. It is doing well in spite of a financial struggle.

The kindergarten with which Miss Jackson works is doing well, the Mothers' Club is interested in it and is giving substantial help.

While Miss Moore has been on furlough both Miss Jackson and Miss Dacus have worked in the Evangelistic Center at Wonsan.

### WOMAN'S EVANGELISTIC CENTER, WONSAN

EVELYN DACUS, CARRIE UNA JACKSON

Although both Miss Jackson and Miss Dacus have worked in the Center this year during Miss Moore's furlough, Miss Dacus has devoted a greater part of her time to this work.

Miss Dacus' work at the Center has consisted in directing the activities of a club for young women. They have had many interesting and helpful times together. She has also assisted in directing the new program of club activities which is being planned to take the place of the formal educational activities which have been carried on up to this time. A transition period in the work of any institution is not easy and this work has taken a great deal of time and thought.

Miss Dacus has also worked in the Religious Education Division of the Woman's Work Section preparing a small booklet for family worship for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Two thousand copies of this booklet were printed and less than 200 remain. Miss Dacus says: "It was a joy to prepare the booklet and a greater joy to know that it has gone into so many homes." Also they have investigated the religious education courses in the church primary schools in order to prepare a standard unified course for the schools. The preparation of this course is one of the goals for the coming year. Worship program material for the chapel hour in these schools has been sent out monthly.

During the year Miss Dacus has also been working on a book of prayers which is to be used primarily for private devotions. It has been planned to include in it the prayers of men, women, and young people in all walks of life in Korea and a few prayers of foreigners in Korea and abroad. Many prayers have come in and it is hoped that the book can be published soon.

"Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving for health and strength and for you friends at home who stand back of us with prayers, loving thought, and support. May the coming year bring you deep and abiding joy as you carry on in the home land and here."

### WONSAN CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, WONSAN

M. ELSTON ROWLAND, SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES

The return of our missionary doctor, and the appropriation for repairs and equipment have greatly encouraged us this year. A little paint makes a big improvement, and we have not only been painted, we have a fine new X-Ray outfit, an Ultra-Violet Therapy equipment,

a new sterilizing outfit, a new kitchen with steam-sterilizing dish-cabinet, a new laundry, a children's ward with real hospital cribs so that the children can't fall out of bed, new comfortable mattresses on all our beds, and enough linen to make all beds (except in emergencies). We also have a nursery, which is not quite finished, as we have been unable to find in Korea the bassinet rack we want. It is amazing how far the money has stretched.

A year ago we were pleading for a new nurses' dormitory, and I am afraid our faith was growing a bit weak, but we didn't give up. Now through the General Board's appropriation from the sale of some land we have our nice new nurses' home. Every time I pass it, a little feeling of thanksgiving wells up in my heart.

Not only has 1936 been a year of physical improvement in our plant; it has also been a banner year in the history of the hospital treatments. Records show 923 patients admitted during the year, an increase of 29 per cent over 1935; 6,193 new patients in the dispensary, an increase of 58 per cent over 1935; and 21,323 dispensary treatments given, an increase of 48 per cent over 1935.

The hospital pastor and the Bible Woman have been busy all the year. Each patient admitted is given a copy of the gospel. Other Christian literature is distributed from time to time, and private talks and prayers are had with many of the patients. We hope to be able to develop more follow-up work with the patients who have been treated, and for this we need a wideawake young evangelist. Our prayer is that the healing spirit of the Master will be in the heart of each doctor and nurse who ministers to the patients, and that our very hands will speak for Christ.

## WONSAN DISTRICT

KATE COOPER

On my return from a most refreshing furlough in America, I arrived in Korea just at the beginning of one of the worst floods Korea has ever known. It was good to be back and start work again even under such circumstances. My co-workers had already planned our District Class for women, so we opened the Class on the first of September. The roads and railroads had been washed out so that the trains could not run for several days. Consequently, the number of women in attendance was smaller than in previous years. However, we were grateful to have 163 in the classes.

At the close of the Class, we had a Bible Woman's Retreat in preparation for the work of the fall. Then we went out to help the flood sufferers, to hold Institutes, to teach special classes (including "Home Day" instruction) and to hold the special prayer services under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society.

My first trip was to the section where the floods had been most severe. I saw the ravages caused by the torrents and heard from the people of their misery and want. The church people in Wonsan and the people of the Missionary Society had given me clothes and money to distribute, so I was able to help many needy people.

On my return from the Wonsan District Conference, just a month after the first flood, I went with the Tongchun Bible Woman and my District Helper to the church at Yumsung for Sunday. On Saturday night, the second flood came, and I not only saw the horrors of the situation—I experienced them. When we opened the back door of the church rooms where we were staying, we could see nothing but the dangerous waters, but when we closed the door and knelt in prayer, with our hearts turned to Him who is "A very present help in trouble"

we were encouraged and strengthened in faith. The rain ceased on Sunday evening, and we worshiped with grateful hearts that night.

At Chungan we found a splendid church group of old people, young people, and children working together in a beautiful spirit. Many times have I taught Genesis in Korea, but never before have I had such a responsive group of young people at their request; they were eager to study Genesis, and it was a great joy to teach them.

We had more requests for Bible classes and revival services than my co-workers and I could find time to fill. God was with us in all the services we rendered for Him during the fall.

### CHULWON DISTRICT

EULINE SMITH, MARJORIE BEAIRD

Just after Chinese New Year, the District Class was held in Chulwon as usual and was well attended. After that, we helped in classes in various churches in the country, and also visited from church to church, and from house to house, as we had opportunity. We feel that our best work is done with individuals and in small groups.

Our Bible Women are already making plans for Institutes to be held on their circuits in the spring.

A kindergarten of about 30 pupils at Kim Wha was scheduled for closing at an early date. We organized a Mothers' Club, hoping to make valuable contacts with the women of that community and to stimulate interest in continuing the kindergarten work. Finances were not mentioned again until we asked for the yearly report and found that personal gifts and an increase in tuition (due to an increase in enrolment) had balanced the budget. There are now 59 children in the kindergarten and all pay their tuition regularly. There are women in the Club now who do not have kindergarten-age children. Through these clubs we try to help the women improve their home life, but the greatest value is in the friendships formed; through these friendships we are able to meet some of their spiritual needs.

Through the girls' clubs we are able to help prepare for home-making a number of girls who have stopped school because of limited resources, or because their parents do not realize the importance of an education for girls. These girls are just as full of life and fun and as eager to learn as are any American girls; but they have so few opportunities.

We have had men as well as women in our classes this winter. We usually have a class for the men at the time we have a class in Home Economics for the women; but in one community, the men insisted on learning to knit. One big fellow, with hands so rough they roughed the yarn, knit himself a pair of gloves. He begged us to send a girl to stay in his village to work among the women, because they are so ignorant and so possessed with fear that it is very difficult for them to turn from the old spirit-worship. In his village they have no church, but hold services in a building used for silk-worm culture.

In another village, we have a small church building that is filled and re-filled every Sunday. I have seen it most uncomfortably packed during children's Sunday school; emptied and re-packed for the adults' Sunday school hour; again emptied and re-filled for the church service, on just an ordinary Sunday.

In rural work, there is no problem of having to make opportunities but there is the problem of choosing the opening that will mean most.



Last year in her report, Miss Foster wrote: "Is it too much to hope that the message of Christ has made its impression upon these lives" (students in her English classes)? A young Japanese man from a non-Christian home learned of Christ in that English class. Last spring he surrendered his life to the Master. This fall, he was taken ill, and while at the point of death he talked to those about him of how happy he was to be going home to God. His only regret was that he could not live to help the poor Korean children to a more abundant life. Because of his expression of joy in the Christian life, interest in Christianity has awakened among the Japanese to the extent that the Japanese pastor and missionary are starting regular work in Chulwon.

### CHOONCHUN DISTRICT

OLIVE SMITH

Just after Christmas this past year, I went out to the country for a ten day's trip. On New Year's Day, I was traveling from one church to another, and thought of the saying that we have at home, "One will be doing every day in the year the thing that he does on New Year's." This has certainly not been true in my case, for it is impossible to itinerate all the time. However, during the early days of January, I was on the Yang Ku Circuit; we had early morning prayer meetings, study hours during the day, and in the evening revival services. I taught subjects dealing with Jesus' teachings regarding forgiveness, sin, and happiness.

During the year I have had two co-workers who have done very efficient work. Both are graduates of the Woman's Section of the Theological Seminary. Sometimes I send them out alone to a new group or to a weak church. They lead services, administer to the sick insofar as they can, teach singing, and teach the women in order that they may be able to read their Bibles and song books. The Koreans love to sing, and many who do not own a Bible have song books. One group which was started in the fall of 1936 has increased and now the group has a little church just being completed.

The people are ready for the message; we can get a hearing in any village we enter. Just this past week, one of my co-workers and I went out to a non-Christian village. We visited during the day, and in the evening we taught singing and had services. The house was packed every evening, and many who were not able to enter stood outside to listen. When we gave these people an opportunity to decide for Christ, about twenty gave in their names. A decision that one wants to be a Christian does not mean that one has had a change of heart. It is a desire to learn of Christ and to become His follower. At times, people do not understand the significance of the step and they must be taught. This follow-up work is important. Yu Han Eke, one of our outstanding Christian men and pastors, said that he first became a Christian for nationalistic reasons, but that he found something deeper, more vital than he had dreamed of finding.

Words cannot express the joy and happiness that came to me when Miss Nelson was appointed to work in this district.

The young people are more interested in Christianity than at any time since I have been on the field. In several of our churches we have fine groups of young men and young women. There are two people who are preparing for the ministry and two or three others who want to take theological training but have not had the educational requirements.

During late spring and early summer, we had a drought and the barley, wheat, and other early crops were almost complete failures; some people could not plant rice. Then we had floods; much damage

was done; many lives were lost. Two of the churches in this district had to be rebuilt on account of the floods. I thought it would be hard for the people to pay their Thanksgiving offering; yet some circuits have paid more than in previous years. We give God thanks.

### KINDERGARTEN WORK

CLARA HOWARD

Since my return to the field in September, I have found the work more interesting and more stimulating than ever before, and that is saying a great deal. I have found a new spirit of united effort and co-operative planning. In an endeavor to make the kindergarten work more effective in every way, much time has been spent in the Mothers' meeting, and in consultation with co-workers, missionary and national. We plan to have a Mothers' Club in every kindergarten, to give special help to places heretofore weak in some respects, and to improve our teaching force and methods by a systematic plan of teacher-training in service.

In November, we held an Institute for Mothers, with 200 women in attendance. Study, play, worship, service, and a sense of fellowship contributed toward making this a time to be long remembered by all those present. The Institute closed with a Thanksgiving service during which an offering was taken for those in need.

A new feature of our Christmas celebration was the making of scrapbooks by the mothers for their children. They brought the books and we provided the pictures. The hours workers and parents spent together proved very pleasant and profitable. Into each home represented we sent a beautiful copy of the picture "Sistine Madonna," and we like to think that the scrapbooks will tell the story of Christmas in several hundreds of homes.

The ten thousand pictures for the scrapbooks came from left-over Sunday school papers, magazines, and calendars. We hope that we may be able to make scrapbooks every autumn. The collection of pictures suitable for scrapbooks would make a very worthy missionary project for individuals or for societies, and would be greatly appreciated. If "pictures for mission kindergartens" is marked on the packages, they will come in free of duty.

Much of my time during the winter months is being given to the preparation of a Beginners' Sunday School Lesson Book for the Korea Methodist Church. May the kindergarten work in Korea grow and develop according to God's best plan.

### MEXICO

#### CENTRO SOCIAL, MACDONELL, DURANGO

VIRGINIA BOOTH, HEAD RESIDENT; DORA SCHMIDT

Our Day Nursery is in charge of two fine women who, being true mothers themselves, know how to care for the little ones. The nursery has attracted much attention, and has proved a helpful service.

Our Clinic is under the direction of a graduate nurse from Sanatorio Palmore, our mission hospital in Chihuahua, and the medical service is furnished by a doctor and his wife. We have a number of patients in attendance each day, not only from the city of Chihuahua but also from nearby towns and ranches.

Our organized playground work is also filling a great need. We have two large playgrounds under capable direction. The children who come have no other places in which to play. They enter into their games with great enthusiasm, and learn valuable lessons.

Another interesting feature of our work is our Reading Room which has a good attendance.

Some other activities are: Boy and Girl Scouts which are under good leadership where fine results are being obtained in the building of character. The smaller girls are organized into the Little Home-Makers' Club in which they learn practical, helpful lessons.

Our Mothers' Club has a large membership. Their programs which include conferences with doctors and our trained nurse and cooking classes are helpful and instructive. The members are rendering excellent social service, especially in the penitentiary and in the tenement districts. Our Music Department is directed by a very fine woman who is an excellent musician. Because of her small fees it is possible for several worthy young women to study music.

We have a number of students taking special classes in our English Department. Our Night School which is under the direction of efficient teachers offers several courses for working men and women, and is filling an important need in many lives.

Our sincere desire is that these women we serve may take advantage of these varied opportunities for the glory of our Heavenly Father.

### CENTRO SOCIAL, ROBERTS, SALTILLO

LILLIE FOX, HEAD RESIDENT; DORA L. INGRUM, M. BELLE MARKEY

Saltillo is "school-minded" and the educational activities have grown marvelously, but she is not "social minded," confusing "social" features with "socialistic" features. Saltillo is quite conservative and it takes time to put over a social program.

This year our work has perhaps been more educational partly because of the scarcity of well-prepared social workers. The Commercial Department in 1935 numbered 45, in 1936, 75. This department is now affiliated with the State Schools and grants diplomas. It is self-supporting and the surplus aids in the support of the other departments. Because of the tradition that Roberts College was a school for girls only, only girls are received into the Commercial Department. In connection with this department we opened a boarding home for girls. The first year we had five, the second, seven, and since September we have had seventeen. We have broadened this department, and at present are including young women attending the State Normal School and other institutions as well as young women teachers who are giving their services in other schools. Two of the group are studying to be deaconesses. We aspire to make it a truly Christian home.

The Household Economics Classes under the direction of Srita Luz Aguilar have continued this year in the College building. The women and girls who received this instruction are most appreciative.

The Music Department has been closed temporarily while Miss Vail is at home on furlough, but while she was here there were 14 pupils enrolled.

The classes in drawing and painting directed by Sr. Manuel Flores did excellent work during the first half of the year, but he left in August to study at Scarritt College.

The special classes in English taught by Miss Markey are growing in interest and in numbers. The efforts of these pupils are brave as they battle with the intricacies of the English language.

The groups in Arithmetic and Reading for those who have had little opportunity for an education are longer this year.

The number of children in the Day Nursery remains small but we hope to work more and more with children in the Clinic and help build up those who need special care.

The free Clinic gave about 3,500 treatments, consultations, and injections last year.

The physical education department has done some splendid work with boys and girls. Tennis courts and baseball grounds have been built at the College building for the use of the girls of the Commercial Course and Boarding Home. Sports are not so well organized in Saltillo as in some other cities such as Monterrey and Chihuahua.

Under the committee of Religious Education of the Local Church the faculty of the Centro had charge of the Vacation Bible School in July. As a result of the study of Mexico in the Sunday Schools of the United States many boxes of lovely gifts had been sent to our Sunday School children. In appreciation of these gifts, the children of our Vacation School sent hand-made gifts to the Sunday school children of the United States.

There are two students in our Deaconess Training School this year. Both are fine girls and we look forward to their making splendid deaconesses. Miss Ingram teaches them and we board them and send them to the State Normal.

In spite of newspaper reports and many discouraging things we face, we are religious in our hearts and in our work.

### CENTRO CRISTIANO, CHIHUAHUA

EMMA L. ELDRIDGE, HEAD RESIDENT; OLA CALLAHAN, IRENE NIXON

Our institution continues to be an educational, recreational, and social center, and in all phases of the work we attempt to express the spirit of Christ, hoping that we may be worthy of the name "Centro Cristiano."

Miss Nixon and Miss Callahan have over a hundred English students. English is the medium of communication, and the young people really learn to use it, but that is not the most valuable achievement; the English hour is a time when friendships are formed, thoughts are shared, and lessons about life in many phases are studied.

The Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Miss Callahan, are learning to live the Scout laws, working in groups of twos and threes, now preparing for a party, now helping serve a supper, giving the Day Nursery children weekly hours of directed play, making and selling candy to raise funds for their summer camp. We have seen real character development in them.

The Boy Scouts, led by Sr. Miguel Hernandez, are becoming good citizens. By their signed protest to the authorities and by publicity through the press, they secured the removal of a saloon from the street corner nearest their Scout room. One Scout, who had been an irregular student and an idler, was directed by this troop leader into the service of the city traffic department, and as a result he has formed a sense of responsibility and has become a most orderly and responsible student.

Our playground is filled four times each week with boys who are not able to pay fees in other athletic clubs. This year we had two basketball teams participating in the City League tournament. Both came out with honors, one winning first place and the other second. The games were played in a fine new municipal gymnasium, with thirty teams competing. When the series was finished, Sr. Hernandez invited several of the defeated teams to participate in another series of games to be played on the Centro Cristiano courts, without cost. The mayor of the city, hearing of this unusual procedure, offered trophies to the winners.

It is impossible to speak of our Day Nursery without speaking in terms of needs. The past year we have had a larger proportion

than ever of tiny children in our Day Nursery, the majority under four years. Two great needs have become apparent: first, to be able to take in babies as young as six months, in order that the mothers may work; second, to be prepared to care for sick children. At present the mother has to keep the child, when he is sick, at home, and so she loses time from her work and sometimes loses her position just when she most needs money. These needs are not met at present because we have only two untrained women working in that department. The need could be met only by employing a full-time trained nurse in addition. This we cannot do on our present budget.

We are thankful for the opportunities for service that come to us and we are counting on you to help us to give more adequate response.

### SANATORIO PALMORE, CHIHUAHUA

SUPERINTENDENT EDNA POTHOFF; PEARL L. HALL, LULA D. RAWLS

Our aim is to serve the community in caring for and curing the sick as well as to help in educating the people in hygienic and preventive measurers. We are especially interested in training Christian nurses. The need and demand for well-educated and Christian nurses has grown since the government is raising all educational standards as well as accepting only those nurses who have finished a standard high school and have been trained in a recognized School of Nursing. At present ours is the only recognized School of Nursing in this state or in this part of the country. Recently one of the doctors mentioned that the state governor had stated before a group of people that our hospital serves the community better than any other hospital, and has the best training school in the country. Our hospital was the first to open up a clinic for the poor, to have a visiting nurse for this community, and to include a course in Public Health work in our School of Nursing. A number of our graduates work in the government clinics, visit in the schools and homes, and help in care of mothers and children. The country has made great strides in education. The Federal Health Department has opened up clinics throughout the country and it is teaching preventive and curative measures in schools, homes, and clinics. Each month every school must have a program on anti-alcoholism. The Health Department sends out articles and pamphlets showing the evils of alcohol and the results of infectious and communicable diseases. Special permission is needed to sell alcohol and narcotics in any form, and a heavy tax has been placed on their sale. The nurse has an important part in helping carry on this work, but she must be properly trained and educated.

Soon we will celebrate our thirteenth year of service as a hospital, and in August we will celebrate the thirteenth anniversary of our School of Nursing. Our first student nurse was a fine Christian girl from the mountains. She had had only four years of primary education. She finished her nurse training in 1927 and returned to her home town to work in the surrounding district where there was no nurse or doctor. She is now married and has four children, but she is still helping the community. She lives on a big government ranch. We have had patients from her community and they always speak highly of her character and work.

Our students come from all parts of the country. When they graduate, they are interested in obtaining work wherever they can, although they prefer to work in this state or in places where our standard and ideals are respected. In one of the large states there are two of our graduates working in one of the state hospitals; they are the only ones who have been recognized by the government as grad-

uate nurses. Our graduates are working in hospitals and clinics in the coal and lead mine districts. We have four of our graduates in charge of different departments here in our hospital, and they are doing excellent work, never complaining, always ready to give good service to the doctors, patients, and the public.

Just now we are facing a serious situation in regard to prospective students. Because of the necessity for helping their families after years of study, many young women who are interested in nurse training accept positions in other fields, in order to supply immediate needs, and postpone their entrance into the School of Nursing. Many private mission schools have been closed by the government, and many schools, unable to meet the government requirements, have closed their doors, so that it is difficult to find students with the right standards of training. We have received a few Mexican girls who have been educated in the United States but they find it difficult to adapt themselves, sometimes, to the customs and the language of their own country. The Department of Education will not give credit for their work unless it is of high standard and corresponds to the Mexican course of study. We hope and pray that these problems may be solved. We realize that each institution must face these problems as the work is developed.

#### SANATORIO PALMORE CLINIC

On March 7, 1936, a Club for Mothers was organized in connection with the Clinic. The object of the Club is to give instruction to members, and assistance to those in need.

Our program includes home hygiene, pre-natal and post-natal care of mothers and babies, feeding the baby and the pre-school child, instruction in sewing and mending, and in other types of home-making.

The Club meetings are held weekly and each member contributes weekly when possible ten centavos to a fund which helps provide cloth, food, medicines, to those in need.

The Club for Mothers offers to our student nurses opportunity for practice in teaching, and in giving demonstrations in the Public Health Nursing and Hygiene courses.

At present we have only one doctor helping us in the Clinic, so that our work is not as extensive as we would like, but the visiting nurse is doing splendid work in her daily contact with the people in their homes.

We are grateful for what we have accomplished and trust that we may be able to go forward to greater service for those with whom we work.

#### CENTRO SOCIAL, MONTERREY

HELEN HODGSON, HEAD RESIDENT; ANNA BELLE DYCK

Last year was a good one for our Centro Social. Since the buildings have been repaired within the last few months it is a lovely place in which to live. We have a new roof, new floors upstairs, and all of our rooms and halls have been refinished and painted.

There are three full-time Mexican workers at the Centro who help in the clubs for children (both boys and girls), for young people, and for mothers. A recently organized club is the Home Improvement Club for poor mothers in the outskirts of the city. Miss Dyck spent last spring at Scarritt College studying settlements, social case work, and group work. She came back in July with many fine ideas and plans, some of which we have already been able to put into practice. We are finding our work more interesting and quite successful.

Our three workers lead and direct the clubs under our supervision and guidance. They and the volunteer workers tell stories to hundreds

of children in the public schools, direct games and tell stories to children in the parks and suburbs, and give reading and writing classes for women who have never had the opportunity to learn.

We missionaries give English classes at night to help support our institution. Our contacts through these classes have been helpful to the institution as some very influential and fine business men attend our classes and are always ready to help. Through an English Club which we have organized we are able to carry out some of our projects.

We count it a great privilege to be in Monterrey. Even though we cannot do definite religious work in the Centro because of the laws, we manage to get across some fine things through our clubs, story-telling, and personal contacts. We all have active work in the church and find new opportunities for service every day.

## RURAL WORK

ANNE DEAVOURS

A Mexican worker and I have visited fifty or more villages during the last eight months, and have lived in four of them for a month each. I was not surprised to find much of rural Mexico very beautiful and picturesque, and the people very friendly, generous, religious-minded, slothful or hard-working as necessity demanded. They live simple lives, with few interests outside of their five daily meals, and sicknesses, accepting whatever comes their way as a part of God's plan for them. Many of the people have not been to church services in a church for weeks and even months.

I was surprised to find such a great medical need throughout these sections. Many of them have never been to a doctor, but most of them have been "doctored" by a kind of medicine-man or a witch. There is much superstition connected with the causes of illness. What a wonderful work a Christian doctor and his family could do in rural Mexico!

As a general rule, the people are indifferent when it comes to sending their children to any school. According to one father, since the children are to be farmers and not lawyers and doctors, there is no reason why they should attend even the primary school. However, many adults are taking advantage of the night schools and are learning to read and write.

I was surprised to learn how isolated the villages are. Although most of these villages are within a short distance of Monterrey, there are many who have never seen a big store or house, or market, nor ridden in an automobile. Often all the inhabitants of a village are relatives.

I have found these people a most lovable group to live among, and to have as neighbors. May we really understand them in such a way that we can plan a program that will help each of them.

## RURAL WORK AT RAMOS ARIZPE

DORA INGRUM

The village of Ramos Arizpe was founded in 1575 by a priest of Saltillo and others. It had various names but became known as Ramos Arizpe May 19, 1850, in memory of Dr. Miguel Ramos Arizpe, distinguished for his patriotism and the important work he did for the independence of his country.

It is about eleven miles from Saltillo, on the new highway, and about one mile above sea level. The climate is dry and agreeable. Commerce, manufacturing, agriculture, stock raising, and work with

fibrous plants are carried on. Corn, wheat, rye, beans, potatoes, chile, cotton, sugar cane, fruits, and vegetables are the principal products of this region. In the village there is one cotton mill, three flour mills, one canning factory, and one chemical laboratory. The railroad and highway help transportation so that in the future this may become an industrial center.

There are three schools, two city parks, one theater, private gardens, two Catholic churches, and one Methodist church.

The present population is estimated at about three thousand. There are a few people of wealth but they are humble, good workers, constant, ignorant, and there seems to be no class distinction. The conflict here has been religious for most of the people are considered very fanatical.

In the year 1921, one of the teachers from Colegio Roberts, and young people from the Saltillo church began work in Ramos Arizpe. They rented a house on the main street and opened a school. Mr. Luis Sada, then a student in Saltillo, went to preach on Sundays. There was terrible opposition to the work, and many times the congregation was stoned. This opposition continued until about 1930.

The present property of the Methodist church was bought with Centenary funds, a new church was built, and the old buildings were repaired. A pastor with his family lived there during the conference year 1923-24. Then till 1934 pastors from Saltillo made irregular visits and held services. Since 1934 the former pastor with his family have been living there.

For several years Miss Edith Park directed a Bible class with women in the church and out of this group an auxiliary missionary society was organized in the early part of 1936.

We have realized that our deaconess candidates need some experience in rural work as well as that in the city before they are appointed so it was decided to organize a rural social program in connection with the church in Ramos Arizpe, to supply this need and at the same time make an effort to help the people of the village.

Knowing that I would begin this work on return from my furlough, my studies at Scarritt were arranged to help prepare for this. In February I began going there twice a week to study the conditions, and to see what could be done. (Class work here in Saltillo hindered my going more often.)

It was not long before Srita. Aguilar began a cooking class at the parsonage. Seventeen enrolled in this class and nearly all of them were from Catholic families. Others have come to learn to knit. We go together twice each week and do what we find the people want to do.

I hope to go there to live, for much could be done during hours we are not there. I hope to find a nurse to live with me, some one who will take an interest in a village health program, for this is an urgent need.

The pastor's wife has been very helpful. She allows us the use of any part of the parsonage we want. She has many friends there and this has made it easy for me to visit in the homes of many besides those of our own church.

## POLAND

RUTH LAWRENCE, SALLIE LEWIS BROWNE

The organizational work of the Polish Mission among women, young people and children is under the direction of the two Council workers, with the main emphasis on women's group activities and religious education of children.



We are still trying to bring our women's groups to the standard of real missionary societies. Their main project is the support and training of a deaconess. A very small beginning has been made toward the support of the young woman who was consecrated in 1935. Our deaconess candidate is continuing her preparation and will have one more year of study. In several points we have very active and live organizations. In most points lack of leadership hindered us in getting women's organizations to work. At best most of the energies of the missionary societies must go to supply the local needs because all the congregations are so poor and are just taking the first steps toward self-support.

The most constructive activity in the field of religious education is the publication of a Sunday School Quarterly which contains articles on child psychology and pedagogy for parents and church school teachers. This Quarterly is being used by various other evangelical groups in Poland. This year we are beginning regional institutes for the training of leaders for the different organizations in the local congregations. Special courses for women, young people, and workers in the church school are arranged and taught by the two Council workers. The first institute was to have been held in November, but because of the illness of the local pastor it was postponed until January.

There is much to be desired in the work among the young people. There is a lack of program material and leaders. There are several groups strong enough to lead their work themselves, and we hope that in the coming year we may be able to do more in the way of supplying literature.

Our work is slow, but we trust constructive. Our hope is in the development of a strong pastorate and of competent leaders among the women.

## FOREIGN STATISTICS

### EDUCATIONAL WORK

NAME OF INSTITUTION	When Founded	Number of Grades		Mis. and Amer. Teachers		Native Teachers		Boarding Pupils		Day Pupils		Total Pupils		Native Receipts	
<b>BRAZIL</b>															
Colegio Americano, Porto Alegre	1886	9	4	19	47	203	250	\$13,920	43						
Colegio Bennett, Rio de Janeiro	1921	11	6	21	71	279	350	24,761	65						
Colegio Centenario, Santa Maria	1922	11	4	22	108	172	280	9,488	20						
Colegio Isabella Hendrix, Bello Horizonte	1903	10	3	22	51	196	247	9,541	53						
Colegio Piracicabano, Piracicaba	1881														
Day School, Institution Church, Porto Alegre	1904	5	5	5	5	145	145	259	66						
Day School, People's Central Institute, Rio de Janeiro	1906	5	2	12		510	510		*						
Total for Brazil			19	132	277	1,505	1,782	\$57,971	47						
<b>CHINA</b>															
Atkinson Academy, Soochow	1896	12	1	22		491	491	\$15,414	73						
Centenary School, Changchow	1908	6		9		220	220	438	70						
Davidson School, Soochow	1891	9	2	29	60	442	502	3,678	75						
Daisy Davies School, Nanziang															
Faith Johnson School, Changshu	1913	6		11		319	319	4,160	82						
Humbert School, Changchow															
Laura Haygood Normal School, Soochow	1902	14	5	41	120	403	523	24,142	62						
McTycire High School and Primary, Shanghai	1891														
Nanziang Day School, Yoch Li	1911														
Susan B. Wilson School, Sungkiang	1903	9	2	22	114	146	260	20,205	07						
Susan B. Wilson Kindergarten		2		2		45	45	241	87						
Taichang Day Schools and Kindergarten															
Virginia Nabors School, Wusih	1910	6	1	7		231	231	2,218	82						
Virginia School, Hoochow	1895														
Zang Teh School, Soochow	1912	8	1	10		330	330	5,990	63						
Total for China			12	153	294	2,627	2,921	\$76,492	01						
<b>CONGO BELGE</b>															
Minga Station and District Schools	1923														
Minga Girls' Home	1923	6	1	10	62		62								
Tunda Station and District Schools	1927														
Tunda Girls' Home	1927														
Wembo Nyama Station and District Schools	1914														
Wembo Nyama Girls' Home	1915		1	1	67		67								
Total for Congo Belge		6	2	11	129		129								

\*Funds handled locally.

**FOREIGN STATISTICS**  
EDUCATIONAL WORK

NAME OF INSTITUTION	When Founded	Number of Grades			Boarding Pupils	Day Pupils	Total Pupils	Native Receipts
		Mis. and Amer. Teachers	Native Teachers					
<b>CUBA</b>								
Colegio Buenavista, Havana .....	1920	10	5	7	34	179	213	\$23,631 43
Colegio Eliza Bowman, Cienfuegos.....	1907	12	5	9	11	222	233	9,851 83
Colegio Irene Toland, Matanzas.....	1899	9	4	10	38	227	265	12,000 00
Total for Cuba.....			14	26	83	628	711	\$45,483 26
<b>JAPAN</b>								
Hiroshima College for Women, Hiroshima .....	1886	15	8	64	68	753	821	\$10,453 59
Kindergartens, Hiroshima District.....			4	27	...	628	628	4,666 05
Kindergartens, Kobe District.....			5	24	...	660	660	5,149 58
Kindergartens, Matsuyama District.....		2	4	10	...	155	155	1,115 11
Lambuth Training School, Osaka.....								
Palmore English Institute, Kobe.....								
Total for Japan.....			21	125	68	2,196	2,264	\$21,384 33
<b>KOREA</b>								
Ewha College, Union, Seoul.....								
Carolina Institute, High School and Common .....	1898	4	3	16	147	193	340	\$11,974 08
Choonchun District Day Schools.....								
Chulwon District Day Schools.....								
Francis Hitch Primary, Wonsan.....			6	1	7	336	336	3,277 03
Holston Institute, High and Primary, Songdo.....	1904	10	2	22	86	867	953	10,510 80
Ivy Hospital, Nurse Training School.....								
Lucy Cuninggim High School, Wonsan.....	1910	4	2	14	75	276	351	10,775 34
Mary Helm School, Songdo.....	1906	6	1	5	22	154	176	998 73
Methodist Theological Seminary, Seoul.....	1920	5	4	5	20	27	47	
Soul District Day Schools.....								
Songdo District Day Schools.....								
Wonsan Christian Hospital and Nurse Training School.....								
Wonsan District Schools.....								
Total for Korea.....			13	69	350	1,853	2,203	\$37,535 98

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**FOREIGN STATISTICS**  
SOCIAL EVANGELISTIC WORK

NAME OF INSTITUTION	Missionaries		Pupils	Members of Clubs	Group Meetings	Hospital Patients	Treatment in Clinics	Visits
	Native	Workers						
<b>BRAZIL</b>								
Instituto Methodista, Ribeirao Preto.....	3	4	208					
People's Central Institute, Rio de Janeiro.....	2	12	510	300			4,487	
Evangelistic Workers.....								
Total for Brazil.....	5	16	718	300			4,487	
<b>CHINA</b>								
Dowdell Center, Soochow.....								
Huehow Institutional Church.....	1	17	517	100			1,911	
Kong Hong Institutional Church.....	1	8	459				110	
Wush.....								
Evangelistic Workers.....	6	66	2,535		3,449			26,775
Total for China.....	8	91	3,509	100	3,449		2,021	26,775
<b>CONGO BELGE</b>								
Minga Hospital and Out-Stations.....	1	?				419	6,089	
Tunda Hospital and Out-Stations.....	3	?				811	6,936	
Wembo Nyami Hospital and Out-Stations.....	3	31				471	21,793	
Total for Congo Belge.....	7	31				1,701	34,818	
<b>CURA</b>								
Quinta Tosca, Matanzas.....	1	6	115	130				
<b>JAPAN</b>								
Airin Kwan, Oita.....								
Ziu Rin Kwan.....								
Evangelistic Workers.....	3	27	1,976		407			12,868
Total for Japan.....	3	27	1,976		407			12,868
<b>KOREA</b>								
Choonchun Evangelistic Center.....	1	5	270					
Chulwon Evangelistic Center.....	1	3	122	128				
Social Evangelistic Center, Seoul.....								
Woman's Evangelistic Center, Songdo.....								
Woman's Evangelistic Center, Wonsan.....	2	8	290	80				
Evangelistic Workers.....	6	51	1,241		1,189			8,176
Total for Korea.....	10	67	1,923	208	1,189			8,176
<b>MEXICO</b>								
Centro MacDonell, Durango.....	2	13	140	173			1,322	
Centro Social, Chihuahua.....	3	6	285	45			2,181	
Centro Social, Monterrey.....	2	3	146	184				
Centro Social Roberts, Saltillo.....	3	7	197				3,744	
Evangelistic Workers.....		8	336		965			6,648
Total for Mexico.....	10	37	1,104	402	965		7,247	6,648

## FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

### BRAZIL

YEAR	NAME AND FIELD ADDRESS	HOME ADDRESS
1907.	Miss Eunice Andrew, Colegio Centenario, Santa Maria	St. Louis, Mo.
1911.	Miss Rachel Jarrett, Central Church, Sao Paulo	Texarkana, Tex.
1911.	Miss Leila Epps, Editor and Organizer of Woman's Work, Sao Paulo	Kingstree, S. C.
1911.	Miss Lydia Ferguson (furlough)	Houston, Tex.
1911.	Miss Sophia Schalch, Colegio Piracicabano, Piracicaba	Piracicaba, Brazil
1912.	Miss Eva L. Hyde, Colegio Bennett, Rio de Janeiro	Fulton, Mo.
1913.	Miss Mary Jane Baxter, Colegio Piracicabano, Piracicaba	Montevallo, Ala.
1913.	Miss Gertrude Kennedy, Colegio Centenario, Santa Maria	Kenbridge, Va.
1915.	Miss Maud Mathis, Colegio Bennett, Rio de Janeiro	Texarkana, Tex.
1915.	Miss Mary Sue Brown, Colegio Isabella Hendrix, Belo Horizonte	Waco, Tex.
1916.	Miss Lela Putnam (furlough)	Lockhart, Tex.
1916.	Miss Nancy Holt, Editor <i>Bem-li-ri</i> , Sao Paulo	Albany, Tex.
1921.	Miss Louise Best, Colegio Centenario, Santa Maria	Spartanburg, S. C.
1922.	Miss Rosalie Brown, Methodist Social Center, Ribeirao Preto	Atlanta, Ga.
1924.	Miss Alice Denison** (furlough)	Waco, Tex.
1925.	Miss Zula Terry (furlough)	Houston, Tex.
1926.	Miss Verda Farrar, Colegio Isabella Hendrix, Belo Horizonte	Advance, Mo.
1927.	Miss Allie Cobb, Instituto Central do Povo, Rio de Janeiro	Columbia, S. C.
1927.	Miss Clyde Varn, Colegio Isabella Hendrix, Belo Horizonte	Islandton, S. C.
1928.	Miss Mary Helen Clark, Colegio Americano, Porto Alegre	Fort Thomas, Ky.
1929.	Miss Lucy Wade, Methodist Social Center, Ribeirao Preto	Ashdown, Ark.
1930.	Miss Ruth Anderson (extended furlough)	Wellington, Tex.
1931.	Miss Berta Simmons (furlough)	Carter, Okla.
1933.	Miss Cathie Lee Clark, Colegio Bennett, Rio de Janeiro	Paris, Tenn.
1933.	Miss Fannie Wasley, Colegio Americano, Porto Alegre	Perry, Fla.
1933.	Miss Monta McFadin, Colegio Americano, Porto Alegre	Cushing, Okla.
1936.	Miss Ruth Hillis, Instituto Central do Povo, Rio de Janeiro, Language Study	Oklahoma City, Okla.
1936.	Miss Mary McSwain, Methodist Social Center, Ribeirao Preto, Language Study	Little Rock, Ark.
1937.	Miss Virginia Neel	Washington, D. C.

