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TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION
OF THE
GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The twenty-seventh annual session of the General Executive Committee held in Rochester, N. Y., commencing October 29th and closing November 5th, was a notable meeting.

The new and commodious Monroe Avenue Church in which the daily sessions were held, with all its modern conveniences, was most admirably adapted for such a gathering. Much of the success was owing to the untiring efforts, genial manner and hearty sympathy of the pastor, Rev. Ward Platt. Everything was done by local committees, not only to make the church attractive, but to devise and plan for every comfort that would facilitate the work of the delegates.

The "Rest Room" so bright and cheery, and provided with so many conveniences, was a most greatly appreciated "new departure." On the evening of Thursday, October 29th, a formal service of greeting was held with addresses and responses. Notwithstanding it was election week, with its exceptional excitement, the audience room was filled every day from the opening of the business sessions at nine in the morning, until ten at night.

An account of this meeting would be incomplete without reference to the excellent arrangements made for the noon lunch, when all were so bountifully and beautifully served.

Throughout the entire meeting the music was of a high order, the choirs of the several Methodist churches contributing in turn at the daily sessions.

On Saturday evening a reception was tendered the Committee, missionaries and visitors at Powers Art Gallery. The Methodists of the city turned out in large numbers, and a delightful evening was spent with the beautiful surroundings of this, the largest private collection of paintings in this country.

The Committee was favored with the presence of Bishop Hartzell, bishop for Africa, and Mrs. Hartzell, and Bishop Thoburn of India. About thirty returned missionaries were in attendance from Japan, Korea, China, India, Italy, Mexico and South America. Great

enthusiasm was kindled by their inspiring words and presence. It was a great joy to greet Dr. Clara Swain, the first medical missionary sent by the Society to a foreign field.

Sunday was a great day for Rochester Methodism. Bishops Hartzels and Thoburn preached in the morning ; and in all the pulpits, Sunday Schools, and Epworth Leagues, missionaries or members of the Committee made addresses.

The Anniversary was held Sabbath evening in the presence of an assembly which tested the seating capacity of the large auditorium of the church. For nearly three hours there was no diminution of interest while China, Japan and Woman's Medical work was represented. The devotional hour of each day from two to three o'clock, all usual with this body, was peculiarly the source of increased inspiration. Monday afternoon was devoted to the administration of the Lord's Supper. This service was in charge of Dr. Gracey, assisted by fourteen other missionaries, two of whom were returned missionaries. It was an impressive occasion, when secretaries, delegates, missionaries from the ends of the earth, visitors and resident workers to the number of over four hundred knelt together and celebrated the dying of their Lord, recalling His latest command, "Go Teach."

A meeting of special interest was held Tuesday afternoon, devoted to Woman's Medical Work, at which Dr. Swain, of India, and Dr. Benn of China gave addresses. This session was attended by about twenty-five women physicians of Rochester and vicinity.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. Mary C. Nind, fresh from her journeyings around the world, and from visiting our various Mission fields, narrated her experience.

Every hour during the entire week was filled with pressing duties. It was with gratitude that the Committee realized that notwithstanding the depressing financial condition of the past year the sum of over two hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars was received, and all appropriations had been met.

Possibly the most impressive was the closing hour when the Finance Committee announced the appropriations for the coming year to be \$327,000. The silence was oppressive, when one of the Secretaries arose and voiced the thought of many as she expressed her dependence on Divine aid as they went out to meet these great responsibilities without a dollar in the treasury. The next session of the Committee was appointed to be held in Denver, Colorado.

Report of Foreign Work.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

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NORTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

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

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*Home on leave.

A few years ago three districts were comprised in the North India Conference, and three official reports were presented. Now, with nine districts and a work proportionately increased, it is impossible to condense in one report more than a brief outline of the salient features of the Mission work.

KUMAON DISTRICT.

This includes Naini Tal, with its prosperous schools, English and native, with villages and out-stations; Dwarahat with its school and the circuits near by, successful Bible-women's work, Sunday and day schools; Pithoragarh and Bhot, that strategic gateway into Tibet. Seven missionaries of the W. F. M. S., the wives of four missionaries, seven assistants, twenty-six Bible women, and the wives of four native preachers are employed. Wellesley High School keeps its fine record for good scholarship and progress in the truest sense. The spirit of the school is excellent, Christian character is developed and the unselfish spirit that has controlled this school from the beginning, is shown in the girls. Rupees 150 were sent Mrs. Gill to help provide for the starving girls she took in when she had no money to pay for their support, and on Children's Day 80 rupees to help educate "native preachers' sons." The fine school-building is finished and paid for, and there is ample room for many more pupils. The native work at Naini Tal and in Dwarahat, comprising day-schools, Zenana visiting, Bible-women's work in villages and out-stations, have been most faithfully cared for and visible tokens of God's blessing received. Cut off almost entirely from contact with other workers, Dr. Sheldon and her four helpers are busily engaged in laying the foundations of a mighty work among the Bhotiyas. The hand of God has been manifest in this movement, and her faith triumphs over doubt and criticism.

Miss Budden, with her four assistants, twelve Bible-readers and other agents for carrying forward the work for homeless women, are caring for the outcast and suffering, and greatly enlarging the sphere of mission work at this station. The work that presses heavily at all times has been augmented by the famine, but God has been near, and there has been victory instead of defeat.

With health marvelously preserved, Miss Reed reports from Chandag Heights. Aside from the special work in the Asylum she "has been busy and happy in itinerating and superintending the district work in which are engaged six evangelists and teachers, besides six Bible women." Much good seed has been sown and the field widens month by month.

GARHWAL DISTRICT.

This work has been in care of Mrs. Gill with its multiplicity of duties and responsibilities, and though faithful to the utmost of her ability, the burden has been too great, and the recent arrival of Miss Kyle made a very welcome addition to the working force.

Garhwal includes Paori Circuit and seven outlying stations, with the *Landsdowne*, *Kotdewar*, *Sumgal* and *Kainur* Circuits. To carry on this outlying work there are nineteen Bible-women, seven teachers and the wives of three native preachers. There are several day-schools, and forty-one villages are regularly visited.

In Paori the Orphanage and Boarding-school, crowded together in space only large enough for half the number to be cared for, are forty-six orphans and forty-four boarders. Besides these, Mrs. Gill has taken in a number of starving girls, sharing with them what she has, waiting for help to be sent her. This mountain district is a very needy field.

MORADABAD DISTRICT.

Since the return home of Miss Kemper, the work in this district was under the charge of Mrs. Core and Mrs. Knowles, until Miss Gallimore reached India, when she assumed control of the boarding-school. The number of boarding uppils is 134 ; number of city and village schools in this district, 60, and 80 Sunday-Schools ; Bible readers, 33 ; women under regular instruction, 1625 ; Zenanas regularly visited, 743. There are seven circuits, each containing two or more stations, and Bible and evangelistic work is most vigorously carried forward. After Miss Dease left Bijnour the boarding-school was put under charge of Miss Collins and a good year is reported. Fifty-five girls are instructed in this school, and the spiritual growth of the girls is very apparent.