### CHINA

1884.	Miss Virginia Atkinson, West Soochow (Emeritus)	Atlanta, Ga.
1892.	Miss Clara E. Steger, St. John's Church, Soochow (Emeritus)	Mountain Grove, Ky.
1899.	Miss Mary M. Tarrant, Atkinson Academy, Soochow	St. Louis, Mo.
1901.	Miss Mary Culler White, Wu Pun Girls' School, Wuchen	Nashville, Tenn.
1904.	Miss Maggie J. Rogers, St. John's Church, Soochow	Lott, Tex.
1906.	Miss Nettie Peacock, Nansiang, China	Macon, Ga.
1908.	Miss Julia Wasson, McTyeire School, Shanghai	Ethel, Miss.
1909.	Miss Mary Hood, R.N., Margaret Williamson Hospital, Shanghai	Brownsville, Tex.
1909.	Miss Lelia Tuttle, Soochow University, Soochow	Lenoir, N. C.
1911.	Miss Eloise Bradshaw* (furlough)	Portsmouth, Va.
1911.	Miss Mittie Shelton, Kong Hong Institutional Church, Soochow (Mexico, 1927-30)	Lorena, Tex.
1912.	Miss Alice Green, Out-Station, Changchow	Jonesboro, N. C.
1912.	Miss Nina Troy, Laura Haygood Normal School, Soochow	Greensboro, N. C.
1913.	Miss Laura Mitchell, I-Zaung-Ka, Huchow	Arcadia, Fla.
1914.	Miss Louise Robinson, McTyeire School, Shanghai	New Deatur, Ala.
1914.	Miss Sue Stanford, Virginia School, Huchow	Waco, Tex.
1914.	Miss Nina Stallings, Adult Education Work, Sungkiang	Mexico, Mo.
1915.	Miss Kate Hackney, Kindergarten Work, Laura Haygood Normal, Soochow	Asheville, N. C.
1916.	Miss Mary Blackford, McTyeire School, Shanghai	St. Louis, Mo.
1919.	Miss Alice Alsop, McTyeire School, Shanghai	Fort Worth, Tex.
1921.	Miss Lillian Knobles, Davidson Girls' School, Soochow	State Line, Miss.
1922.	Miss Lucy Jim Webb, Moore Memorial Church, Shanghai	Forsythe, Ga.
1922.	Miss Margaret Rue, Social Center, Wusih	Norfolk, Va.
1923.	Miss Mary Bell Winn, Laura Haygood School, Soochow	Columbia, S. C.
1925.	Miss Anne Herbert, R.N., * Margaret Williamson Hospital, Shanghai	Bishopville, S. C.
1925.	Miss Ethel Bost, Laura Haygood School, Soochow	Cornelius, N. C.
1925.	Miss Naomi Howie, Davidson Girls' School, Soochow	Thomasville, N. C.
1925.	Miss Lucie Clark, Susan B. Wilson School, Sungkiang	Osawatomie, Kans.
1926.	Miss Lorena Foster, R.N., Stephenson Memorial Hospital, Changchow	Pearsall, Tex.
1928.	Miss Atria McElwreath, R.N., Huchow General Hospital, Huchow	Arlington, Tex.
1929.	Miss Jean Craig, McTyeire School, Shanghai	Richmond, Va.
1929.	Miss Pearle McCain, Susan B. Wilson School, Sungkiang	DeValle's Bluff, Ark.

\*\*Returning to the field in the summer of 1937.

\*Returning to the field in the spring of 1937.

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1930.	Miss Sarah Glenn, R.N., Huchow General Hospital, Huchow	Chester, S. C.
1931.	Miss Susie Mayest (furlough)	Camak, Ga.
1931.	Miss Ava Morton** (furlough)	Cotton Valley, La.
1932.	Miss Louise Avett, Changshu	Norwood, N. C.
1932.	Miss Annie Price, Laura Haygood School, Soochow	Waco, Tex.
1935.	Miss Julia Oliphint, Virginia School, Huchow (contract)	San Antonio, Tex.
1936.	Miss Mathilde Killingsworth, Language Study, Soochow	Fayette, Miss.
1936.	Miss Helen Scally, Language Study, Soochow	Tampa, Fla.
1936.	Miss Louise Manget (contract), McTyeire School, Shanghai	Huchow, China
1936.	Miss Mary Elen Hawk (contract), Moore Memorial Church,	Shanghai, China.
1937.	Miss Louise Killingsworth	Fayette, Miss.

## CONGO BELGE

1920.	Miss Flora Foreman, R.N., Minga Station	Amarillo, Tex.
1925.	Miss Dora Jane Armstrong, R.N., Wembo Nyama	Lexington, Va.
1927.	Miss Annie Parker, Minga Station	Hillsboro, Ala.
1927.	Miss Mary E. Moore, Tunda	Richmond, Va.
1930.	Miss Dorothy Rees, Wembo Nyama	Mayslick, Ky.
1930.	Miss Annimae White** (furlough)	Thomaston, Ga.
1930.	Miss Ruth O'Toole, R.N.** (furlough)	Maplewood, Mo.
1930.	Mrs. Ethel Shuler Smith (extended furlough)	Bowman, S. C.
1931.	Miss Myrtle Zicafoose** (furlough)	Asbury, W. Va.
1931.	Miss Edith Martin, Wembo Nyama	Harrison, Ark.
1931.	Miss Catherine Parham** (furlough)	College Park, Ga.
1931.	Miss Norene Robken (Poland 1931-37)	Texarkana, Ark.
1935.	Miss Lorena Kelly, Tunda (Home Work, 1932-35)	Mooresville, N. C.

## CUBA

1889.	Miss Frances Moling (Mexico, 1889-1914), Colegio Eliza Bowman, Cienfuegos.	Kansas City, Mo.
1906.	Miss Mary Lou White (China, 1906-25), Centro Cristiano, Matanzas	Norfolk, Va.
1921.	Miss Ione Clay (Mexico, 1923-25), Colegio Buenavista, Havana	Dublin, Tex.
1921.	Miss Clara Chalmers, Colegio Irene Toland, Matanzas	New Orleans, La.
1925.	Miss Mary Woodward, Colegio Buenavista, Havana	Florida, Ala.
1925.	Miss Dreta Sharp, Colegio Eliza Bowman, Cienfuegos	Ogeechee, Ga.
1925.	Miss Lucile Lewis** (furlough)	Dawson, Ga.
1927.	Miss Ethel Williamson, Colegio Buenavista, Havana	Dovesville, S. C.
1927.	Miss Marie Crone, Colegio Eliza Bowman, Cienfuegos	Lindale, Tex.
1929.	Miss Elizabeth Earnest, Colegio Irene Toland, Matanzas	Afton, Tenn.
1929.	Miss Frances Gaby, Colegio Eliza Bowman, Cienfuegos	Independence, Mo.
1930.	Miss Mattie Lou Neal, Colegio Eliza Bowman, Cienfuegos	Overton, Tex.
1932.	Miss Juanita Kelly, Colegio Buenavista, Havana	Augusta, Ga.
1936.	Miss Lorraine Buck, Colegio Irene Toland, Matanzas (Mexico, 1922-28)	Bessemer, Ala.
1937.	Miss Agnes Malloy	Remerton, Ga.

## JAPAN

1903.	Miss Margaret Cook, Lambuth Training School, Osaka	Newnan, Ga.
1904.	Miss Ida Shannon, Hiroshima Girls' School, Hiroshima	Little Rock, Ark.
1908.	Miss Katherine Shannon, Palmore Woman's English Institute, Kobe	Little Rock, Ark.
1910.	Miss Anna Bell Williams, Lambuth Training School, Osaka	Charleston, S. C.
1915.	Miss Charlie Holland (furlough)	Lufkin, Tex.
1917.	Miss Manie Towson, Nakatsu	Eastman, Ga.
1917.	Miss Mabel Whitehead, Lambuth Training School, Osaka	Birmingham, Ala.
1920.	Miss Catherine Stevens, Lambuth Training School, Osaka	Grenada, Miss.
1920.	Miss Mary Searcy, Osaka English School, Osaka	Columbia, Mo.
1922.	Miss Katharine Johnson (furlough)	Farmington, Mo.
1922.	Miss Myra Anderson, Fraser Institute, Hiroshima	Anderson, S. C.
1922.	Miss Lois Cooper, Hiroshima Girls' School, Hiroshima	Brookhaven, Miss.
1923.	Miss Anne Peavy (furlough)	Byron, Ga.
1923.	Miss Mozelle Tumlin* (furlough)	Thomaston, Ga.
1925.	Miss Mary Finch† (extended furlough)	Chase City, Va.
1926.	Miss Sallie Carroll, Oita	Rocky Mount, Va.
1927.	Miss Ruth Field, Kindergartener Lambuth Training School, Osaka	Newnan, Ga.
1931.	Miss Gertrude Feely† (furlough)	Shelbyville, Mo.
1932.	Miss Thelma Colvin, Palmore Woman's English Institute, Kobe	Ennis, Tex.
1932.	Miss Alberta Tarr, Hiroshima Girls' School, Hiroshima	Nevada, Mo.
1936.	Miss Mildred Hudgins, Language Study, Tokyo	Portsmouth, Va.
1936.	Miss Bonnie Kornis (contract), Hiroshima Girls' School, Hiroshima	San Gabriel, Calif.

## KOREA

1904.	Miss Ellasue Wagner, Evangelistic Center, Songdo	Bluefield, W. Va.
1906.	Miss Lillian Nichols (extended furlough)	Jessup, Ga.

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†Returning to the field in the autumn of 1937.

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1908.	Miss Kate Cooper, Evangelistic Work, Wonsan	Douglasville, Ga.
1909.	Miss Hallie Buie** (furlough)	Texarkana, Ark.
1909.	Miss Laura Edwards† (furlough)	Waco, Tex.
1910.	Miss Bertha Smith, Evangelistic Work, Songdo	Marshall, Mo.
1911.	Miss Carrie Una Jackson, Lucy Cuninggim School, Wonsan	Arlington, Ky.
1911.	Miss Ida Hankins, Mary Helm School, Songdo	Wilmington, N. C.
1912.	Miss Bessie Oliver, Evangelistic Work, Songdo	Unadilla, Ga.
1916.	Miss Rosa Lowder, R.N., Ivey Hospital, Songdo	Rutherford, N. C.
1921.	Mrs. Velma Maynor, Ewha College, Seoul	Oneonta, Ala.
1922.	Miss Rubie Lee, Carolina Institute, Seoul	Statesboro, Ga.
1922.	Miss Alice McMakin, Holston Institute, Songdo	Wellford, S. C.
1923.	Miss Clara Howard, Holston Institute, Songdo, and in charge of kindergartens for the entire field	Kathleen, Ga.
1923.	Miss Blanche Hauscr (extended furlough)	Fobaccoville, N. C.
1923.	Miss M. Elston Rowland, R.N., Wonsan Hospital, Wonsan (Japan, 1923-30)	Washington, D. C.
1924.	Miss Sadie Maude Moore† (furlough)	Statesboro, Ga.
1924.	Miss Helen Rosser, R.N.† (furlough)	Macon, Ga.
1924.	Miss Nannie G. Black (extended furlough)	Chester, S. C.
1925.	Miss Olive Smith, Choonchun	Rcidsville, N. C.
1925.	Miss Euline Smith, Chulwon	Hamlet, N. C.
1926.	Miss Ruth Diggs, Carolina Institute, Seoul	Spartanburg, S. C.
1927.	Miss Josephine Dameron (contract), Ewha College, Seoul	Warrenton, N. C.
1927.	Miss Margaret Billingsley, Social Evangelistic Center, Seoul	Duncan, Ariz.
1927.	Miss Nellie Dyer, Holston Institute, Songdo	Pottsville, Ark.
1928.	Miss Mabel Cherry, Methodist Theological Seminary, Seoul	Newton, N. C.
1928.	Miss Maud Nelson, Choonshun	Eldersville, Tex.
1930.	Miss Susie Peach Foster† (furlough)	Brantley, Ala.
1930.	Miss Ann Wallis, Social Evangelistic Center, Seoul	Carnegie, Okla.
1931.	Miss Marjorie Beaird, Chulwon	Tyler, Tex.
1933.	Miss Evelyn Dacus, Lucy Cuninggim School, Wonsan	Rock Hill, S. C.
1936.	Miss Ruth Cook, Language Study, Chulwon	Nicholasville, Ky.
1937.	Miss Betty Alt	Baltimore, Md.

## MEXICO

1911.	Miss Virginia Booth, Centro Social, Durango	Austin, Tex.
1912.	Miss Lillie F. Fox, Centro Social Roberts, Saltillo	Odesa, Mo.
1919.	Miss Dora L. Ingram, Centro Social Roberts and Rural Work, Ramos Arispe	Centralia, Mo.
1921.	Miss Emma L. Eldridge, Centro Cristiano, Chihuahua	Wichita, Kans.
1921.	Miss Myrtle Pollard, Dormitory for Girls, Monterrey	Batesville, Miss.
1923.	Miss Ruth Byerly** (furlough)	Shepherdstown, Va.
1923.	Miss Edna Potthoff, R.N., Sanatorio Palmore, Chihuahua	Houston, Tex.
1923.	Miss Anne Deavours (Cuba, 1925), Rural Work, Monterrey	Laurel, Miss.
1924.	Miss Pearl Hall, R.N. (furlough)	Charlotte, N. C.
1924.	Miss Dora Schmidt (contract), Dormitory for Girls, Monterrey	
1926.	Miss M. Belle Markey, Centro Cristiano, Chihuahua (Cuba, 1902-25)	Abilene, Tex.
1926.	Miss Irene Nixon, Centro Cristiano, Chihuahua	Georgetown, Tex.
1926.	Miss Lucile Vail (Cuba, 1916-24; furlough)**	Cartersville, Ga.
1929.	Miss Ola Eugene Callahan, Centro Cristiano, Chihuahua	Greensboro, N. C.
1929.	Miss Lula Rawls, R.N. (contract), Sanatorio Palmore	Greenwood, Fla.
1930.	Miss Anna Belle Dyck, Centro Social, Monterrey	Halstead, Kans.

## POLAND

1926.	Miss Sallie Lewis Browne, Warsaw	Charlottesville, Va.
1930.	Miss Ruth Lawrence, Warsaw	Prichard, Ala.

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## FOREIGN MISSIONARIES NOT NOW IN ACTIVE SERVICE

APPOINTED	NAME, FORMER RESIDENCE, FIELD	CONFERENCE
1878.	Miss Lochie Rankin* (Emeritus), Milan, Tenn., China	Memphis
1879.	Miss Dora Rankin,* Milan, Tenn., China	Memphis
1881.	Miss Annie Williams,† Conception, Tex., Mexico	Texas
1881.	Miss Mattie Watts,* Louisville, Ky., Brazil	Louisville
1881.	Miss Rebecca Toland (Emeritus), Beeville, Tex., Cuba	West Texas
1882.	Miss Blanche Gilbert, Roanoke, Va., Mexico	Baltimore
1882.	Miss Anna J. Muse,† Atlanta, Ga., China	North Georgia
1882.	Mrs. Sarah Burford, Georgetown, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas
1883.	Miss Nannie E. Holding* (Emeritus), Latonia, Ky., Mexico	Kentucky
1883.	Miss Mattie B. Jones, Norcross, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1883.	Miss Jennie C. Wolf, Pensacola, Fla., Indian Mission	Alabama
1884.	Miss Laura A. Haygood,* Atlanta, Ga., China	North Georgia
1884.	Miss Dona Hamilton* Paris, Tex., China	North Texas
1884.	Miss Mildred M. Phillips, M.D.,† California, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1884.	Miss Lou E. Phillips, California, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1884.	Miss W. Bruce,† Plattsburg, Mo., Brazil	Missouri
1887.	Mrs. Josephine Campbell,* New York City, China and Korea	Los Angeles
1887.	Miss Emma F. Kerr,† Brownsville, Tenn., China	Memphis
1887.	Miss Kate R. Roberts,* Nashville, Tenn., China	Tennessee
1887.	Miss Lelia Roberts (Emeritus), Bonham, Tex., Mexico	North Texas
1887.	Miss Addie F. Gordon,* Port Gibson, Miss., China	North Mississippi
1887.	Miss Elizabeth Hughes,† Meridian, Miss., China	Mississippi
1887.	Miss Lulu Lipscomb,* Columbus, Miss., China	North Mississippi
1887.	Miss Ada Reagan,† Nashville, Tenn., China	Tennessee
1887.	Miss Marcia Marvin,* St. Louis, Mo., Brazil and China	St. Louis
1888.	Miss Augusta V. Wilson,* Charlestown, W. Va., Mexico	Baltimore
1888.	Miss Mary McClelland,† Brookhaven, Miss., China	Mississippi
1888.	Miss Ella Granbery,† St. Louis, Mo., Brazil	St. Louis
1889.	Mrs. E. A. McClelland,* West Point, Ga., Mexico	North Georgia
1889.	Miss A. Clara Chrisman,* Beauregard, Miss., Brazil	Mississippi
1889.	Miss Ella Yarrell,* Emporia, Va., Brazil	Virginia
1889.	Miss Lida Howell,* Duluth, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1889.	Miss Flora Baker,* West Point, Ga., Mexico	North Georgia
1889.	Miss Lulu Ross,* Greensboro, Ala., Brazil	Alabama
1889.	Miss Sallie M. Phillips,† Homer, La., Brazil	Louisiana
1889.	Miss Lizzie Wilson,* Newport, Ky., Mexico	Kentucky
1889.	Miss Ellie B. Tydings,† West Palm Beach, Fla., Mexico	Florida
1890.	Miss Mattie Dorsey,† Charlestown, W. Va., Mexico	Baltimore
1890.	Mrs. E. E. Brelsford, Princeton, Ky., Brazil	Louisville
1890.	Miss May Littleton Smithey,* Jetersville, Va., China	Virginia
1890.	Miss Mary Turner,† Sharpsburg, Ky., Mexico	Kentucky
1890.	Miss Kate P. Fanning,† Blountsville, Fla., Mexico	Florida
1890.	Miss Helen Lee Richardson,* St. Louis, Mo., China	St. Louis
1890.	Miss Lucy Harper,* Georgetown, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas
1891.	Miss Mollie F. Brown, Austin, Tex., Brazil	West Texas
1891.	Miss Kate C. McFarrin,* Durango, Mexico, Mexico	New Jersey
1892.	Miss Sue P. Blake,† Miccosukee, Fla., China	Florida
1892.	Miss Delia Holding,* Latonia, Ky., Mexico	Kentucky
1892.	Miss Emma Gary,† Elberton, Ga., China	North Georgia
1892.	Miss Sallie B. Reynolds,† Columbia, S. C., China	South Carolina
1892.	Miss Alice Moore, Oxford, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1892.	Miss Susan Littlejohn,† Paelet, S. C., Brazil	South Carolina
1892.	Miss Amelia Elerding,* Chicago, Ill., Brazil	Illinois
1892.	Miss Mildred Bomar,† Weldon, N. C., China	North Carolina
1892.	Miss Martha E. Pyle (Emeritus), Kansas City, Mo., China	Missouri
1892.	Mrs. Julia A. Gaither* (Emeritus), Oxford, Ga., China	North Georgia
1892.	Miss Alice Waters (Emeritus), Murray, Ky., China	Memphis
1893.	Miss Bessie Moore, Savannah, Tenn., Brazil	Tennessee
1894.	Miss Ella Coffey,† Long Mountain, Va., China	Virginia
1894.	Miss Esther Case,* Batesville, Ark., Mexico	North Arkansas
1894.	Miss Layona Glenn (Emeritus), Conyers, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1895.	Miss Willie Bowman,† St. Louis, Mo., Brazil	St. Louis
1895.	Miss May Umberger,† Wytheville, Va., Brazil	Holston
1895.	Miss Viola Blackburn,* Holly Springs, Miss., Mexico	North Mississippi
1895.	Miss Hattie G. Carson,* Savannah, Ga., Mexico and Cuba	South Georgia
1895.	Miss Eliza Perkinson,† Salisbury, Mo., Brazil	Missouri
1895.	Miss Lizzie Martin,† Chapel Hill, N. C., China	North Carolina
1896.	Miss Ida Worth,* St. Louis, Mo., Japan	St. Louis
1896.	Miss Johnnie Sanders,* Union, S. C., China	South Carolina
1896.	Miss Margaret Polk, M.D.,* Perryville, Ky., China	Kentucky
1896.	Miss Ida Shaffer, Carrollton, Mo., Brazil	Missouri



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APPOINTED	NAME, FORMER RESIDENCE, FIELD	CONFERENCE
1896.	Miss Lily Stradley* (Emeritus), Lewisburg, Ohio, Brazil	Holston
1896.	Miss Ella P. Leveritt (Emeritus), Newnan, Ga., China	North Georgia
1896.	Miss Edith Park (Emeritus), Amarillo, Tex., Mexico	Northwest Texas
1897.	Miss Susie E. Williams,† San Francisco, Calif., China	Los Angeles
1897.	Miss Annie Churchill,† Burnett, Tex., Mexico and Cuba	Northwest Texas
1897.	Miss Mary L. Richardson* St. Louis, Mo., China	St. Louis
1897.	Miss Leonora D. Smith,† Eclectic, Ala., Brazil	Alabama
1897.	Miss Laura V. Wright,† Baltimore, Md., Mexico	Baltimore
1898.	Miss Fannie Hines,† Mount Sterling, Ky., Korea	Kentucky
1898.	Miss Mary Pescud,* Raleigh, N. C., Brazil	North Carolina
1899.	Miss Arena Carroll,† Mount Crawford, Va., Korea	Baltimore
1899.	Miss Lela McNemar, Edwards, Miss., Mexico	Mississippi
1899.	Miss Clara B. Fullerton,† Louisville, Ky., Brazil	Louisville
1899.	Miss Maude Bonnell,* Muskogee, Okla., Japan	East Oklahoma
1900.	Miss Sadie Harbough,* Washington, D. C., Korea	Baltimore
1900.	Miss Elizabeth Davis,† Durham, N. C., Brazil	North Carolina
1900.	Miss Alice Griffith,† Marion, Ky., Mexico	Louisville
1900.	Miss June Nicholson,* Edgefield, S. C., China	South Carolina
1900.	Miss Sue Ford,* Paris, Ky., Cuba and Mexico	Kentucky
1901.	Miss Mollie Cesna,† Utica, Miss., Cuba	North Mississippi
1901.	Miss Maidee Smith, La Grange, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1901.	Miss Orien Alexander,* Broomfield, Mo., China	Missouri
1901.	Miss Mary Knowles,† Macon, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1901.	Miss Ada May Stewart,† Leesburg, Fla., Brazil	Florida
1901.	Miss Lily Whitman, Eupora, Miss., Cuba	North Mississippi
1901.	Miss Ellen B. Carney, Plant City, Fla., Mexico	Florida
1901.	Miss Della V. Wright,† Anderson, S. C., Brazil	South Carolina
1901.	Miss May Treadwell, Edgewood, Ga., Mexico	North Georgia
1901.	Miss Norwood Wynn, Dallas, Tex., Mexico	North Texas
1901.	Miss Helen Johnson,† Sebastian, Fla., Brazil	Louisiana
1902.	Miss Josephine Hounshell,† Corinth, Va., Korea	Holston
1902.	Miss Blanche Howell,† Asheville, N. C., Brazil	Western North Carolina
1902.	Miss Ida Anderson (Emeritus), Jackson, Miss.	South Georgia
1902.	Miss Emma Christine,† Kenwood Springs, Mo., Brazil	St. Louis
1903.	Miss Loula M. Norville,† Livingston, Ala., China	Alabama
1903.	Miss Ara Riggins,* Pasadena, Calif., Mexico	Los Angeles
1904.	Miss Ada Parker,† New Orleans, La., Brazil	Louisiana
1904.	Miss Janie Watkins,* Jackson, Miss., China	Mississippi
1905.	Miss Mattie M. Ivey,* Culvert, Tex., Korea	Texas
1905.	Miss Cornelia Erwin,† Murray, Ky., Korea	Memphis
1905.	Mrs. Fannie K. Brown,† Knoxville, Tenn., Brazil	Holston
1905.	Miss Irene King, Holden, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1905.	Miss Elizabeth Claiborne, Jackson, Tenn., China	Memphis
1906.	Miss Elizabeth Lamb,† Fayetteville, N. C., Brazil	North Carolina
1906.	Miss Eleanor Dye,† Evansville, Miss., Korea	North Mississippi
1906.	Miss Sophia Mann,* Mexia, Tex., China	Northwest Texas
1906.	Miss Emma Lester,† Augusta, Ga., China	North Georgia
1906.	Miss Estelle Hood, Commerce, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1906.	Miss Mamie D. Myers,* Waycross, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1907.	Miss Agnes Ruff, Wallaceville, S. C., Cuba	South Carolina
1907.	Mrs. S. S. Harris, Citra, Fla., China	Florida
1907.	Mrs. Emily Runyon, M.D., Richmond, Va., China	Virginia
1907.	Miss Ruby Kendrick,* Plano, Tex., Korea	Northwest Texas
1907.	Miss Martha Ivie Batey,† Murfreesboro, Tenn., Korea	Tennessee
1907.	Miss Ruby Lilly,† Whitman, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1907.	Miss Augusta May Dye,† Plano, Tex., Brazil	Northwest Texas
1907.	Miss Emma Steger,† Mountain Grove, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1907.	Miss Linnie Barcroft, Tupelo, Miss., Mexico	Mississippi
1907.	Miss Alma Jones, Webb City, Mo., Mexico	Southwest Missouri
1907.	Miss Nell Drake,† Port Gibson, Miss., China	Mississippi
1908.	Miss Kate Smallwood,† New Albany, Miss., China	North Mississippi
1908.	Miss Laura Lee,* Nashville, Tenn., Mexico and Cuba	Tennessee
1908.	Miss Daisy Pyles,† Juiz de Fora, Brazil, Brazil	Brazil
1908.	Miss Mary F. Johnstone,† Dawson, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1908.	Mrs. Nellie O'Bierne,* Zwolle, La., Mexico	Louisiana
1908.	Miss Trullie Richmond,† Ennis, Tex., Brazil	Central Texas
1908.	Miss Mamie Fenle,* Ribeirao Preto, Brazil	Brazil
1908.	Miss Mary Massey, Iuka, Miss., Mexico	North Mississippi
1909.	Miss Bessie Houser,† Perry, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1909.	Miss Hardynia Norville, Livingston, Ala., Mexico	Alabama
1909.	Miss Martha Nutt,* Granbury, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas
1909.	Miss Valeria Vollmer,† Porto Alegre, Brazil, Brazil	Brazil
1909.	Miss Minnie Varner,† Greenville, Ala., Mexico	Alabama
1909.	Miss Clara Park,† Sandersville, Ga., China and Mexico	Georgia
1909.	Miss Elsie Lowe,† Midlothian, Tex., Korea	Central Texas
1909.	Miss Tomie Foster, Tchula, Miss., China	Mississippi
1909.	Miss Helen Hickman, Sherman, Tex., Brazil	North Texas

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1909.	Miss Sarah E. Warne, Santa Ana, Calif., Brazil and Mexico	Los Angeles
1909.	Miss Terrie Etta Buttrick, Asheville, N. C., Mexico	Western North Carolina
1910.	Miss Maria Wrightman Capers,† Charleston, S. C., Mexico	South Carolina
1910.	Miss Margaret Beadle,† Austin, Tex., China	West Texas
1910.	Miss Nevada Martin,† Pelahatchee, Miss., China	Mississippi
1910.	Miss Dora Otis,† Hopkinsville, Mo., China	Missouri
1910.	Miss Gilberta Harris, Arkadelphia, Ark., Korea	Little Rock
1910.	Miss Nellie Bennett, Blackstone, Va., Japan	Virginia
1910.	Miss Jonnie Pierson, Hamilton, Tex., Mexico	Northwest Texas
1910.	Miss Sallie J. Smith,† Richmond, Va., China	Virginia
1910.	Miss Ellie After,* Warrensburg, Mo., Mexico	Southwest Missouri
1910.	Miss Alice Dean Noyes, Macon, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1910.	Miss Virginia Howell, Lamasco, Tex., Brazil	North Texas
1910.	Miss Emma Turbeville, Martin, Tenn., Korea	Memphis
1910.	Miss Miriam Steele,† Brownwood, Tex., Brazil	Northwest Texas
1911.	Miss Hortense Tinsley,† Americus, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1911.	Miss Lina Clark Kock, Llano, Tex., Korea	West Texas
1911.	Miss Bess Combs, St. Joseph, Mo., China	Missouri
1911.	Miss Clare Beverly Cain, Los Angeles, Calif., Mexico and Brazil	Los Angeles
1911.	Miss Myrtle Barker,† Warsaw, Ky., Korea	Kentucky
1911.	Miss Frankie Hooper, St. Joseph, Mo., Mexico	Missouri
1911.	Miss Margaret Simpson,* Little Rock, Ark., Brazil	Arkansas
1911.	Miss Lillie Reed,† Waco, Tex., Korea	East Oklahoma
1911.	Miss Madge Henry, Huchow, China, China	China
1911.	Miss Florence Barton, Frederickstown, Mo., Brazil	St. Louis
1912.	Miss Frances Burkhead, Lexington, N. C., China	Western North Carolina
1912.	Miss Mae Owings, Fountain Inn, S. C., Korea	South Carolina
1912.	Miss Flora Herndon, Elberton, Ga., China	North Georgia
1912.	Miss Maggie Kennedy,† Los Angeles, Calif., Brazil	Los Angeles
1912.	Miss Charlie May Cunningham, Lindsay, Calif., Mexico	Los Angeles
1912.	Miss Laura V. Summers, Barnesville, Ga., Korea	North Georgia
1912.	Miss Carrie S. Minor, St. Louis, Mo., Korea	St. Louis
1912.	Miss Lucy Henderson,† Murfreesboro, Tenn., Brazil	South Georgia
1912.	Miss Bessie Lee Wilson,* College Grove, Tenn., Mexico and Cuba	Tennessee
1912.	Miss Theodosia Wales,† Binghamton, N. Y., China	New Jersey
1912.	Miss Edith Hayes,† Birmingham, Ala., China	North Alabama
1912.	Miss Ethel Polk, M. D.,† Kansas City, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1912.	Miss Jennie Stradley,† Granbury, Tex., Brazil	Central Texas
1913.	Miss Lela M. Blier, Kansas City, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1913.	Miss Ethel Newcomb, St. Louis, Mo., Japan	St. Louis
1913.	Miss Hattie F. Love, M. D.,† Sweetwater, Tenn., China	Holston
1913.	Miss Blanche Webb,† Chattanooga, Tenn., Brazil	Holston
1913.	Miss Bertha O. Attaway, Oswego, S. C., China	South Carolina
1913.	Miss Bessie Hardie,† Korea, Korea	South Georgia
1913.	Miss Margaret Webster, Ennis, Tex., Cuba	Central Texas
1913.	Miss Edith Brittingham, Portsmouth, Va., Mexico	Virginia
1913.	Miss Anette Gist,† McIntosh, Fla., Japan	Florida
1913.	Miss May Hixson,† Des Moines, Iowa, China	Georgia
1913.	Miss Eva Hardie,† Oak Park, Ill., Korea	Illinois
1913.	Miss Agnes Graham, Comanche, Texas, Korea	Central Texas
1914.	Miss Manelle Forster,† Macon, Ga., Mexico and Cuba	South Georgia
1914.	Miss Elizabeth Love,† Sweetwater, Tenn., China	Holston
1914.	Miss Allene Pearce, Danville, Ky., Korea	Kentucky
1914.	Miss Elma Morgan,† Stephens, Ark., Brazil	Little Rock
1914.	Miss Ruth Brittain, Birmingham, Ala., China	North Alabama
1915.	Miss Olive Lipscomb,† Nashville, Tenn., China	Tennessee
1915.	Miss Ellie Gray, La Grange, Ga., China	North Georgia
1915.	Miss Ethel Brown, Petersburg, Va., Brazil	Virginia
1916.	Miss Myra Olive, Seattle, Wash., China	Northwest
1917.	Miss Etha Mills,† Apple Grove, Va., Congo Belge	Virginia
1917.	Miss Etta Lee Woolsey,† Bay City, Tex., Congo Belge	Texas
1917.	Miss Grace McCubbin,† Salisbury, N. C., Korea	Western North Carolina
1917.	Miss Katherine Hatcher,† Harlem, Ga., Korea	North Georgia
1917.	Miss Sarah Vandyke Stout,† Clarksville, Tenn., Brazil	Tennessee
1917.	Miss Kathron Wilson, R. N.,† Dodd City, Tex., Congo Belge	North Texas
1917.	Miss Marie Raffo,* Tampa, Fla., China	Florida
1917.	Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon,† Maxton, N. C., China	North Carolina
1917.	Miss Louise Ingersoll, M. D., Asheville, N. C., China	Western North Carolina
1918.	Miss Pauline Glass Randle,* New Orleans, La., Korea	Louisiana
1918.	Miss Pearl O. Hicks,† Shawnee, Okla., Brazil	East Oklahoma
1918.	Miss Alma Pitts, R. N., Cottontown, Ala., China	East Oklahoma
1918.	Miss Mary Alice Lamar, Houston, Tex., Brazil	Texas
1918.	Miss Edna Booker,† Los Angeles, Calif., China	Los Angeles
1918.	Miss Jessie Drew Gill,* Tuskegee, Ala., Cuba	Alabama
1918.	Miss Ethel McCaughan, Durango, Mexico, Mexico	New Mexico
1919.	Miss Annie M. Craig, Austin, Tex., Mexico	West Texas
1919.	Miss Fannie Scott,† Toney Creek, S. C., Brazil	Upper South Carolina
1919.	Miss Nora E. Darwin, Fort Worth, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas

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1919.	Miss Carrie Turner, R.N., † Bremond, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas
1919.	Miss Blanche Hager, Kobe, Japan, Japan	Missouri
1919.	Miss Marguerite Clark, Sunnyside, Va., China	Virginia
1920.	Miss Flossie McKnight, Chaffin, Mo., China	St. Louis
1920.	Miss Eliza Isles, † Dry Creek, La., Congo Belge	Louisiana
1920.	Miss Marzie Hall, † Walnut Grove, Miss., Congo Belge	Mississippi
1920.	Miss Ruth Henderson, † Richmond, Va., Congo Belge	Virginia
1920.	Miss Jean Callahan, † Orlando, Fla., Japan	Japan
1920.	Miss Sarah Brinkley, Jewel, Ga., China	Mississippi
1920.	Miss Rubie Van Hauser, Titusville, Fla., Japan	Florida
1921.	Miss Ella M. Hanawalt, Galva, Ill., China	Kentucky
1921.	Miss Willie G. Hall, † Walnut Grove, Miss., Congo Belge	Mississippi
1921.	Miss Mary Vic Mauk, Troy, Ala., Korea	Alabama
1921.	Miss Annie Justice Hanson, † Clifton, Tex., Korea	Central Texas
1921.	Miss Alice E. Furry, R.N., Van Buren, Ark., Korea	North Arkansas
1921.	Miss Lucy Belle Morgan, Georgetown, Tex., Brazil	Central Texas
1921.	Miss Jessie Bloodworth, Hartsborne, Okla., China	East Oklahoma
1921.	Miss Mary D. Overall, † Dyersburg, Tenn., China	Memphis
1922.	Miss Naomi Chapman, R.N., New Orleans, La., Mexico	Louisiana
1922.	Miss Jessie Moore, Batesville, Ark., Brazil	North Arkansas
1922.	Miss Junia Jones, † Montgomery, Ala., Cuba and Mexico	Alabama
1922.	Miss Cornelia Godbey, † Morristown, Mo., Mexico	Southwest Missouri
1922.	Mrs. Fannie Warren, † Tulsa, Okla., Congo Belge	East Oklahoma
1922.	Miss Dora O'Lulu Hanna, † Sapulpa, Okla., Mexico	East Oklahoma
1922.	Miss Christine Allen, † Crowell, Tex., Congo Belge and Cuba	Northwest Texas
1922.	Miss Cavie Clark, † Mize, Miss., Brazil	Mississippi
1922.	Miss Helen Hardie, † Bennis Church, Va., Brazil	Baltimore
1922.	Miss Susan W. Brown, M.D., Columbia, Mo., China	Missouri
1922.	Miss Mary Bailey Sloan, M.D., * Monticello, Fla., China	Florida
1923.	Miss Eva Massey, White Post, Va., Mexico	Baltimore
1923.	Miss Lillian Wahl, * Paris, Ark., Siberia-Manchuria	North Arkansas
1923.	Miss Margaret P. Light, † Romney, W. Va., Korea	Baltimore
1923.	Miss Alma Brandt, R.N., * Appleton, Wis., China	St. Louis
1923.	Miss Constance Rumbough, Lynchburg, Va., Manchuria and Poland	Virginia
1923.	Miss Cornelia Crozier, Okeechobee, Fla., China	North Arkansas
1924.	Miss Amy Jo Burns, Bonelar Springs, Va., Mexico	Baltimore
1924.	Miss Angela Chapelle, San Antonio, Tex., Mexico	West Texas
1924.	Miss Ruth Audrey Kellogg, † Boule, Miss., Brazil	North Mississippi
1924.	Miss Bertha Tucker, Crawfordville, Ga., Korea and Cuba	North Georgia
1924.	Miss Mary McDaniel, M.D., † Savannah, Mo., China	Missouri
1924.	Miss Eda Cade, Lono, Ark., China	Little Rock
1924.	Miss Bessie Baldwin, Curdville, Va., Mexico	Virginia
1924.	Miss Lois Maddux, Madison, Georgia, Japan	North, Georgia
1924.	Miss Sadie Mai Wilson, † Nashville, Tenn., China	Tennessee
1925.	Miss Vada Gilliland, Georgetown, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas
1925.	Miss Bertha Stem, † Memphis, Tenn., China	Memphis
1925.	Miss Daisye Ferguson, * Woodville, Miss., Brazil	Mississippi
1925.	Miss Pearl Wiemers, R.N., Giddings, Tex., China	Texas
1925.	Miss Mary Hinton, † Ethelville, Miss., Brazil	North Alabama
1925.	Miss Eula Winn, Columbia, S. C., Mexico	South Carolina
1925.	Miss Janet Miller, M.D., Memphis, Tenn., China and Congo Belge	Memphis
1925.	Miss Susie Pruitt, † Iva, S. C., Brazil	South Carolina
1925.	Miss May Johnson, † Woodburn, Ky., Cuba and Mexico	Kentucky
1925.	Miss Ruth Merritt, Murfreesboro, N. C., Brazil	North Carolina
1925.	Miss Ellen B. Cloud, † Pembroke, Ky., Mexico	Louisville
1925.	Miss Mabel Jetton, † Washington, D. C., Brazil	Western North Carolina
1926.	Miss Edith Bayne, † Macon, Ga., Cuba	South Georgia
1926.	Miss Myrtle Bryant, † Collins, Miss., Congo Belge	Mississippi
1927.	Miss Julia Reid, Lake Charles, La., Mexico	Louisiana
1927.	Miss Mary Hoyle, Keltson, S. C., Mexico	Virginia
1927.	Miss Rosa Eleese McNeil, Jackson, Miss., Congo Belge	Mississippi
1927.	Miss Leah Hartley, Zebulon, Ga., Korea	North Carolina
1927.	Miss Octavia Clegg, † Greensboro, N. C., Japan	Western North Carolina
1927.	Miss Helen Farrier, R.N., † Newport, Va., Congo Belge	Virginia
1927.	Miss Lenore Rees, Center Point, Tex., Mexico	West Texas
1928.	Miss Mary Taylor Myers, R.N., † Concord, N. C., Congo Belge	North Carolina
1928.	Miss Sophia Mount, Memphis, Tenn., Brazil	Memphis
1928.	Miss Bess Lindsay, R.N., † McCurtain, Okla., Mexico	Oklahoma
1928.	Miss Alice Hardt, Hondo, Tex., Mexico	West Texas
1928.	Miss Olive Hardt, Hondo, Tex., Mexico	West Texas
1928.	Miss Blanche O'Briant, Durham, N. C., Mexico	North Carolina
1928.	Miss Eurania Pyron, † Jackson, Miss., Poland	Mississippi
1929.	Miss Priscilla Walker, Ashland, Miss., Mexico	North Mississippi
1929.	Miss Gertrude Clapp, † Birmingham, Ala., Brazil	North Alabama
1929.	Miss Elizabeth Dent, † Atlanta, Ga., China	North Georgia
1929.	Miss Oda Campbell, * McKinney, Tex., Mexico	North Texas
1929.	Miss Hortense Murry, Arkadelphia, Ark., Congo	Arkansas

1929. Miss Lelia Bagley, LaGrange, Ga., Japan.....	North Alabama
1930. Miss Althea Cronk, Shelbyville, Mo., Japan.....	West Texas
1930. Miss Berta Hirtzler, Kenner, La., Mexico.....	Louisiana
1930. Miss Grace Goodwin, Wagner, S. C., Cuba.....	South Carolina
1930. Miss Aultie Burns, Nashville, Tenn., Brazil.....	Tennessee
1930. Miss Robbie Lee Leggett, Allen, Miss., China.....	Mississippi
1931. Miss Elizabeth Sneedden, Bath, N. C., Brazil.....	North Carolina
1932. Miss Margaret Pilley, † Mineral Wells, Tex., China.....	North Texas
1932. Miss Lillian Maxfield, Muskegon, Mich., Brazil.....	Tennessee
1932. Miss Alma Metcalfe, Decatur, Ga., Japan.....	North Georgia
1932. Miss Elizabeth Deloache, R.N., Camden, S. C., China.....	South Carolina
1933. Miss Mary O. Holler, † Newberry, S. C., China.....	Upper South Carolina

\*Deceased. †Married. ‡Retired. ¶Transferred to Home Base of the Board of Missions.

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### INACTIVE HOME WORKERS SINCE 1922

YEAR	NAME	HOME ADDRESS	CONFERENCE	RELATION
1910.	Acton, Mrs. Julia,	Berkeley, Calif.	Pacific	Deceased
1922.	Addison, Lillian,	Caldwell, Tex.	Texas	Married
1926.	Ader, Edith,	Weaverville, N. C.	Western North Carolina	Released
1923.	Alexander, Mabel,	Birmingham, Ala.	North Alabama	Released
1909.	Alexander, Mrs. Mary B.,	Tampa, Fla.	Florida	Deceased
1909.	Allen, Bessie,	Hendersonville, N. C.	Western N. C.	Retired
1927.	Anderson, Mabel,	Dolphin, Va.	Virginia	Released
1931.	Atchley, Amo,	Valley Springs, Ark.	North Arkansas	Married
1912.	Black, Lillie,	Blossom, Tex.	North Texas	Deceased
1922.	Bobbitt, Ophelia,	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis	Deceased
1917.	Bond, Mrs. Carrie,	Tampa, Fla.	Florida	Retired
1909.	Borchers, Cora,	Birmingham, Ala.	Southwest Missouri	Released
1917.	Brand, Bessie,	Staunton, Va.	Baltimore	Married
1918.	Breeden, Bertie,	Roanoke, Va.	Baltimore	Married
1910.	Breeden, Rosa,	Remington, Va.	Baltimore	Married
1922.	Brewer, Grace,	Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee	Married
1916.	Bryan, Mrs. Selden,	Kingsree, S. C.	South Carolina	Deceased
1908.	Burton, Emma,	Kansas City, Mo.	Southwest Missouri	Deceased
1929.	Byers, Jessie Mae,	Ector, Tex.	North Texas	Married
1920.	Cannon, Elah,	Hemingway, S. C.	South Carolina	Married
1933.	Carlton, Lucy,	Hattiesburg, Miss.	Mississippi	Married
1932.	Carpenter, Mary,	Madison, Va.	Virginia	Married
1912.	Cloud, Ellen,	Pembroke, Ky.	Louisville	Trans. Foreign Dept.
1917.	Cole, Sue,	Glen Cove, Tex.	Central Texas	Married
1922.	Collins, Thyra Nell,	Headrick, Okla.	Oklahoma	Married
1913.	Cooper, Hazel,	Linden, Ala.	Alabama	Released
1932.	Cornett, Margaret,	Marion, Va.	Holston	Released
1908.	Cox, Elizabeth,	Dallas, Tex.	North Texas	Released
1925.	Davenport, Brooksie,	Ware Shoals, S. C.	Upper North Carolina	Married
1903.	Davis, Elizabeth,	Arcola, N. C.	North Carolina	Retired
1924.	Day, Blanche,	Dexter, Mo.	St. Louis	Released
1932.	Dodson, Johnia,	Ravencroft, Tenn.	Tennessee	Married
1909.	Dragoo, Rhoda,	Palmetto, Fla.	Florida	Retired
1915.	Dryer, Josephine,	St. Louis	St. Louis	Released
1909.	Ducker, Jennie,	Hopkinsville, Ky.	Louisville	Deceased
1908.	Duncan, Daisy,	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Holston	Released
1904.	Elliott, Maria,	Dallas, Tex.	North Texas	Retired
1920.	Field, Mrs. J. C.,	Americus, Ga.	South Georgia	Deceased
1910.	Ford, Sue T.,	Paris, Ky.	Kentucky	Retired
1915.	Gardner, Helen,	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis	Released
1935.	Garrett, Dorothy,	Dadeville, Ala.	North Alabama	Married
1908.	Gibson, Helen,	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis	Retired
1932.	Giles, Leona,	Penbrook, Va.	Virginia	Married
1922.	Gill, Jessie Drew,	Tuskegee, Ala.	Alabama	Retired
1932.	Glenn, Eunice,	Richland, Ga.	South Georgia	Married
1912.	Graham, Aletha,	Shelldmound, Tenn.	Holston	Deceased
1926.	Hall, Mrs. Virginia,	Barboursville, W. Va.	Western Virginia	Married
1923.	Hatcher, Lois,	Baxley, Ga.	South Georgia	Married
1910.	Harris, Laura,	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Holston	Deceased
1925.	Harrison, Crystal,	Sedalia, Mo.	Southwest Missouri	Married
1914.	Hasler, Mary,	Springfield, Mo.	Southwest Missouri	Retired
1920.	Hoke, Gaye,	Ronceverte, W. Va.	Baltimore	Released
1924.	Howell, Virginia,	Telephone, Tex.	North Texas	Released
1924.	Howie, Naomi,	Waynesville, N. C.	Western N. C.	Released
1922.	Hill, Juanita,	Campbellsburg, Ky.	Kentucky	Released
1907.	Jackson, Ethel,	Lancaster, S. C.	Upper South Carolina	Retired
1924.	Jetton, Mabel,	Shelby, N. C.	Western N. C.	Trans. Foreign Dept.
1931.	Johnson, Daisy,	New Albany, Miss.	North Mississippi	Married
1932.	Kelly, Lorena,	Mooreville, N. C.	Western N. C.	Trans. Foreign Dept.
1922.	Kennedy, Cleta,	Galveston, Tex.	Texas	Married
1905.	Kennedy, Mabel,	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis	Retired
1915.	Kimbro, Mary,	Cleburne, Tex.	Central Texas	Married
1924.	Lee, Elza Mae,	Kiowa, Okla.	Oklahoma	Married
1924.	Lenhoff, Lillian,	Salisbury, Mo.	Missouri	Married
1923.	Lewis, Annie,	Lexington, Ky.	Kentucky	Released
1920.	Lewis, Martha,	Tampa, Fla.	Florida	Retired
1924.	Lockwood, Elizabeth,	Birmingham, Ala.	North Alabama	Married
1932.	Lundy, Dorothy,	Kansas City, Mo.	Southwest Missouri	Married
1906.	Mann, Frances,	Winters, Tex.	Central Texas	Retired

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YEAR	NAME	HOME ADDRESS	CONFERENCE	RELATION
1915.	Miller, Frankie,	Lake Towaway, N. C.	Western North Carolina	Released
1923.	Miller, Olivia,	Rocky Point, N. C.	North Georgia	Married
1906.	Monohan, Selina,	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis	Deceased
1922.	Moore, Ida J.,	Valley Head, Ala.	North Alabama	Retired
1922.	Moore, Janie Lou,	Kingsville, Tex.	West Texas	Married
1933.	Morton, Fredda,	Abilene, Tex.	Northwest Texas	Married
1915.	Murphy, Rena,	Fort Worth, Tex.	Central Texas	Married
1925.	McCain, Pearle,	Searcy, Ark.	North Arkansas	Trans. Foreign Dept.
1922.	McCall, Mary Ella,	Fairfield, N. C.	North Carolina	Married
1913.	McClain, Nelle,	Martin, Tenn.	Memphis	Married
1930.	McCracken, Grace,	London, Ky.	Kentucky	Married
1929.	Neal, Mattie Lou,	Overton, Tex.	Texas	Trans. Foreign Dept.
1931.	Needham, Marian,	Corvallis, Ore.	Northwest	Married
1928.	Noll, Lena,	Glasgow, Mo.	Missouri	Married
1928.	Nutt, Martha,	Granbery, Tex.	Central Texas	Released
1924.	O'Bryant, Eunice,	Earle, Ark.	North Arkansas	Deceased
1918.	Olmstead, Emily,	Louisville, Ky.	Louisville	Released
1926.	Ormand, Myra,	Nashville, N. C.	North Carolina	Married
1928.	Osborne, Mary,	Ada, Okla.	Oklahoma	Married
1927.	Page, Lela,	Franklin, Tenn.	Tennessee	Released
1925.	Parham, Catherine,	College Park, Ga.	North Georgia	Trans. Foreign Dept.
1914.	Parker, Lillian,	Lindale, Tex.	Texas	Retired
1930.	Pederson, Selma,	Sayre, Okla.	Oklahoma	Married
1908.	Peeples, Adeline,	Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis	Retired
1924.	Pierce, Iva May,	Marthaville, La.	Louisiana	Released
1923.	Phillips, Eva Jo,	Houston, Tex.	Central Texas	Married
1923.	Ragan, Mildred,	London, Ky.	Kentucky	Married
1913.	Richardson, Falla,	Corinth, Miss.	North Mississippi	Married
1922.	Riggin, Rosalie,	Arkadelphia, Ark.	Little Rock	Married
1921.	Rowland, Grace,	Carrollton, Ky.	Kentucky	Released
1926.	Sargent, Bess,	Haleyville, Tenn.	North Alabama	Married
1924.	Setzler, Elise,	Cowpens, S. C.	Upper South Carolina	Married
1922.	Shearhouse, Carobel,	Savannah, Ga.	South Georgia	Married
1910.	Sheider, Alice,	Concord, Ga.	North Georgia	Retired
1930.	Shick, Hazel,	Farmington, Mo.	St. Louis	Married
1923.	Sitton, Lena,	Talladega, Ala.	North Alabama	Released
1929.	Smith, Louise Hill,	Owensboro, Ky.	Louisville	Married
1920.	Stackhouse, Agnes,	Columbia, S. C.	Upper South Carolina	Married
1907.	Stevenus, Ida,	Novia Scotia, Canada	Nova Scotia	Retired
1928.	Stillwell, Laura,	Hapeville, Ga.	North Georgia	Married
1925.	Stokes, Mary,	Nedawah, Ala.	Alabama	Married
1923.	Souby, Mrs. E. L.,	Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee	Released
1928.	Sykes, Maybeth,	Rockhill, S. C.	Upper South Carolina	Married
1932.	Taylor, Anna,	Crossville, Tenn.	Tennessee	Married
1903.	Taylor, Elizabeth,	Lamar, Mo.	Southwest Missouri	Retired
1922.	Taylor, Mary Alice,	Dallas, Tex.	North Texas	Married
1927.	Terry, Alaska,	Bluefield, W. Va.	Holston	Married
1910.	Thomas, Berta,	Catsaula, Ga.	North Georgia	Released
1929.	VanLahr, Margaret,	Lewisport, Ky.	Louisville	Released
1922.	Voight, Marguerite,	San Antonio, Tex.	West Texas	Married
1921.	Waggoner, Estelle,	Alaska, W. Va.	Baltimore	Released
1911.	Wahlroos, Wilhelmina,	Louisville, Ky.	Louisville	Retired
1914.	Walker, Kate,	Comanche, Tex.	Central Texas	Deceased
1926.	Wall, Emma,	Morristown, Tenn.	Holston	Released
1930.	Webb, Edith,	Chillicothe, Tex.	Northwest Texas	Married
1923.	Wells, Ethel,	Lockney, Tex.	Northwest Texas	Married
1929.	White, Blanche,	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis	Released
1918.	White, Mrs. Laura,	Rome, Ga.	North Georgia	Retired
1916.	Wike, Mattie,	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis	Released
1927.	Wilson, Alberta,	Moultrie, Ga.	South Georgia	Married
1929.	Wood, Lillie,	Haw River, N. C.	North Carolina	Married
1934.	Woolsey, Edith,	Greeneville, Tenn.	Holston	Married
1924.	Wright, Ellen,	Choula, Va.	Virginia	Married
1903.	Wright, Mattie,	Santa Ana, Calif.	Pacific	Retired
1912.	Wynne, Nelle,	Egan, Tex.	Central Texas	Married
1925.	Young, Mrs. Eugenia,	Plattsburg, Mo.	Missouri	Married

# HOME DEPARTMENT

## ACTIVE HOME WORKERS OF THE COUNCIL DEACONESSSES

YEAR	NAME	HOME ADDRESS	CONFERENCE
1919.	Alford, Annie	Magnolia, Miss.	Mississippi
1922.	Allen, Pattie	Knoxville, Tenn.	Holston
1924.	Anderson, Verdie	Spartanburg, S. C.	Upper South Carolina
1921.	Arnold, Katharine	Louisville, Ky.	Louisville
1931.	Aylor, Erlene	Aylor, Va.	Virginia
1928.	Baker, Athalia	Key West, Fla.	Florida
1935.	Baker, Francis	Durant, Miss.	North Mississippi
1922.	Bame, Fannie	Salisbury, N. C.	Western North Carolina
1935.	Barber, Cleo	Roanoke, Ala.	North Alabama
1927.	Barnett, Ola Lee	Clinton, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1928.	Barnwell, Mary Lou	Arabi, Ga.	South Georgia
1927.	Bartholomew, Ruth	Gladys, Va.	Virginia
1923.	Bell, Muriel	Temple, Tex.	Central, Tex.
1927.	Berglund, Josephine	Springfield, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1924.	Berkley, Ruby	Red Banks, Miss.	North Mississippi
1933.	Berry, Evelyn	Rosemont, Ga.	South Georgia
1906.	Blackwell, Florence	Kirksville, Mo.	Missouri
1923.	Blessing, Carmen	Berkeley, Calif.	Pacific
1924.	Boggs, Esther	Greenville, S. C.	Upper South Carolina
1927.	Bond, Mary Lou	Morrisville, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1911.	Bowden, Ella	Brownwood, Tex.	Central Texas
1936.	Bradley, Florence	Newport News, Va.	Virginia
1928.	Bulifant, Hazel	Hampton, Va.	Virginia
1917.	Bunn, Bessie	Little Rock, Ark.	Little Rock
1929.	Burris, Emma	Franklinton, La.	Louisiana
1923.	Campbell, Lila May	Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis
1922.	Cantrell, Rachel	Roanoke, Va.	Holston
1929.	Carryer, Ruth	Columbia, Mo.	Missouri
1932.	Carter, Mary	Woodlawn, Ky.	Kentucky
1925.	Chandler, Mamie	Sumter, S. C.	Upper South Carolina
1928.	Clark, Mabel	Louisville, Miss.	North Mississippi
1915.	Coburn, May	Birmingham, Ala.	North Alabama
1922.	Congleton, Jennie	Greenville, N. C.	North Carolina
1932.	Covington, Elizabeth	Clio, S. C.	South Carolina
1922.	Cox, Bertha	Sedalia, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1936.	Crenshaw, Eva	Martin, Ga.	North Georgia
1908.	Crim, Dorothy	Atlanta, Ga.	North Georgia
1913.	Cunningham, Ethel	Columbia, Mo.	Missouri
1912.	Cunningham, Mattie	Columbia, Mo.	Missouri
1910.	Daniel, Mary	Washington, La.	Louisiana
1924.	Davis, Myrta	Houston, Tex.	Texas
1931.	Davis, Winnie Lee	Jackson, Miss.	Mississippi
1928.	Davis, Zoe Anna	Houston, Tex.	Texas
1909.	Denton, Frances	Fort Smith, Ark.	North Arkansas
1927.	Diaz, Dolores	San Antonio, Tex.	West Texas
1920.	Dodd, Dorothy	Hartsville, Tenn.	South Georgia
1924.	Dorsey, Emily	Dallas, Tex.	North Texas
1930.	Drinker, Esther	Beggs, Okla.	Oklahoma
1917.	Driver, Mrs. Grace	Walnut Ridge, Ark.	North Arkansas
1922.	Duncan, Willia	Maceo, Ky.	Louisville
1910.	Durham, Hary Ora	Danville, Ky.	Kentucky
1922.	Eaton, Bess	Staffordsville, Va.	Holston
1926.	Edwards, Pearl	Pearle, Ga.	South Georgia
1916.	Eidson, Minnie Lee	Jonesboro, Ark.	North Arkansas
1928.	Ellis, Sallie	Clarksville, Tenn.	Tennessee
1914.	Ellison, Berta	Franklinville, N. C.	Western North Carolina
1922.	Eubanks, Moselle	Rome, Ga.	North Georgia
1911.	Fagan, Connie	Savannah, Ga.	South Georgia
1915.	Fail, Maude	Hattiesburg, Miss.	North Mississippi
1932.	Fernandez, Sara	Tampa, Fla.	Florida
1931.	Floyd, Mary	LaGrange, Ga.	North Georgia
1933.	Fowler, Anna Fay	Warsaw, Ky.	Louisville
1922.	Freeman, Mrs. Mary E.	Carlton, Ga.	North Georgia
1910.	Galney, Ellen	Fayetteville, N. C.	North Carolina
1915.	Gatewood, Grace	Myra, Tex.	North Texas
1923.	Gilbert, Ola	Marianna, Fla.	Alabama
1926.	Glendinning, Mary	Palmyra, Mo.	Missouri
1929.	Glenn, Cora Lee	Atmore, Ala.	Alabama

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YEAR	NAME	HOME ADDRESS	CONFERENCE
1911.	Godbey, Cornelia	Marietta, Ohio	Southwest Missouri
1923.	Greely, Addie	Jackson, Miss.	Mississippi
1924.	Green, Lottie	Bransford, Fla.	Florida
1933.	Grissom, Mary Eleanor	Columbia, Ky.	Louisville
1911.	Grizzard, Gertrude	Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee
1937.	Haggart, Marjorie	Vinton, La.	Louisiana
1933.	Harrison, Jeannetta	Winter Haven, Fla.	Florida
1933.	Haynes, Laura Mae	McMinnville, Tenn.	Tennessee
1930.	Head, Janet	Natchez, Miss.	Mississippi
1933.	Heard, Hyda	Covington, Ga.	North Georgia
1925.	Heflin, Ruth	Forest, Miss.	Mississippi
1923.	Hendricks, Lillie	Oneonta, Ala.	North Alabama
1923.	Hennen, Belle	Fairmount, Wa. Va.	Western Virginia
1909.	Henry, Willena	Rice, Tex.	Central Texas
1905.	Herrick, Sue	Whitney, Tex.	Central, Tex.
1928.	Hodgson, Clara	Colusa, Calif.	Pacific
1930.	Hodkins, Margaret	Kansas City, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1932.	Holmberg, Evelyn	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Oklahoma
1919.	Hooper, Ella K.	Houma, La.	Louisiana
1927.	Hooper, Ora	Rosedale, La.	Louisiana
1909.	Hoover, Dora	Newton, N. C.	Western North Carolina
1921.	Howard, Frances	Blytheville, Ark.	North Arkansas
1923.	Howard, Nellie	Louisville, Ky.	Louisville
1930.	Hyde, Martina	Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis
1932.	Johnson, Annabelle	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Oklahoma
1937.	Johnson, Rosamond	Columbus, Ga.	South Georgia
1925.	Kagey, Lula	Norfolk, Va.	Virginia
1925.	Kee, Sarah	Rodman, S. C.	Upper South Carolina
1932.	Kelley, Pearlye Maye	Newnan, Ga.	North Georgia
1924.	Kuntz, Sophie	New Orleans, La.	Louisiana
1935.	Law, Louise	Greenville, Miss.	North Mississippi
1932.	Leeper, Alpharetta	Muskogee, Okla.	Okla.
1922.	Leighty, Edith	St. Joseph, Mo.	Missouri
1932.	Lemons, Leone	Kansas City, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1922.	Leveridge, Ura	Cisco, Tex.	Central Texas
1932.	Littlejohn, Mary Beth	Pacelot, S. C.	Upper South Carolina
1926.	Long, Lena	Trenton, S. C.	Upper South Carolina
1925.	Long, Lora	Vernon, Tex.	Northwest, Tex.
1935.	Lovin, Julia	Decatur, Ala.	North Alabama
1915.	Lowder, Sara	Rutherford College, N. C.	North Carolina
1926.	McCoy, Eula	McKenzie, Tenn.	Memphis
1936.	McCracken, Sarah	Durham, N. C.	North Carolina
1923.	McLarty, Alice	Vernon, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1927.	Marshall, Maggie	Fishing Creek, Md.	Virginia
1929.	Martin, Inez	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis
1926.	Matkin, Iva Lou	Enloe, Tex.	North Texas
1931.	Matthews, Jewell	Tallasse, Ala.	Alabama
1932.	Mendez, Felicidad	Fort Worth, Tex.	Central Texas
1937.	Miller, Mary	Decatur, Ala.	North Georgia
1911.	Mitchell, Susie	Arlington, Tex.	Central Texas
1922.	Moore, Glenn	Little Rock, Ark.	Little Rock
1927.	Moorman, Wortley	Rustburg, Va.	Virginia
1914.	Morgan, Elma	Stephens, Ark.	Little Rock
1936.	Nesbit, Elsie	Smithville, Ga.	South Georgia
1922.	Nichols, Mary	Roxboro, N. C.	North Carolina
1932.	Nuttall, Shiela	Shreveport, La.	Louisiana
1909.	Palmore, Constance	Lynchburg, Va.	Virginia
1931.	Patton, Ruth	Hartshorne, Okla.	Oklahoma
1928.	Pederson, Lora Lee	Sayre, Okla.	Oklahoma
1933.	Phillips, Helen	Springdale, Ark.	North Arkansas
1922.	Porter, Carrie	Zwolle, La.	Louisiana
1928.	Porter, Willie May	Monroe, La.	Louisiana
1923.	Price, Annie	Bee House, Tex.	Central Texas
1908.	Ragland, Margaret	San Angelo, Tex.	West Texas
1924.	Reeves, Helen	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis
1924.	Reid, Dorothea	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis
1927.	Reil, Anita	San Antonio, Tex.	West Texas
1926.	Raynolds, Birdie	Newport, Va.	Baltimore
1929.	Riley, Alice	Hughes Springs, Tex.	Texas
1915.	Ritter, Daisy	Columbia, S. C.	Upper South Carolina
1932.	Robinson, Lucille	Bonne Terre, Mo.	St. Louis
1923.	Robinson, Mamie	Kileen, Tex.	Texas
1926.	Robinson, Martha	Jackson, Tenn.	Memphis
1923.	Rogers, Annie	Spartanburg, S. C.	Upper South Carolina
1930.	Rogers, Obra	Sarasota, Fla.	Florida
1926.	Russell, Elizabeth	Green Bay, Wis.	Southwest Missouri



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1922.	Sanders, Oscie	Houston, Tex.	Texas
1935.	Sargent, Julia	Birmingham, Ala.	North Alabama
1922.	Sells, Mae	Long Beach, Miss.	Mississippi
1909.	Smith, Eugenia	Union, S. C.	Upper South Carolina
1929.	Smith, Una	Cartersville, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1936.	Southard, Julia	Schoolfield, Va.	Virginia
1928.	Stewart, Martha	Weatherford, Okla.	Oklahoma
1919.	Stroup, Nettie	Farmersville, Tex.	North Texas
1925.	Teel, Susie	Waco, Tex.	North Texas
1927.	Thatcher, Grace	Tucson, Ariz.	Arizona
1912.	Tinsley, Lois	Leslie, Ga.	South Georgia
1906.	Trawick, Annie	Opelika, Ala.	Alabama
1924.	Vivian, Lexie	Carrizo Springs, Tex.	West Texas
1919.	Vogel, Emma	Linn, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1911.	Waddell, Evelyn	Knoxville, Tenn.	Holston
1921.	Watts, Mrs. Bithiah	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Holston
1933.	Webster, Verna	Oxford, La.	Louisiana
1936.	White, Bertha May	Los Angeles, Calif.	Pacific
1915.	Whiteside, Florence	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Little Rock
1922.	Wilkinson, Jane	Union Level, Va.	Virginia
1933.	Williams, Bessie	Shreveport, La.	Louisiana
1932.	Willings, Ollie	Waco, Tex.	Central Texas
1929.	Womack, Mollie	Nacona, Tex.	Texas
1923.	Young, Margaret	Luray, Va.	Baltimore

## APPOINTMENTS OF HOME WORKERS, 1937-1938

### ALABAMA

- Eva Comer Home, 1730 Eighth Avenue North, Birmingham, Ala.: Deaconess Florence Whiteside.  
Bethlehem House, 801 North Forty-sixth Street, Birmingham, Ala.: Deaconess Fannie Bame.  
Ensley Community House, 1404 Avenue H, Ensley, Ala.: Deaconess Dorothy Crim, Miss Virginia Tyler (emp.), Miss Anne Stevens Lewis (emp.).  
Wesley House, 314 Chandler Street, Montgomery, Ala.: Deaconess Bessie Bunn.  
Cajan Work, Mount Vernon, Ala.: Deaconess Eva Crenshaw, Deaconess Myrta Davis.  
Dumas Wesley House, Mobile, Ala.: Deaconess Ruth Carryer.

### ARKANSAS

- Little Rock Conference Rural, Camden District: Miss Gladys Hill (emp.).  
North Arkansas Conference Rural, LaRue Star Route, Rogers, Ark.: Deaconess Dora Hoover.

### CALIFORNIA

- Homer Toberman Mission, 2017 Violet Street, Los Angeles, Calif.: Deaconess Caroline Porter, Deaconess Mabel Clark.  
Mary Elizabeth Inn, 1040 Bush Street, San Francisco, Calif.: Deaconess Glenn Moore, Deaconess Mary Daniel.

### FLORIDA

- Wolf Settlement, 2801 Seventeenth Street, Tampa, Florida: Deaconess Grace Thatcher, Deaconess Alpharetta Leeper, Deaconess Pearlye Maye Kelley, Miss Bobbie Burris (emp.).  
Rosa Valdez Settlement, 1802 North Albany Street, Tampa, Fla.: Miss Julia Reid (Missionary), Deaconess May Coburn, Miss Louise Weeks (emp.).  
Wesley House, 1106 Varela Street, Key West, Fla.: Deaconess Martha Robinson, Deaconess Sara Fernandez.  
State Woman's College, 705 West Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Fla.: Deaconess Frances Baker.

### GEORGIA

- Wesley House, 342 Richardson Street, Southwest, Atlanta, Ga.: Deaconess Mary Lou Bond, Deaconess Cleo Barber, Deaconess Rosamond Johnson.  
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.: Deaconess Ruth Bartholomew, Deaconess Evelyn Berry.  
Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga.: Miss Thelma Stevens (emp.), Miss Dorothy Weber (emp.), Mrs. Allie Gardiner (col. emp.).  
Hamp Stevens Memorial Church, Columbus, Ga.: Deaconess Addie Greely, Miss Mary Whitfield (emp.).  
North Georgia Rural, Franklin, Ga.: Miss Bert Winter (emp.).  
South Georgia Rural, Cairo, Ga.: Miss Bessie Miller (emp.).  
Vashti School, Thomasville, Ga.: Deaconess Daisy Ritter, Deaconess Mary Floyd, Deaconess Esther Boggs, Deaconess Leone Lemons, Miss Lena Chambers (emp.), Miss Ruth Wyche (emp.), Miss Pearl Walrath (emp.), Miss Margaret Stewart (emp.).

### KENTUCKY

- Sue Bennett College, London, Ky.: Mr. K. C. East, President, Deaconess Clara Mae Sells, Deaconess Ola Lee Barnett, Deaconess Jeanetta Harrison.  
Wesley House, 805 East Washington Street, Louisville, Ky.: Deaconess Ellen Gainey, Deaconess Elizabeth Russell.  
Kentucky Coal Fields, Millstone, Ky.: Deaconess Pattie Allen.  
Kentucky Conference Rural, Yancey, Ky.: Deaconess Bithiah Reed Watts.  
Louisville Conference Rural, Monticello, Ky.: Deaconess Cora Lee Glenn.  
Howard Business School, 206 Collins Court, Louisville, Ky.: Deaconess Nellie Howard.

### LOUISIANA

- St. Mark's Hall, 1130 North Rampart Street, New Orleans, La.: Deaconess Mary Lou Barnwell, Deaconess Julia Southard, Deaconess Julia Lovin, Deaconess Hazel Bulifant.  
Louisiana Conference Rural, Oak Grove, La.: Deaconess Shiela Nuttall.  
First Methodist Church, South, Shreveport, La.: Deaconess Grace Gatewood.  
Co-operative Home, 412 Fannin Street, Shreveport, La.: Deaconess Mary E. Freeman.  
MacDonell Wesley House, Box 270, Houma, La.: Deaconess Ella K. Hooper, Deaconess Elizabeth Covington, Deaconess Lillie Hendricks, Deaconess Ollie Willings, Deaconess Emma Vogel (nurse), Deaconess Anna Fay Fowler, Deaconess Lottie Green, Deaconess Mary Beth Littlejohn.  
Louisiana Conference, Cedar Grove, La.: Deaconess Verna Webster.

### MISSISSIPPI

- Wesley House, 1333 East Beach Street, Biloxi, Miss.: Deaconess Mattie Cunningham, Deaconess Ethel Cunningham.  
Moore Community House, 932 Davis Street, Biloxi, Miss.: Deaconess Sallie Ellis, Deaconess Sophie Kuntz.

North Mississippi Rural, Merigold, Miss.: Deaconess Marjorie Haggart.  
 Church Worker, Greenville, Miss.: Deaconess Louise Law.  
 Wesley House, 1520 Eighth Avenue, Meridian, Miss.: Deaconess Annie Trawick.

## MISSOURI

Wesley House, 200 Cherokee Street, St. Joseph, Mo.: Deaconess Juanita Hill, Deaconess Helen Reeves, Deaconess Laura May Haynes.  
 Spofford Home, 5501 Cleveland Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.: Deaconess Annie Alford, Deaconess Esther Drinker, Miss Ruth Brooks (emp.).  
 Troost Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Kansas City, Mo.: Miss Priscilla Steger (emp.).  
 Institutional Church, 702 Admiral Boulevard, Kansas City, Mo.: Deaconess Dorothy Dodd, Deaconess Una Smith, Miss Mary Elizabeth Kennedy (emp.).  
 Kingdom House, 1102 Morrison St., St. Louis, Mo.: Deaconess Pearle Edwards, Deaconess Eleanor Grissom.  
 Hendrix Hall, Columbia, Mo.: Mrs. Sue Jones Cotton (emp.), Director and Business Manager.

## NORTH CAROLINA

Eastern Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, N. C.: Deaconess Zoe Anna Davis.  
 Sunny Acres, Lewisville, N. C.: Deaconess Hyda Heard, Miss Anna Ogburn (emp.).  
 Bethlehem House, 408 Hickory Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.: Miss Marian Brincefield (col. emp.).

## OKLAHOMA

Wesley House, 1112 South Walker Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Deaconess Mary Nichols Miss Bess Sharp (emp.).  
 Wesley House, Picher, Okla.: Deaconess Susie Mitchell.  
 Oklahoma Conference Rural, Smithville, Okla.: Deaconess Minnie Lee Eidson.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Wesley House, 1310 Huger Street, Columbia, S. C.: Miss Mary L. Freeman (emp.).  
 Wesley House, 67 South Boulevard, Orangeburg, S. C.: Deaconess Evelyn Waddell.  
 Bethlehem House, 161 Druid Avenue, Spartanburg, S. C.: Deaconess Berta Ellison.

## TENNESSEE

Wesley House, 1505 Polk Street, Chattanooga, Tenn.: Deaconess Ruth Heflin.  
 Centenary Church, 401 McCallie, Chattanooga, Tenn.: Deaconess Dorothea Reid.  
 Bethlehem House, 1403 College Street, Chattanooga, Tenn.: Deaconess Josephine Berglund, Miss Leila Heidt (emp.).  
 Holston Orphanage, Greeneville, Tenn.: Deaconess Belle Hennen.  
 Wesley House, 1217 Marion Street, Knoxville, Tenn.: Deaconess Bess Eaton.  
 Wesley House, 562 North Fifth Street, Memphis, Tenn.: Deaconess Athalia Baker, Deaconess Birdie Reynolds.  
 Bethlehem House, 633 South Lauderdale, Memphis, Tenn.: Deaconess Ruby Berkley, Deaconess Martha Stewart.  
 Wesley House, 202 Castle Street, Murfreesboro, Tenn.: Deaconess Constance Palmore.  
 Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.: Deaconess Mary Ora Durham.  
 Scarritt Rural Training Project, Nashville, Tenn.: Deaconess Sarah McCracken.  
 Wesley House, 129 Wharf Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.: Deaconess Margaret Marshall, Deaconess Jewell Matthews, Deaconess Inez Martin, Miss Thelma Heath (emp.).  
 Bethlehem House, 314 Fifteenth Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn.: Deaconess Alice McLarty, Deaconess Annie Rogers, Miss Olivia Napoleon (col. emp.).  
 Centenary Institute, 612 Monroe Street, Nashville, Tenn.: Deaconess Willia Duncan, Deaconess Bessie Williams.

## TEXAS

Kirby Hall, Austin, Tex.: Mrs. A. B. Smith, Director (emp.), Mrs. C. F. Yeager, Business Manager (emp.).  
 Mexican Rural Work, Western Mexican Conference, Box 1045 Alpine, Tex.: Deaconess Anita Reil.  
 West Texas Teachers' College, Canyon, Tex.: Deaconess Oscie Sanders.  
 Girls' Home, 529 East Ninth Street, Dallas, Tex.: Deaconess Emily Dorsey.  
 Mexican Work, 2502 North Akard Street, Dallas, Tex.: Deaconess Nettie Stroup, Deaconess Lexie Vivian, Deaconess Annie Price.  
 Virginia K. Johnson Home, 901 South Madison, Dallas, Tex.: Deaconess Susie Teel, Superintendent, Deaconess Eula McCoy, Miss Emily Tuttle (emp.), Miss Alma Pitts (nurse), (emp.).  
 College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Tex.: Miss McQueen Weir (emp.).  
 Mexican Community Center, 515 South Kansas Street, El Paso, Tex.: Deaconess Florence Blackwell, Deaconess Sue V. Herrick, Deaconess Evelyn Holmberg, Deaconess Bertha May White.  
 Wesley House, 2131 North Commerce Street, Fort Worth, Tex.: Deaconess Jennie Congleton, Miss Mattie Varn (emp.).  
 First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Fort Worth, Tex.: Deaconess Annabelle Johnson.

Mexican Circuit, Georgetown, Tex.: Deaconess Mamie Robinson.  
 East Texas Oil Fields, Little T Apartments, Route 4, Longview, Tex.: Deaconess Willie May Porter.  
 Co-operative Home, 1111 McKee Street, Houston, Tex.: Deaconess Lora Long.  
 Methodist Hospital, Houston, Tex.: Deaconess Sarah Kee.  
 Mexican Community House, 1815 Rothwell, Houston, Tex.: Deaconess Eugenia Smith, Deaconess Elma Morgan.  
 Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.: Deaconess Ura Levering, Deaconess Mary Glendinning, Deaconess Iva Lou Matkin, Deaconess Ora Hooper.  
 Valley Institute, Pharr, Tex.: Deaconess Bertha Cox, Superintendent, Deaconess Ruth Patton, Deaconess Frances Denton, Deaconess Felicidad Mendez, Deaconess Jane Wilkinson.  
 Wesley House, 150 Colima Street, San Antonio, Tex.: Deaconess Mollie Womack, Deaconess Elsie Nesbit, Deaconess Lila May Campbell, Deaconess Clara Hodgson.  
 Mexican Center, San Marcos, Tex.: Deaconess Willena Henry.

## VIRGINIA

Coal Fields, Buchanan County, Va.: Deaconess Obra Rogers.  
 Wesley House, 626 Upper Street, Danville, Va.: Deaconess Margaret Hodkins.  
 Wright Memorial Church, Portsmouth, Va.: Deaconess Florence Bradley.  
 Richmond Methodist Orphanage, Richmond, Va.: Deaconess Wortley Moorman.  
 Wilson Inn, 3208 East Broad Street, Richmond, Va.: Deaconess Mary Miller.  
 Trinity Institutional Church, 2000 East Broad Street, Richmond, Va.: Deaconess Ella Bowden.  
 Young People's Worker, Church and Brown Hall, Williamsburg, Va.: Deaconess Mamie J. Chandler.  
 Brown Hall, Williamsburg, Va.: Mrs. Annie V. Deaton (emp.).  
 Rural, 202 Claiborne Street, Rocky Mount, Va.: Mrs. Minnie Webb Forrest (emp.).

## WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia Conference, Coal Fields, Amherstdale, W. Va.: Deaconess Helen Philips, Miss Mae Wess Bell (emp.).  
 Holston Conference Coal Fields, Deaconess Ola Gilbert, Deaconess Virdie Anderson, Deaconess Maude Fail, Deaconess Lula Kagey, Deaconess Sarah Lowder, Miss Emma Johnson (emp.).  
 New Coal Field Project, W. Va.: Deaconess Cornelia Godbey.

## GRANTED FURLOUGH

Deaconesses Erlene Aylor, Carmen Blessing, Emma Burris, Rachel Cantrell, Dolores Diaz, Winnie Lee Davis, Moselle Eubanks, Gertrude Grizzard, Frances Howard, Martina Hyde, Mary Riddle, Lois Tinsley.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Deaconess Alice Riley.

## CONTINUED ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Deaconesses Mary Carter, Lora Lee Pederson.

## GRANTED SICK LEAVE

Deaconess Janet Head.

## GRANTED SPECIALIZED STUDY

Deaconess Margaret Young.

## TO BE RELEASED

Deaconesses Muriel Bell, Margaret Cornett, Dorothy Garrett, Leona Giles, Lena Long, Rosalie Riggan, Lucille Robinson, Julia Sargent.

## ON TEMPORARY RETIREMENT

Deaconesses Katherine Arnold, Mrs. Grace Driver, Edith Leighty, Constance Palmore, Margaret Ragland.

## GRANTED RETIREMENT

Deaconess Connie Fagan.

## CONTINUED ON RETIRED RELATIONSHIP

Deaconesses Bessie Allen, Elizabeth Billingsley, Mrs. Carrie Bond, Ellen Cloud, Elizabeth Davis, Minnie Davis, Rhoda Drago, Maria Elliott, Sue Ford, Helen Gibson, Jessie Drew Gill, Mary Hasler, Ethel Jackson, Mabel Kennedy, Martha Lewis, Frances Mann, Ida J. Moore, Lillian Parker, Adaline Peeples, Ida Stevens, Elizabeth Taylor, Wilhelmina Wahlroos, Mattie Wright.

## DECEASED

Deaconesses Jennie Ducker, Kate Walker.

# REPORTS FROM THE HOME FIELD

## BIBLE TEACHERS IN STATE SCHOOLS

### West Texas State Teacher's College, Canyon, Tex.

Deaconess Oscie Sanders, Bible Teacher, reports:

Summer term—Course 2; students, 15.

Fall Semester, 36-37—Course 4; students, 21.

Spring Semester, 37—Course 3; students, 22.

This makes a total of nine courses and fifty-eight students.

The enrolment continues to be small. The students on the whole have been of high caliber and have evidenced genuine interest in the work.

The college authorities continue to be friendly and offer encouragement for the work.

The women of the conference have given evidence of their interest through the gift of twenty-two volumes to be used in connection with the work in the various courses.

The two experiences outside the field of teaching that are worthy of mention is the contact with the women of the conference last spring where I was asked to present the devotional talks, and the conducting of a forum for the Young People's Department of the local church. Both of these contacts are considered invaluable.

The work with the business and professional women in the church school has continued this year, and has been both interesting and stimulating.

### Texas State College for Women, Denton, Tex.

Miss McQueen Weir, Professor of Bible, reports:

The Bible Department of the Texas State College for Women is rejoicing over another year of large accomplishment. The students in the college Bible courses have numbered 564. There are several majors in the department and about 20 minoring in Bible. I teach 22 hours of Bible in the college per week. I have been given a fine room in the new Science Building, one full-time student assistant, two half-time student assistants and an allowance of \$50 for library books for this year.

I have done some outside speaking, and the college has launched a Correspondence Division in which I am offering six Bible courses and one New Testament Greek course.

The students are earnest, and we all are very happy to have this opportunity for Bible study.

## CHURCH DEACONESSES

### Mexican Work, Austin Circuit, Austin, Tex.

Deaconess Mamie Robinson reports:

Having worked seven months of the year 1936 in the Laredo Circuit, I wish to report that there were received into the church thirty-six new members, with many others having been influenced by the work who will doubtless join later. We had five Daily Vacation Bible Schools through which many heard for the first time the beautiful Bible stories. During the time of the schools in Hebbronville and

Benvides the mothers were taught to can their surplus fruit and vegetables, thus helping provide better food for their families. The revival services held during the evenings were well attended.

These months brought to a close four years of work in that circuit, during which I helped the pastor in training the members to help carry on the work by visiting, distributing religious tracts, giving personal invitations to the services, and in helping every way possible to win souls to Christ. I am sure the time will soon come when they will see some of their mission appointments become organized churches.

So with gratitude in my heart for the results of the work in Laredo I came to Austin Circuit, where I trust I shall be able to see the work grow as the members and I join in helping our pastor. Much of the time has been spent in getting acquainted with our membership, finding those who have been lost to the church, trying to bring them back, and in visiting the unsaved near our church, seeking to interest them in attending our services. Tracts are left in each home with a prayer that these will lead to the salvation of lost souls. I have helped with the Story Hour for the children and with the other organizations as much as possible. I have aimed to help awaken the many capable members to their responsibility for the scores of unsaved about them, so that more of my time may be given to places where there is no such help.

Our membership at Georgetown is small—fifty-one—but we expect to see it grow as the weather permits more visiting on the farms. There are groups on these farms too far from town to attend church regularly, so we visit them and hold services in one of the homes.

At Round Rock, where many are employed by a lime company, we have service each week. This is the only opportunity they have to hear the gospel. There is much interest in the services, and we hope to visit other communities during the months to come.

#### Trinity Methodist Church, El Paso, Tex.

Deaconess Florence Bradley reports:

Giving service through deaconess work in Trinity Church is a joy and privilege. The spirit of co-operation on the part of the pastor, Board of Stewards, Board of Christian Education, Missionary Society, and church school has been splendid.

I have been greatly blessed through visiting prospective members (most of whom are strangers in the city), the sick, and new members. I pray that Christ may bless them through these contacts. The names of those visited are given to groups in the church and church school in which these people may find fellowship and a place of service. Women of the Missionary Society and church school workers have been helpful by following up these visits. During the past five months 500 calls have been made in the homes.

I am grateful for opportunities to assist in promoting the program given by our Local Board of Christian Education and in participating on programs and serving on committees of the Missionary Society.

The work of the young people challenges the best that is within me and presents great possibilities for joyous service for them. Outstanding activities have been coaching conferences for worship leaders each month, a Christmas play for the church, joint meetings with Mexican young people, large number of the Young People's Division attending a special church service in a group, caroling on Christmas Eve for shut-ins, conferences with young people and workers, attending their council and department meetings, lending helpful books and materials, teaching classes, assisting in promoting the Christian Workers' Training School, etc.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunities of service that have been made possible for me this year through Trinity Church to work for Him who said, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

#### Young People's Worker, Church and Brown Hall, Williamsburg, Va.

Deaconess Mamie Chandler reports:

As Young People's Worker in the Church and Brown Hall, our Methodist dormitory for girls, I have the opportunity of daily contact with the students of the College of William and Mary. Since the college has discontinued its department of religion, our Church is faced with the large opportunity and increasing responsibility of adapting its program to meet the needs of student life. Our Church is located just across the street from the main entrance to the campus. The students are given a cordial welcome to all its services and an opportunity to participate in its program through the church school, the Youth Choir, and other activities. It is my privilege to act as student counselor through the Wesley Foundation program, which provides for worship, discussion, recreation, and leadership training, based on student needs. My study in the church is the meeting place for the Wesley Foundation cabinet and committees, and materials for use in the various phases of the program are available there. The students feel free to come in for a friendly chat, or a cup of tea, and stay to talk over their problems with the counselor. Many other opportunities are found for personal counseling, which is the most important work of the Christian leader.

My living-room is provided in Brown Hall, and I co-operate with the House Mother in making a home for the seventy-seven girls who live in our dormitory. Social gatherings for "our family" in the big living-room, parties, and refreshments served during examinations promote a spirit of real fellowship; weekly vespers and observance of special seasons provide for worship and the presentation of ideals of Christian living; "bull sessions," friendly visits, and constant association in the dormitory offer many opportunities for the interpretation of a Christian philosophy of life.

#### Trinity Institutional Church, Richmond, Va.

Deaconess Ella Bowden reports:

I came to historic old Trinity Church, known as "the church with the tall spire," the last week in September, 1936. Trinity Institutional Church, as it is now termed, is the experimental center for City Mission activities, co-operating with the relief and social agencies. It is in sympathetic contact with nearly every center in the city, meeting a response that is remarkable.

I am grateful to our Heavenly Father for a place to work where need is great. It is a great pleasure to work with a broad-minded Christian young man, such as our pastor, the Reverend Garland E. Hopkins.

Besides helping in the church organizations, the Woman's Missionary Society, Sunday school, Young People's Forum, I have organized for the week-day program a sewing school for girls, story and music hour for boys and girls, Girl Reserve Club, Younger Mothers' Club, a community night program. We have also a Boy Scout Troop.

We have a weekly noonday luncheon and Bible class. The class is taught by Dr. Henry Mack of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

There is fine co-operation between the Citizens' Service Exchange

and Trinity Church. A group of people from the Exchange attend this luncheon, and also a weekly noonday preaching hour service.

We do friendly visiting in the community and have secured a music teacher who gives her services for a few talented girls.

We are grateful for some splendid volunteer help, but could use much more.

May the Lord use me daily, unselfishly, in this great field is my prayer.

#### Virginia Conference Rural Industrial, Rocky Mount, Va.

Mrs. Minnie Webb Forrest reports:

The work which was opened here in September is a new and challenging field. It is pioneer work in many respects. One of the chief objectives has been to create a feeling of responsibility for home and family life. Possibly the most constructive work that has been done thus far has been the enlistment of the court and government agencies in family rehabilitation. The Trial Justice calls in your worker for consultation in all cases where children and home life are involved. This carries throughout the county as well as with our industrial group here.

The following statements show some of the things being undertaken: A survey of Northside giving the status of the industrial workers. Two hundred and seventy-two home interviews. Twenty-eight cottage prayer meetings held. Taught Hi-Y Bible course with thirty high school girls enrolled. Found homes for and placed three children. Secured permanent work for eight people. Spoke for the Red Cross in the local theater to help raise the county quota for the flood sufferers. Secured the co-operation of the judge and sheriff and got the county jail cleaned up. Attended two meetings of the Franklin County Religious Workers' Council. Organized and am sponsoring the Young People's Division in the Rocky Mount Church. Chairman of the Christian Social Relations Committee. Serve on the Local Board of Christian Education and on the Missionary Committee. Teach a Sunday school class of young women. Helped Dr. Tuttle, our pastor, teach *By the Waters of Bethesda*; the County Agent and WPA Supervisor assisted.

These seven months have been busy, happy months. My prayer is that God may give me the grace and the strength and the wisdom to face the task which has been assigned to me.

#### CO-OPERATIVE HOMES

##### Eva Comer Home, Birmingham, Ala.

Deaconess Kate Walker, Superintendent, Miss Blanche Kemp, Dietitian, report:

During the last twelve months we have had many changes in the Eva Comer Home, many girls coming in and many going out, for the largest number of girls staying here are schoolgirls, either in business college or beauty schools. With one of our annexes still closed we may accommodate only thirty-five girls, the number with us during the year was ninety-three. This looks like a large turnover. Only once during that time did we have a waiting list.

It is a privilege to touch the lives of young people. Today there is one need that is uppermost in all lives—an experimental knowledge of the Spirit of Christ. It is a Christ of history or mythology of whom so many of them think and not a living, personal Friend who should be the central and regulative power in the program of their lives. In praying with them over their problems, when prayer is an-



swered, they seem strangely moved as if some uncanny power was at work in their behalf. I am speaking of those girls who come from homes where Christian training has not been given.

Together with our Sunday Vesper service and the Thursday Bible Class, they have found food for the soul in the many series of services held in First Methodist Church and other nearby churches.

Many of them attended the Preaching Mission, hearing Dr. E. Stanley Jones and other speakers.

Dr. Henry Crane touched the young life of our home as he presented Christ in a new way of thinking to them. They said: "He makes one feel it is such a pleasure and privilege to be a Christian that no one would want to miss it."

As usual we observed each holiday with either a dinner or a program. Our Christmas party was very good; two of the girls planned the program and were the leaders of the contests and games.

Many repairs have been made during the year. Looking back over the months that have gone in the past, we feel they have been rich in opportunities and blessings.

#### Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Calif.

Deaconess Glenn Moore reports:

The Co-operative Home deaconess is somewhat in the position of a parent. Here we labor, day after day, busy here and there, yet always uppermost in our minds and hearts is our great family. No matter how busy our hands may be, we strive to keep our hearts open and responsive to all its needs. And we are not left without opportunity, for the needs and emergencies are many throughout a year.

The Inn family this year has consisted of two hundred and three. Many have been students in business, art, and beauty schools, but as usual the majority are business women. Our capacity is eighty-six, and we have had a full house all year. We have had quite a few weddings this year, and even the personnel of the staff has been changed through the same reason. These we have seen go without regret, feeling that they were going into greater happiness and usefulness.

Our classes of the Emergency Educational Program have continued throughout the year. At present there are three meeting in our auditorium. The latest is a shorthand and dictation class organized at the request of the girls.

We have had some sick but not seriously so. Some have been without work but a smaller number than last year. The unpleasant things have been so far outbalanced by the wholesome, happy life which the girls have been privileged to live that we feel, in looking back, we have only thanksgiving to offer.

Many improvements in the physical home have been made. Our auditorium has been made available for our Monday night service, where we have ample room and can meet undisturbed. Fuller plans for these services have been made, and we are expecting more benefit through the coming year than we have yet been able to see.

We have co-operated with the Girls' Housing Council in an earnest effort to provide the San Francisco young business woman and student with a Christian home worthy of her needs and at a rate which she can afford, and as overseeing "parents" we have loved the task. Surely there is no greater opportunity to share with others His spirit.

Deaconess Mary Daniel reports:

It is quite in keeping with the changing age in which we live, in one short year, to have worked in two states, in two types of

work, under widely differing circumstances, and most heartening to know that in both instances one was serving the same Heavenly Father and could draw upon the same inexhaustible supply for grace and strength.

January, 1936, found me busy in the schoolroom of the Virginia K. Johnson Home and School, where I was in charge of the high school. Most of the teaching was done by the students of S.M.U. However, it was my high privilege to have the Bible class. This group of girls, competing with more than four hundred other high school students of Dallas, came out ahead, winning a number of Bible pins, and the pennant offered by the Bible teachers' organization, and should have had the silver cup, which was lost by a technicality, though our class met the requirement, the highest class average in the city.

September first found me at my new appointment, Mary Elizabeth Inn, where I had served before, many years ago.

Many improvements have been made in the Inn since then, but I find little difference in the splendid group of young business women and their needs. In spite of their self-sufficiency, there is a hunger for and a response to a friendly interest. The days are filled with opportunities to hold up the Christ before them. May we not fail Him!

Besides the routine office work, helping with the Thanksgiving and Christmas festivities, and taking care of the sick, it has been my privilege to conduct the short worship service once a week. The young women do not respond in large numbers to this, but one girl, feeling that the small attendance might be discouraging, said that such an effort was not in vain as long as one person was helped, and that she had been benefited every time she had attended the services.

The fellowship with the staff has been pleasant and helpful, and we enter the new year confident of the continued leading of Him whom we love and serve.

#### Jubilee Inn, Shreveport, La.

Deaconess Mary E. Freeman, Head Resident, reports:

The true spirit of an institution cannot be put in words. It must be felt by those who cross its threshold. To have a stranger come in the Inn and say, "There is an atmosphere here that is different from other places and one keenly felt," we are pleased, for it must be like a home.

A home in a large city for a girl away from home is a great blessing. Jubilee Inn has been that home for nearly fifty girls during the past year. Then, as in the previous year, we found the need of more room. Many girls were disappointed because we had no room for them. Girls not only from Louisiana, but Arkansas, Mississippi, and Texas, have found a place here. All of the girls are engaged either in office work or attend school. Friends of auxiliaries in Louisiana and Arkansas have been good to us. Gifts for the pantry and linen closet have added enjoyment and comfort throughout the year. Some auxiliaries from Arkansas also sent gifts in checks.

Aside from the regular routine of daily life in the home, we have many diversions that are helpful and happy. A swimming party on a hot summer day not only gives recreation for the body, but an opportunity for forming friendship outside the home. A Valentine, St. Patrick's Day, or Halloween Dinner in the middle of the busy week brings relaxation and joy to tired bodies. Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas with devotionals and special dinners add zeal to our spirits.

True happiness is found when service is rendered for others. We found that so true in our Christmas celebrations last Christmas. Instead of receiving all for self, we choose two little colored children

as recipients for gifts and joys. Most of the girls were so enthusiastic about their gifts and received a great blessing in providing for these needy ones.

Above all else we strive to help girls in the development of character and spiritual life. It is a joy to hear some girl say, "I am glad you told me what you did, for it helped me so much"; or another, "I enjoy morning devotions more than anything else"; or yet another, when vespers have been discontinued for a week or two, "I missed vespers so much." Truly the little things encourage us as we see fine girls developing into womanhood in a wholesome and helpful manner.

#### Young Women's Co-operative Home, Houston, Tex.

Deaconess Lora Long, Head Resident, reports:

The past year has been a very busy, happy one for us at the Co-operative Home. The house has been practically filled all through the year, but in the past few months we have reached our capacity and then made room for a few more. Through the year 139 girls have been enrolled, and now we have a "family" of sixty. The enrolment has remained very steady, few changes being made.

As we watch our trim, attractive girls start off to work in the mornings, it is hard to realize that some of them are the same timid, scared little girls who came to us more than a year ago to attend Business College. It is a joy to see them develop.

One girl who has been here for several years had taken a business course and worked for a few years. She realized how much she needed more high school work, so she gave up her position and started back to school. She went for three years and made a splendid record both in scholarship and student activities. Last June she received her high school diploma, and I am sure there was not a happier graduate in all the group than she was. We gave her a shower, and she received many lovely gifts. After a short vacation she went back to Business College for review and now has a good position.

Last summer the girls had charge of the Vesper Services as they had done the year before. This time we let them choose their own topics and arrange all the programs. Much time and thought were spent in preparation, and they were beautifully given. Because of their interest this plan was continued until Christmas.

Some months ago we organized a Spiritual Life Group. Very little was said about it, and only those who were really interested came. There were usually from six to ten present. We studied *With Christ in the School of Prayer*, each taking her turn in leading. Some time was spent in discussion, then closed with prayer by the entire group. It was interesting that the two Catholic girls in the group took their turn in leading, also, in the prayers. We feel that this has been very helpful to the girls.

Our Christmas Party was the nicest we have ever had. The girls in the city who were married and others who had formerly lived with us were invited, and we all enjoyed the "family reunion."

This year we have had the whole interior of the house redecorated and the floors done over. It has made our home so much more attractive, and the girls are delighted with their pretty rooms.

With so many girls, of course, there are many problems, but the promise of our Lord, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be," has been proved true many times this year. Some of the most vital part of our work that comes through private interviews with the girls can never go into reports, but I trust is going into character development.

The opportunities for service are limitless, and my prayer is that I may be able to meet them in a Christlike way.

#### Wilson Inn, Richmond, Va.

Deaconess Frances Howard reports:

Nineteen hundred thirty-six was an outstanding year in the history of Wilson Inn, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the home. In making an evaluation of the work, financially the year 1936 goes on record as being the most successful. For the first time since the economic crisis the home has been filled to capacity.

Forty-seven girls from various sections of Virginia and North Carolina found their way to our home this past year, and since the home ministers to the student, naturally the turnover is large. In many cases when the girls are fortunate enough to secure positions they are glad to stay on in the home.

Ninety-eight per cent of the girls are members of some church, while 75 per cent are active in the different activities of the Church. Four girls became members of the Church of their choice this past year, which goes to prove just what the spiritual atmosphere of the home means to them. The girls plan and participate in the Sunday morning worship services. Certainly the cultivation and development of the "Spiritual Life" of our girls is most gratifying. I feel it a great privilege as well as a great opportunity to share with them the abundant life as I strive to set the example of daily living in their midst.

#### COTTON MILL WORK

##### Ensley Community House, Ensley, Ala.

Deaconess Dorothy L. Crim, Head Resident, reports:

On the afternoon of February 27, 1936, at a dedicatory service all the notes on our property were burned. While the house was opened February 1, 1913, since the grounds and buildings erected for us were given free of rent, it was not deemed wise to purchase this property until 1933. The down payment was one-half the purchase price. The beginning and substantial part of this amount was realized from entertainments and festivals during the years and saved for the expansion of the House. On the morning of February 27 a generous love gift from the North Alabama Conference convening in our city paid off the last of these notes. At the dedicatory service Mesdames J. W. Downs and Isaac Morris, our two presiding elders, several other ministers, all our Board officers, and many from the neighborhood, in band, orchestra, and song, took part in the beautiful and inspiring service.

Now for the new gymnasium: The cottage was moved to the corner of our lot. This necessitated the moving of playground apparatus, practically all the trees, shrubs, and plants, the taking up of old and making new walks, the cleaning of brick for chimneys and foundations, remodeling of the Scout House which also had to be moved. All of this except the moving of the house was done by men, young men, boys, and some NYA help without cost to our Board, a wonderful neighborhood project. So the grounds were ready for this new recreation hall or gymnasium, the \$12,000 gift from the Week of Prayer. This building, so substantially constructed, will be finished in February. The interest in this steel building is quite keen and not at all confined to our neighborhood. But we are not marking time until its completion.

A mutual help: The Ensley Community House NYA Project began in March. We have had thirty-three young women and sixteen young men during the year, for the most part from our neighborhood. They have mended more than one hundred chairs, made Scout uniforms, draperies, curtains, helped with clinics, cleaning, etc. Nineteen received Red Cross certificates in Home Hygiene and Nursing. The certainty of the hours here have enabled us to give to these youths a well-rounded program of life.

Co-operation with Birmingham-Southern College: Some students on NYA are assigned here for their hours of service. These are on doors, clerical, scouts, and group work. Some of these have been an inspiration to individuals as they have shared their lives. Also some students from Sociology classes receive credit for services rendered here in activities to which we assign them. This is practically a volunteer service in training and opens up a broader field of work for the settlement. We in turn give talks there on settlements. Another college connection was the acceptance in residence of two students assigned here for field work from the Alabama State Woman's College at Montevallo.

Two music schools: The one is the Band. Our best WPA teacher is our Professor of Music. Teaching daily, he has taught more than thirty boys to play well various instruments. Band night once a week is open to visitors. The other is our Piano, taught by a splendid volunteer from the Boston Conservatory of Music who has given hours of service.

Two clinics: We felt our Housekeeping Center of three rooms had served its day, so in one room with federal, city, and House assistance we set up a real clinic room. The children's and prenatal clinics are excellently manned by experts and doctors, while the City Health Department is still on the job of furnishing the nurses.

Again we reached the second highest percentage of attendance of the sixty-six Vacation Schools held in the city. At this school perhaps we do our best piece of work, and it was the joy not only of the pupils but also of the teachers.

Citizenship classes have been re-established, and a large group of foreign men come three nights a week for instruction in citizenship, speaking, reading, and writing English. The Mothers' Club, which not only is self-supporting and helpful financially to the House but also interprets to the outside the spirit of the House, has a very large membership that has grown no doubt spiritually, feeling we are one brotherhood, uniting all in service and love. A big part of the life of our House is Family Night and other special occasions, such as Anniversary, Mardi Gras, Easter, May Festival, picnics, Camp, State Fair, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and best of all, Christmas, with its message of peace and good will to all.

*The Upper Room* has met a felt need in our community. All residents work and are members of St. Luke Methodist Church, two blocks from the House.

Mrs. Ann Kron, Children's Worker, reports:

There have been 111 children enrolled this year in kindergarten with a usual attendance of forty-seven. In June and February thirty-six entered the first grade. Every child had received physical check-up in our clinic in connection with the summer round-up, and defects found were corrected as far as possible. We feel that the spiritual development, poise, and good habits gained in kindergarten will be a great help through life and that they in turn will mean much to the homes from which they come. All of the grown-ups at the

Community House thoroughly enjoy and receive much inspiration from our babies.

Miss Virginia Tyler, Girls' Worker, reports:

During the year the Dramatic Club has put on many plays, entering one in the dramatic tournament in our city. The special interest groups have had varied handicraft projects, some of which are rug making, weaving, embroidery, and crocheting. Attendance and interest in all activities for girls have been encouraging. There are home-makers' groups and many other similar clubs and certainly many in dressmaking and cooking classes.

Girl Scouts in this troop have made great progress this year and are now an Honor Troop. One girl from this troop was given a week at Camp Gertrude Coleman. We go on hikes and cook out in God's great out-of-doors.

It is a great joy to work with and share experiences with my girls. It inspires one to want to live nobly and to be of service to others.

Miss Ann S. Lewis, Boys' Worker, reports:

The most interesting part of the program for boys is the construction work in the woodwork shop. The boys are very proud of their own clubhouse and shop, the "Scout House," and they thoroughly enjoy making toys for themselves and others in the family and useful articles for their homes. Originality and skill are being developed in these construction groups while habits of care and perseverance are being formed. Playtime comes for all with ball games, marble games, football practice, and game boards. The younger boys in their "Mickey Mouse" Club have a happy time playing, working, and hiking together. Another interest of the younger boys is their own glee club in which they sing long and lustily the folk songs of many lands. Such often-asked questions as "Is today Club?" "Is this the day I saw and nail?" and "Do we sing today?" express an interest in and desire for the activities carried on by the boys. Growth, what an absorbing process to watch in others and also to know that it is a part of you, too.

Mr. Lawrence Fullington, Older Boys' Worker, reports:

My work this year has consisted of afternoon handicraft classes and the clubroom groups at night from seven to nine o'clock. In the clubroom during the winter various games are played and wholesome exercise is enjoyed by all. Radio programs have proven both educational and entertaining to these groups. On the playground out-of-door games are participated in by many, volley ball and touch football being two of the favorite ones.

Our Boy Scout troop last March won the grand prize at the Merit Badge Show held at the Municipal Auditorium, a beautiful silver loving cup. Model-making was selected, and after several weeks of untiring work the model boats, aeroplanes, etc., were completed.

#### Dumas Wesley House, Mobile, Ala.

Deaconess Gertrude Grizzard, Head Resident, Mrs. J. P. Roberts, Assistant, report:

Isa. 40: 31. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

In the faith of the many precious promises of God's Word, we have determined to exalt Jesus Christ, and lead our people to know him as a personal Savior.

In the midst of poverty, superstition, and other abnormal conditions to be found in our community, we have tried to teach our people the better things of life. How we have longed to make their houses over that they might be more like homes instead of camps. Our women are learning to can vegetables, fruit, and meat, and they are very proud of the fact that they bought their own canning outfit.

We have a good Woman's Club. They enjoy their weekly meetings at Wesley House. We have been studying the Prayer Life of Jesus this year. There is also a good Sunday school in our building each week. Our own people are the teachers.

A good revival was held during the year and was financed by our own people. An outstanding conversion was that of a young man, who had formed the dreadful habit of gambling. The day before he was saved, he lost all his weekly earnings in a gambling dive. He was genuinely saved and gives a beautiful testimony of his wife's continuous prayer in his behalf and of Jesus' power to save. He is a beautiful example of what the Lord can do with a surrendered life. Sometime during the year he was elected superintendent of our Sunday school.

Our children are our pride and joy. Most of them never miss any meeting that is planned for them.

Week-Day Bible School had an average attendance of seventy.

We had a good Sewing School, but did not have sufficient teachers.

One outstanding feature preceding each club session is a beautiful devotional period.

Our young people are studying the Bible and meeting two nights each week.

Easter was a joyous occasion at Wesley House, as our children sang and told the story of our risen Lord.

"The Handwork Exhibit," made by our people, was displayed in the large clubroom at the close of the year's activities.

Vacation Bible School was well attended and brought knowledge, character building, and recreation to our children.

There were garden suppers, outings, and parties, but best of all were the Christmas parties. "The White Gift Service" was an inspiring and beautiful occasion, as the Christ's birth was told in song and story. Near the close of the program our people brought their gifts to the altar. This offering was given to the orphanage at Selma, Ala.

We realize the shortness of our vision, the imperfection of our judgment, and the weakness of our effort; but when we commit our way unto the Lord and trust in him, he has promised to bring it to pass.

#### Wesley Community House, Meridian, Miss.

Deaconess Jennie C. Congleton, Head Resident, reports:

"Draw nigh unto God and he will draw nigh unto you" has a new and deeper meaning for me. As we take up duties in a new field, making new friends, assuming new responsibilities, we are always conscious of the need of close communion with and direction of the Master, whom we serve, and there comes to our lives great spiritual enrichment. Such has been my experience this fall.

I could not but wonder how the "new worker" would be received by the people to whom the former worker had given nine years of her life. My heart was warmed by the hearty and gracious welcome I received, and I no longer feel like the "new worker," but very much a part of the life of the community and people, whom I loved from the first.

It has been a joy to live and work with my co-worker, Miss Mattie Lou Davis, a local young woman, who has had a year at Scarritt and experience in other settlements. Under her direction the Boys' Club has progressed nicely and is a happy group of promising young lads. A new and enthusiastic club has been organized this fall, composed of girls from thirteen to seventeen. The Christmas pageant which they presented, inviting their parents, was impressive and inspiring to all.

The Sewing School of any Wesley House is always an interesting department of work.

One of the groups which brings me great joy is the Mothers' Club. They are always happy and interested in anything worth while. They made at the Wesley House, and contributed to the Old Ladies' Home for Christmas, a nice quilt.

One of the outstanding features of the Christmas holidays was a party which we gave for the pre-school children, for whom we have no regular activities at this time, but hope to have later.

There is no church connected with our work, but the Wesley Church is across the street, and as members we both give much of our time—teaching Sunday school classes, directing Intermediate League, assisting with the Missionary Society, and helping in any other way we can.

We are very grateful to the Spinster Club for the contribution of more than five hundred books, furnishing workers to prepare them for use and to give service during library hours.

This has been a happy fall's work, and I can heartily say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

#### Wesley Community House, Orangeburg, S. C.

Deaconess Connie Fagan, Head Resident, reports:

As we are thinking of the year's work at the Wesley House we are very grateful to Him who has led us through the year.

The Volunteer Workers have given freely of their time and services to the various departments of the work. The weekly classes with the girls, boys, and young people have had good attendance; social activities are held regularly.

Christmas programs were held at the Wesley House and church. Programs were presented by the boys and girls of classes.

The Daily Vacation Bible School was well attended. Showing the interest of the boys and girls in this work, this was the fifth year of attendance for a large group of boys and girls.

The children visit the library, cutting pictures from magazines to make posters for their public school work.

#### Wesley Community House, Danville, Va.

Deaconess Margaret Hodkins, Head Resident, Miss Louise Hodkins, Club Worker, and Miss Virginia Witt, Kindergarten, report:

Perhaps the most interesting project of the Wesley House has been our summer camp. It was made possible through financial help of friends and a shower of canned goods by the district auxiliaries. Thirty-two girls enjoyed their first experience, hiking, swimming, learning the names of trees and flowers, lessons in first aid, scouting, and sharing the work of camp.