SAMBHAL DISTRICT.

This consists of fourteen circuits, in each of which the native preacher's wife and a corps of Bible-women prosecute the work among the women. There are twenty-two day schools and thirty-nine Bible-readers. It is estimated that 5,000 women are reached regularly in this district. The superintendent and all the workers are natives.

BAREILLY DISTRICT.

Misses English and Christiansen in the Orphanage, Drs. Bryan and Dart in the Hospital, and Miss Haefer in charge of Shahjahanpore Boarding-school, make five missionaries for this district. In the orphanage there are four assistants and ten teachers ; 230 girls are cared for in the orphanage ; 97 patients were visited in Zenanas ; 62 cared for in the hospital ; 6038 treated in the dispensary, and over 10,000 prescriptions given away. The majority of these suffering people pass the Dufferin Hospital, and walk half a mile farther to reach our missionary helpers. There are 36 day-schools, 45 Sunday-schools and 37 Bible

women ; 856 Zenanas, and 140 villages are regularly visited and over 1,000 women are under instruction. The Women's School at Bareilly, under the care of Mrs. Neeld and Mrs. Bare, continues the good work of training the wives of young native preachers for future usefulness. There are seven circuits, representing 19 stations with village and Mohulla work.

Shahjahanpore Boarding School, at last in the new building so urgently needed, has passed a prosperous year. Ninety-five girls have been cared for and growth in character and religious life is very apparent. The "Home for Homeless Women" has been full, and many have been helped not only to help themselves, but also to trust in the God who prompts his children to help others.

PILIBHIT DISTRICT.

Miss Mary Solomon, superintendent, has eleven circuits, thirty-seven schools, and twenty-eight Bible women under her care. Of the four hundred and thirty pupils in the various schools, three hundred and fifty are Christians, not only in name but in spirit and life. During the year one hundred and fifty girls and women have been baptized.

BUDAON DISTRICT.

This comprises six circuits, besides work in the city of Budaon and out-lying stations. Ninety girls are enrolled in the Budaon Boarding School. Heavy responsibilities have pressed upon Miss Wilson, but a year of successful sowing and reaping has gladdened the hearts of the teachers, not only in this, but in the thirty-seven day-schools. There are forty Sunday-Schools in this district, and thirty-six Bible-women. Ninety-six villages are visited by these or by the wives of the native preachers. Mrs. Thomas has had charge of the city work. There are thirteen city schools and a very encouraging Zenana work.

SITAPUR AND GONDAH DISTRICTS.

These have heretofore been included in Oudh. The boarding-school in Sitapur, under charge of Miss C. Easton, numbers seventy-five, and more could readily be obtained were room and means at hand. Many girls have been brought in by the native preachers from among the new converts, the very poorest anxious for an education for their children. The older girls are taught practical lessons in missionary work under experienced leaders in Sunday-school and Zenanas. Mrs. Dr. Wilson has charge of Zenana and village work, and records over one hundred baptisms. Nearly three thousand women are reached every week in this district. There are

fourteen Bible-women in Sitapur and Lakhimpur and outlying stations. A training school at Lakhimpore, part of the year, for new converts, was very helpful.

Gondah District has one boarding-school, under charge of Miss Scott, where forty eight girls are crowded into space for half that number and the plea for money to finish the school room comes up this year, as it has for six years past. It seems incredible that such good work has been done amid such drawbacks. There are thirty-eight Bible women scattered over this district, one thousand Zenanas visited, and over 2,000 women under instruction ; 235 villages are regularly visited, and there has been progress in every line of work. Twenty-one circuits or stations are included in this district.

OUDH DISTRICT.

The working force of Oudh District are, five representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, two of the General Society, four assistants, eleven teachers in girls' schools, twenty-five teachers in day-schools, fifty-one Bible-readers who visit in fourteen hundred and fifty-five homes, while twenty-nine hundred women are under regular religious instruction. There are forty-seven Sunday-Schools, and two hundred and nine villages under care of Bible women and wives of native pastors.

Lucknow College is now affiliated with Allahabad University to the B. A. The success of Miss Singh in passing the M. A. examination and standing second in the University was an honor to the college which was thoroughly appreciated, especially as she prepared herself for examination while doing full duty as a teacher. The new building is now in use and the ample room added is greatly enjoyed. Misses Nichols, Collins and Singh are associated with Miss Thoburn, as teachers, and the report shows that from College class down to Kindergarten, it has been a good year. The superintendent reports " This is what we have to be thankful for in our school year. Of the eleven girls who passed Government examination, one joined Miss Rowe's band, one the Moradabad school as teacher, one went to Budaon to help Miss Wilson, one to Cawnpore as first assistant, one to the Church of England School as upper teacher, one to the Government Educational Department, one to become an army school-mistress, a good post where there is a regimental reserve, and two to lower classes here, while two girls who were not passed have gone to Miss Scott at Gondah. The last Central Conference decided to have one Normal school for the five conferences, and to locate it at Lucknow. The addition of Miss Widdifield to the strong force already there will be most welcome, for there will be added work

and responsibility. One hundred and fifty-two are enrolled in the different classes. The city schools, nine in number, are in charge of Mrs. W. A. Mansell, who has also taken for the year, not only Mrs. Parker's district work, but the duties of Treasurer of North India Conference, giving most acceptable service in each. Mrs. Robinson has oversight of work among the English speaking people in Lucknow, a class neglected generally, but greatly needing Christian effort. The circuits of *Barabanki, Hardui, Baraich, Unao and Shahabad* embrace a wide territory and vast numbers of people. Each is divided into sub-circuits of from six to eight places, and each of these again surrounded with a net-work of out-lying places where work is carried on. The leaven of the gospel is permeating the masses and it would seem the mighty turning to God experienced in other places is near at hand in Oudh, heretofore a sterile soil. But the good seed of the kingdom is springing up, and we can expect the sixty, yea, the hundred fold.

MRS. E. T. COWEN,
Official Correspondent.

NORTHWEST INDIA CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference in 1892.

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MISS ANNA LAWSON, MISS LUCY SULLIVAN, MISS PHEBE ROWE,
MISS L. D. GREEN, MISS L. S. WRIGHT, MISS A. J. LAUCK, MISS C. SWAIN, M. D.*
MISS E. TRYON, MISS L. MARKS, MISS EMMA SCOTT, M. D.

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. MONROE, MRS. DE SOUZA, MRS. CLANCY, MRS. OSBORNE,
MRS. MANSELL, MRS. J. E. SCOTT, MRS. LAWSON, MRS. LYON.

*Home on Leave.

"I never felt so encouraged since I began missionary work," says Miss Lawson in a recent letter, and this is the key-note of all the letters from the workers of the Northwest India Conference.

In each of the seven districts composing this conference the work is increasingly prosperous, and the workers practical, persistent and enthusiastic. There is but one hindrance,—lack of funds to keep pace with the growth of the work.

Mrs. Monroe, who has charge in Agra and surrounding villages, writes, "Our Zenana work is full of interest, but the most fruitful is in

the Mohullas and villages, where we have had quite a number of baptisms, and in two or three, have a large Christian community. These are of especial interest. In one we built a Butler chapel last year; the meetings are well attended and much good is being done. In the other we have neither chapel nor school house, though the Christians number over one hundred, about forty of whom are women and girls.