We have the only registered troop of Girl Scouts in Danville. These girls had their investiture service in the fall. Another patrol is completing a course of study. In February the girls presented a pageant, "Your Flag and Mine," as a part of the national anni-



versary program. At this time the girls served tea to their mothers, members of troop committee, and members of our board.

The WPA has opened several recreational centers here. We've served as a training center for many of their leaders. While they gave us their services in various clubs, handcraft groups, and in the kindergarten, we tried to afford such experiences as would fit them for leadership. Two Negro workers observed our kindergarten for some time before opening their school. Another worker organized our library along lines of regulation, and this affords another interest for both young and old in our community.

At present two students of Stratford College are getting their practice teaching as assistants in our kindergarten. They have found that a settlement kindergarten affords a more varied experience and enlarged vision of service not gained in a small private school for privileged children. Here each tiny tot (and we have only 45) is treated as an individual among his equals as they receive their initial training in games, in wholesome exercises, with projects and handwork, and in worship. Since many of our mothers are employed, we care for the three-, four-, and five-year-olds from nine to eleven-thirty.

The Boy Scout program is helping to meet the needs of our boys. The Brownies, a Junior Scout group, are learning to be little helpers in the home. There are clubs for all ages and interests. This year we have included some hobby classes in rhythm band, knitting, crocheting, basket-weaving, cooking, and woodcraft that give extra activities.

Last May we had the closing program and kindergarten graduation on the playground with nearly one hundred participating.

At Christmas we had a Sunday vesper service in which all the groups participated in presenting the Nativity scenes in songs and tableaux. Three of our teen-aged boys sang solo parts of the Wise Men. Others helped in decorating the building inside and out. The uptown churches furnished the treat of nuts, candies, and fruits and the toys for the primary and junior groups. Members of the Board assisted in wrapping the kindergarten gifts. Some members have helped in the hobby classes, while others have furnished cars for transportation to camp and other outings. The older girls and the young people have enjoyed parties, slumber parties, early morning hikes, and cooking breakfast over the open fires, and also week-end camps.

The three workers have found time for contacting each member enrolled, visiting in the homes, co-operating with the church as teachers, leaders in the vacation schools, here and uptown, and assisting in the missionary auxiliary. Then, too, we have co-operated with all the agencies of our city and have received help from them.

### CUBAN WORK

Rosa Valdez Settlement, Tampa, Fla.

Deaconess Mary Lou Barnwell, Head Resident, reports:

The past year has seen an "inner" change at Rosa Valdez. The outward appearance is much the same with grayish walls, but there is a brightness, a freshness, a newness inside the building. Termites have been exterminated, damaged timbers have been removed and replaced by strong, new pieces, fresh paint has beautified the inner walls, the floors have been cleaned and polished. The result is pleasing.

The above paragraph represents what the program of the settlement endeavors to do for the Latins of West Tampa—that an inner

change might take place, that damaged, unclean material might be replaced by loveliness and beauty.

"Community consciousness" has been our aim as we have centered our attention on community night programs, as speakers have come into the groups to inspire better health conditions, improved civic organization, happier homes and safer communities for the children. We are striving to more closely affiliate our institution with the interests of the neighborhood so that it may truly serve as a community center and its influence may be felt throughout West Tampa.

Miss Louise Weeks, Girls' Worker, reports:

The six months that I have spent at Rosa Valdez have been very happy and interesting months for me; happy because of the congeniality of the workers here and the fine co-operation of the Board members; interesting because of the challenge which my work with these Latin girls presents.

My efforts during these months have centered chiefly on the task of trying to meet the two most prevalent needs—the need of a combination game and club room, and the children's need of an opportunity to study. The clubroom is now equipped with a ping-pong table, a game cabinet, carrom boards, and many games. Every afternoon the clubroom is used as a study hall for boys and girls.

We are proud of our Girl Scout Troop No. 4 with its 25 registered members. The Tampa Civic Association sponsors our troop, and we are glad of their help.

The girls use the gym one night each week for volley ball practice. This is one of the most popular of our group activities.

Deaconess Emma Burriss, Kindergartner, reports:

Our kindergarten is a happy place for children and teacher alike. It is such fun working and playing with children and watching them grow. Little lives are truly being transformed in our kindergarten.

My Little Home-Makers' Club is composed of primary children who have graduated from the kindergarten. They have learned many helpful things about home-making and have been interested in planting flowers around the settlement to give to the sick. The primary boys have made some simple and useful equipment for the playground.

As superintendent of the junior department of the church school I have enjoyed working with three fine teachers and their enthusiastic classes. I have had the privilege of training six of these little children for church membership.

It is always a joy to work with the women of the community. Their needs are so vital and challenging. Our Mothers' Club and Missionary Society have done some good work in community improvement. Right now we are beautifying our church and trying to make it more worshipful.

#### Wolff Settlement, Tampa, Fla.

Deaconess Grace Thatcher, Head Resident, reports:

Mr. C—— had offered to provide some decorations for the community Christmas tree which was being sponsored by the Ybor City Chamber of Commerce at Wolff Settlement. He had brought a friend with him to assist him. It was the friend's first visit, and a worker was trying to explain to him just what the settlement is when he remarked, "I have heard lots of people talking about this place, and think it is pretty nice." I believe that this friend ex-

pressed the attitude of the Latin people in general concerning the Settlement. This attitude bears eloquent testimony to the splendid foundation laid by those who have labored here throughout the past years. I count it a privilege to have a part in building higher on this firm foundation.

The House Council, consisting of the staff, NYA workers, and representatives from each organized club, have sponsored monthly community programs. This has been an attempt at democratic co-operation and participation in the activities of the house. It has also been an effort to interest more men in the Settlement activities.

The greatest weakness in our program is in the boys' department. The high school boy who gives two hours a day is a splendid Christian Latin boy and is doing some very fine work considering the time he is able to give. In addition to his groups a Scout troop is in the process of being organized, led by a volunteer Scoutmaster. A Y.M.C.A. survey of a few years ago showed that there are 5,000 boys in Ybor City between the ages of ten and twenty years, and that this area has the next to the highest delinquency rate in the county. Surely this is a challenge to motivate every possible effort being made to reach a larger number of these boys and interest them in wholesome, constructive, leisure-time activities.

Deaconess Dolores Diaz, Evangelistic Worker, reports:

The command of Jesus, "Go ye, and teach all nations . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," constrains us, and we go forth teaching them in groups and in individual conferences.

The young women who were enlisted last year as a church school class have been doing well. They have helped the church by singing in the choir. The Young Woman's Circles are very enthusiastic in every phase of the missionary work. They are meeting in different homes, which is a new experience for them.

We had a short play for Christmas called "Jesus la Luz del Mundo" which I hope conveyed the true Spirit of Christmas.

The Adult Education Club here at the Settlement is growing in membership and enthusiasm. We have added a sewing department for those who are so inclined.

Every Wednesday we have a Bible Class before prayer meeting. We study the Church School lesson.

I have just started a class in Psychology for those who are interested in that subject.

I am thankful for the privilege of giving my life in Service for my Master's work.

Deaconess Alpharetta Leeper, Club Worker, reports:

Following an inspirational address by Mrs. Induk Pak a University student said to me: "Such messages as that make me realize just how much we, here in America, take Christianity for granted. It shouldn't be so!" Indeed it shouldn't! And this very occasion made me realize anew the responsibility placed upon us who are Christian leaders. We, here in America, are more or less unconsciously surrounded by Christian standards, whether we acknowledge them or not. Why shouldn't we do something about it? Why shouldn't we strive to make others aware of their Christian heritage? Thus I take as my challenge for the months ahead—the attempt to lead others to live up to a standard, but what is even more, pass far beyond it.

The intelligent facing of problems which are in existence is one way of bringing this aim about. Recently a group of young women,

sensing that something was wrong with the political set-up of Tampa, made a study of our city government in comparison with that of other cities. The conclusions reached will lead them to take definite stands on what they think to be right in future controversies. Is that not a step forward? An intelligent vote from an informed individual should mean something, say nothing of the influence which that same individual might exert for the right.

Other groups are, day by day, learning more about facing the problems of life. Worshipping together, playing together, and working together should do much toward the achievement of this aim. And if you could see some of the girls with their heads together making plans for future activities, you would know what I mean.

Although the settlement programs run along smoothly, the church work is ever before us as a difficult task. Oh, if Christ could but have his way in a few more hearts, the tone of things would certainly change. May this, too, be a part of our prayers.

Deaconess Martina Hyde, Kindergartner, reports:

Mrs. E. Stanley Jones in her report of India at the Florida Chain of Missions tells that 60,000,000 people are ready in India to turn to Christianity, and no one to tell them of it. That made me think of our people here. They are turning from Catholicism but are hardening their hearts to any other. Our Scarritt motto says, Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God. My prayer is that as I attempt to bring these women and children to Christ, I might be filled with God's love and Holy Spirit and my faith will be deepened in him so I might expect great things from him.

The kindergarten has grown out of its capacity this year. There are forty on roll, and more than that number asking for entrance, but there is no room. Most of these children are attending our Sunday school. The Sunday school had fifty more in it this time this year than it did a year ago. The kindergarten children appeared in a peace float sponsored by the Ybor City Chamber of Commerce at the Ybor City Fiesta. They represented the children of the different nations. Little Ida Lopez, one of the five-year-old kindergartners, received third prize at the State Fair for her creative dress and bedroom designing.

The mothers of the kindergarten children have paid into the kindergarten department in the two years I have been here \$685.

The Friendly Circle Club went to Benson Spring, Fla., and picked out a little eleven-year-old boy to support. They have sent \$25 to him since Christmas. They have paid into the Settlement in two years \$185. Eighteen of them attended the Florida Chain of Missions.

### EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.

Deaconess Ruth Bartholomew, Dean of Women and Librarian, reports:

This has been a good year and one that makes us feel more confident and hopeful. We are beginning to see the results of our concentration on higher standards. I think our student body is of higher quality than it was some years back. The students are more serious-minded and more purposeful. Dr. Harlow, in a recent visit here, remarked, "I wish my students at Smith would discuss things as your students do." The library in July, 1936, finished spending the money we received from the 1933 Week of Prayer. In these three years it more than doubled its book collection, added chairs and tables in the

reading room, and started a library for Negro children of the city, which has won the commendation of all visiting educators. In staff the library has grown from one full-time worker with two student assistants to two full-time workers with seven student assistants. There have been no changes in the women's work recently, but I am hoping that next year I may have an assistant and start doing some of the very important counseling and keeping of records that is a dean's work. I find it quite impossible to do the work of librarian and have time to give any adequate service to the girls. Our greatest need now, as I see it, is for more workers.

#### Vashti School, Thomasville, Ga.

Deaconess Daisy Ritter, Superintendent, reports:

Vashti School is coming to the close of another good year. We have had a total enrolment of one hundred nineteen girls, representing ten states.

There are eleven students to be graduated from the high school this year, and sixteen elementary children will be promoted to the high school department.

The outstanding development in our plant this year was the erection of a new cottage for the little girls which was dedicated on November 22, 1936. It was a privilege to have Mrs. Downs with us for the dedicatory service. The women of the South Georgia Conference took furniture for the new cottage as their special, and the young women's circles of the same conference took window curtains as their special. Citizens of Thomasville, wanting to have a share in furnishing the new cottage, upon their own initiative, undertook a campaign and raised money which, together with the amount given by the South Georgia Conference, has made possible substantial and attractive furniture. To these local and conference friends we are deeply indebted.

Miss Hortense Tinsley has spent this year with her sister on our campus. Her presence has been an inspiration to both staff and students. She led our spiritual uplift services in October.

Of the graduates of last year, one is in college, three are in nurse training, one works in a cafeteria, and one is married. We have only good reports from these girls. It is gratifying to report that the girl who has set up a home married a Christian boy and both of them are active in the work of their church.

#### Valley Institute, Pharr, Tex.

Deaconess Lottie Green reports:

In September I was transferred from Virginia K. Johnson Home in Dallas to Valley Institute.

Taking everything into consideration, the school work has gone well. About eighty have been enrolled, twenty of whom are boarding pupils. Three of the latter came from Mexico.

I have enjoyed teaching children again. Their spontaneity and responsiveness have been a joy. I love to hear them saying, "Hey! Miss."

The beautiful plant and location should make it possible to render a real service to the large number of Mexicans in the Valley.

Report of Frances Denton:

The ages of our fifth-grade girls (all but one of whom have been promoted from the fourth grade since the beginning of the school year) range from twelve to fifteen. That they are so far retarded

seems to be mostly due to the fact that they have been subjected to mass education during the greater part of their school experience. An opportunity to recite often, insistence upon daily practice in sentence making, and much readily corrected blackboard work have performed wonders to improve their spoken and written English. Better still, they have practically dropped the habit of trying to get credit for work which they have not really done. When we remember that juvenile delinquency often begins in a sense of failure at school, we cannot consider this a small thing.

But best of all, both the fourth and the fifth grades seem to be acquiring a new interest in the personality of Jesus, whose life they are studying. In a note written out of school hours to her teacher, a ten-year-old said recently, "I hope I will learn many good things about Jesus so that I can tell it to my mother or father, what I have been learning about the Bible."

### ENGLISH-SPEAKING WORK

- Wesley Community House, Atlanta, Ga.

Deaconess Mary Lou Bond, Head Resident, reports:

The Atlanta Wesley House is an old residence. We had only five average sized downstairs rooms for our community use. During the year we enlarged our quarters by extending a back porch and changing it into a workroom with seven windows. It is splendid for handcrafts. By the use of paint, papering, new articles of furniture, etc., we have been able to make both the first floor of Wesley House and the workers' quarters on the second floor more attractive. Some new permanent equipment has also been added. Our ambition was to raise money during the year to build a large room for our larger group meetings. We have that money and our room is soon to be erected. Environment plays an important part in character building. Therefore we want Wesley House to be as attractive as we can make it so that those who come within its influence will want to capture its spirit of cleanliness and attractiveness for themselves and their homes.

I have worked this year with pre-kindergarten children (three and one-half to five) and the women's groups. The tiny children have been such a revelation to me. As I have seen them imitating my little mannerisms I have realized how easily they acquire the habits of character that make them either fine Christian men and women or which make them social outcasts.

There are four groups in the Women's Department—a Woman's Bible Class, a handwork group, a home makers' group (cooking, sewing, child care, and child training), taught by a Smith Hughes Foundation teacher, and a WPA adult education group. I teach the Bible class and work with the WPA adult education teacher with the handwork group. Our Bible class has an average attendance of between forty and fifty. We had to close the enrolment because of inadequate space. The handwork group is working on a quilting project now—co-operative enterprise. They are quilting for each other.

In the year 1937 we hope to carry on a program which will build Christian character in this place.

Deaconess Cleo Barker, Club Worker, reports:

I am enjoying my work with the children, Girl Reserves, boys, and young people. I have 27 very capable volunteer workers from Emory University, Agnes Scott College, the churches and public schools of the city, and the community itself to help me in carrying on the pro-

gram with these groups. I feel that the personality and fine Christian character of these volunteer workers is of inestimable value in our character-building program. As members of the various groups work together with their volunteer leader they not only learn new skills, but they find an understanding friend in their leader.

Many new activities have been added to the program during the year. Among these are two art classes, crocheting and knitting groups, sewing, marionettes, Home Nursing course, and occasional music concerts and teas.

The seventy people that went to summer camp came back very enthusiastic about their experiences there and have been saying all winter that they can hardly wait till next summer. Two groups of girls stayed two weeks each, and the children and younger boys stayed for a few days. It was quite a new experience but a pleasant one for most of the women who went to leave their families and spend a week-end at camp. The Boy Scouts spent a week at their camp. I was fortunate in having a Scarritt student and a swimming instructor, who was a Red Cross examiner, to help with the camp program. The Scarritt student remained after camp to help with the summer program of the house. There were special summer activities in the house for the children, girls, and women's groups.

This fall and winter regularity in attendance has been helped by giving each person that met certain attendance requirements and paid small membership dues, a membership card to his or her particular club. They like these membership cards and work for them. The small membership dues, that each child pays, helps in carrying on the work of the club, but of more importance is the help that it gives to the pride of the child that pays them.

At Christmas time this year each group enjoyed its party which included the Christmas tree, Santa, and gifts. In addition to the fun of the parties the more serious meaning of Christmas was impressed in the form of carols and a pageant given by the two Girl Reserve groups at one of the neighborhood churches. Christmas and throughout the year we enjoy our work, play, and worship together.

#### Wesley Community House, Louisville, Ky.

Deaconess Ellen Gainey, Head Resident, Deaconess Elizabeth Russell, Girls' Worker, Mrs. W. W. Hopper, Music Teacher, Hewitt McIntosh, Boys' Worker, report:

Recent studies, made by the city, regarding health conditions, housing, juvenile delinquency and congestion of population reaffirmed our belief that Wesley Community House is much needed in its neighborhood and serve to challenge us anew to our task.

Through the co-operation of WPA, NYA, and FERA we were enabled to augment our program to a marked degree. Valuable workers who assisted with various group programs were assigned to us by these projects and so lengthened the arm of the settlement staff.

Our Mothers' Club, because of its many traditions, longevity, and loyalty to the House, has for many years been the backbone of the settlement's place in the neighborhood. It has been gratifying this year to see another younger group of young matrons, through the program of their O. T. O. (Our Time Off) Club, begin to assume their place within the House program, increase their attendance, grow in their enthusiasm, and enrich the program of their club.

Scouting work has been the main emphasis in the Boys' Department during the year. A registered troop of younger adolescent boys and a registered ship of older boys in Sea Scouting have had

many interesting, worth-while experiences, indoors, at camp, and on the river.

The younger adolescent girls, members of Girl Reserve and Girl Scout groups, have enjoyed not only their own group programs, but many interesting events together, such as International, Spring, Christmas, and Halloween parties, for which the girls themselves have assumed full responsibility of planning and giving.

A group of unemployed older girls, some of whom are married, have gained much in practical home-making training in their sewing and luncheon group during the year.

The leaders have enjoyed Children's Hour on Tuesday as much as the children this year. The interest and response of the group of little people, the noticeable growth in self-reliance, initiative, courtesy, and co-operation of the children makes the activity both intriguing and challenging.

Wesley House girls were hostesses during the year to the annual city-wide settlement Girls' Rally. It is always a colorful, happy time with its supper, stunts, folk games, and fellowship.

Another city-wide group of girls who came to our House during the basketball season was the Municipal Women's Basketball League B. Wesley House has always sponsored girls' rules for girls, and so took a positive stand this last year when the issue came to a head in Louisville.

It has been most interesting and gratifying to watch some of our older boys and girls during the past year or so as they have married, assumed adult responsibilities, and established their own homes. One group which has been particularly close in its contacts with the House has continued these through a period of ten and twelve years. Week-end camping trips, Halloween parties, New Year's Eve dinner, theater parties, and showers and receptions have been happy occasions for reunions during the past year.

The Library, a sub-branch of the Louisville Free Public Library, has been a great source of help and enjoyment to our people. More than 750 people who are not enrolled in any other activity in the House use the library regularly. Many new reference books for school children have been added recently.

The Music Department has this year concerned itself especially with the development of talent in the neighborhood church. Members of music groups and classes at the settlement have served as guest organists at the church, and the general standard of music in the church has been materially raised by the work of our music instructor as choir director.

Although there was no provision in our budget for our camp programs at our own camp, "Merry Ledges," the gift of a friend made a four weeks' program possible. This provided a week of organized camp life for fifty-four boys and girls. Camp was much improved and beautified this season by the work of some of the older boys who did some painting, guttering, put up a flag pole, and built an outdoor fireplace.

Again our mothers and smaller children went for a week in the country at Fresh Air Home. This year, because typhoid inoculation was required, there was a smaller group than usual, but it was quite encouraging to have a worker at Fresh Air Home report to us that of all the groups who came from all over the city, that somehow Wesley House group was different and above the general level. This difference showed itself in table manners, conversations, group spirit, and initiative.

Campships to the Y.W.C.A. summer camp, Camp Chelan, and to



Boy Scout Camp, Covered Bridge, were provided for seven girls and twelve boys through the Fresh Air Fund of the *Courier-Journal* and *Louisville Times*.

The year has been a full one. Sometimes we have almost staggered under "activities," but our earnest effort has been that in all our contacts Wesley House might interpret to its people the abundant life through the life of brother man.

#### Wesley Community House, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Deaconess Moselle Eubanks, Head Resident, reports:

Reports do not tell the story of a year's service in a Wesley House, for the most worth-while accomplishments cannot be measured or tabulated. Changed lives and attitudes, higher ideals and standards of living mean far more than large enrolments and increased club attendance. To be permitted to stay here for almost eight years and see these evidences of growth is one of the greatest joys this deaconess has ever experienced. Young people who were in my Junior Department have grown up and are taking their places with us as some of our most loyal volunteer helpers in both week-day and Sunday school groups. One of our fine young men has joined a church of another denomination and has become a local preacher.

Our Mothers' Club, now in its second year, has increased in interest and has rendered helpful service in the community. Our Woman's Missionary Society continues a source of inspiration and helpfulness to the women who are members.

Much of our club work this year was similar to that of the preceding year. It was brought to a satisfactory close in our Vacation Bible School in June. This is always a happy time for us, workers and children, and we feel that it is one of the high points of our year's work.

Forty-six Girl Reserves spent five days in camp at Turner Falls. Some day we hope Wesley House can own its own camp.

When we began our autumn program of work we secured a number of students from Oklahoma City University as volunteer workers. Some of them get credit for the work they do, and others do it because of their interest in this kind of service. They are proving splendid helpers, and we are glad to have this co-operation from the University.

Special boys' work has been undertaken by the Boys' Neighborhood Club Movement, provided by the Community Fund. We continue to co-operate with the WPA in every way possible. A clinic for giving typhoid serum was held by the City Health Department during the summer. Some of our most satisfactory work has been done in co-operation with other groups in our community, with public health nurses, recreation workers, and the faculty of our nearby school. All these have been invaluable to us in our work, and we rejoice at the fine spirit of co-operation that exists among them.

The women on our Board and in the churches of the city have been splendid in their support of our work and in giving their time to us as volunteer workers. Without them we could not have accomplished what has been done. It has been a privilege to serve here with them through the years, and I am grateful for the opportunity. Together we are seeking to lift up Christ among our people, that he may draw them unto himself.

Miss Bess Sharp, Club Director, reports:

Five months! Such a short period of time as measured by time, but what a busy, educating time. What these two words held for me

cannot be measured by time—enjoyable, interesting, and challenging experiences in Christian service.

How my life has been blessed and enriched through working with people and trying to help them find a better and more abundant life—a happiness which comes from within. What a great opportunity a club director has in a settlement to find and give the best, not only through the Girl Reserves' groups, but also through each association, each activity, and each experience.

As superintendent of the Young People's Department and as the club director for the Blue Triangle Club, the Boys' Craft Club, the Junior Girls' Club, and the Junior Girl Reserves I have received a very "liberal and practical" education, which presents a greater challenge to me toward the promotion of the highest development of my young people into the future citizens of this community.

Even though the influence of young people of high ideals may be small at first in the community, it can become a very dominant and dynamic factor in the community life. Group and club activities are most advantageous and important in the development of best community spirit and of Christian character and life.

#### Wesley Community House, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Deaconess Ruth Heflin, Head Resident, reports:

*"Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God,"* has been the motto that I have endeavored to use in my work this year, and God has not disappointed me. Where there has been failure, it has come from my running before him rather than walking with or following after him.

During the year all four of our buildings have been completely renovated, a most needful thing, since no work had been done on any of them since the depression. That, along with our new rose garden, has added much to the attractiveness of our property, and since things are so much more attractive we find it much easier to secure competent volunteers for the work, something that had been impossible before.

Like leader, like people, has to some extent been true in our work. The neighborhood people are taking more interest in their yards, and much paint is being used on furniture. Last spring Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Fair, of Tyler, Tex., made it possible for us to place a rose bush in the yard of every home in the "Acre," and this furnished a background for a memorial to Mrs. Selden Bryan, who labored so earnestly for the uplift of this section.

Our people are becoming more interested in the spiritual things of life, and the membership of the local church is now willing to accept the people from the "Acre" into the church very cordially. We now have volunteers from that church and are also receiving money from both the church and missionary society, converted from Ladies' Aid the first of this year, for the support of this work. We feel that the awakening in the local church has been one of the greatest blessings we have witnessed in a long, long time.

There is much yet to be accomplished, but we are thanking God for past blessings and stepping out on his promises for future ones. The local City Mission Board is standing loyally behind our efforts and attempt to meet our every need.

#### Wesley Community House, Knoxville, Tenn.

Deaconess Bess Eaton, Head Resident, reports:

Early in the autumn this worker was made very happy when a representative from Church Street Church came with the request

that a group of university students in the church school be given a share in the work at the Wesley House. It was just what we had been waiting and praying for, leadership for a group of teen-age girls for whom no adequate provision was made last year. These splendid young women have brought varied gifts to share with our girls. Some young men from the same class have been helping our boys' athletic program.

We have with us this year three fine young people from the Recreation Department of the Works Progress Administration, which is an agency of the Federal Government.

As a result our children have supervised play and handicraft periods five days in each week. Boys and girls are taking more interest in competitive athletics.

Much to our regret the Board of Education felt obliged to close the kindergarten in this neighborhood. We wish very much that this feature could be added to our program. We do have the five-year-old children in our religious education classes.

Vacation Bible School is an experience which the children remember and talk about throughout the whole year. Ninety-one children were enrolled last June; the total attendance for the ten-day term was 766.

It is beautiful to see the generosity of Knoxville Methodists toward underprivileged people at Christmas time; adequate provision was made for all groups.

The two city nurses who serve our Well Baby Station say it is one of the best equipped in the city. This is made possible largely through the efforts of our Health Chairman.

May I say again this year that it is a joy to have the fellowship and co-operation of the Knoxville church women? May we strive harder in the future to live up to our great privilege.

#### Wesley Community House, Nashville, Tenn.

Deaconesses Margaret Marshall, Lucille Robinson, Jewell Matthews, and Thelma Heath report:

We have carried on a full program this year, sometimes successfully, sometimes not so successfully. We have consciously attempted to place the responsibility on the various club groups. Even in kindergarten this has brought good results, for many of the discipline problems have disappeared since the children have taken over the responsibility for the conduct of their group. This carries through the entire program from the youngest children through the young people and adult clubs. For instance, the Woman's Club has assumed the responsibility of planning a community program once each month. This responsibility has added new interest to the programs and new life to the club.

We have not overlooked the fact that many are victims of circumstances over which they have no control. We have aligned ourselves so far as we are able with the agencies which were working to alleviate these conditions. We have assumed responsibility for educating our people and those in authority as to the need for better school facilities in our neighborhood. We have sought the co-operation of the Christian Social Relation Committee women of our city. We have worked with the social workers of other agencies in our community through a South Nashville Co-ordinating Council.

Our idea is well stated by a contemporary writer: "Greatness of character is not attained so much by a few conspicuous deeds as by steadily striving to achieve Christlike ideals in the daily duties of life."

### Wesley Community House, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Deaconess Constance Palmore reports:

I arrived in Murfreesboro on September 3 after a year of rest and study and was so happy to be in a Wesley House again. September was spent in getting acquainted and going over Miss Riggins' reports and records, also asking many questions of those who came in.

Sunday school and prayer meeting were called for by the people so they were started first. By the first week in October all of the clubs and classes were organized. One NYA recreational worker and two girls from the NYA relief carried on playground work during the summer and have continued with us. These, with four young leaders who are on NYA scholarships from State Teachers College, together with sixteen regular volunteer workers and others we call on occasionally, make it possible for us to have a full program of clubs and classes. We have the regular clubs, such as sewing school, cooking classes, women's clubs, Girl Reserves and boys' clubs, and also we have a men's club and a garden club.

The men's club has sixteen members who look out for sore spots and with the aid of city officials remedy them. They also sponsor a clean-up week every spring. The garden club is sponsored by the Garden Club of the city. They have a flower contest in which the women are very much interested.

### GULF COAST WORK

#### MacDonell Wesley House and French Mission School, Houma, La.

Deaconess Ella K. Hooper, Superintendent, reports:

There are twelve workers engaged in the great task of training a native leadership for the French field, developing Christian character, and doing what we can along the way to hold and develop all the work of the Kingdom of God until the young native folk are ready to take it over.

The enrolment in the school for the present session has been just a little more than a hundred, but the average has been around ninety-five. These represent many rural communities and are the potential leaders of the morrow.

Just a few of the deaconesses will speak and represent the whole group in the report for this year. Miss Susie Teel, our newest worker, writes as follows:

"I arrived September 1 to begin work at MacDonell French Mission School. As every newcomer must be, I was impressed with the beauty of the place. The campus is an enchantment, with its great old moss-hung live oaks, pecan trees, shrubs, potted plants, and great variety of flowers. From the windows of my room in stately Keener Hall unfolds a panorama of lovely views, marvelous sunrises, and magical, starry, moonlit scenes.

"When taking up new tasks in strange surroundings, it is a blessing to be greeted and welcomed by old friends, and to find new friends so well worth knowing. This blessing was mine on arriving at MacDonell School. I found here a veritable beehive of devoted, loyal men and women, busily engaged in their several tasks of directing the studies and other activities of the various groups, harmoniously and co-operatively welding the manifold parts of a unified plan. The work of the campus and the local church forms the center of activities which extend for miles into adjacent needy communities.

"I teach the fourth grade, a group ranging in age from nine to fifteen years. It is a tremendous responsibility, but a lofty employ-

ment for all of one's powers; and to me there is no greater joy nor sweeter reward than watching children under my guidance grow and develop. My work also includes the juniors of the local church, substituting for certain workers on their rest days, taking turn at study hall, recreational programs, and chapel services. I love and enjoy the work and count it a high privilege to share in this most worth-while field of service."

Deaconess Emma Vogel, Nurse, reports:

As we close another chapter in the French work we can truly say that it has been filled with the grace and blessing of God. Again it has been my privilege to work in the Missionary Societies of Houma and Labadieville. Both are alive and active. I assist with the extra session of the children's division in the local church school. We meet every Sunday evening and are having interesting studies, using the unit on Negro Americans.

Early in the year there were a good many cases of mumps in the school and one case of pneumonia, but all recovered nicely. Since the opening of the fall term the health record has been excellent.

It was my privilege to spend several days in the Indian work at Dulac, visiting in the homes and assisting in the school there. This I thoroughly enjoyed.

Deaconess Ollie Willings reports:

When a seed is sown it takes time before the little plant appears, and still longer before the flower and fruit are evident. But the gardener waits with hope and receives the fruition of his labors with joy. So it is with the teacher. And now, after five years of diligent, and often discouraging, labors with the children of MacDonell School, I can see, with inexpressible gladness, the emerging flower and fruit of stronger character in every one of them. As the poet says of the lilies,

"They grow in the darkness, all hid in the night—  
They grow in the sunshine revealed by the light—  
Still they grow."

I teach the fifth grade, have charge of the sewing, some dormitory work, and teach a class of juniors in the Houma Sunday school.

Miss Wilhelmina Hooper and Deaconess Mary Beth Littlejohn report:

The Indian work is in three departments, the church, the school, and the social service and rural extension work.

The church membership is about fifty, though a larger number attend the services. The pastor, a local French preacher, is the farm supervisor at MacDonell School and receives his salary from that institution. His once-a-month service, the once-a-month sing, and the Sunday school constitute the regular work. Funerals, christenings, weddings, and other special occasions give opportunities for further evangelistic work. These services are usually in French, the language best known by the Indians of this section.

The lovely little church building, given by Mr. Clanton of Shreveport, was dedicated in May of this year. Bishop Dobbs and his wife and other interested friends from Shreveport and other points throughout the state were present. The messages and the special music provided by these honored guests brought a thrill of hope and gladness to these long-neglected neighbors. An Indian "feast" was prepared and served to the guests.

The school curriculum is that of the public schools of the state. Books and other supplies are furnished by the state. A day school with an enrolment of forty and a night school with about fifteen in attendance constitutes the main work, though there are often extension classes held in the homes of various isolated communities. The enrolment is smaller than usual because the bridge across Bayou Dulac has been out for nearly the whole year. A new one is now under construction and will greatly facilitate the work when completed.

The social service work consists in house-to-house visiting, receiving in our homes any callers and meeting any calls that come to us, co-operation with the Parish Health Unit and other organizations in securing needed aid for the people, and creating an awareness on the part of the folk of possibilities for a better life and living. Within a three-mile radius of the school are sixty-three Indian families (about three hundred sixty persons) with which we have intimate contact. Other families within and beyond this radius are reached only indirectly. Still farther, in the swamp regions and down toward the Gulf, are other Indian communities which we visit from time to time. They receive us graciously, always, and share generously of what they have in return for what we are able to give them—garden produce, sea food, wild game, and fans, hats, and baskets made of the palmetto.

Most of the Indians are very poor, sometimes destitute of clothing for attending school or church. They are illiterate and therefore helpless in times of sickness or in matters of business. We often render first aid in times of mild fevers, bruises, burns, or cuts. In cases of more desperate need we co-operate in getting the patient to a doctor or to a hospital or in bringing emergency treatment to them.

We live among the people as their friends and try to meet the needs as they arise, pointing them to the Savior, the Friend of all.

### INDUSTRIAL WORK—FISH CANNERIES

#### Moore Community House, Biloxi, Miss.

Deaconess Sallie Ellis, Head Resident, reports:

It is very gratifying to report that the past year has been a very encouraging one.

Boys and girls, men and women have constantly come to us for help and advise. Through the clubs for working girls and women I have been able to reach quite a number during the year.

A big feature of the work this year was the Annual Vacation Bible School, which reaches 250 people including children and grown ups. It is so well established that no advance advertising is needed. The closing day of the school was one that will long be remembered by many. Ninety-one came forward to receive a blue ribbon for perfect memory work done in the school. Our pastor appreciated this work very much.

By the addition of an old-fashioned fireplace an unused room was made available for use as a young people's club room. It would be hard to tell how much joy has come through this room. Often as older people sit before this open fire they are carried back in memory to their childhood days.

One of the most alive groups which meets at Moore Community House is the Women's Missionary Society. It would be hard to find women happier or more enthusiastic about their work.

Deaconess Sophie Kuntz reports:

In reporting for the year I can say that I have had a good time doing the work and wish the results might have been better. In

working with the children in the clubs, every meeting has been a happy experience. We have had the usual clubs; Story Hour, Sewing School, Manual Training, Boy's Clubs, Girl Scouts. There have been hikes and parties, plays and pageants, and summer camps. Play, mixed with work has made for a balanced program. The Christian emphasis is on all of the work.

Our volunteer workers, although few, are fine. Recently an old man who helped with the Manual Training group, died and it seemed impossible to get anyone to help in his place. At the next meeting an older boy who had been in this group volunteered his services. He feels that he is doing his bit to carry on.

In addition to the regular Community House program I also have my part in the Church working with the young people in Sunday school and League. It is a pleasure to watch their growth and see them begin to take their places in the Church. Several are now teaching Sunday school classes and some are on the Board of Stewards.

#### Wesley House, Biloxi, Miss.

Deaconesses Mattie and Ethel Cunningham report:

We face the new year in the hope of making it worth while in the lives of all who have contacts with us.

Looking back over the year we feel in some ways how little we have accomplished! Yet the days have been full and we leave the year with Him who has given each day as a gift through which we have had opportunity to represent Him. Through the year some of the former program features were continued, some new ones added, some changed or discontinued as seemed best to meet the need of the groups concerned.

In the Parents' Club, which was added, the members are interested in free discussion of problems, exchange of experiences, and desire advice from capable and special speakers. The social feature means much to the mothers who especially need this time of relaxation and freedom from the home and little ones for the brief time. As a group, too, they are interested in helping less fortunate ones, and several baskets have been provided where specially needed. The co-operation of a splendid attractive adult education worker has added much.

Directed play and recreation, both in summer and winter, has been made possible by NYA workers happily co-operating in our program.

A group of juniors were led in community singing for some weeks by a WPA worker. Cheer was given an old man on his birthday by a visit and songs. Carols for Christmas were enjoyed by the group. Effort to have this work with adults failed because of so many of our folk being in mourning which precluded their attendance upon any features of music for merriment. There have been so many, many deaths the past few months and this mourning custom is observed by the connection.

The Boy Scouts work is strengthened by the assistance of a Scout Committeeman, a man of the community, who was, in his young manhood, a Wesley House club boy. He meets with the troop in regular weekly session and is a great help to the Scout master and a real force with the boys in several ways. Representatives of the Scouts served as Wise Men in the Christmas program.

The Carpenter Boys' Club continues popular. A Bethlehem Center continued story has recently been helpfully used with them. They were interested and seemed to grasp a truer meaning of honesty and honor from this "little Negro fellow's" attitude. Contact with these boys on the part of the Scoutmaster as he frequents the meetings is

cultivating them for Scout work when they shall have reached that age. Some of these carpenters were our Christmas shepherds.

The French young women still make Monday night a happy time as they sew, embroider, sing, and talk or listen to a story. Some of them fashion real attractive clothes and are so happy in the doing of it. In planning any of them will beautifully and willingly give up individual ideas if the majority prefer a different plan for any group activity. Weekly, self-assessed, dues are carefully kept for summer camp to which they look forward from year to year with great pleasure. Boy friends are free to come to the Wesley House and one of the happiest occasions of the year was a party to which these girls invited their boy friends. 'Tis among this group the wedding bells have been ringing and are still to ring. Showers and wedding parties have been much enjoyed. New recruits are coming into the club and the newlyweds will be in another club.

The Sewing School has profited by a larger number of volunteer teachers, thus making possible smaller classes with more personal attention and better work.

A former kindergarten teacher comes from five miles in the country for what we call Kindergarten Club each Monday and makes happy two hours for a group of little ones whose mothers appreciate the privilege as well as they.

The Daily Vacation Bible School enrolled 107, forty of whom were Catholics. Others wanted to come but the priest was so active in opposition and demand that they not come. A good many are afraid to disregard his wishes but others are more independent.

Friendly visiting is a big part of the work. There need be no special occasion for a friendly visit, but illness, death, birth, and wedding do afford opportunity for bestowing timely ministries and attention. Prayer in homes seems to be always appreciated.

More and more our people call upon us for services and we have spent much time taking patients to and from the doctor. One little fellow of three was taken for eye treatment for several months which saved the sight in one eye and the other eyeball. Aside from joy in this benefit to the child and comfort to the mother, it meant much to see the beautiful spirit of the physician in refusing to take from the hard pressed mother any part of her scant earnings, and unassumingly manifest joy in being able to honor God with his talent and power.

Boxes of supplies are real blessings to our people. They come not only from Mississippi but from Baltimore, Washington, D. C., and several Virginia points. Many who want to help themselves can and are glad to pay something for clothing so necessary in their family whereas they could not possibly meet this need had they to purchase from the stores. Sale days are real social times among the women who come. Just before Christmas at a sale we had a time of Christmas singing, a prayer, and then a tree from which each received a towel and a cake of soap. Of course in many cases clothing is given where circumstance warrant, and many a new babe has been partly clothed and made comfortable from the supply. Many, many calls come for clean white rags, and to borrow bed linens, ice cap, hot water bottle, and bed pans.

We were blessed in having a fine pastor in Brother Slay last year and feel that Brother Noblin who follows him is going on building in the same fine way. Church attendance is increasing, the Sunday school is doing very good work, and the Missionary Society awake to the work of the new year. They have profited by the several studies and slightly overpaid the pledge, also overpaid the pastor's salary. The World Club has provided excellent missionary training for the



children, and the Fourth Sunday program is helping in this direction with children and older ones. The young people are doing good work. To those who attended the young people's camp in the summer it was a high water experience.

In an obscure corner were piled the old leaves from the yard to be used later for fertilizer. We were surprised one day to behold this heap all abloom with colorful four o'clocks which had pushed their way through the mass and come forth in all their beauty. We recalled the prophet's "The desert shall blossom as a rose," and were the more inspired to work and live in prayerful hope that the program and touch here may year by year more surely cultivate and nourish toward abundant blossoming, and bring to and in our people that joy and singing of which the prophet spoke; that they our people—shall come in their living to see and feel the glory of the Lord and the excellency of our God—the loving Heavenly Father, and that these cannery folk may be conscious in their own being that Jesus Christ is theirs.

### INDUSTRIAL WORK—WORK WITH MINERS

#### Kentucky Coal Fields, Millstone, Ky.

Deaconess Pattie Allen reports:

The report of the work in this section must be similar to the reports of the previous years, since the same type of program has been followed. The year was started with two workers, but Deaconess Susie Mitchell left in May because of serious illness in her family.

The usual activities in connection with a small church have been carried on with the assistance of local helpers. Two Sunday schools have been conducted regularly, one at Millstone with an average attendance of 138 for the year, and a small school at Kona which is doing good work. Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted in two divisions of two weeks each; week-day Bible School work has been carried on all through the year with juniors and intermediates in connection with a library for children. Visiting in the homes and helping with the Parent-Teacher Associations keeps us in touch with all ages. The meetings of the Woman's Missionary Society have been held weekly in addition to an active Spiritual Life Group.

The "Good Will Exchange" has handled 283 boxes of clothing, making it possible to contact weekly more families than it has been our privilege to touch since coming to Kentucky. It has been the means of reaching older girls and boys for miles around and helping them with clothing to keep them in the public schools. In all of our activities we strive to make them a "means to an end"—help people find God.

#### Logan County Coal Fields, Amherstdale, W. Va.

Miss Mae Wess Bell and Deaconess Helen Philips report:

Due to a change in workers, this report will include some work done by Deaconess Fannie Bame.

A regular weekly scheduled program of religious education has been carried throughout the school year in twelve public schools, reaching approximately seventeen hundred children. Three of the schools are Negro. This work is proving more and more worth while. The workers find the teachers both interested in the work and enthusiastic to co-operate and the children always eager for the "missionary's" story hour.

The community church school under the workers supervision continues to grow. In the young people's division, an intermediate girls

class of four or five has grown into an organized division with an enrolment of thirty-eight. The workers counsel two other circuit young people's groups which have steadily grown in interest and attendance. These three groups are members of a County Young People's Union and their attendance is made possible at Union meetings by the use of a county school bus. The workers have taught mission study classes in each of the circuit missionary societies using Council approved material.

During the summer, vacation schools were held with both white and Negro groups. A splendid co-operation of community leaders made these schools all the more meaningful and worth while.

The community library continues to grow both in number of volumes and service to the community folk. Over two thousand magazines, secular and religious, have been tied into family bundles and distributed.

During the winter months rummage sales have made possible satisfactory distribution of clothing sent by auxiliaries. People who had grown into habitual beggars have regained some self-respect, and those who needed but dared not beg have been able to buy at a nominal cost.

In view of the opportunities opened for service among the more than seven thousand people massed together here in this narrow Buffalo Creek valley, the above report seems inadequate. However, little by little the workers have made and are making their way into the hearts of the people. The close of each day brings with it a bit of satisfaction that the workers have had a part in bringing to these empty lives something of that abundant life which Christ came to give to all mankind.

#### Wesley Community House, Bradshaw, W. Va.

Deaconess Maud Fail reports:

The first of September found me in the coal mining camp of Bradshaw, where I found a comfortable well furnished Community House which houses both the workers and the work.

The workers who have gone before wrought well for I found a well organized church with a live Sunday school with an enrolment of one hundred and fifty. A wide-awake missionary society and an Epworth League.

The four months have been spent in visiting in the homes and planning new activities. Our young people are reached through the Epworth League and Sunday school class. One night a week the game room and the library are opened to them only. These evenings have proven to be very popular. Once a month they are given a party in the club room. They sponsored a Christmas Tea and Carol Singing which was very much enjoyed by those attending. Then we have had parties for our intermediate boys and girls which has been quite successful.

Perhaps our pride is the Woman's Missionary Society. I have never worked with a more co-operative, responsive group. Some of their work has been outstanding. While the society is only two years old they attained the Council's Standard of Efficiency in the mission study this fall and gave \$50 for the Week of Prayer.

One of the most interesting groups we touch is the mountain folk who come down to the town of Bradshaw on Saturdays to do their trading and make our place a kind of headquarters. Their quaint customs and manner of speech has brought interest and added color. Their neighborly attitude has warmed our hearts.

The Sunday school observed White Christmas. The offering going

to the Holston Conference and to Miss Agnes Stewart, a former worker here who is now doing rural work in Buchanan County, Va.

It is a joy to serve such a responsive people.

Deaconess Wortley Moorman reports:

Since I have been here only six months I can scarcely say that my work has begun.

Contacts have been made in the rural work in three communities within a radius of four miles of Bradshaw. This work consists of religious education in the public schools, Sunday schools, Epworth League, social activities, recreation, and 4-H club work. There are no church buildings in any of these neighborhoods. The fine co-operation and eager reception expressed by the school teachers and public school authorities has been and is a great help and inspiration.

I also have the privilege of helping with work at Bradshaw in children's groups and with our library. Through both these channels I find great joy and I will tell you more about them next year.

#### Wesley Community House, Hemphill, W. Va.

Deaconesses Erlene Aylor and Lula Kagey report:

The greatest need of our people was a spiritual awakening. Ten weeks were spent assisting our pastor in revivals in these two communities. This meant special home visitation and cottage prayer meetings besides helping in the services.

It was a privilege to work with the children in the church school, vacation school, and clubs. A new project for the year was a woodwork class for boys which created much interest and brought forth good work. The young people's organization was very active. Contacts with the adults were made through Bible classes, prayer meetings, Woman's Missionary Societies, and community activities. Recreational programs also were planned for these groups. As many of our people, a large part being foreigners, did not enter into the church and community life, our only contact was through home visitation. Therefore over two thousand visits were made.

The Vacation Church School was one of the most successful we have had in several years.

Two beautiful pageants given by the children and young people brought the real spirit of Christmas to us. A special offering was taken and given to our Conference orphanage.

We are grateful that we have had the privilege of sharing His great love with those about us.

#### Coal Fields, Iaeger Circuit, War Eagle, W. Va.

Miss Emma V. Johnson reports:

Time passes most rapidly when one is finding plenty to do. So the weeks and months of the past year have slipped away with many duties and activities, but all have been permeated with the joy that comes in the service of the Master.

The most outstanding events of the year were the five Vacation Bible Schools conducted during the summer in mining camps comprising the Iaeger Circuit. There was a fine spirit of interest and many homes otherwise unreached were contacted. I also assisted in two Vacation Bible Schools on the Berwind charge in camps where I had formerly worked.

It has been a real pleasure to have a Bible Story Hour in the various schools of this Iaeger Circuit. The teachers have, without exception, been very cordial and co-operative. There has been a weekly schedule of six schools. The American Bible Society had

made the offer that all school pupils who would agree to read a gospel aloud to at least one parent in the home, and then bring a written statement from the parent, stating it had been read to them, would receive in addition to the gospel, a Testament, the American Bible Society bearing half the expense. A large number of the boys and girls in the various schools I visit have received gospels and Testaments in this way.

In one community a Girl Scout Troop has been organized and is making marked progress.

Work has been carried on in the Church Schools, Missionary Societies, and Young People's organizations of the circuit. Two inactive Sunday schools were revived during the summer.

I find some real talent among the children of these camps. One little boy, eight years old, is quite an adept at playing the guitar, and is a wonderful singer. He can soar to the very high notes in a truly remarkable way. I trust the way may be made possible for the cultivation of this gift of music.

The beauty of the mountains here strengthen and inspire one by their grandeur. One can with reality use the words of the Psalmist: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

## INDUSTRIAL WORK—MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIES

### Methodist Settlement House, Montgomery, Ala.

Deaconess Bessie Bunn reports:

Could we draw a picture of the past year, it would be something like a motley bouquet and a moving picture combined.

In this picture little children, teen-age boys and girls, adults, mothers, and fathers, go weekly to the Methodist Settlement House for worship, instructions and yes, recreation, too, for not any phase of life is left out.

Sunday school classes and Missionary Circles from the larger churches give their time and money so cheerfully to brighten their lives.

Boxes from the city as well as from over the Conference play an important part in the picture. Saturdays would be but "gloomy weather" if it were not for the boxes, for that is the day for distribution of the clothes. Also in this picture there are leaders of "Isms" trying to lead the people away from us. How we had to protect them and show them a better way, even at times seeming lost God in a very real and helpful way came to our rescue and put His approval on our work.

In spite of all that was done for the happiness of the people, the "Death Angel" passed our way and claimed whom he would.

Time will not permit us to tell of the big picnic, hikes, parties, lovely meetings for the mothers, the Sewing School Exhibit in May with two sweet graduates, the Bible School Thanksgiving with baskets of good things to eat and a turkey for the juniors, nor of the many fine programs given throughout the year. The Christmas program was the last and best of course. Dressing the children to represent bells gave a brightness and joy to their songs as the Shepherds and Wise Men worshiped at the Manger. After the manger scene the Girl Reserves gave "the Christmas Dream."

Six were rewarded for perfect attendance at Sunday school for the past year. One young woman received a lovely teacher's Bible, not having missed for the past six years.

Dear old Santa lost no time in distributing the baskets.

A New Year's Eve service led by a young man studying for the ministry brought the year to a close. We pray God's blessings upon each and every one who helped to make it a good year.

#### Centenary Methodist Institute, Nashville, Tenn.

Deaconess Willia Duncan, Head Resident; Deaconess Bessie Williams and Miss Mary Whitfield report:

This year has seen much progress in the work of Centenary Methodist Institute. The Settlement, standing as it does in the heart of the industrial center of Nashville, has many opportunities to contact and strengthen the lives of the working people of this community.

Through the fine Clinic which is made possible with the cooperation of the Public Health and Vanderbilt Hospital; and through the many character building activities of the Settlement, Centenary serves over ten thousand people a month. This year there were 3,250 individuals enrolled and 737 families.

There were 133 groups meeting at the House each week, with 150 volunteers to conduct the activities of these groups. Believing that more and more people are coming to have a larger amount of leisure time, and that leisure without guidance is detrimental, Centenary is striving to put more stress on educating the people of its community in the right use of leisure. Beauty culture, handcraft, social activities, home-making, home hygiene, woodcraft, sewing, cooking, music, art, singing, folk games, adult education, and Bible study are among the many activities carried on at the Community Center each week.

Special effort is being put on Saturday and Sunday activities, for it is then that the children have much of their leisure time. An interesting village project has been under way with the younger children. By living together in this make-believe community where there is buying and selling, homemaking, doctors, and nurses, and situations quite the same as they will find them in the real community, it is hoped that these children will grow up to become better and more useful citizens of their community as years pass.

A splendid Bible School has been conducted for the older children. Here, too, stress is put on the study of the community. Surely children who grow up through such activities will be better able to meet life as they find it, than those who do not have such opportunities.

The game room is open every Sunday afternoon as well as every day in the week and serves many children and adults in the immediate community. There is a special activities group on Sunday afternoons for the most underprivileged children. A fine group of young people meet at the Settlement each Sunday for quiet social activities. Around 150 individuals are served during the week-end.

One of the most interesting and progressive efforts undertaken this year was that attempt to strengthen the home at Christmas time. Instead of having Christmas parties at the Settlement, the people were encouraged to save their pennies that they might have Christmas in their own homes. All gifts and donations were saved at the Community House and the day before Christmas 1,500 bags were delivered to the homes for the parents to distribute Christmas morning. An original pageant was given at the Settlement with 250 taking part.

One of the most encouraging signs in the work this year has been the response of the community people to the call for volunteers. Services of fifteen local volunteers were secured.

Through the organization of a Community Welfare Council, Cente-

nary is striving to improve conditions in its community. The Council is made up of professionals and interested laymen who live in the community and wish to see better conditions existing. The Council has been able to secure better leadership for the parks, initiate a beautification program for its community, and many other interesting projects.

Surely all working together we shall build a firm foundation for the changing tomorrow.

### MEXICAN WORK

#### Mexican Mission, Dallas, Tex.

Deaconess Nettie Stroup, Head Resident, reports:

I came to the Mexican Mission last September and entered into the work with a great deal of interest and enthusiasm. The general Clinic is one big phase of the work where 2833 patients were treated last year and 5452 prescriptions for medicine were filled. Day by day the throngs come and go, many sick, undernourished and discouraged, other just as needy but meeting life with a smile hoping for better things ahead.

My special club work is an "Arts and Crafts Club" composed of 25 adult women, also a young peoples Choral Club. The women have made some beautiful afghans and bed spreads from thread unraveled from old sweaters. These sweater are sent in through the Supply Department. The women unravel them. If they are faded we dye them a beautiful color, then very beautiful as well as useful articles are made. Scraps that come in the Supply boxes are used to make attractive quilts and other things that adorn the home.

The Coral Club is planning to render some special music at Easter Morning Church service. I own a few choir robes and these young people are eagerly looking forward to wearing the robes for the first time on Easter morning.

With kindergarten work, sewing classes, manual training, night school, Girl Reserves, supply department, home visitation and other phases of work, the deaconesses have been kept quiet busy and we believe hundreds have been drawn a little closer to the Master Who said "I, if I be lifted up I will draw all men unto Me."

We have tried to lift up the Master in every phase of our work, and He has blessed our efforts.

Deaconess Lexie Vivian, Club Director, reports:

Phillips Brooks said, "He who helps a child, helps all humanity with an immediateness not possible in any other stage of development." Although I have had nearly four hundred boys and girls under my supervision this year, still I trust that I have in some way (in spite of the disadvantages from too large groups) enriched the life of each individual child.

Knowing that "purposeful handwork and expressional activity" introduces the element of joy and satisfaction with a sense of freedom that makes it possible for boys and girls to have a good time while being taught the ways of good conduct and the Christian life, my twenty-three volunteer helpers and I have endeavored to make the sewing classes and the manual training periods count for much with the individual. Joy has come, as always, through following the progress made in character development. The Girl Reserves have shown marked improvement toward right attitudes and helpfulness to others.

Our failures have been many; disappointments have not passed us by; nevertheless, I am grateful for the past year with the Dallas City

Mission Board (a loyal, enthusiastic group) and our happy mission family.

Deaconess Annie Price, Superintendent of Supplies, reports:

The past three years as Superintendent of Supplies has been to me another added experience-task that I elected to try out. To the work here it has meant the creating of a sizable department which employs a part-time repair man, a full-time truck man, and myself. A department which has an average influx of forty-five or fifty people daily, and one which has proven so far a slight financial asset.

Interspersing this busy program time is had to counsel with mothers, to advise with youth concerning educational preparation, and much else that tends to the upbuilding of Christian character.

I ask prayers that as I mingle daily with this people I may administer to their souls for I shall not pass this way again.

#### Mexican Community House, El Paso, Tex.

Deaconess Florence Blackwell, Head Resident, reports:

After a year of furlough it is good to be at work again. Four months in the Mexican Community House has been a joyful experience, learning to know the Mexican people and finding a place in their lives.

The contacts with the mothers and fathers in their clubs and particularly in their social activities, gives an insight into their personalities that is very helpful. It has been a time of getting acquainted rather than of aggressive program.

Four sewing groups have been supervised and an overflow group of little girls seven to nine years old in a Little Home-makers Club. The latter is really a preparatory class for sewing and cooking, for children who are too young to enter those classes.

Visiting in the homes is one of the most fruitful services we can give. Our people appreciate very much our interest in their children and their homes, and a hearty welcome always is accorded us.

A sort of employment agency is carried on, as many people call on us to secure maids, and many names are listed with us for employment, and a number have been very happily placed.

After thirty years of service the work is full of interest and grows increasingly worthwhile.

Deaconess Sue Herrick, Kindergartner, reports:

Our kindergarten meets one of the vital needs of the Mexican community by furnishing a place and giving instructions by which the pre-primary child may develop normally. Here it is necessary to teach English in order that they may better advance in the public school when they are ready to enter.

Through the little child a warm welcome is found into the homes, making one of the finest opportunities for doing good. The longer I work with the Mexican people the more I appreciate their fine spirit of loyalty and co-operation.

Deaconess Evelyn Holmbert, Cooking Teacher and Business Girls' Leader, reports:

The domestic science room in our Community House is a very busy place. The supervision of classes in the department is a real joy. Our ten-year old girls are becoming more interested in preparing health building foods for other members of their families. Starting with these girls we have classes for school girls of all ages. In addition to these classes we find the class for adults is helpful in training girls who expect to make a livelihood in domestic service as well as a

change of environment for those girls who have spent the entire day in the laundry or factory. The mothers who come are eager to know the principles of American cookery.

Our Business Girls' Club is outstanding in their activities in the community. As their sponsor, since my appointment here, I have gained a greater understanding of their problems as professional women and a real appreciation of their ability to make necessary adjustments.

Visiting in the homes and sharing some of the various experiences of our people has become a most important part of my work. My activities in our Protestant Mexican Assembly and in the Children's Division of the church school have also enlarged my opportunities for service.

Deaconess Bertha May White, Girls' Club Director, reports:

My first four months of work as a Deaconess have indeed been happy ones. This Great Adventure that I have started out upon is proving to be a glorious one. My love and esteem for my Mexican girls grow every day. Their appreciation of our work is manifested in many ways as is shown by their cordiality, courtesy, and hospitality. As we work and play, sing and hike together, there are many opportunities for pointing the way to high and noble living with Christ as the leader, and it is my earnest prayer that he fill the lives of each of my girls.

#### Wesley Community House, Fort Worth, Tex.

Deaconess Katharine Arnold, Head Resident, reports:

In taking a backward glance we can truly say that Wesley House has had a good year. A longer residence has brought a deeper insight into the needs of our Mexican community, and the efforts to solve with them many of their personal problems has brought a real environment to our own lives and a deeper appreciation of them as friends and neighbors. These contacts, together with the whole-hearted co-operation of our City Mission Board and of the many volunteers who have given so generously of their time and talent, have made possible the full program carried during the year. Many opportunities have presented themselves of explaining and interpreting the aims and work of a Wesley House to visitors and representatives of other organizations who have visited us, and also to local missionary societies that contribute to our support. Wesley House has been the happy hostess to a number of Circles who have held their all-day meetings in our assembly room and served a Mexican plate lunch by members of our own missionary society. Thus the year has passed, each day full, and each offering a satisfying joy in the opportunities for service which they have presented.

Miss Katie Herndon, Club Director, reports:

For little Gregorio to step up from Primary Club to Cub Scouts and prove to be a good cub, and little Marguerita, a leader among the primaries, to take her place with equal grace among her older junior sisters; for quiet Lola of the juniors to become, as she grows older, a Christian leader in her Intermediate Club and Sunday school group; then, too, for Lupe, for whose future we feared, to become one of our most dependable seniors, and loud, boisterous Elvira to "tone down" and to develop into one of our finest young people; and again, for timid, shrinking Teodora to become the Scoutmaster's "right hand man," the cub leader's assistant, and also, one of the best speakers and Christian leaders in his Sunday school department; and finally, for



Pete, having worked two years since graduation, to reach the point where he is able to enter college "on his own" with a definite objective in view—well, for these and other similar developments I am deeply grateful as I check over the year's work. There is no material change in our club program this year, but two club groups have been added, and also open house for young people. The latter is proving increasingly popular and is apparently meeting a real need for wholesome recreation and fellowship among our older boys and girls. I am thankful for such real opportunities for service.

Miss Mattie Varn, Kindergartner, reports:

Forty bright children with interesting faces, hands eager to work, minds ready to learn, tongues ready to talk. What shall they do and learn and talk? The answer is the task of a kindergarten teacher. What a privilege to fill their hands with interesting things to do and their minds with good things to think and talk about!

As the little child runs to his teacher with a hurt finger or a broken toy, confident that she can repair damages, so the parents, reached through the kindergarten or Mothers' Club, bring their problems to us. A silent satisfaction comes to one who shares with them their sufferings and their joys. This year the mothers and fathers presented the Christmas pageant, a new undertaking for them. One father and mother who had disturbed the pageant last year with their personal quarrel took part in it this year. Learning in Spanish the songs they had often heard in English impressed on the hearts of the mothers a real Christmas message and will give them a greater appreciation of Christmas in the future.

#### Wesley Community House, Houston, Tex.

Deaconess Eugenia Smith, Head Resident, reports:

"The field is the world." "The seed is the word of God." "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already unto harvest." These are the words of Jesus Christ and what a joy to be a coworker with him in trying to sow the precious seed by the side of all waters. Our Community is composed of thousands of under-privileged Mexicans. The streets of our ward are full of boys and girls and little children playing under every city light. They are happy hearted, full of fun, yet many of these little ones carry burdens heavy enough to crush older ones. They love the Wesley House and love to come, and we love them and are so glad that they feel so free to come.

Our Summer Bible School last summer had an enrolment of 298. We had it in our Mexican Methodist Church and had a fine group of volunteer helpers. Through a friend in the city, we give Bibles to those who do not have them, for faithful attendance. Many of the parents have insisted on having the Bible in Spanish.

All that a Wesley House means to a community like ours cannot be written, and what they mean to us can never be written. Knowing their loyalty and devotion makes one want to be a better Christian and give my best to my Master and to them. Our program is very full for two workers, but we have some very fine volunteer workers.

We co-operate with the city and hospitals in their health programs, with employment agencies in securing work for our people, with the PWA and other agencies in their programs, some of their groups meet with us. We co-operate with the schools in their splendid educational program, and with the recreation department, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and others, but I feel that we are to be their spiritual helpers. They come to us with all their joys, sorrows, and

many kinds of problems, and if we do not know what to do, and many times we do not, we can take them by the hand and pray for them and sympathize, and the tie between us and our people grows stronger all the time, and it is a joy to serve and win our people for the church and Jesus Christ.

Deaconess Elma Morgan, Club Worker, reports:

There is nothing that brings greater joy to the heart of the worker than to see the development of Christian character in the boys and girls with whom she works and to see them respond to the call to fellowship with Christ.

The Junior Girl Reserves decided to study other lands and have given some earnest study to them. The Senior Girl Reserves, on the other hand, do not want programs, but frank discussions of their problems.

The Little Brothers of Kindness, boys 6 to 8 years of age, are so eager to come to their club and rhythm band that scarcely a day passes that some of them do not ask very wistfully: "Is there going to be Wesley today?"

The Friendship Club, girls 9 to 12 years of age, the Homemakers, Boy Scouts, and Friendly Indians also show great appreciation and love for the Wesley House.

With the large, enthusiastic Hi-League and splendid class of intermediate girls at our Mexican church we are seeing definite results. Through these groups both at Wesley House and church we can look to the great Father Heart and see joy there also as well as in our hearts because these are learning of Him.

#### Mexican Social Center, San Marcos, Tex.

Deaconess Willena Henry, Head Resident, reports:

A new appointment demands time for adjustment so with two small Mexican girls as volunteer interpreters, several weeks of September were spent getting acquainted.

With the opening of public schools we organized our groups. Senior and Junior Girl Reserves, a small girls Sewing Club and Friendly Indians for boys. The Mexican Boy Scout troop was organized at school and later came to us for help. We were glad to have them meet at the Center, where we are always on hand Tuesday night to help if they need us. All our groups have been well attended.

Open house each first Friday night, sponsored by one of our clubs or some local organization, has brought much pleasure to mothers, fathers, young people, and children. Shadow pictures given by the junior boys was our last form of amusement and was enthusiastically enjoyed by a large audience.

Our Christmas tree was loaded with gifts for "Our Children" and a gift for every child present, made possible by generous friends, churches, and the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce.

The beautiful San Marcos River and the high surrounding hills make it possible for us to have an outing in a very short time after leaving the Center, so we have had many outings and weiner roasts, sometimes for only a few minutes after club. "The Hill" abounding in wild flowers, overlooking the town and many miles of fertile country, is our favorite spot. Our Father seems so near, it is easy to worship. The worship service on the hill is enjoyed by all.

The material needs of the Center have been met by local friends and club contributions, with many nice boxes of used clothing from West Texas Conference women.

Books and sewing materials and an electric jig saw, materials for

the boys to build benches, door stops, etc., were appreciated gifts.

A linen loan chest has been opened to supply linens in emergencies.

The college students have assisted in programs and as helpers in the clubs. Several local American and Mexican women mend and sew each Tuesday afternoon.

The Mexican Methodist pastor and wife have also rendered splendid volunteer help.

The year has passed so quickly and happily among these splendid people that not all planned has been accomplished but we are working together with God.

### Bethlehem House, Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. J. R. White, Superintendent, reports:

Throughout the year 1936 we have seen excellent work in every department. The day nursery, with its special care for children of working mothers; the kindergarten, with its splendid group of little ones eager in their quest for knowledge; the interested boys and girls of our clubs, our Adult School for Mothers, have all had most faithful and gratifying attendance.

Because of a number of years experience in Bethlehem House work, we realize more and more the limited opportunities provided for Negro boys and girls of teen age, your work in clubs and classes for them is meeting a great need along this line.

We have had with us during the year, four and sometimes five girls furnished by the NYA, to assist us. We have given them an opportunity to learn the work in every department. They have been a great help to us and we believe they have received a great blessing by their contacts in our home.

More than one girl expressed her joy at being sent to the Bethlehem House to "make her hours." One girl said the Christian atmosphere at Bethlehem House had made her want to be a better girl.

Our Clinic has "enlarged its borders," we now have two afternoons a week instead of one for our work in that department. One afternoon devoted to the "Well Baby" Clinic and one to pre-natal cases. The mothers are grateful for this splendid service and we are most grateful for our splendid staff of nurses and doctors.

All special "days" were given their place and emphasis in our program of work for the year.

Our attendance at the Vacation Bible School was very good. We had four departments in our school. We felt that God was revealing himself to boys and girls who attended through the faithful efforts of our teachers.

Negro boys and girls left to themselves have no place to play except the streets and alleys of our cities, breeding places of crime and disease. We are so glad to provide wholesome supervised play for them on our own playground. We realize our responsibility and are trying to help the boys and girls who come to us to reach the highest standards of Christian living.

Our Auxiliaries of the Board of City Missions and Conference are those who share the good things of life with those less fortunate. The many boxes of food, clothing, and other supplies have made it possible for us to answer the call of the needy and distressed in our midst. We have looked into pathetic eyes, so weary waiting for the dawn of a better day; we have had these same needy ones go away clothed and fed because someone "cared and shared."

Our year closed happily for every group that was, with the merry Christmas season. Our friends were generous with their supplies

of toys and gifts for everyone, making it a time long to be remembered in the hearts and lives of all.

We see in many ways that our Father is working in the hearts of the people whose lives we touch along the highway of service. His workmen pray for strength for the task.

#### Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga.

Miss Thelma Stevens, Head Resident, reports:

The year 1936 was a "red letter" year in the history of Bethlehem Community Center, and a worthy "forerunner" of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the institution to be celebrated in 1937. If the purpose of the institution may be summed up as community service, leadership training, and the promotion of interracial understanding, it may be safely stated that this threefold purpose has been promoted with encouraging results in 1936. Dreams of expansion and greater facilities for service are being slowly realized; a keener sense of community responsibility is felt and a recognition of the need for interracial understanding and co-operation is growing throughout the city.

In January, 1936, the Springfield Branch of the Bethlehem Community Center was opened through the efforts of the Advisory Board and interested citizens. In May, 1936, the formal opening of the Camp and Rural Center marked a new epoch in the program expansion of the institution. This branch serves a twofold purpose at present with unlimited possibilities for future development. The camp project is the only one in this section of Georgia for Negroes. Last summer was the first time that Bethlehem Center groups in Augusta had the opportunity for camp experiences. The Camp Center is located ten miles from Augusta in the heart of a densely populated Negro section. With forty-five acres of land and one small building the beginning has been made, and the challenge for future development is tremendous. Funds for initiating these projects were provided from various missionary societies in North Georgia, local contributions, including one gift of \$500, and the Woman's Missionary Council. The Rural Center was one of the Week of Prayer specials for 1936.

Aside from the community service expansion suggested above the major emphasis for the year hinged around various leadership training projects for Paine students and local church leaders, and continued efforts to stimulate interest in constructive projects in community co-operation among the white and Negro groups. One of the most thrilling experiences of the year in interracial co-operation was the Christmas Good Will service in December, when three races came together for a pageant. There were more than a hundred individuals, representing eighteen white and Negro churches of all denominations, in the cast, and approximately eleven hundred in the audience with one hundred twenty members of the white and Negro choral groups. The spirit of good will in that big audience was thrilling to behold.

During the year 1937 there is much to be accomplished. The Silver Anniversary of Bethlehem Center in Augusta should mark a tremendous stride forward in the entire program of the institution.

L. C. Hamilton, Boys' Worker, reports:

The boys department opened its regular fall registration with ninety-three boys applying for membership. This number has increased to one hundred twelve boys, with a regular attendance of ninety boys per week, under the leadership of five young men students of Paine College, and one former Paine student, now in business in the city.

The work this year so far has been very satisfactory, and by far the best year I have experienced since I have been connected with the Center.

At the present time seventy per cent of the boys are paying there dues either in cash or by doing work of some kind each month for their membership in the clubs.

The summer of 1936 we had twelve boys in camp for a short period. This summer we hope to double our number. The camp idea is new to the group and funds for same are sometimes slow coming.

Miss Felicia Starks, Kindergartner, reports:

We have come to the end of a very enjoyable year in the Bethlehem Center Kindergarten. The department has had two full sessions each day with forty children in each group, and a long "waiting list" of applicants. The Bethlehem Center kindergartens are the only ones provided for Negro children in Augusta, and they meet a real need.

My work has been most enjoyable during the past year. A group of young women from Paine College have given enthusiastic service as assistants in the kindergarten and the activities of the year have been interesting and profitable both for children and leaders. I am grateful for the tangible results of the year's work, which may be found in the response of the children and in the growing interest of mothers in their organized group.

Mrs. M. B. Braxton, Extension Worker, reports:

My first year's experiences at Bethlehem Center have been most interesting and challenging and the learning process has been invaluable to me. It is impossible for me to make a real report, because I have been new on the job and the projects assigned me have been new. So it has been a matter of feeling my way!

My work during the past year has been divided between the activities of the new Springfield Branch and those at the new Rural Center. I have found great joy in the recognition of the possibilities for character growth and community development at both centers. Both are a challenge for local support and promotion and should become worthy monuments to mark the end of the first twenty-five years of the history of Bethlehem Center in Augusta.

Mrs. A. W. Gardiner, Club Worker, reports:

The younger girls of the community (age 6 through 12) have been actively engaged in their various "hobby clubs" since September. The total enrolment was ninety-five girls; these were organized into eleven clubs, nine of which are sewing clubs, one tap dancing class, and one music club. These clubs are conducted once a week with the assistance of volunteer leaders from Paine College, and a well rounded program, including worship and recreation with the hand work project is carried out each week.

The members of hobby groups who were eligible to attend the summer camp held during the month of June, 1936, were very enthusiastic about their stay and this summer we hope this group of eligibles will be doubled for summer camp.

The library has been used more during the past year than ever before because of the addition of 100 volumes of children's books to the library. These new books were the gift of a friend of the Center. A story hour is held for the younger children once a week.

Though the enrolment was smaller than in preceding years, the groups were able to do much better work and have made much progress this past year.

Miss Dorothy Weber, Club Worker, reports:

With each year's experience at Bethlehem Center, my work with older girls brings increasing satisfaction. One of the greatest joys I have had this year has grown out of the fact that a large number of my older club girls are doing volunteer service of some type at the Center. There have been twenty leaders and advisors working with me in the older girls work department. Most of these young women have been Paine students.

Early in the fall thirty of our student leaders went to camp for a week-end of intensive program planning for group work. The experience proved most stimulating and has been one reason for a higher standard in club work during the year.

"Camp" has come to be one of the most popular words at the Center. Our first camp periods were held last summer and even though a scarcity of funds made the periods short, it was a thrilling time for twenty-three girls. They have spread the camp idea for 1937 and there should be at least forty girls over twelve years of age at camp this summer, 1937.

Christmas, 1936, was unique for all groups at Bethlehem Center. A friend of the institution made a lovely Christmas tree possible at the Center for all eligible group members. How thrilled the older girls were to learn to knit and have the material for a beautiful sweater given to them!

#### Bethlehem House, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Miss Marian Brincefield reports:

This has been a year of much growth and expansion for us. We have added a worker to our staff and are using three NYA workers. This year realized our dream of a playground and game room for adults as well as for children. We are laying the foundation for what we hope will be a great alumni association of the kindergarten department of our home.

We were very grateful when one of our physicians volunteered to give our children diphtheria and typhoid immunizations.

We offered to the women of Winston-Salem a new experience in the form of an institute which was taken with great enthusiasm. Twenty-five women registered for the four courses which were offered in our Christian Culture Institute.

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Gal. 6: 14.)

#### Bethlehem House, Spartanburg, S. C.

Deaconess Berta Ellison, Head Resident, reports:

Bethlehem Community House in Spartanburg was born in a depression. But in spite of untoward circumstances and lack of sufficient finances after six years it appears to be a thriving institution. Something more precious than money has gone into the sustenance of this Bethlehem House. It is a living monument to volunteer service, perseverance, faith, and prayer. The outgo of influence far exceeds what could reasonably be expected from the annual investment, the space and equipment available. This is made possible at present in part by a large and versatile group of NYA workers.