We have ten little day-schools where the girls and some of the brighter women are taught. After three hours of teaching the older women are gathered in and a religious meeting follows. A number of the girls and women are Christians.

Miss Sullivan, who is in charge of the Muttra training-school, writes: "How richly the Lord has favored our work here; ten years ago the name of Christ or Christian was seldom heard in Muttra, the priests with their idolatry and deception went on with never a fear of a rival. How encouraged the home workers would have been could they have witnessed the closing service last Sunday afternoon of the school of district pastors, teachers and their wives, that for six weeks absorbed our time and thought. For this last Sunday service all met in the Mission Compound and with our girls' school and training-school, the boys' boarding-school, our Zenana workers and other Christians marched from here through the city to 'Floral Hall,' carrying banners and singing Christian songs. They passed hundreds of temples and shrines and the streets were full of priests and pilgrims, for the next day was Krishna's birthday and he was born in Muttra. Then could you have been in the love feast that we held as the very closing service and heard the testimonies, and seen the faces and known of many of them as we do, how wonderfully changed they are, you would have said, through the testimony of such as these, His Kingdom will come. These people were called in from all over the district during the rainy season when their work would be much hindered by the weather, and during the six weeks we have poured into them every sort of good that we could.

"We feel the financial pressure greatly, yet it is developing our people. Let me give an incident. Yesterday at the close of the school we planned to have a 'tea party,' as much to these people as an ice cream treat to a Sunday school at home; the money had been given and all plans made except buying the things, when Mr. Lawson, in talking of debt-paying day, and having taken a collection already for that fund, suggested that they deny themselves the tea and put the money into the treasury. Every hand went up and the money, ten or twelve rupees, went into the collection basket.

"Our special work in Muttra—the training-school—is in a very promising condition.

"Our home is full and we have had to refuse several applications. Another department of this school seems forcing itself upon us, a course of preparation for simpler and less educated girls than these now in the school, such as will come in from the adjacent villages; so our work grows in every direction and only needs more consecrated hearts to carry the message."

Miss Rowe, conference evangelist, gives a report of one of her trips: 'After our annual conference in Meerut, a party of seven women started, out in the old ox-cart to work in the Meerut district. Our first stopping place was a palace; as it had rained, we were very thankful for rooms in this beautiful place. At this station we have a preacher and his wife, not model workers, but out of honest hearts are trying to care for the flock. The little band of baptized ones gathered and we sang, prayed and instructed them from the word.

"We had varied experiences, such as the upsetting and breaking of the ox-cart, walking many miles, meeting a tiger one evening and being saved from an attack because we had missed the track, and having to sleep one night in a blacksmith shop. At this village we were shown great kindness and many hearts were touched; had it not been for these hindrances we would not have gone to this place where so many were waiting to receive the glad tidings, who heard for the first time and accepted the message with joy.

"Next we went to Daniel Buck's circuit, where we spent several weeks. He has baptized several hundred Chamars and is doing loyal service for the Master. Day after day we taught the women simple prayers, who Jesus is, what the Spirit can do, and how tenderly the Father cares for all. The old, old story made a wonderful impression on many hearts. One young woman said, 'What can I do for this Jesus, who died to save me? We are so poor we can scarcely satisfy our hunger, I have nothing to give.' I replied, 'Give yourself, your time, your service.' Her face grew bright as she said, 'Yes, I will do that very thing.'

"It is always hard to leave these people and go on, so often they beg us to stay and when we leave say, 'When will you come again?'

"It is twenty-four years since I began work, but never until last year have I seen such a desire for instruction and such a seeking after God. The spirit of inquiry reaches all classes. There is much to say if I only had a ready pen so as to picture these things that stir my soul, so that sometimes I cannot sleep, thinking of the sheep in the jungles without a shepherd."

From Allahabad Mrs. Clancy reports a decided advance over other years. Eight Bible-women are at work, five in the city and four in the out-stations. We feel the need of a boarding school more and more and are praying that the Lord may put it into the hearts of friends to supply this need.

Mrs. Luke who cares for the work in the Bulandshahr district writes: "In this district are eight thousand converts and only six little schools for girls and women. We have fourteen Bible women and four Zenana teachers. The extent of the work is limited only by the means and workers at command. We are trying to establish a solid foundation of self-support in this district which will help the spread of the Gospel."

Very satisfactory and cheering reports come from every station in the Mussoorie district. The women at work here have done their very best with the inadequate means at their disposal and the blessing of the Lord has been upon their efforts. Miss Lawson, official correspondent for the conference, writes: "I am sure we are able to report progress steadily in the right direction, especially in the way of putting our work on a self-supporting basis; that is the aim we try to keep constantly in view. It is, however, a difficult matter, the people are so poor and oftentimes food is to be had only at starvation rates. About twenty miles from Meerut, Mr. Buck found that children were actually being sold at ten cents each, in order that the parents might get a little food."

Our five native boarding-schools are flourishing and increasing in numbers; the growth is marked in the Aligarh and Ajmere schools. We are getting very valuable property in these places and also in Meerut.

Cawnpore is much straitened for want of room; a school house and dormitories are urgently needed.

The English school is getting on as well as could be expected with the debt resting upon it; the health of the school has been excellent during the year and the prospects were never brighter.

Evangelistic work is gaining more and more the attention of all. Miss Rowe, with her devoted band has done good work in many places, and has awakened an earnest zeal in the hearts of many of our native workers throughout the conference. One thing we can say with thankfulness, our people are growing spiritually, and we thank God and go forward.

MISS M. WATSON,
Official Correspondent.

SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference, 1876.

RE-ORGANIZED 1892.

WOMAN'S WORK ORGANIZED 1886.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS L. BLACKMAR,
MISS A. EVANS.MISS C. WOOD,
MISS GRACE STEPHENS.

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. ERNSBERGER,
MRS. WARD,
MRS. GARDEN,MRS. RUDISILL,
MRS. CURTISS,
MRS. WALKER,
MRS. BUTRICK.MRS. COOK,
MRS. BALSTONE,
MRS. GILDER,

Hyderabad. At the last session of the conference Miss Blackmore was appointed to Sironcha, and to Zenana work in Hyderabad until her removal to her new field. Until the home in Sironcha should be completed, she rented a house next to the mission house in Hyderabad, and devoted herself to Zenana work with Mrs. Lawrence, her Bible-woman. Such work in this city seems peculiarly hard, and yet there has been progress. Over one hundred houses have been visited, and the women generally are pleased to receive visits, still they are not infrequently asked by the father or husband not to repeat the visit.

The English Girls' Boarding-School was formally closed in December, and Miss Wood transferred to the City Girls' School. A Telegu Girls' Boarding-School so long in the thought and prayers of the missionaries, was opened and placed under the care of Miss Evans, who reached Hyderabad December 21st, 1895, and since then has made good progress in the language, and feels confident of success. Some Mohammedan boys and two Parsi girls were permitted to remain as day pupils, and the first boarders—two little Christian girls from a village forty miles away—were received in February. The latest report says: "We have 16 regular boarders and two others who take their noon meal with us. The musical department pays all expenses connected with it. Miss Wood aims to make her day schools such as will entitle them to government grant-in-aid, as the money appropriated is inadequate to the needs of those she now has, and others might be opened if there were money to provide for them. People are offering

their houses free of rent if she will open the schools. These schools are keys that fit into the rusty locks of the Zenanas and she expects them to be feeders to the boarding-school.

Gulbarga. Dr. Ernsberger has been carrying medical work here most successfully. She has had one dispensary and patients have come from far and near. Four hundred per month have been treated and she has made professional visits in a number of native homes. The four Bible women on this circuit are all doing good work; one of them is giving Bible readings in the dispensary.

Secunderabad. A growing evangelistic and educational work is being done on this circuit. A school was opened July 10 at a village a short distance from Secunderabad, in response to the entreaties of the women, and 48 pupils were immediately enrolled, some of the number being women. The school August 18, numbered sixty-seven.

Vikarabad. The work is growing rapidly. As the result of one Bible-woman's labor nine persons have been baptized this year. The Girls' Orphanage and Boarding-School is also growing and the prospect for successful work was never brighter. There is also a wide opening for medical work.

Bangalore. The official correspondent has received from Mr. Gilder, presiding elder, Madras District, three most importunate appeals for immediate help for both Bangalore and Kolar, saying that a crisis has been reached in the history of our work, and that it impossible for the wives of missionaries to carry the work as it now exists, to say nothing of entering unoccupied ground. "As a matter of fact," he says, "Madras District is in sad need of reinforcement all around. Throughout India," he adds, "to have missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in our stations has given us as a mission a prestige which cannot be ignored. But not only as a matter of prestige or influence, but as a matter of real and pressing need—need as imperative as it is urgent—do I press the claims of Bangalore and Kolar." Mrs. Walker says of the Baldwin Schools at Bangalore, "they are doing a grand work and we expect among its students will be many soul-winners." A scourge of small pox rendered it necessary to close most of the village schools. The Bible-women have visited 276 homes, paid 2,095 visits and have had baptisms from among the women instructed.

Kolar. The orphanage work is growing rapidly. Seventy girls to be mothered and instructed is quite too much for any woman who has a growing family of her own. Since Mrs. Richards's return to her Ohio home the supervision of the Kolar work has fallen to Mrs. Buttrick, who pleads most urgently for two of our own ladies to come to her relief. Beside the orphanage there is an expanding work among the zenanas and villages.

Sironcha. In February, Miss Blackmar visited Sironcha and received in the name of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 30 acres of valuable and well situated land ; a part of the 62½ half acres that the Presiding Elder had received from Government. She selected the site for the W. F. M. S. home ; saw the foundation dug, arranged plans and left all in the hands of a trustworthy contractor ; the same to be ready for occupancy by the middle of November. The two Bible-readers had not been able to do much during December, as the people they were visiting go to the harvest fields for that time. All the household go and remain in the fields day and night, and the distance is too great for the Bible readers to walk. As soon as the people came back they resumed their visits. A high-caste woman, who, when a child, had been instructed in a Mission School, was one of the pupils regularly visited. She decided to become a christian and desired baptism, but her relatives learned of it and took her away. She managed to get a letter to the Bible-woman, in which she said her purpose was unchanged and she believed she would yet be enabled to carry it out. A family, man, wife and two sisters, had been baptized and the wife was being trained for christian work.

Madras. The work in all its different departments is doing well. Miss Stephens has been sorely tried by the complications which have arisen in purchase of property. First came the refusal of the heirs-at-law to sell the Home Miss Stephens and her workers occupy, unless a large slice of ground adjoining their property should be reserved ; this after an agreement had been reached with the trustees. Then her attention was called to another property much more desirable and valuable which it was thought she might secure, and application for it was made. At the same time she learned that it was quite improbable that a satisfactory title could be secured to the first-named property. No positive answer to her proposition to purchase the more valuable place has been received, but should it be a negative one she will buy upon terms specified the one where she now is, if by special provision of court a clear title can be given. The work this consecrated woman directs and her equally consecrated assistants help her to carry, is simply marvelous. Briefly outlined it is an Orphanage with Nursery Department providing for sixty girls ; six village schools, two city schools, work among women in the villages and zenanas in the city, training and developing the bible-women, and editing the *Tamil Friend*. The working force is 1 deaconess, 5 assistants, 3 bible-women, 1 evangelist, 1 matron, 15 teachers. The work reaches all classes, from the highest to the lowest and directly influences both sexes. The conference roll holds the names of native preachers who trace the uprooting of the old

faith into which they were born and bred, to the songs and words and prayers of the godly women in the Madras Home. The lowly village women have had burdens lifted from their hearts which, for weight, were far heavier than the burdens on head or back, and they go to their daily task of drudgery singing, "I am the child of a King". The monotony of the life of the purda woman has been relieved as her fingers have been taught to weave beautiful patterns upon lace and canvas, and her intellect awakened to take in the mystery of letters. Hopelessness has given place to an assurance that she has a never-dying soul that is being made ready for the place that the One who loves her has gone to prepare for her. Mrs. Stephens' zenana parties continue the sapping and mining work beneath the great mass of heathen blindness and sin. She continues to edit the *Tamil Zenana Friend*. Of the thousands of Christmas gifts distributed at the last joyous season none outranks in value one given to Miss Stephens in the person of a Brahman lady who sought the shelter of her home. A Brahman lady belonging to a family of the highest of the Brahman sects was the gift. Her father received the highest title that could be conferred upon one of his faith, and was known as the Lord of his religion.

His daughter, Sooboonigam, led a life of unusual religious zeal and spent most of her time in worshipping the deities to which she was devoted. A room in the ancestral home contained 12 images and 25 pictures of idols, and before these she worshipped with a religious ardor that attracted the attention of her family circle. She practiced severe austerities, denying herself other food than milk for three months at a time. She became a diligent and conscientious student of the truth and the truth set her free. Possessing a fortune in gems, and a wardrobe of richest silks she left them all, and wearing only the oldest and poorest garment, she stepped out in the darkness of the night and fled, nor did she cease to run till standing in the Madras Home she dropped into Miss Stephens' arms, saying—"I am God's Christmas gift to you." No restrictions other than common prudence would suggest were laid upon the visits of her friends. They tried every inducement to persuade her to return, and when these failed they tried threats, but all in vain.

When she had been sufficiently tested arrangements were made for her baptism. Printed cards of invitation accompanied the program of service to be in the family church. Many of her Brahman friends witnessed the ceremony. With deep feeling she made her confession of faith, and after receiving the water that typified the inward cleansing she sang:—

"Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow thee :
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be."