The past year has been one of steady rather than spectacular growth. Kindergarten in season has been attended as usual with 35 or 40 on pretty days and fewer children on bad days. Look into a small oblong room and behold them sitting in double crescent formation, singing or reciting Bible verses or listening to stories or eating lunch

or practicing rhythm band but for lack of space not engaging in active games except on the playground, weather permitting. And yet, like so many little pansies responding to light, heat, and moisture, smiling brown or black faces light up with new experiences and new ideas each passing day.

NYA workers direct activities on a large, well-equipped playground as the major part of their effort. A successful Vacation Bible School was held in June. Clubs for boys, girls, and women have functioned satisfactorily. A WPA teacher who holds a diploma from Tuskegee has offered courses in sewing, cooking, and home and yard beautification to women. Saturday sales of secondhand clothing have proven a boon to patrons, who, with few exceptions, subsist upon inadequate and uncertain wages.

In common with all Bethlehem Houses, ours is a venture in interracial co-operation and understanding. Both racial groups, white and colored, are represented on the local Board. The Negro group carries a definite financial responsibility which they assumed voluntarily and to which they contribute sacrificially. Favorable reaction has been noted from study courses on interracial relations used last fall throughout the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. These courses contributed much in intelligent understanding and formation of more friendly attitudes toward our Negro neighbors. As local proof we cite receipt of cordial letters and boxes of supplies from six states, Texas and California included.

Perhaps the most encouraging single event of the year was a favorable reply to an invitation extended in December to Central Church and Trinity Church missionary societies to participate in the local work as regular members of Bethlehem House Board. Hitherto Bethel Church had borne the burden of sponsor alone.

Nineteen hundred thirty-six was a good year, but by all tokens 1937 should be better.

#### Bethlehem House, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Deaconess Martha Stewart, Head Resident, reports:

Every appointment I have had has seemed the most needy and challenging to me. Every field offers such unlimited possibilities that I always have a sense of awe at the bigness of the task, yet a sense of untold gladness at the opportunity which is mine in working with those who are striving to bring others into a fuller, deeper life. This year has been no exception, and our work has gone forward in a splendid manner when we remember that our Bethlehem House in Chattanooga was closed for a good while. Not only the people in our community but many of our church members in the Chattanooga District are becoming actively engaged in our work, and interest is growing steadily in all phases of our work.

#### Bethlehem House, Memphis, Tenn.

Deaconess Ruby Berkley, Head Resident, reports:

Another year has passed all too quickly for the number of things that we wished to accomplish during the time. However, it has been a very happy year in many respects.

When the Board of Missions bought property in another location, that meant a move for us, since we had been renting the former place, and the task of fixing up another place. It is really very exciting getting places all arranged, but I only hope it will not become a habit with me.

It has been such a joy to work with our Negro friends, both with

those who are employed as workers here and also those children and others who attend our different activities. We have had such efficient work done in our clubs and kindergarten by our Negro workers.

The project which we have been carrying on under the National Youth Administration has been a great help to our work in so many ways, and I believe to the ones who have worked here.

It was a fortunate thing for us that the children's groups studied *Our Negro Neighbor* this year, as we received so many lovely gifts and messages from many different churches. Not only did these things help wonderfully during the Christmas season, but they will continue to be of help throughout the year. We cannot express our thanks sufficiently to our friends who have shown such an interest in our work.

Our aim and our prayer is to carry on in the way that Christ would direct in order that the most worth-while things may be attained by the greatest number.

#### Bethlehem Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Deaconess Alice McLarty, Supervisor, reports:

A most glorious adventure is afforded one who lives and works in a Bethlehem House!

It is a challenging opportunity for Christian service; indeed, it is a challenge to us to "attempt great things for God; expect great things from God."

What joy fills our heart when remarks similar to these are heard: "The devotional conducted in our Mothers' Club helps me all during the week."

"Let me say a prayer." This came from one of the primary children whose parents did not say grace at meal time. She now insists that she be allowed to repeat the prayer she learned at the Center.

Many opportunities are afforded for promoting interracial good will; Leadership Institutes have been held in co-operation with the other Methodist Settlements of Nashville, both white and colored taking part. Our Advisory Board membership is composed of those of both races. As Club Leaders we have students from Fisk University, A. & I. State College, Scarritt College, and volunteers from the community. We feel that working and planning together is a step forward in interracial understanding.

Another way of creating good will, as well as learning to "share," has come as a result of the recent study (made by white boys and girls) of *The American Negro*. How widespread the interest has been may be seen from the fact that over 100 boxes of supplies have been received from 18 different states. In return our Negro boys and girls plan to purchase pictures of famous Negro men and women and send to some of those who sent boxes.

Our Summer Camp is a project that is supported by gifts from our Negro and white friends.

The six weeks of camping last summer proved to be a real outing for each one of the 106 boys and girls who attended. There were various activities: nature study, hiking, dramatics, trail blazing, and swimming. A short devotional was held each morning, vespers after the evening meal. The singing was especially beautiful as each young, clear voice joined in such spirituals as "Steal Away," "I Want to Be a Christian," and others. Just before bedtime each evening a circle was formed, and we sang "If I Have Wounded Any Soul Today," then "Taps." Then everyone was ready for a good night's rest after a busy, happy day spent out of doors.



So it is through contacts made in our clubs, camping, and other activities that great adventures come!

Deaconess Annie McIver Rogers, Director of Girls' Work, reports:

Since group work is a means to several ends, and one of these ends is the helping of individuals who come to us to become well adjusted Christian citizens, this last year the writer has more than ever tried to know her girls as individuals, so as to see their needs and give them help when possible. The following cases will illustrate the work we are trying to do:

At camp for several summers Lucy showed great sensitiveness about her personal appearance. This was also noted as we had contact with her at the Center. Her family is large, so that there isn't much money to spend, and clothes are the last item to receive attention. When younger this did not matter so much, but now, in the teen years, to compare unfavorably with one's fellows as to dress, was a sure urge toward a feeling of inferiority. In addition to this Lucy was handicapped by a distinct lack of personal beauty, and her environment does not help her to make the most of what she has. Remarks made by rude girls about her looks increased her feeling of inferiority, and it was added to still further because of disparaging remarks made by companions about a sister who had behaved improperly.

The clothes situation was helped by seeing that the mother arranged to have some clothes for Lucy that were even better looking than those worn by some of her friends. She was advised to be more neat and careful about her personal appearance. She showed some skill in playing checkers and was given a chance to show at several checker tournaments, at which she always came off victor, this fact being duly announced in the *Bethlehem Star*, our monthly paper.

Last fall for the first time in the Girls' Federation she stood and spoke, giving a brief account of the Federation candy pull which she had attended. After she sat down it was pointed out that Lucy was the best candy puller at the party, other boys and girls coming to her for help. At the next meeting of the Girls' Federation Lucy will lead the devotional.

Grace has been coming to the Center with more or less regularity for several years. As the years passed and she came into her teens, she was more of a problem. In Saturday Bible School sewing class last year she had deliberately ruined the material of a dress by refusing to follow her leader's instructions when cutting. When she was in a group she had to be different from everyone else, demanding constant attention from the leader. Last fall when she came in to enrol, she said she wanted to join Saturday Bible School, a Homemakers' Club, and would like to take music lessons. It was pointed out to her that she could not be a member of Saturday Bible School, as she had outlawed herself by her conduct last year. The music teacher had a full schedule, but she was allowed in the Homemakers' Club. After several weeks the leader reported that she could do nothing with Grace and that she was ruining the whole club. Grace was called in, and it was explained to her that she had been given a fair trial for several years; and as she did not act acceptably in a club, she could no longer be a Homemaker. She could come to the Girls' Office and play games informally whenever she liked, but she could not be a member of a group unless her behavior changed. Just after this happened there was a vacancy in music, so wanting to leave no stone unturned in her behalf, she was told that she could take music lessons. This pleased her very much, and her father came in to talk about arrangements for a book, as he had very little money. A friend gave us

a book for her to use at first, and then Grace proudly brought a book that had been given her by someone for whom she works occasionally. She showed interest in her lessons, coming in often to practice. Her teacher soon reported that she was doing good work; and gradually her behavior began to show improvement. After a couple of months she asked to be allowed to join a Crochet Club. She was permitted to do this, with the understanding that we expected her to behave. The leader of this club reports that she is far from perfect, but no worse than some of the others, and she does not ruin the club. She attended a Federation party in the fall and behaved in an acceptable manner. At the last meeting of the Girls' Federation she came in and sat down and acted similar to all the other girls. You would not have known that she were there if you had not looked for her. Her music teacher is planning a little recital for her benefit, and she is pleased at the prospect of gaining attention in a legitimate way.

T. S. Walker, Director of Boys' Department, reports:

Bethlehem Center has become the rendezvous for the boys of the city at large, as well as for those of the community. The gymnasium is the big attraction. These boys spend their leisure time in such activities as athletics, leather craft, bead craft, wood carving, carpentry, and Scouting.

We are very proud of Scout Troop No. 65. Last summer they started a project for the purpose of beautifying the camp property. Trails were blazed through the most scenic part of the property. In the Boys' Hobby Fair they succeeded in winning two first prizes, three second, and one third prize. Excellent service was rendered the Red Cross during the recent flood.

During the past year we have been able to do some very worthwhile work in co-operation with the health agencies, especially doing follow-up work after physical examinations were made of all those who attended Summer Camp.

This year we are sponsoring a city-wide basketball tournament which we believe will be the means of interesting even more boys in clean playing and clean living.

Miss R. O. Napoleon, Director of Primary and Kindergarten Department, reports:

The kindergarten and primary clubs have had two very satisfying experiences this term. From them both have come a fine spirit of fellowship and appreciation.

The first experience grew out of the study course of the American Negro that was used by the primary and junior groups of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for this past quarter. The children received a large quantity of very nice and useful gifts from these groups all over the South. Several local groups and a few out-of-town groups came to visit us and presented their presents themselves. The children were impressed and very happy to receive the gifts. They felt that they should give something in return. Gradually they were led to understand that presents were not given to receive gifts in return; they are given because someone likes you and wants to be friends. Appreciation can be shown by doing something nice for someone else.

The second experience grew out of visits of several foreign missionaries and several foreign students from Scarritt College. The visitors from Korea and Japan were especially impressive. A group of primary boys is very interested in a project on Japan as a result.

They are learning something of the customs, games, music, and festivals of Japan. They are also learning how much the little Japanese children appreciate the opportunity to attend schools and Sunday schools and how hard they try to please their teachers and how polite they are in their homes. At a recent party this group was able to demonstrate several Japanese games and then direct the other groups in playing them.

Several children had thought before this experience that all peoples were either white or Negro. Through these experiences a foundation for fellowship and appreciation of all peoples in God's world has been laid.

## RURAL WORK

### Methodist Community House, Mount Vernon, Ala.

Deaconess Eva Crenshaw, Head Resident, and Miss Juanita Hill report:

Our first six months of work among the Cajan people have just ended. In such a short time not much can be accomplished in many ways, but we have seen the Community House, which badly needed paint, paper, and furniture, changed to an attractive and comfortable home. These changes are being enjoyed by the Cajan people. They have been especially delighted with the radio, piano, and Aladdin floor lamp. Several have thought that they would not tire of just sitting and looking at all of the changes that have been made. Some of the young people have said that they wish for homes like the Community House. We appreciate the interest and generosity of the women of the Alabama Conference who have made these needed changes possible.

Much of our time has been spent in acquainting ourselves with the people. About seventy-five homes have been visited in the communities near us and where we have brush arbor meetings. One of us has done work in sewing and cooking in a few homes and with different groups that are to be organized into clubs. The other teaches in the nearby one-teacher school. Both of us are teachers in the Byrd church school. We are aiding, as best we can, the completion of the Byrd church building toward which some progress has been made.

The Cajan people have made us happy with their friendly response and appreciativeness. Since we have found the doors of their homes and, we believe, of their hearts, open to us, we are encouraged to continue joyfully our work in this field of great need.

### North Arkansas Conference Rural, War Eagle Charge, Ark.

Deaconess Dora Hoover reports:

Annual Report for the year 1936.

When I look back over the work of the past year, I exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" And I begin the New Year with hope and courage.

Instead of the drought being a hindrance in the work, it has been a spiritual blessing. Feeding the hungry and clothing the naked has given an entrance into the hearts of many who had hitherto closed their hearts to the gospel message.

Our women of the missionary societies have responded nobly to the need of this work by keeping us abundantly supplied with good literature and clothing.

During the month of August and a part of July we were in revival meetings over the charge. A ministerial student from Hendrix

College assisted in two of the meetings and was very helpful. The total number of accessions to the churches during the year was twenty-seven.

We have improved the interior of our only church, which was in bad repair, repaired the other sufficiently to use, and are erecting a church at La Rue-Rocky Branch.

There are Sunday schools at six points and another part-time one. We began our Church Vacation Schools on the last day of January and conducted seven. All except one were two weeks in duration.

#### North Georgia Conference Rural, Gainesville District

Miss Bert Winter reports:

Six circuits in the Gainesville District and three months' nurturing work begun earlier in other districts were my places of work for 1936.

Assistance was given in many Council and Board meetings, planning Rally Day and worship programs, collecting benevolences and pastors' salaries, and repairing parsonages, visiting for leader and the teachers in the Sunday school the sick and needy.

A community interest was secured in repairing the home and furnishing food, clothing, and fuel for a shut-in invalid.

A girl was placed at Vashti, and she's so happy; she says Vashti is a place where God is.

Assistance was secured for two college girls, enabling them to remain in college for graduation.

For a rural worker "each morn is the world made new," and to feed the hungry hearts in her parish and lead them to the Master is ever a challenge to give her very best.

#### South Georgia Conference Rural, Cairo, Ga.

Miss Bessie Miller reports:

Because of the splendid communities where there is idle leadership waiting for someone to tell them what to do we have continued throughout the year the plan of reaching out into new territory while we kept in touch with the old. Missionary societies have been organized in ten new communities and these with previously organized groups of rural church women are proving the value of organized effort in our rural areas. Not only are they making a worth-while contribution to the building of Christ's kingdom around the world, but through a wide range of activities they are spreading the "Good News" in their own communities. Special services, where services are too few; group meetings, building a spirit of co-operation on circuits; improved and beautified churches and grounds fostering a sense of pride; community socials, creating a spirit of neighborliness; and many other activities are contributing to the building of a creed of belief in one's self, in one's community, and in one's God.

The rural worker has had the privilege of serving on the Inter-Board Commission of the Conference and has co-operated in projects undertaken by this Board.

Realizing the value of Mission Study for sewing seeds of neighborliness and world citizenship special attention has been given to this phase of the work. Classes have been conducted, and others arranged for and promoted through the distribution of books. Time was given to Vacation Schools during the summer months.

We have had a good year at our rural community house. An active Community Club is rendering a good service in many ways. Through the missionary society the women of the community have sponsored a bus as an aid in the transportation problem for the church school

and with special attention given to an every-member canvass and monthly payment of financial obligations the church has taken on new life. We are working for electric lights and expect to have them soon. As a new project for this year we are going to undertake a community fair and also work out plans for a curb market.

With Carlyle I would say, "Oh, it is great and there is no other greatness—to make some nook of God's creation a little fruitfuller, better, more worthy of God, to make human hearts a little wiser, manfuller, happier, more blessed, less accursed—it is work for a god."

#### Louisville Conference Rural, Monticello, Ky.

Deaconess Cora Lee Glenn reports:

The work out from Monticello has four points with three churches. On Ray Hill we meet in the homes. The outstanding piece of work here this year has been the erection of two churches. On Elk Ridge we had only the one-room schoolhouse for our services, and it was very inadequate. On August 2 we dedicated our church building, and on that day we also began our revival, which resulted in several conversions.

Morris Hill is a three-mile ridge beginning not far from Monticello. A few children from that large settlement came into town to church schools but the large majority of those people were not reached by any church. Prayer meetings and children's meetings were begun in the various homes last fall, and this spring we realized that the field was white unto the harvest and we must have a building. A carpenter in town volunteered his labor and directed the work. When we held our revival in September we had no windows, no ceiling, and only a rough floor, but we had forty-five conversions and a good church was organized. We got our building ready for winter and dedicated it November 8. We still have to weatherboard and build a basement.

It has been my privilege to conduct chapel services at two of my schools each week. We have prayer meetings at each of the four places, young people's meetings at two places, and children's meetings at all four places. I was not able to have Vacation schools this year because of our building program, but we plan to have four this next year.

We had three Christmas pageants, and in each one we had the White Christmas service. We also had three treats for the children.

In the spring the Louisville Conference bought a new car for the work here, and it has been a great blessing. As it is a sedan, I am able to accommodate more of my people, and the trunk is convenient for books and other supplies.

God has blessed the efforts this year. It has been a joy to see souls born into the kingdom and to watch them grow into fine leaders.

#### Louisiana Conference Rural, Oak Grove, La.

Deaconess Shiela Nuttall reports:

Another year filled with rich experiences has gone. Meetings of great spiritual blessings were attended, among them the Deaconess Conference, the Woman's Missionary Council, and the School for Christian Living.

My work during the year consisted of many varied activities. Talks were made at local, zone, and district meetings of the Woman's Missionary Society and at local and union young people's meetings; study classes have been taught; pageants and plays directed; socials conducted; series of meetings for discussion of local church school prob-

lems held; institutes for local Vacation Church School leaders held; Vacation Church Schools planned and directed; pulpits filled in the absence of pastors; story hour conducted for Negro children.

A Sunday school and a Woman's Missionary Society were reorganized; a Board of Christian Education was organized, and two others were helped to function properly.

Magazines were distributed and cards were secured, enabling many families to use books from the Louisiana Library Commission.

It has been a happy year, and I thank God for the joy of service.

#### Sunny Acres, Lewisville, N. C.

Deaconess Hyda Heard, Head Resident, reports:

My six months at Sunny Acres have passed quickly, each month bringing new experiences with it.

The home here is beautifully located and is an attractive, commodious structure, easily accommodating from twenty to thirty guests. During the year the workers have had the privilege of serving thirty-five out-of-town groups and eighty-two local groups, making a total attendance of 1,607. One of the adult groups we especially enjoyed was our president and executive committee of the Western North Carolina Conference. It was truly an inspiration to have them for a few days. Another interesting group that visited us was our County Woman's Clubs, under the direction of the County Demonstration Agent. After an inspection tour of rural interests, one hundred and thirty had a picnic lunch at Sunny Acres.

The newest and latest phase of our work is the Opportunity Week we have just had, extending from February 22 through February 27. Before entering into this work, Fletcher Farms, Vt., the Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, N. C., and the Opportunity School at Berea, Ky. This was for adults eighteen years and over. For five days we had lectures, discussions, and practical courses. Efficient teachers from Winston-Salem freely gave of themselves and their time to the group, giving co-operation from the R. J. Reynolds High School, the county agents, and the Red Cross. Eleven stayed in the home. They represented nine different communities. Others from our immediate neighborhood and nearby communities attended some of the hours. We had ninety-three enrolled in classes, with a total attendance in all groups of 512. The group proved to be a family with a splendid spirit of co-operation and sharing one with another.

This year we have three workers at Sunny Acres. Miss Ogburn supervises the outside work and has done much to beautify the place and build up the farm. Miss Kee has the children and young people, and I have general supervision of the work.

Deaconess Sarah Kee reports:

Early in the year the Community Drama Group began the search for an appealing play to be used for the Sunday School Convention. We read plays and discussed their values at our regular meetings. When "The Lost Church" was presented in a very reverent manner the convention group expressed deep appreciation.

Fifty-six children from our rural community enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt in the park at "Sunny Acres."

June brought from Winston-Salem the first group of twenty children, who were our guests for two weeks. The full daily program included morning and evening worship services, music and songs, Bible stories, games, sewing, health talks, demonstration lessons in table manners and nature study. Three groups of children enjoyed

"Sunny Acres" during June and July. Each child gained weight during his stay.

The young people of the Baptist Church have enjoyed two socials at "Sunny Acres" in 1936. The local high school groups and our own Methodist young people have found "Sunny Acres" a delightful spot for picnics and weiner roasts.

The varied training to be gained through young people's retreats cannot be indicated in a brief report. A general idea of their worth may be obtained by noting the different retreats held during the year: (a) County Union Officers' Retreat to plan work for the year. (b) Worship Retreat. (c) Evangelism Retreat. (d) Missionary Retreat. (e) Lewisville Circuit Officers' Retreat. (f) Memphis Delegates' Retreat. (g) Three Department Retreats by young people in three different churches.

A Thanksgiving service was planned by our Community Drama Group and presented at the church on Wednesday evening. The women of the church served a Thanksgiving dinner.

Our Christmas guests included a mother and five children from Winston-Salem, who spent Christmas week with us. Santa left such lovely gifts for everyone. He brought dolls and a wagon, scooters and a blackboard to the children. On Christmas Day we also had guests from the community, a mother and six children. We had only fourteen around the Christmas dinner table.

The year closed with a Watch Night Service conducted by young people who attended the Memphis Conference the year before.

#### Oklahoma Conference Rural, Smithville, Okla.

Deaconess Minnie Lee Eidson reports:

During 1936 some opportunities for service were presented to this deaconess that had not come to her before. Early in the year she attended each district meeting of the Oklahoma Conference, known as Missionary Institutes, to lead a discussion group for workers in the young people's division, on materials and methods for presenting missionary programs. In addition she conducted a period of singing at each Institute to acquaint leaders with some of the excellent, unused hymns in our hymnals.

Another venture was in the teaching of the long course on "Recreational Leadership" at four leadership schools. In addition to the teaching, invitations to conduct demonstration recreational programs in various communities were accepted.

Regular contacts have been made during the year with four communities, for the purpose of assisting in the work of Missionary Auxiliaries, Sunday schools, and young people's meetings. More than in other years the deaconess has been called upon to substitute for the pastor in conducting church services. Perhaps the service rendered through these group meetings was less important than the counseling given in smaller groups and to leaders and officers individually. In several communities churches were helped to promote a vacation church school which probably would not have been held except for this assistance.

The last four months have been spent in a community across the state from the former location. Since the situation is quite different from the other, it has been necessary to find new avenues through which to work. An invitation from the superintendent of the public schools to become the leader of some extra-curricular activities was accepted as one way to have a part in character-forming activities.

A high school glee club has furnished opportunity for contacts with young people who live in isolated sections and who greatly need such a cultural interest. This glee club has assisted in three public programs, one of them in another community, to give joy at Christmas. At present the group is preparing a program of appreciation of the Negro race, to be presented to the entire school.

A high point in the year's activities was reached on December 31. At the request of some young friends, the cottage occupied by the deaconess was made "open house" for the young people of this quiet community during the closing hours of 1936.

It was a democratic gathering without denominational, class, or racial lines. There was co-operation in preparing for and conducting the evening's entertainment. Thoughtfulness, courtesy, and good fellowship marked the behavior of the group, which was large enough to tax the capacity and equipment of the house. The early part of the evening was spent in the playing of folk games, fun-provoking stunts, and the like. Gradually the activities grew more quiet, and the last minutes of the year were spent in serious remembrance and meditation. Then, in a body, all went to the nearby chapel and happily and reverently set the church bell to pealing out on the moonlit air the announcement that a new year had arrived.

#### Scarritt Rural Training Project, Nashville, Tenn.

Deaconess Sarah McCracken, Rural Worker, reports:

What glorious opportunities have been mine this year! Indeed, it has been a joy and a great privilege to serve in this new field.

The Tennessee Conference, with Scarritt College in its midst, presents an unparalleled opportunity to serve the church at large in experimentation and training for Rural Christian work. Early in 1936 the JOINT PLAN FOR RURAL CO-OPERATION was formed, actual work beginning in September. Those agencies assuming responsibility for this joint project are: The Tennessee Conference Board of Missions, the Tennessee Conference Board of Christian Education, the Board of Missions—Home and Foreign Departments—Woman's Work, and Scarritt College for Christian Workers. Its stated purpose is "to seek to provide effective training centers for students seeking preparation for rural work under the church at home and abroad, and by co-operative effort to seek to strengthen and develop the programs of already existing agencies."

As Rural Worker, my duties have varied with the requests from the co-operating agencies. I have attended the District Missionary Institutes and Educational Institutes; taught in Leadership Training Schools and Schools of Missions; and arranged missionary programs for pastors and missionary societies all over the Tennessee Conference. It is my function to seek to relate the rural churches to their respective communities and their needs. In this effort I have co-operated with the agencies of our own church, with other church agencies, and with existing social agencies.

As a co-operating committee, we felt keenly that the content of our rural program should be sufficiently varied to provide a ministry to different types of people and to the different levels of need and interests that are likely to be apprehended within the population of a community. As Project Centers we tried to select distinct types of Church and Community Work, namely: Circuit-Church Programs, Community Organization, School Community Programs, and Negro Educational Work. Fourteen students have been registered for Rural Field Work during the year, each student giving six hours a week to his or her project center. Each new day has offered many oppor-



tunities and avenues of co-operative service. As you see, our key word is CO-OPERATION!

The work presents a constant challenge for the best one is capable of giving.

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

### MISCELLANEOUS WORK

#### Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee, Fla.

Deaconess Winnie Lee Davis, Student Counsellor, reports:

The religious work at Florida State College for Women is carried on by the Religious Workers' Council, which is composed of the President of the College, Personnel Director, Professor of Religious Education, Y.W.C.A. Sponsor, the four church secretaries, and the pastors of the local churches. The Council meets once a month with a fellowship dinner in the college dining hall, followed by a business meeting. The purpose of the Council is to correlate the religious activities on campus and to avoid overlapping and duplication in the program. Our main objective is to promote interdenominational projects throughout the year. This year the Council sponsored two outstanding projects. The first was Religious Emphasis Week, October 31-November 5, with Dr. W. A. Smart of Emory University as guest speaker. The second was a State-Wide Youth Conference (interdenominational) held on our campus in connection with the Chain of Missions, February 12-14. In addition to my work as Methodist Student Secretary, I have served as president of the Religious Workers' Council during the past year.

There are 500 Methodist students enrolled at Florida State College for Women this year. Besides our regular church activities on Sunday, we have a continuous program throughout the week. Our Methodist House serves as a meeting place for worship groups, group and individual conferences, as well as many types of social and recreational programs. Our enjoyment of the Student House activities has increased greatly due to the finishing of the interior of the House and many other improvements made by the Woman's Missionary Conference of Florida last summer.

Some of the outstanding activities of the year are as follows: Freshman Camp, October 3; Affiliation Day, October 18; Joint Meeting with University of Florida Students, October 24, 25; Religious Emphasis Week, October 31-November 5; Play, "The Whirlwind," November 22; Christmas Vesper Program, December 8; Play, "They That Sit in Darkness," December 13; Christmas Program, December 15; State-Wide Methodist Student Conference (Lakeland), February 5-7; State-Wide Youth Conference, February 12-14; Easter Choir and Dramatic Program, March 21; Holy Week Services, March 22-26; Joint Meeting of Student Leaders with Religious Workers' Council, April 12; Methodist Camp, April 17; Recognition Service, May 9; Examination Teas, January 25-29 and May 24-28.

The church school classes have been very well attended throughout the year. In addition to a series of talks on "What May a Student Believe," taught by the Student Secretary, we have had a very interesting faculty series on "What Religion Means to Me."

It is impossible to measure the effect of such a program as we strive to promote, for spiritual values cannot be measured. However, we trust that our program has been a means of leading students into a more abundant living.

**Spofford Receiving Home for Children, Kansas City, Mo.**

Deaconess Annie Alford, Superintendent, reports:

As we have studied the lives of the 126 children under the care of Spofford Home during 1936 we have seen beauty and loveliness develop in many of them.

As we think of the future of these children we can see great possibilities for them in our country so much in need of strong, upright men and women.

Many of these have not had normal home lives and long for those of their very own. When this is not possible, the foster parents come next, and many of these foster parents are doing beautiful work in giving love and security.

We have been very grateful for the co-operation of our church women and other friends and groups who have stood by loyally, sharing with the children things good to eat and wear, as well as providing for social and spiritual development.

We are grateful for generous donations of citrus fruits from some of the wholesale houses which we feel have played a large part in keeping the family practically free from colds and flu.

Groups have been generous in providing tickets to the American Royal Stock Show, the Scout Round-Up, and the Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as giving parties, hikes, and picnics.

The pastors of the community have co-operated in working out plans for children of different denominations to attend their respective churches.

The children have been happy to co-operate in community needs. They worked to earn their money that they might share in the charities drive and the Junior Red Cross. At Christmas they gave their "White Gift" to a sick boy in a nearby hospital. They gave of their pennies to help the children of the flood district.

One boy who graduated from high school with high honors last May is now in Kansas City University working in a nearby home for his room and board.

The staff members are happy to have the co-operation of civic and social service organizations, of which almost all are members, in working out the best plans for these under our care.

We are workers together with God, trusting in His leadership for our daily lives and work.

**The Virginia K. Johnson Home and School, Dallas, Tex.**

Miss Mary L. Freeman, Superintendent, reports:

The year 1936 brought to the residents of the Virginia K. Johnson Home many unusual and interesting events. As the year advanced, we were eagerly preparing for Council. When the time for the meeting came, we were happy to entertain many of our friends and workers. Others came and went during the happy days. A tea was given to all visitors on March 21, 1936. At that time over 500 guests called.

Then came the widely advertised Centennial which every girl was privileged to attend through the generosity of our Local Board. It was my privilege to chaperon the girls in small groups, and not only a privilege but a delight, for it was another opportunity to demonstrate how one can serve God while attending a place of that kind. During the Centennial months we again had the happy opportunity of having workers, Council officers, friends, and relatives with us for visits. These contacts were not only joyous occasions for the workers but for the girls as well. The regular schedule of work,

school, Vacation school all went on as usual, but with an added zest because of the enrichment gained by the association with our guests.

In summing up the varied events of the year, we feel that the events of 1936 had a distinct contribution in the upbuilding of those who live in the Virginia K. Johnson Home, giving us a new courage to go forward serving and teaching in the name of Jesus Christ.

Deaconess Muriel Bell, Nurse, reports:

In the hospital department the number of patients ran about the same as the previous year. There were eighteen births. Most of the babies were healthy and strong youngsters. A few of the premature infants lived only a few days or one week. One mother was desperately ill in the Methodist Hospital during my vacation. For two weeks the doctors worked faithfully to bring her back to health. Two girls gave their blood for three transfusions given to this patient.

Five girls have had from three to five months' training in the hospital work. Some adapt themselves and prove to be efficient helpers in this line of work.

A friend of the work gave each girl a copy of *The Upper Room* for her personal devotions. This added to the spiritual life of the home. During December we studied Christmas hymns in the memory work, and this added to our singing in the Christmas pageant. Many hours have been spent in remodeling garments, resulting in thirty-four new-looking dresses. There have been 107 new garments made in the girls' personal sewing department.

Mrs. Eva Watts, Dietitian, reports:

It is with pleasure I come to make my report for 1936. The duties remain very much the same from year to year, but the contacts and joy in service increase with the years. Our donations have been most generous, much more than we expected, and we know a great sacrifice on the part of many. We have received 81 boxes of canned fruit and vegetables, and one case of eggs for which we are truly grateful. Our Christmas season was indeed a joyful time, for we had the help and co-operation of the Local Board and the many ladies of the Methodist churches of Dallas. We count it a privilege to work with each and every one of them. We are thankful for the blessings in our work which have been ours throughout the year.

Deaconess Leone Lemons, Teacher, reports:

Hard work? Yes, if living up to a high ideal for sixty minutes of every hour, knowing full well that the moment in which you relax your hold upon those higher things might be the very moment in which some girl is looking to you for help—if living before a group of young women and risking any word of yours or any action of yours as one that might influence some life, if living under circumstances that demand more of you spiritually than you are able to give in your own strength, if living under circumstances in which you need to be mentally, physically, and spiritually alert in order to keep "one jump ahead" of what may happen next, if working among those issues which demand patience, understanding, and perseverance—if those things are hard to attain then we have hard work to do. But I thank God for life, for challenging work, for his guiding Spirit which makes us able to bear more than we thought we could bear and able to do more than we thought ourselves capable of doing, and for an ever growing consciousness of God.

Miss Nora Pafford reports:

I come to the close of another year's work with gratitude for all its blessings and privileges. We can truly say with the Psalmist, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation." (Ps. 68: 19.)

## Portions of the Constitution of the Board of Missions That Bear on the Womans' Work

### SECTION I

#### THE GENERAL BOARD

¶ 513. ARTICLE I. (1) The missionary operations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, formerly administered under the Board of Missions, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Woman's Home Mission Society, shall continue to be administered by the corporation heretofore characterized and organized under the name of "Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," hereinafter termed the Board, which shall have charge of all foreign missions of the Church and of such missions in the home field as are not provided for by the Annual Conferences. The Board shall carry on its operations under three departments—viz., (a) Foreign Missions, (b) Home Missions, Evangelism, and Hospitals, (c) Education and Promotion. Each Department shall have two sections, General Work and Woman's Work.

(2) The Board shall be located in Nashville, Tennessee. Its annual meeting may be held when and where the Board shall determine.

¶ 514. ART. II. (1) The Board shall be composed of the President and Vice-President, the Bishops, a General Secretary, to be elected by the General Conference, the President of the Woman's Missionary Council, the General Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, the General Secretary of the General Board of Christian Education, the General Secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, the Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, and one manager from each Annual Conference in the United States, of whom thirteen shall be laymen, thirteen women, and the remainder traveling preachers, all of whom shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference on nomination of the Committee on Missions, which shall have as a basis of choice one preacher and one layman, nominated by each Annual Conference in the United States, and one woman on nomination of each Annual Conference Woman's Missionary Society in the United States. The Department Secretaries and the Treasurers shall be elected quadrennially by the incoming Board on the nomination of its Committee on Nominations, one of whom shall be the General Secretary. The officers and members of the Board shall continue in office until their successors are elected. Twenty members shall constitute a quorum. The Department Secretaries and the Treasurers shall have the privilege of the floor without vote. The General Conference shall elect the President and the Vice-President of the General Board, on nomination of the Committee on Missions.

(2) On nomination of its Nominating Committee, one of whom shall be the General Secretary, the Board shall elect a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Treasurer for the Section of Woman's Work (who shall be a woman), two Secretaries for the Department of Foreign Missions (one of whom shall be a woman), two Secretaries for the Department of Home Missions, Evangelism, and Hospitals (one of whom shall be a woman), two for the Department of Education and Promotion (one of whom shall be a woman); and such assistants as it shall determine only by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting; provided, that the Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and Treasurer

for the Section of Woman's Work shall have been previously recommended by the Woman's Missionary Council.

(3) The Board shall fix their salaries and the salary of the General Secretary. It shall assign the Secretaries to their particular fields of work.

¶ 515. ART. III. (1) The Board shall determine the fields that shall be occupied and the number of persons to be employed in each, estimate the amount necessary to support the missions under its charge, and consider all matters pertaining to its work. The President, upon the request of the General Secretary and three members of the Board, shall have authority to call an extra session.

(2) The Board shall have authority to regulate its own proceedings; to sue and be sued; to make by-laws in harmony with its charter and constitution; to fill vacancies in its membership; to remove any officer and fill any vacancy in the official staff; to appropriate money for current expenses; to establish missions; to enlist, train, and employ missionaries for service in the home and foreign fields, for evangelistic, educational, and medical work and other related forms of service; to build churches and residences for missionaries; to build and maintain hospitals and have general supervision of all hospital work in home and foreign fields; to build and maintain schools, training schools for Christian workers, and social settlements; to promote and maintain Goodwill Industries and other forms of community service; to co-operate with other denominations or agencies in the support of such institutions; to provide for superannuated missionaries, their widows, and orphan children; to provide for the education of the Church in missions in promoting the work of the Board through specialized missionary education as needed through missionary organizations and departments of the Board; and to solicit and raise money for carrying on all the work under its care.

¶ 516. ART. IV. The General Secretary shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Board and shall be the administrative and legal executive thereof. He shall be held responsible for co-operation, co-ordination, and efficiency in all the work of the Board and its several departments. He shall be charged with the cultivation and education of the Church in missions and with the promotion of plans and methods of financing the Board and increasing missionary liberality. He shall have such assistance as the Board may determine upon, and all Secretaries and employees of the Board shall be responsible to him for the discharge of their respective duties.

¶ 517. ART. V. The Treasurers shall hold the funds in safe deposit in the name of the Board of Missions, subject to the authorization of the Board and the order of the General Secretary. They shall furnish an annual report to the Board and perform such other duties as the Board and the General Secretary may direct. They shall give bond to the Board in such sums and upon such conditions as the Board may fix. The accounts of the Treasurers shall be examined by a public accountant chosen by the Board, and his report shall be presented to the Board. The Treasurers of the Board shall in no instance honor a draft for an amount larger than the balance on hand to the credit of the department for which it is used, and neither he nor any other agency shall in any year borrow for maintenance more than seventy-five per cent of the expected annual revenue of the Board for that year.