How clearly these lines expressed her condition and her purpose! What is the sequel to this rare story? On the part of her friends a funeral ceremony for the living woman. On the part of her mother a pilgrimage to the Ganges, there to propitiate the gods and make atonement for the sin of her child. On the part of Sooboonigam desiring only the lowest place and the humblest service, clad in a "grass cutter's cloth", she abides in the Home, studying diligently that she may be qualified to teach others the way of life. Miss Stephens has written the *Life of Sooboonigam*. It is issued from the M. E. Publishing House in Madras, and contains the photos of both Sooboonigam and Miss Stephens.

A more recent event of far more than usual interest is the conversion and baptism of a Hindoo priest, Dr. Rudisill calls it "A mighty miracle." Miss Stephens' Evangelist—Elizabeth—entered a butcher's shop in a village in the suburbs of Madras, distributing tracts and talking to the people. Among them was the priest of the village; near by was his temple. He was a periodical worshipper at all the chief temples of that part of the country, having treasure of some description in each. About him was his yellow priestly robe; on his neck the priestly rosary; on his arms strings of beautiful beads; on his forehead the sacred ashes, in the center the round crimson mark—a sign of his devotion to the god he worshipped. He was known as a subtle dialectician by some of the leading missionaries of Southern India with whom he had disputed for many years, but this poor woman was not worthy of such honor and he listened in contempt. Had he not taught the people that he himself was a god? Had he not seen them prostrate at his feet? Elizabeth read the 3rd and 4th verses of 1st chapter of Isaiah, then kneeling asked the Holy Spirit to do his office work. The priest accepted her tracts and read them, and they kindled in his heart a fire of indignation. A few days after he poured upon one of our native preachers a volley of abuse and vehemently attacked the christian religion. The preacher answered him never a word, but when the priest had spent his fury read to him the 1st chapter of 1st John, and kneeling, wrestled with God for the man's conversion. The priest was visibly affected. Not long after, on a Saturday, Miss Stephens was astonished beyond measure to see this priest standing in her own room, and to hear him say—"Jesus has conquered me." I thought, said Miss Stephens, I had seen heathenism in all its repulsiveness, but never had I seen anything that quite equalled this, and I confess I trembled. He offered her his beads and asked for baptism. With her customary prudence she said—"Not now, wait awhile, think what this will cost you, and if, after a time you still desire it I will arrange for your baptism." Not less was her surprise

on the following day to have him approach her in church, and taking the rosary from his neck, and the beads from his arms, say meekly, "What hinders my being baptized to-day?" After a brief sermon by the native pastor, Elizabeth conducted him to the altar, and "the sight," said Dr. Rudisill, "was that of a fierce tiger following a gentle lamb." Miss Stephens washed from his brow the sacred ashes; the man tore away the crimson disk and threw it on the floor. I asked why he took such a step; why he renounced the religion of his fathers and cast away his priestly inheritance; he answered "Christ is my shepherd."

He was baptized, receiving at his request the name of John. In the parsonage he exchanged his yellow priestly robe for a cloth of pure white, and in this garment, emblematic of the clean linen in which the saints above are arrayed, he went away.

In the afternoon Miss Stephens found him sleeping in the shade with his Tamil bible which she had given him, lying near his head. He wakened and at once began his work, preaching with great power from the text,—Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world.

Anxious to say nothing that would not accord with the truth, he would turn and ask in English:—"Am I right?"

He was right in all he said; He was the Saviour's mouthpiece. He is now preaching and teaching a village school, and is one of Miss Stephens' distributors of tracts.

Was it not—"A Mighty Miracle?"

MRS. E. B. STEVENS,
Official Correspondent.

BOMBAY CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference, 1892.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1854.

MISSIONARIES.

*MISS SARAH M. DELINE,	MISS MARY E. CARROLL,	MISS I. ERNSBERGER, M. D.,
MISS M. F. ABRAMS,	MISS C. LAWSON,	MISS FLORENCE STERLING,
MISS E. M. BENTHEIN,	MISS ANNA E. ELICKER,	MISS E. HODGE, M. D.,
	MISS S. F. FISHER.	

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. S. E. VARDON,	MRS. A. W. PRAUTCH,	MRS. ELLEN WARNER FOX,
MRS. T. E. MORTON,	MRS. EDITH ELSAM,	
MRS. T. S. JOHNSON;	MRS. J. O. DENNING,	
	MRS. W. H. STEPHENS.	

*Home on leave.

Baroda. Mrs. Stephens reports the Boarding-school doing well all the year. Miss Hart was faithful and deserving of much credit for her part in holding the school until the arrival of a new worker in the person of Dr. Hodge, who took charge of the school and gave Miss Hart the opportunity she so much desired—of going into village evangelistic work.

Not the least important work at Baroda was a training class for women. It was found that only three of the wives of all the native preachers could read or write. They are so ignorant and superstitious and need so much spiritual teaching. There are two good village day-schools near Baroda. But the doctor has not neglected medical work, and several hundred women have found health and healing through her ministry.

Remembering under what discouraging circumstances I began the year, with no colleague in this department of the work; with only half the usual staff of workers; with the work suffering from lack of supervision during the preceding year, and then looking at the results of the year, I feel like singing the Doxology. Truly God has been our help. Of our former corps of workers only three were left to us at the beginning of the year.

Miss Kemp, an Eurasian young lady, who although a member of a Christian church had never had a heart experience of salvation, while listening to one of our Methodist preachers was led to seek Christ, then being filled with an earnest desire to work for Him, sought a place

among us. She has proved a most faithful, zealous worker. Mrs. Bimjibhoy, a converted Parsi woman, has been doing voluntary service for Christ in Poona. Her husband was employed as a mission agent in Bombay, and it seemed advisable that they should make their home here. I was very glad to add her name to my list of workers. The zeal that she formerly displayed in opposing Christianity now characterizes her service for Christ. Miss Carroll while seeking a teacher for the boarding school found a young lady who had a great desire to do zenana work. She was the daughter of the first native gentleman converted under the labors of Bishop Taylor. Having come from a high-caste family she readily gains admission to the homes of the higher classes. An interesting incident was the finding one day of a family who knew her father in his boyhood. The immediate result was an interchange of visits between the two families and we believe the ultimate result of the renewed friendship will be a public confession of Christ, as both husband and wife seem inclined toward Christianity. We were also glad at the beginning of the year to take on as a worker, one of our own women converted and brought forth from the seclusion of a Mohamedan zenana. Gumanbai, our Gujerati Bible woman who was laid aside by illness for several months, was able to take up her work again in February and has been instructing the Gujerati Christian women. Mrs. Bimjibhoy's coming to us has extended our Gujerati work, as she works mostly among the Parsis whose language is Gujerati. Over two hundred houses are being regularly visited and new houses are continually opening to us.

Best of all, during the year some of the women have accepted Christ. A Hindoo woman who had been taught about eight months, while lying ill, testified to her faith in Jesus and after a few days went to be with Him. Two have been baptized and others have expressed a desire or purpose to be. We feel that the signs are very encouraging.

Since the first of May I have been editing the Marathi, "Woman's Friend." The number of subscribers is increasing, and that it is appreciated may be judged from the fact that a native lady residing several miles from Bombay wrote that she sees many magazines, but the "Woman's Friend" is in every way the best.

Our Epworth League has been very successful this year and very helpful to our young people. It now numbers 35 members, including the boarding school girls over 14 years of age. The devotional meetings are generally led by the young people themselves; the literary meetings have been specially instructive and interesting.

In the school—Miss Carroll says it has been the best year she has had in India. We have had forty-two boarders in the school, or forty-two

who live in the school. I like to look over what this school has accomplished since its beginning in 1887. The first four girls in the school were Krishnae Chovey's daughters. One of them is now a very satisfactory zenana worker for us. On Wed. last (Mch. 18th), we had, in our Grant Road Church, one of the largest and most swell (double) weddings I have seen in India. The brides were Shantie and Karunabai Chovey. Their father, Krishna Chovey, was the first native convert in Bishop Taylor's work here, and he has ever since been an earnest, loyal Methodist. He would not have allowed his daughter Grace to work in any other mission but ours. Shantie's husband—Mr. Paidal David—is a resident of Bombay, a clerk in a magistrate's office, and is much respected. Shantie's father says she must start a vernacular church service in Fort Church. This church is in the part of the city in which Mr. Chovey lives, and there is no vernacular service held there. The family attend our English church. Karunabai's husband is Dr. Harris, of Madras. His father is in the employ of the London Missionary Society. She says she will make a Methodist of her husband, and as he is willing, I think she will do it. These two homes will be centers of good, I am sure. Of the present staff of four teachers in our Christian school, two are girls we have educated and trained for the work. Another girl married last year, one of our mission workers in Poona and is in charge of a large girls' (day) school. She writes that 105 are enrolled. One of our day-schools is taught by one of our own girls. Another girl is doing zenana work, with Katija, the convert from Mohammedanism. Two girls, who died while I was in America, had given us valuable service as teachers. Bishop Thoburn says that such a record when North India work was of this age, would have been considered wonderful. Just after the district meeting at Poona, forty children from the famine districts of Central India were sent to them. They were clothed in boys' clothing and were literally starving. One died on the journey, two soon after their arrival, and three more were not expected to live long. Miss Carroll wrote, "Thirty of them are doing well, and I see no reason why they should not thrive. Twenty-seven more are coming from Narsingpur. These will be our children, and will not leave us until ready for work. To hear them cry for food and see them grab for it, was pitiful, and at night their cries were heart rending. One little girl of nine has gray hair. The scalp seems to have suffered because the body lacked nourishment. Their hair was so matted and filthy that the lady who sent them had most of the heads shaved, and those that remained unshaven, we have shaved since they came. We dare not give them as much as they want but feed them often. There will be one hundred girls to provide for in the Bombay home next year, instead of

sixty. The other mission schools in the city are similarly overcrowded, and yet the starving little ones of these famine districts are not yet all cared for."

Hurda. *Schools and Zenana Work.*—Mrs. Morton reports that this work is entirely among the lower classes, so there has been no opposition to the work. The Bible woman is Nanapor, a Madrased by birth, who reads and speaks Hindi. She is a good woman with pleasant manners. She visited regularly three localities, besides conducting a school in the morning at Chamaspora. She has just gone to a large village where she will have abundant opportunities for reading and teaching the word. The financial provision for the work is so small that there is no present prospect of enlargement.

Jubbulpore. Miss Elicher has had a very large school all the year. Nearly sixty girls have had good care and training, and one hundred will be the number next year—if we can feed and clothe them. This is in the famine region and there are girls in abundance if we can support them. Miss Daughlerty, the assistant, had been well trained in North India, and has been a great help and comfort. There was great joy when the news came that money had been granted for the dormitories, but unexpected opposition developed from the natives, and it now seems our school will be obliged to secure new land and buildings outside of the city. Miss Elicher's health failed late in the year, and she is now in Naini Tal, where she must remain until her health is restored.

While a few of the girls in this school are the daughters of recent converts, most of them have been picked up from the streets in a most pitiable condition. Two of them were found lying in a drain with water flowing round them. They had been placed there by a Hindu man and had been in that dreadful place a day and night, when found and rescued by one of our workers.

English Work.—Mrs. Fell conducted the house to house visitation among the members and attendants of the church, making an average of twenty calls a month. She has had Saturday afternoon meetings in which she gave over twenty children a Scripture lesson and drill in the Catechism and Books of the Bible.

Three children, members of the Sunday school, died trusting in Jesus and His power to save. The influence of their dying testimony was felt throughout the school.

Khandwa Circuit. *Woman's Work.*—Mrs. Vardon, Missionary.—During the whole year we have had in our Boarding School 23 girls, but owing to transfers and other causes some have been removed, and we have now 15 remaining. In our Training-school during the year we have had 11 women. We are sorry to say 5 of these have gone back to

their fields and labour in the villages. We earnestly pray the time will soon come when they will appreciate our school and what they learn there above all things. The remaining six are taught to read, write and sew, especial attention being paid to their Scripture. They seem to be eager to learn, and we have great hopes of them. Our aim is to prepare them to be good workers; this being most desired in our circuit. From our Training Class, *Walai Bai* has just been sent out. She tells our new converts as best she can of the Christian religion, as well as some Bible stories, and instructs them in singing hymns.

Our village work is steadily improving. This cold season I have visited the villages twice where we have 240 Christian women. We have had 34 women baptized this year. This is a very interesting feature of our work. As I visited from house to house and heard these women confessing they were Christians, my heart swelled with gratitude to God for this in-gathering, and we realize as never before, that, "The harvest is indeed great but the labourers few."

Kampti. *Zenana and School Work.*—Mrs. Elsam's report begins with a song of triumph. The Zenana visiting has been most encouraging. The listeners have been attentive and the Word given to them with great faithfulness. Mrs. Butterfield and Miss Drake have been welcomed with delight into the homes they have visited. When the women were told before Christmas that they would not be visited for some little time, one of them replied: "But you must let us know when to expect you, for our feet get rubbed away by going to the door so often to look for you." This is a quaint orientalism, but it shows that these devoted workers carry with them a great deal of sunshine into the darkened homes of India's poor neglected women.

The school has had a successful year. Mrs. Benjamin's zeal knows no abatement. The children on returning to their homes have refused to worship idols, and continue to sing Christian hymns. One little girl, a wife of thirteen, removed a certain image which was hung around her neck when she went to live with her mother-in-law. She broke the ornament in pieces and hid the fragments. On being asked where it was she confessed what she had done and added: "I cannot believe that image was God, for would He have allowed me to destroy it as I did, if it had been the true God."

Mrs. Benjamin has had four women in training, who show constant improvement. One was very ignorant, but is now teaching the smaller girls successfully.

Narsinghpur. Mrs. Denning receives \$166 annually from our society. See what she does with this small sum. She supports four Bible women, keeps a cart and two bullocks by means of which they visit and preach

the Word to forty Zenana families in nine villages. Many more women are reached than those into whose houses our sisters have entrance. One little Brahman woman usually has from sixteen to twenty-five women gathered in her home ready for the weekly visit. There is a sewing class every Saturday afternoon for eight women, besides the Bible women. This is always followed by a prayer meeting, and once a month there is a social hour with cakes and tea. Mrs. Denning and two of her Bible women were invited to a Mohammedan feast. One of the women carried her hymn book with her, and when invited they sang to the richly clad Mussulmäne, the beautiful words of the gospel story. A few houses have been opened in conservative Narsinghpur, and the outlook for the future fills our missionaries with rejoicing.