¶ 518. ART. VI. The revenues for the General Work of the Board shall be derived from apportionments distributed to the several Annual Conferences for collection in every congregation, from Church schools, gifts, donations, annuities and specials, and from freewill offerings. (¶ 819.)

¶ 519. ART. VII. The revenues of the Section of Woman's Work shall be derived from dues, pledges, special offerings, and specials from Auxiliary, District, and Conference Missionary Societies, from devises, bequests, annuities, gifts, and collections at meetings held in the interest of the societies; *provided*, that the funds raised by these societies shall be appropriated to the work already established by them or hereafter to be entered upon by the Board of Missions, Section of Woman's Work.

¶ 520. ART. VIII. (1) The Foreign Secretaries shall administer the work of the Department of Foreign Missions. There shall be a committee of thirteen, five of whom shall be women, which committee, in conjunction with the Secretaries and the Bishops in charge of the foreign fields, shall be responsible for the policy and plans of work in these fields. The Bishops in charge of the foreign fields shall confer with the missionaries and native workers concerning the needs of the fields and shall represent their views to the Board. They shall be responsible for promoting and carrying out the plans agreed upon, and for supervising the work and appointing workers.

(2) The Secretaries of Home Missions, Evangelism, and Hospitals shall administer the work of the Department of Home Missions, Evangelism, and Hospitals. There shall be a committee of thirteen, five of whom shall be women, which committee, in connection with the Secretaries, shall develop plans and policies for the department.

(3) The Secretaries of the Department of Education and Promotion shall have charge of the missionary cultivation of the Church (with special reference to the Church school, Lay Activities, Woman's Missionary Council, Auxiliary and Conference Missionary Societies, schools, colleges, universities, in co-operation with the General Conference Boards concerned and other agencies), according to the regulations of the Board. This Department shall be charged with:

(a) The education of the Church in missions by means of literature, Church schools of missions, institutes, and other methods.

(b) The enlistment and training of candidates for the work at home and abroad.

(c) Editing the *World Outlook* and other literature, as may be authorized.

There shall be a committee of thirteen, five of whom shall be women, of this department.

¶ 521. ART. IX. In addition to the departmental committee, there shall be the following standing committees: Executive, Estimates, Candidates, Nominating (one of whom shall be the General Secretary), and By-Laws, the functions of which committees shall be defined by the Board.

¶ 522. ART. X. There shall be a General Missionary Council composed of the chairman of each Annual Conference Board of Missions and the Conference Missionary Secretary, the Secretaries and Treasurers of the Board of Missions, and the members of the Departmental Committee on Education and Promotion. The Council shall hold an annual meeting for the purpose of promoting the missionary work of the Church and its extension throughout the connection. The expenses of Annual Conference representatives shall be paid by their respective Boards. The General Secretary shall be the Chairman of this Council.

¶ 523. ART. XI. (a) The work hitherto carried on by the General Hospital Board shall become the responsibility of the Board of Missions, Home Department, and the General Hospital Board as a separate general board shall be discontinued after all legal and constitutional requirements as to the transfer of vested property rights from

the General Hospital Board to the Board of Missions have been met. This transfer shall be made as soon as possible.

(b) The Golden Cross Society shall become a part of the work of the General Board of Missions, Home Department.

## SECTION II

### WOMAN'S WORK

¶ 524. ART. XII. The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, are authorized to organize and conduct missionary societies among women and children in the Annual Conferences and in the Churches in the interests of home and foreign missions, and to carry on such activities as will help in establishing a Christian Social Order around the world. These societies shall promote missionary intelligence and activity and secure missionary funds, by means of membership offerings, life and honorary membership fees, from devices, annuities, bequests, voluntary offerings, and collections at meetings appointed in behalf of the society.

¶ 525. ART. XIII. There shall be a delegated body to be known as the Woman's Missionary Council. It shall be composed of a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, two or more Secretaries, Superintendents of Bureaus, the President or alternate, the Conference Secretary or alternate of the Woman's Missionary Society of each Annual Conference, the President and Secretary of the Deaconess Conference, ten women elected at large by the Council, the women members of the Board of Missions, the Treasurer of the Section of Woman's Work, the Secretaries of the General Board of Missions, and such assistant secretaries in the Department of Education and Promotion as the program of the Woman's Missionary Council may require.

¶ 526. ART. XIV. (1) The Council shall hold annual meetings for the purpose of hearing reports from the home and foreign fields and from the societies, to consider the fields, lines of work, and various enterprises. It shall make recommendations to the Board of Missions regarding all its work, including estimates needed for its prosecution. It shall plan and promote its activities and those of the Conference and auxiliary societies. It shall also consecrate the women who have been accepted for service as deaconesses and missionaries (Woman's Work), and shall make recommendations to the Board concerning their employment and support.

(2) The Council shall enact its own by-laws and provide a constitution and by-laws for the Conference and Auxiliary Societies, all of which shall be in harmony with the Constitution of the Board of Missions. The Council shall plan to enlarge the membership of the societies, to increase the income from them, and to further the work of missionary education among women and children.

(3) At its annual session preceding the General Conference the Council shall elect its officers by ballot. All property hereafter acquired by the Woman's Missionary Societies through devises, bequests, annuities, gifts, or purchase, shall be held by the Board of Missions for the use and benefit of Woman's Work.

¶ 527. ART. XV. The office of deaconess is hereby authorized. The office and work of the deaconess shall be under the direction of the Department of Home Missions, Section of Woman's Work. When accepted for service, a deaconess shall be a single woman or a widow not less than twenty-three years of age nor more than fifty. She must be a member of our Church, in good standing, and have shown fitness for her duties by active service in some Christian work. She must have good health, a high school education, two years of college



work, and must have completed the prescribed course of study in an accredited training school. She must be recommended for consecration by a Quarterly Conference. A deaconess uniform shall be prescribed, but the wearing of it shall be optional. Relinquishing all other pursuits, she shall devote herself to such work as the Church may determine. Anyone applying for recommendation from a Quarterly Conference should have considered this step carefully and believe herself called of God to this work. A deaconess desiring to retire from the work shall be permitted to do so at the close of the term of her appointment, when she shall surrender her certificate. If found unsuited to the work and calling of a deaconess, she shall be retired and her certificate revoked.

### SECTION III

#### ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD

¶ 528 ART. XVI. (1) Each Annual Conference shall organize a Board of Missions, auxiliary to the General Board, to which it shall report annually. It shall keep the General Board of Missions informed of the status of its work, of unoccupied territory or other needed work, and shall by every means promote the work of the General Board throughout the Conference, and seek in every way to carry forward the missionary work of the Church. The Conference Board shall consist of one layman from each district, and an equal number of clerical members; *provided*, that each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least eight members who shall be elected quadrennially by the Annual Conference at the first session after the General Conference.

(2) The Annual Conference member of the General Board of Missions, the Conference Lay Leader, the Conference President of the Woman's Missionary Society, and the Conference Missionary Secretary shall be members, *ex officio*, of the Annual Conference Board of Missions. (¶¶ 686, 687.) The work of the Board shall be subject to the approval of the Annual Conference. Missions shall be established only with the consent of the Bishop in charge. (¶¶ 817-819.) This provision shall in no wise interfere with the activities of the Board in the interval of the Annual Conference sessions.

#### *Relation to the General Board of Christian Education*

¶ 420. For the purpose of promoting effective co-operation by the General Board of Christian Education, and the General Board of Missions, and the Woman's Missionary Council, in matters in which the work of these agencies is closely related, there shall be a Committee of Co-operation composed of the Executive Staff of the General Board of Christian Education and two other members who shall be appointed by the Board and an equal number representing the missionary interests, who shall be the General Secretary of the Board of Missions, two members of the Woman's Missionary Council, one of whom shall be its President, and four other members who shall be appointed by the Board of Missions. This committee shall be known as the Joint Committee of Co-operation and Counsel. It shall meet at least once yearly and shall make definite recommendations to the two Boards on the following items:

(a) Christian literature for foreign fields and plans for promoting the work of Christian education in foreign fields that are under the supervision of the Board of Missions.

(b) The Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise and those special objects to be agreed upon by the two Boards, as elsewhere provided, and plans by which these specials shall be placed and cultivated.

(c) Plans for securing missionary material for use in Christian

education publications and otherwise in missionary cultivation from fields in which the Board of Missions operates.

(d) Plans for promoting missionary education in the local Churches and in colleges and theological schools, including courses of study and the publication of books and literature directly bearing on missionary education.

(e) Plans for relating all missionary cultivation initiated by the Board of Missions in the local Church so as rightly to enlist the Church in this cultivation.

(f) Church school extension and the work of the rural Church.

¶ 421. The General Board of Christian Education and the Board of Missions shall be authorized to co-operate through the Committee on Co-operation and Counsel, in the missionary education of children in accordance with the following plan:

(1) A representative of the Woman's Missionary Society elected by it shall represent the Society on the Church Board of Christian Education.

(2) The work shall be carried on through the officers and teachers of the Children's Division.

(3) The Woman's Missionary Society shall elect a Secretary of Children's Work who shall be identified with the work of the Children's Division of the Church School, and be recognized by the Church Board of Christian Education as a member of the several groups of workers in the Children's Division.

(4) A program for study plan and materials bearing the imprint of both Boards shall be worked out jointly by a committee representing the two Boards. They shall take the form of missionary units begun twice during the year in Sunday sessions of the Church School and extended to extra sessions for supplementary study and activities.

(5) Offerings shall be taken at the regular fourth Sunday sessions and in extra sessions at the completion of each unit, and to be channeled through the Church School Treasury as part of the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise, which is distributed according to ¶ 428 of the *Discipline*.

(6) The promotion shall be directed by:

(a) The officers in charge of Children's Work elected by the General Board, who shall actively promote and interpret the plans for missionary education of the children which have been developed jointly, using the channels of the two Boards in conferences, institutes, schools, and promotion materials which have been prepared jointly.

(b) By Conference officers of both Boards through the channels which these Boards afford in their respective Conference organizations and by any opportunities for joint promotion.

(c) By superintendent and teachers of primary and junior departments of the local Church school, working together with a woman elected by the Woman's Missionary Society for missionary education of children. This woman shall be identified with the work of the Children's Division of the Church school, and be recognized as a member of the several groups of workers.

## By-Laws of the Woman's Missionary Council

1. The President shall preside at the session and actively advance the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall serve as a member of the General Board of Missions and of the joint Committee on Co-operation and Counsel. President

2. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President. She shall actively advance the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council. Should the office of President become vacant during the year, the Vice-President shall carry the duties of the office until the next annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council. Vice-President

3. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all sessions of the Council and shall keep the Journal of the sessions in permanent record, the same to be signed by the President. She shall give notice of the meetings of the Executive Committee. She shall send a copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee to each of the members of the Council. She shall prepare a condensed report of the called session of the Council and of the Executive Committee, to be presented at the annual session of the Council, and she shall present all recommendations of the Executive Committee to the Council. Recording Secretary

4. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Council in safe deposit made by her as Treasurer subject to authenticated drafts and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Treasurer. She shall make quarterly and annual reports. Treasurer

5. There shall be a Calendar Clerk whose duty it shall be to prepare the calendar rules and to take charge of the business calendar at the annual Council meeting. Calendar Clerk

6. The Superintendent of Christian Social Relations shall develop and direct the work of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations. She shall co-operate with the boards of the Church and with other agencies that are working toward social reforms and the development of a social conscience. Superintendent of Christian Social Relations

7. The ten women members at large, elected by the Council, shall extend the work by attending conference, district, and other meetings when practicable and shall seek to advance the interests of the work in every way possible. The election of any of these women to the Board of Missions shall not create a vacancy. Members at Large

8. The Secretaries in charge of Organization, Children's Work, and Literature shall provide suggestive plans and policies for the missionary education of the Church through the Woman's Missionary Societies. Education and Promotion Secretaries

9. (1) The Secretary in charge of Organization of the Missionary Societies shall promote the work through the Council and Conference Societies. She shall receive from the Conference Secretaries reports of their work, a summary of which shall be published quarterly and annually. Organization Secretary

*Amended March 9, 1938 by inserting the following sentence:  
 They shall be chairmen of the following committees: Spiritual Life and Message, Stated Meetings*

She shall direct the work of the Conference Superintendents of Supplies. She shall supervise mission study and Bible study. She shall develop spiritual resources, including intercession, family worship, and stewardship throughout the societies. She shall plan for conference and special meetings and shall co-operate with the boards of the Church and with other Christian agencies in meetings held in the interest of missionary education and organization.

Secretary of  
Children's  
Work

(2) The Secretary of Children's Work shall actively promote the missionary education of children through the Conference and auxiliary secretaries of Children's Work of the Woman's Missionary Societies in accordance with the co-operative plans of the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Missions. She shall co-operate with other organizations and agencies for the promotion of world friendship among children; she shall co-operate on the Children's Committee of the Joint Committee on Cooperation and Counsel, and in the preparation of literature according to plans worked out by the committee; she shall gather materials from the fields to be used with World Friendship units and supervise World Friendship projects.

Literature  
Secretary

(3) The Secretary in charge of Literature shall supervise the creation and publication of leaflets and other literature necessary for the missionary education of women and children. She shall direct the publicity work of the Council. She shall maintain a depository of missionary literature for sale and distribution and shall superintend the distribution of literature and supplies necessary for the work of the Conferences. She shall co-operate with the boards of the Church and with other Christian agencies in meetings held in the interest of the creation and distribution of literature and in publicity work.

Executive  
Committee

10. (1) The Executive Committee of the Council shall be composed of the officers of the Council (as listed in Par. 525 of the Discipline), the Calendar Clerk, ten members at large, and three women members of the Board of Missions, provided they are serving as President or Conference Secretary of their respective Conference Societies. The Council shall elect these three members by ballot.

(2) A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

(3) The Secretaries of the Woman's Work of the Home and Foreign Departments of the Board of Missions shall be members of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council.

(4) This Committee shall hold a mid-year meeting to review the work of the year and to attend to any other necessary business.

11. When vacancies among officers, members at large, or standing committees occur during the year they shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual session of the Council; *provided* that in the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall fill the office until the next annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council.

To Fill  
Vacancies

12. (1) The Council in annual session shall make recommendations to the Board of Missions of appropriations for the maintenance of Woman's Work in all fields, for the expense of administration, for Education and Promotion, and for a contingent fund.

Appropriations  
and Expenses

(2) Recommendations for appropriations one year shall not exceed the income of the previous year from all sources except annuities, bequests, devises, and the sale of property.

(3) The necessary expenses of the Executive Committee of the Council and the traveling expenses of officers, members at large, candidates, returned missionaries, and speakers at the annual meeting of the Council shall be met from the treasury.

13. Extra sessions of the Council may be called upon the written request of seven members of the Executive Committee or of twenty-seven Conference members. This request must be in the hands of the President and Recording Secretary at least fifteen days before the meeting.

Called  
Sessions

14. (1) Bureaus may be created where lines of work develop which require special supervision

Bureaus

(2) There shall be a Bureau of Christian Social Relations consisting of six members, who shall be the Chairmen of the Standing Committees on Industrial Relations, Rural Development, and Interracial Co-operation, International Relations and World Peace, and Christian Citizenship and Law Observance; and the Superintendent of Christian Social Relations.

Bureau of Christian  
Social  
Relations

*Amended  
Mar. 9,  
Economic  
Community*

It shall be the duty of this Bureau to outline Christian social activities, and to promote plans for the prosecution of the same; to assist in the development of lines of research, study and activities of these committees; to aid in harmonizing and organizing the results of their work for presentation to the Council; to develop such work for social welfare as may not be covered by them, and to devise ways in which the constituency may help in the realization of Christian social relations.

*fall within the  
scope of the committee  
amended Mar. 9,*

15. (1) There shall be Standing Committees whose duty it shall be to consider, investigate, and to prepare recommendations concerning special matters of business placed in their hands.

Standing  
Committees

(a) The Standing Committee shall serve during the quadrennium. Each committee shall elect its chairman.

(b) The chairman of a Standing Committee may call one meeting annually, the expenses of which shall be met from the treasury of the Council.

(2) There shall be a Standing Committee on Industrial Relations consisting of seven members.

*Economic  
Industrial  
Relations*

*Economic  
Amended Mar. 9,*

*None related  
March 1938 -  
See Council Report  
1938*

It shall be the duty of this Committee to study and gather facts regarding industrial conditions in communities at home and abroad in which our Church is at work. It shall suggest ways and means for the promotion of more Christian attitudes and relationships. It shall report to the Council. The results of its investigations shall serve as suggestions which shall be carried out through the Bureau of Christian Social Relations.

(3) There shall be a Standing Committee on Rural Development consisting of seven members.

*Community Development  
Rural Development  
Revised  
March 1938*

It shall be the duty of this Committee to study country life problems in America and on mission fields with a view to strengthening Christian forces in rural areas. It shall report to the Council. The result of its investigations shall serve as suggestions which will be carried out through the Bureau of Christian Social Relations.

(4) There shall be a Standing Committee on Interracial Co-operation.

*Interracial  
Co-operation*

It shall be the duty of this Committee to study relations among various racial groups in communities in the home field in which the Council is at work and to devise ways and means for the promotion of more Christian attitudes and relationships. It shall conduct experiments and demonstrations in Christian race relations, the results of which may be incorporated into the program of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations and made available through that Bureau. It shall report to the Council.

(5) There shall be a Standing Committee on International Relations and World Peace.

*Committee on  
International  
Relations and  
World Peace*

It shall be the duty of this Committee to keep in touch with national and international agencies promoting pacific relations between the nations and to serve as a channel through which information may be given and peace sentiment created in the Church, to formulate courses of study for the missionary societies to be put into effect through the Bureau of Christian Social Relations.

(6) There shall be a Standing Committee on Christian Citizenship and Law Observance.

*Committee on  
Christian  
Citizenship  
and Law  
Observance*

*Paragraph  
related March 1938*

It shall be the duty of this Committee to develop among the constituency an understanding of the fullest meaning of Christian Citizenship, to demonstrate the power of Christian women in forming public opinion, to promulgate the sacredness and power of the ballot. It shall engage in a study of national and state laws, shall teach and practice law observance, and shall watch proposed legislation which the Council may assist in enacting into righteous laws. It shall report to the Council. The results of such investigations shall serve as suggestions which shall be carried out through the Bureau of Christian Social Relations.

(7) There shall be a Standing Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work consisting of nine members, one of whom shall be the Home Secretary, Board of Missions; five of whom shall be members of the Committee on Deaconess Work of the Woman's Section, Home Department of the Board of Missions; and three members of the Council.

*Committee on  
Deaconess and  
City Mission  
Work*

It shall be the duty of this Committee to promote the deaconess movement and make recommendations to the Board of Missions concerning the employment and support of deaconesses.

(8) There shall be a Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of seven members.

Committee on  
Constitution  
and By-Laws

To this Committee shall be sent, not later than sixty days before the annual session of the Council, all proposed amendments to any constitution or by-law made by the Council. A complete list of these proposed amendments, together with the recommendations of the committee, shall be sent to the members of the Council before its annual session.

(9) There shall be a Standing Committee on Literature composed of the Superintendents of Bureaus; Secretaries of Literature, Organization, and Children's Work, and three members from the Council.

Committee on  
Literature

It shall be the duty of this Committee to plan the programs and literature ordered by the Council.

(10) There shall be a Standing Committee on Finance and Estimates for Woman's Work consisting of the President, the Vice-President, and ten members at large of the Council.

Committee on  
Finance and  
Estimates

It shall be the duty of this committee to study the financial policy of the Council, to keep informed with regard to its investments, to recommend plans for increasing the income, and to receive and act upon estimates as presented by the Treasurer and Secretaries. It shall transmit its recommendations to the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

(11) There shall be a Standing Committee on Laws consisting of three members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to watch all proposed legislation and to call attention to any overlapping, conflicting, and unnecessary legislation. It shall be the further duty of this Committee to prepare for use, under the proper headings in the Annual Report, a copy of the Standing Rules.

Committee on  
Laws

(12) There shall be a Standing Committee on Scarritt College for Christian Workers, consisting of the elected members of the Board of Trustees who are also members of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Committee on  
Scarritt  
College

It shall be the duty of this Committee to consider and report upon all matters relating to Scarritt College for Christian Workers requiring action by the Council.

(13) There shall be a Standing Committee on Lectureships consisting of five members, one of whom shall be the President of the Council.

Committee on  
Lectureships

It shall be the duty of this Committee to direct the policies of all Council Lectureships, including the Bennett-Gibson Lectureship, to choose the lecturers, to decide upon the expediency of publication, to administer funds, and to report to the Woman's Missionary Council.

(14) There shall be a Standing Committee on the Status of Women.

Committee on  
Status of  
Women

It shall be the duty of this Committee to study the status of women, including the bases of woman's place and the questions that affect her place in society and in the

Church. The Committee shall also promote such lines of activity as will improve her status in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It shall report to the Council.

Committee on  
Co-operation  
with Other  
Agencies

(15) There shall be a Standing Committee on Co-operation with Other Agencies consisting of three members, one of whom shall be the President of the Council.

*revised  
as of 9.19.38 by  
striking out last  
of 1st paragraph.*

It shall be the duty of this Committee to keep in touch with the Civic and Welfare organizations and with women's Church organizations engaged in lines of work similar to those of the Council; to recommend Council participation in such gatherings or conventions as are expedient; and to recommend the personnel of delegations to those meetings. It shall report to the Council.

Committee on  
Spiritual Life  
and Message

(16) There shall be a Standing Committee of Spiritual Life and Message consisting of seven members, one of whom shall be the Secretary of Organization, and one the Secretary of Literature.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to keep in touch with the spiritual movements of the time, to develop a clearer understanding of the implications of the teachings of Jesus for every realm of thinking, to endeavor by prayerful research to develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living. In co-operation with the Secretary of Organization it shall make plans for deepening the spiritual life of the womanhood of the Church. It shall report to the Council.

Committee on  
Candidate  
Work

(17) There shall be a Standing Committee on Candidate Work composed of the Home, the Foreign, and the Education and Promotion Secretaries, with the heads of the Departments of Home and Foreign Missions at Scarritt College, and three additional members who are Conference representatives in the Council.

This Committee shall have charge of the enlistment and cultivation of candidates for missionary service at home and abroad, and the consideration of scholarships which shall be granted to those applicants only who have met the spiritual, intellectual, educational, and physical requirements of the Council and who have had the required experience for missionaries and deaconesses.

Commissions

16. (1) There shall be Commissions appointed or elected to study matters requiring fact finding and research. They are expected to prepare a digest of assembled facts, together with the thinking of the Commission, as a basis of conclusions or recommendations to be presented annually to the Woman's Missionary Council and which shall be carried out by conferences and auxiliaries.

Unoccupied  
Mission  
Areas

(2) There shall be a Commission on Unoccupied Mission Areas.

It shall be the duty of this Commission on Unoccupied Mission Areas to investigate and tabulate facts regarding the areas in which our Church is working at home and abroad, with a view to determining what are the most needy unoccupied fields of missionary effort in order that it may call the attention of the proper agencies of the Church to these neglected fields and seek to stimulate effort to meet the needs. It shall report to the Council.



17. Such special or *ad interim* committees as may be deemed necessary may be ordered by the Council in annual session. The chairman of the special or *ad interim* committee may call one meeting annually, the expense to be met from the treasury of the Council.

Special  
Committees

18. The work of the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session shall be conducted by Session Committees appointed by the Executive Committee.

Session  
Committees

a. Each Session Committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary, who shall be members of the Council with no secretarial relation to the Board of Missions.

b. These committees shall receive recommendations from the Secretaries and Superintendents of the Council and from the women Secretaries of the Board of Missions.

19. The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual session.

Amendments to  
By-Laws

## Constitution and By-Laws for Conference Societies and Auxiliaries

### CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the woman's missionary work of the Conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of:

(1) Auxiliary delegates representing one or more societies, the number to be determined by each Conference, according to its requirements.

(2) A District Secretary from each district.

(3) All Chairmen of Conference Standing Committees.

(4) Any officer or member at large of the Woman's Missionary Council residing within the bounds of the Conference.

(5) Any editor of the Woman's Department of the Church paper residing within the bounds of the Conference.

(6) The ranking woman officer of any Mission Board which includes Woman's Work located within the bounds of the Conference.

(7) And the following officers: A President, a Vice-President, a Conference Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Secretary of Young Women's Groups, a Secretary of Children's Work, and Superintendents of Study, of Literature and Publicity, of Christian Social Relations, and of Supplies.

### BY-LAWS OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

1. The Executive Committee shall transact business in the interim of the annual session. Five shall constitute a quorum.

2. The Conference officers shall be elected by ballot at an annual meeting. The election shall take place annually, biennially, or quadrennially as the Conference shall decide. The officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President and Conference Secretary shall be members of the Woman's Missionary Council. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be elected to Conference offices. If after such election an officer moves outside the Conference bounds, such removal shall be considered her resignation from her Conference office.

3. Two members of the Executive Committee or from among the District Secretaries of the Conference shall be elected at each annual session as alternates to the Woman's Missionary Council. Alternates from Missionary Societies in foreign fields may be elected from among the members of the Missionary Society at that time in the United States.

4. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Vice-President, the Conference Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and shall actively advance the interests of the work. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

6. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence and shall assist in actively promoting the interests of the Conference.

7. The Conference Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society and supply the auxiliaries with information. She shall promote Christian Stewardship, shall use all possible means for the organization of Adult auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and shall make quarterly reports of the work to the Conference by the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January to the Organization Secretary of the Council. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and shall be responsible for a report of the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

8. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and keep the minutes of the same on record.

9. The Treasurer shall receive the funds of the Society, keeping an account of each auxiliary and submitting the same annually to an auditor. She shall handle only such funds as are used for programs of work authorized by the Council. She shall disburse funds on the written order of the President and the Conference Secretary. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society, and shall send itemized reports promptly, on the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, therewith transmitting such funds as are collected for the general treasury. She shall also send an itemized statement to the Conference Secretary and to the President.

10. The Secretary of Young Women's Groups, in co-operation with District Secretaries, shall through the auxiliary Presidents or the Chairmen of the Young Women's Groups actively cultivate young women in the conference for membership in the adult auxiliaries. She shall report quarterly the status and progress of the work to the Organization Secretary of the Council.

11. The Secretary of Children's Work shall actively promote and interpret the co-operative plan for missionary education of children, and shall report quarterly to the Council Secretary of Children's Work and to the Conference Secretary.

12. The Superintendent of Study shall promote mission study and Bible study. She shall report quarterly to the Education and Promotion Secretary in charge of Organization.

13. The Superintendent of Literature and Publicity shall make a careful study of the literature published by the Board of Missions, Woman's Work, with reference to the needs of the Conference, and make recommendations to the Secretary in charge of Literature. She shall be responsible for the distribution of the literature throughout the Conference and shall promote the dissemination

of missionary news through the Church and secular press. She shall be responsible for the promotion of the *World Outlook*. She shall make quarterly reports to the Education and Promotion Secretary in charge of Literature.

14. The Superintendent of Christian Social Relations shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions. She shall co-operate with the civic and social agencies for reform and shall seek to bring the women of the Conference into relations with them. She shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Christian Social Relations.

15. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and needed supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report quarterly to the Secretary in charge of Organization.

16. The District Secretaries shall organize Adult Auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in their districts. They shall present a report of their work at the District Conference and may hold annual meetings in the district. Districts may be divided into zones according to their size, and leaders provided for each zone. The District Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence with the auxiliaries and send a quarterly report to the Conference Secretary and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society.

17. Conference Societies shall not project new work nor respond to special calls for aid unless authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

18. The membership funds of all adult auxiliary societies, funds contributed to make life members, honorary life members, and honorary life patrons are a part of the general fund, which cannot be directed by the Conference.

19. Provisions for a Conference Expense Fund shall be made by each Conference according to the requirements. No part of directed missionary offerings shall be used for Conference expense.

20. The thank offering during the Week of Prayer shall be applied to specific objects to be determined each year by the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

21. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Council.

## ADULT AUXILIARIES

### CONSTITUTION

Any number of women may form an Adult Society auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Missionary Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers herein provided:

1. This society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the ——— Church, auxiliary to ——— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary is to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the women and children in a study of the needs of the world, in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions supported by the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any woman, twenty-four years of age and over, or one under

twenty-four years of age who has assumed the responsibilities of adult life through marriage or vocation may become a member of the auxiliary by giving prayer, service, and a contribution to the annual budget.

4. The auxiliary shall assume the responsibility of the payment of a definite pledge to the Conference which shall include membership offerings, covering relief and retirement and conference expense funds, free will offerings, and Scarritt maintenance. Scholarships for Scarritt College shall be raised as auxiliary or conference specials. An offering shall be taken during the Week of Prayer for special objects designated by the Council. Opportunity shall be given for offerings to be directed by the auxiliary and individuals for the support of special work approved by the Council.

5. Anyone may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of twenty-five dollars, and an honorary life member by payment of one hundred dollars, and an honorary life patron by the payment of three hundred dollars, provided the money is paid for this special purpose. Such membership is an honor and does not release the holder from the obligations of active membership.

6. A name may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of twenty-five dollars for this specific purpose.

7. The auxiliary shall carry on local work. This work may be done through a committee, the funds to be raised as the auxiliary directs.

8. The auxiliary shall elect one of its members to serve on the Church Board of Christian Education (1934 Discipline ¶ 421 (1) ).

9. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Secretary of Young Women's Groups, a Secretary of Children's Work, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and Superintendents of Baby Specials, of Study, of Literature and Publicity, of the *World Outlook*, of Christian Social Relations, of Supplies, and of Local Work.

10. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to the consideration of plans and financial pledges for the year. At the November business meeting, either annually or biennially, the election of officers shall be held. Officers shall be installed at the beginning of the new year.

#### BY-LAWS

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the auxiliary and shall actively advance its interests. By virtue of her office, the President is a member of the Quarterly Conference. When there is more than one adult auxiliary in a Church the President of the auxiliary first organized shall be the member of the Quarterly Conference.

The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in her absence.

2. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary. She shall send to the District Secretary full reports the first of January, April, July, and October. She shall send to the District Secretary and Conference Secretary the names and addresses of all newly elected officers of the auxiliary. She shall also send to the Conference Superintendents the names and addresses of their corresponding Auxiliary Superintendents.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and see that each meeting is properly announced.

4. The Treasurer shall collect all missionary money of the auxiliary,

keep an account of the same, and make an itemized report monthly to the auxiliary. She shall remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October, giving an itemized statement of the amount, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

5. The Assistant Treasurer shall have charge of local funds. She shall make a monthly report to the auxiliary, and she shall furnish the Treasurer a quarterly statement to be included in her report. She shall pay out money from the local treasury upon an order signed by both the President of the auxiliary and the chairman of the local committee.

The auxiliary as a society shall not assume obligations for the assistance or support of outside organizations, such as orphanages, hospitals, travelers' aids, Y. W. C. A., etc.

6. The Secretary of Young Women's Groups shall actively cultivate the young women of the church for membership in the Woman's Missionary Society. She shall seek to stimulate their interest in the total program and to include them in all the activities of the society. She shall report monthly and quarterly the status and progress of the work to the society.

7. The Secretary of Children's Work shall actively promote and interpret the co-operative plan for missionary education of children, and shall report monthly and quarterly to the adult auxiliary and shall send a written report semi-annually to the Conference Secretary of Children's Work.

8. (1) The Superintendent of Baby Specials shall be responsible for the cultivation of the parents of children under six years of age for interest in and contributions to the Kindergarten and Child Welfare Work of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall report monthly and quarterly to the adult auxiliary.

(2) ~~Names of~~ Children under six years of age may be enrolled as life members by the payment of five dollars; older children may be made life members by the payment of ten dollars. Names of children under six years of age may be placed on the Memorial Roll for five dollars, and the names of older children for ten dollars. These funds shall be sent by the Auxiliary Treasurer with her quarterly report to the Conference Treasurer.

9. The Superintendent of Study shall be responsible for the organization of Mission study and Bible study classes. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Study.

10. The Superintendent of Literature and Publicity shall be responsible for the dissemination of missionary news throughout the Church and community. She shall present the Missionary Bulletin in the auxiliary meetings and send items to the Church and secular press. She shall make quarterly reports to the Conference Superintendents of Literature and Publicity.

11. The Superintendent of the *World Outlook* shall be responsible for the circulation of the *World Outlook* throughout the local church. She shall, with the assistance of a committee, make a canvass of the entire membership, securing renewals and subscriptions. In co-operation with the pastor, she shall seek to present the magazine in attractive ways to the Sunday school, the prayer meeting, the missionary society, and the congregation. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Publicity.

12. (1) The Superintendent of Christian Social Relations shall stimulate and direct the study of social questions. She shall work for social reforms by securing the participation of auxiliary members in

civic and social welfare movements of community and State. She shall have charge of the studies and programs committed to the auxiliary through the Bureau of Christian Social Relations. She shall serve as Chairman of the Committee on Christian Social Relations. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Christian Social Relations.

(2) Funds for the use of the Committee on Christian Social Relations in constructive relief work and social reform may be drawn from the Local Treasury, provided the use of the funds is strictly in accordance with the provisions of By-Law 5.

13. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and necessary supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields, under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

14. The Superintendent of Local Work shall have charge of the social features of the auxiliary. She shall supervise whatever share the auxiliary may have in the care of the church and parsonage. The Assistant Treasurer shall be a member of the Committee on Local Work.

## STANDING RULES

### COUNCIL

1. Standing committees shall meet for organization before leaving the place of meeting of the Council. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum, with the provision that the quorum of no committee be less than three. The action of the quorum of each committee shall be submitted to all members of each committee.

2. Candidates who meet all requirements educationally and physically, and who are recommended by the faculty as eligible, shall receive, when possible, assignments to fields at the beginning instead of at the close of the senior year, contingent on the indorsement of the faculty, medical examiners, and Committee on Missionary Candidates at the close of the senior year.

3. No recommendations for action shall be placed in the body of the annual reports of the officers of the Council.

4. Each and every memorial or resolution referred to a session committee of the Council shall be listed and reported back to the Council in a committee report.

5. The chairman of the Session Committee on Laws shall be given supervision of the preparation of a collection of the Standing Rules to be printed in each annual report of the Council.

6. A Council member from each conference shall make the pledge for her conference at the Council meeting. The pledges taken at the Council meeting shall include all funds for authorized Council work.

7. Unused balances and refunds in the regular appropriations each year shall be added to the basis of appropriation for the following year and be subject to reappropriation, it being understood that the amount shall not be added until the contingent fund shall have been estimated.

8. The Secretary of Education and Promotion shall provide literature for the United Day of Prayer appointed by the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions and the Council of Women for Home Missions. This may be ordered from Literature Headquarters.

9. A yearbook of programs for auxiliaries shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the Secretary in Charge of Literature.

10. In accord with the Council policy of granting in occasional instances the taking of special objects of support by individuals, auxiliaries, districts, or conferences, all money collected for specials shall be used for those objects directly authorized by the Council. In case any individual, auxiliary, district, or conference desires to direct an offering to some particular activity in Council work, some arrangement to that end shall first be made with the Administrative Secretary in charge of the field in which the activity is located.

### CONFERENCE

1. The Woman's Department in each Church paper shall be edited by one woman only. She shall be selected by the President and Corresponding Secretary of the patronizing Conference.

2. In each Conference Society a committee of three, one of whom shall be the Conference Secretary, shall be elected to visit the home institutions within its boundary and co-operate with them for the advancement of their work.

3. A campaign for mission study shall be urged in October and special effort made to organize classes in every auxiliary.

4. One handbook and one yearbook shall be furnished free to the President of each auxiliary.

5. Two copies of the *Adult Handbook* shall be furnished free of cost to each auxiliary.

6. The week beginning with the first Sunday in November shall be observed as a Week of Prayer.

7. The following schedule of quarterly events shall be observed as an annual basis of cultivation: (a) First Quarter—An Officers' Training Day in District or Zone Groups. (b) Second Quarter—A Membership and Enlistment Campaign. (c) Third Quarter—A Training Day for Mission Study Leadership. (d) Fourth Quarter—Week of Prayer and Harvest Day.

8. The standard of efficiency in Christian Social Relations shall be: (a) the sending of four quarterly reports to the Conference Superintendent; (b) a study of the *handbook for Superintendents and Committees of Christian Social Relations*; (c) definite service performed; (d) regular representation from the Committee in a mission Study Class; (e) the study of one of the special packets of literature recommended by the Bureau; (f) regular meetings of the Committee.





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