Poona. Medical Work.—The medical work has been in the care of Dr. S. W. Stephens. She has treated something over 3,800 patients. She says: "My heart is glad and thankful that I have been able to relieve so much pain and suffering. Many a poor mother's heart has been filled with gratitude for our timely advice and medicine."

Miss Benthien writes: I have been teaching in the kindergarten department, and have had twenty-four pupils. We hold little prayer-meetings every Wednesday morning, to which the children eagerly look forward. At our first meeting two-thirds of the number led in prayer, and at subsequent meetings we had special prayer for those who either did not love Jesus or were unable to pray. With one exception, all the little ones have given their hearts to their Saviour and sweetly and earnestly talk to our Father about their desires.

We have twelve girls and three teachers in the home. Two of the teachers are Eurasians and one is an Anglo-Indian. We praise God for three conversions during the summer, one teacher and two girls. Two teachers and three girls recently united with our church. Some of our girls are from Church of England homes, others from Methodist homes. All but one professes a knowledge of Christ as a personal Saviour.

Zenana Work.—Miss Powar has carried on this branch of the work and has succeeded in getting into some very interesting homes. The inmates of one of these were several months deciding whether they would receive her visits and allow her to teach the Bible. Now, they not only give her a cordial welcome, but bring in others to listen to the Bible lessons.

Some of the women have been induced to attend Pundita Ramabai's School regularly, and quite a company of small children, both boys and girls, from the homes visited, attend her Kindergarten Class.

Women's Training School.—Owing to various reasons, the women in

the Training School at Bombay were not brought up to Poona. But in July we commenced teaching five Christian women, four of whom were wives of teachers in our mission, and one the mother of an unmarried teacher, who had come to Poona to keep house for her son. Two of these had but recently been baptized. These two and one other have done very well and besides learning to read and write and sew, are studying the Catechism and the Life of Christ.

MRS. M. S. HUSTON,
Official Correspondent.

BENGAL-BURMA CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference 1886; Re-organized 1893.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED 1882.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS JULIA WISNER,
*MISS K. BLAIR,
MISS FANNIE PERKINS.

MISS J. STAHL,
MISS R. B. DAILEY,
MISS F. CRAIG,

MISS E. MAXEY,
MISS E. L. KNOWLES,
MISS ANNA KEELER.

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. J. M. THOBURN, M. D.
MRS. ADA LEE,
MRS. GRISHOM.

MRS. W. F. WARNE,
MRS. H. JACKSON,
MRS. J. P. MEIK,

MRS. W. P. BYERS,
MRS. HENDERSON,
MRS. J. SMITH.

*Home on leave.

Calcutta. The girls' school at Calcutta under the able management of Miss Stahl is doing a grand work for Methodism in that great metropolis. It has had a year of great prosperity and is the center of much educational, social and religious work.

The Darjeeling Branch under Miss Knowles' care grows in favor and influence, and is the home of a happy family of healthy children surrounded with a gracious influence that will affect all their future lives for good.

The Hindustani Girls' Boarding-school is filled up with the children of servants whose mothers often work from 6 A. M. until 9 or 10 P. M., leaving their children exposed to awful dangers. Eighteen of these little ones are sheltered in the school, and many more would come in but for lack of funds to enlarge the premises.

The girls are taught to work, and many of them bring small tuition fees which cover about one-third the expenses of the school.

The Hindu day school is winning its way so that the restriction on bible reading and prayer is now removed, and the children are learning texts of scripture and joining their teacher in prayer. Mrs. Campbell has just returned to this school after six months vacation.

Miss Maxey's Deaconess' Home is the busy center of evangelistic power that radiates into a hundred homes, and attracts to its benign influence many a young man whose "feet had well nigh slipped".

These young men are invited to the Sunday morning breakfasts at the Home, and find there the first helping hand to draw them from the fearful maelstrom of vice that surrounds them in that wicked city.

In the absence of Mrs. Thoburn and Mr. and Mrs. Warne, the burden has rested heavily on Miss Maxey, and the coming of Miss Boggs to her relief was a blessing to her, and a benediction to the house. Miss Oram's continued ill health has compelled her to give up the regular work and be the housekeeper, for which place she has rare gifts.

Bengali Work. With tireless zeal Mrs. Lee has crowded all the days with toil and care for her Bengali Sisters.

She writes, "God is opening up a wonderful field before us. Thirty-two girls are in the training class. Ten of them teach and study too. We have three day schools and more Zenanas than a dozen women could visit." Zenana visitors, both evangelistic and medical, and a new building to stop the heavy rent, are greatly needed. Mrs. Lee has given up a part of her dining room for school purposes.

Rangoon. Miss Perkins reports a prosperous year at Rangoon. The generous donations of local friends have done much towards clearing the Orphanage of a heavy debt with which they began the year. One gentleman gave them Rs. 500, and other friends gave smaller sums. A plan to put the Orphanage on a self-supporting basis is being developed. One hundred acres of land has been applied for and the children will till the garden and fields. Even now the girls do all the dining-room work, wash the dishes, keep their sleeping rooms in order and mend their clothes.

Sept. 6th was Debt-paying day and the children lived on curry and rice for a week, voluntarily giving up soup and side dishes so that the money saved by their sacrifice might help pay the debt that the great M. E. church has allowed to rest so long on the Missionary Society.

Burmese Work. Mrs. Smith has a Boarding-school of 42 pupils which greatly needs larger appropriations and a woman from America. The children passed the examination so well that they received a Government grant of Rs. 85, which will be applied on the Rs. 180 due for rent.

Asansol. Miss Carlson is still in charge of the Bengali Girls' School.

There are twenty in the Boarding Department, who are the children of village converts. A helper has been providentially furnished Mrs. Byers and Miss Carlson in the person of Miss Biswas, a Bengali lady educated at Lucknow College and for some time helper of Phebe Rowe in her evangelistic work. Miss B. is educated in English, Bengali and Hindustani, and will be an invaluable helper to Mrs. Byers in her evangelistic work in the villages throughout the District.

Mrs. Byers is doing good work in the Leper Asylum. She says "If ever there was a work that gives one joy it is that among the poor lepers. They have taken great interest in Debt-paying day, bringing in corn, vegetables and rice, which they buy back and put the money into the collection. The school girls are working to earn a few pice to give, and the village women who have no money planted a little Debt-paying rice to bring as their offering. One poor woman brought 4 annas and said "Mem Sahib, God will count what I give, won't He?"

Ellen, the native Christian woman who started a little bakery last year in connection with our Mission at Asansol, has so increased her trade that she has bought a store and beside paying her own salary of Rs. 84 per annum she has paid into the treasury from her profits, enough money to keep six girls in school all the year. Asansol is a large railway center and Ellen sells her cakes to the Eurasian and European families living there.

The school opened at Bolpore early in the year but was broken up by small-pox. The large Brahman population there makes it a difficult field.

Pakur. Last year we were rejoicing that a woman's hand would guide our W. F. M. S. work in Pakur, but we had scarcely time to congratulate ourselves and our Bro. Madsen on the valuable help-meet he had brought to his home and to our work, when the sad tidings of the untimely death of Mrs. Madsen filled our hearts with sorrow. The Bible-women have been working faithfully, and the Orphanage girls are making fine progress in their studies.

MRS. CHARLOTTE O'NEAL,
Official Correspondent.

MALAYSIA MISSION CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Mission, 1889; as a Mission Conference, 1893.

WOMAN'S WORK ORGANIZED IN 1887.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS SOPHIA BLACKMORE, MISS EMMA E. FERRIS, *MISS EVA FOSTER.

ASSISTANTS.

MRS. HIGHTLING, MISS DEFOE, MRS. JONES,
MISS NORRIS, MISS MICHAELSON.

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

Singapore.

MRS. J. HEBINGER SNUGGS, MRS. R. W. MUNSON.

Penang.

MRS. DR. WEST.

*Home on leave.

The year in the Malaysia Conference opened most auspiciously. The appropriations asked had been granted, the workers were all at their posts and with work in abundance were looking forward to a most successful year. But all too soon the outlook changed. Early in January Miss Foster's health failed and she was ordered to leave at once for home. Then Mrs. Munson, who had been a warm friend and wise counselor to our workers, found she could no longer endure the trying climate and she too was forced to come home. Mrs. Lewis of the Mission School went away for a vacation and did not return. Appeals for re-enforcements sent out found no workers ready to go and so our two missionaries, Misses Blackmore and Ferris have been left to carry the work of four through most of the year. But they have bravely borne this double burden, trusting in us to send relief just as speedily as possible. Miss Blackmore writes that it is gratifying to find that each division of work has kept up so well, but it has been hard upon Miss Ferris and she ought not to do it a day longer. "She has a very strong constitution and a perfect mania for the work," says Miss Blackmore, "but our climate is telling on her and she has frequent attacks of illness, and ought not to remain here over her time for furlough a year hence."

Mary C. Nind Deaconess' Home. Miss Blackmore in charge says: "The year has brought many blessings; the large family have been remarkably free from illness of any kind. Since Miss Foster left, the boarders from the Methodist Girls' School have been in the Home

in the family of the missionaries. Besides there are thirty-six girls in the home, who live downstairs. The house is thus very full and a new dormitory needed." Of the girls who have been under the influence of this Christian home most satisfactory reports are given. Mah Li, the first to enter it, is now teaching for us in the Mission Day School and doing excellent work. Four of the girls are employed in Sunday Schools. A young Chinese woman who has been in the home for a year has been baptized and evinces saving faith in the Lord Jesus. Miss Blackmore says: "Above all things we covet for our girls is that each shall have a saving knowledge of Christ." Mrs. Nind's visit to the Home and the work in Singapore gave to all great pleasure and profit, and the large numbers who gathered at the home to meet her and hear her speak were deeply interested and greatly impressed at the thought of her coming so far to see them, as well as with the message which she brought.

Visiting Work. Miss Ferris with her workers have carried this on regularly in the Telok Ayer district; Miss Blackmore with hers in what is known as Bencoolen. Mrs. Jones has 115 homes on her list and she has been deeply interested in her women, going out on Sabbath and bringing them to church and through her earnest teachings bringing them to Christ. One woman, old and blind, found happiness in her last days through the regular visits of Mrs. Jones and died believing in Jesus. Miss Dora Michaelson is a younger worker who is finding her way into many homes and is much beloved by the younger women, persuading them to learn to read Romanized Malay that they may be able to read the New Testament and hymns themselves. Julia, the wife of one of the Malay church members, has just begun work and promises to be an excellent Bible woman. Miss Blackmore sees much for her to do and asks that her support be granted. Miss Chopard and Miss Vanderbeck, two other visitors to the homes, working under Miss Blackmore's guidance, are supported by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The Methodist Mission Girls' School. This school, the first one established by us in Singapore, has had a prosperous year. Over one hundred pupils have attended it and five standards besides primary classes have been taught. Mah Li, one of the girls educated in it, has proved herself a successful teacher and good worker generally. Mrs. Hightling has temporarily taken the place of head teacher since the departure of Mrs. Lewis. She has been assisted by Miss Norris, Miss DeFoe and Miss Michaelson. Each Friday from twelve to one o'clock a session of Sunday School is held. The children are learning the blessedness of giving by practicing self-denial and although very, very poor, have contributed some three dollars to purchase clothing for some

children, even poorer than themselves. A Christmas treat was given them which was much appreciated. Miss Ferris says of it "The room decorated prettily with green, the gaily dressed children and the trees loaded with gifts for over two hundred eager children made us feel that verily Christmas had come. However, we have remembered it all the year as we had to buy all the gifts ourselves and it is only of late I have been able to pay for all, by using something given me which I meant to lay by as the beginning of a fund for enlarging the school building. This is sorely needed but must wait. One of the little girls begged hard to be allowed to recite at the Christmas entertainment. I wanted only the cleverest girls but she asked me so repeatedly that I granted her request instead of waiting till another year. It has been a great comfort to me since that I did for ere the year closed she was promoted for 'higher service.' Her people are Catholics but Lily learned to lean upon Jesus and when the call came she did not fear to go." Miss Ferris attended her funeral and describes the heartless way in which it was conducted by the priest. She further says, "Our little girls are learning to do personal work among their friends 'In Jesus' Name';" and she pleads for a Deaconess to come and take this particular work and visit the children and parents in their homes.

The Methodist Girls' School.—Of this work Miss Ferris says, "Owing to Miss Foster's break-down the Methodist Girls' School has come under my charge for the year 1896. I have not been able to give it the attention which it deserves, having my hands already full of work; however, I am glad to report progress in the School. We have an enrollment of forty-four pupils and a staff of three teachers. Each morning the classes assemble, after the opening of the school, with their respective teachers and devote about twenty minutes to Bible study. Miss Blackmore holds an evangelistic meeting each Friday morning and the pupils all enjoy the heart-searching talks which she gives them. The young lady who is now in training for Kindergarten work expects to be ready to return to us in February next. She is studying with Miss Wisner at Rangoon. We hope that when she is ready to take up the work, we shall be ready with the necessary helps.

Teluk Ayer School.—"On account of lack of time for visiting I cannot report an increase in attendance this year. Our enrollment is about the same as last year. The children take a great interest in their work and love the Sunday School which we hold for them each week. The teachers, Miss Tyelman and Miss Angus, are faithful workers and true disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many of the little ones in this School are learning to pray to the one true God and each morning and evening they trustingly commit themselves to Him who loved the children so

much while He was here on earth. To-day, the first time in the history of this School, a Chinese woman brought her daughter to school and said she wanted us to teach her. We usually have to visit for months in the homes before the children will be allowed to come to school."

"We have had teachers in seven homes during the year and again have to report a loss of two on account of the fear of the parents that the children would become Christians. One of these homes was taken from us early in the year and the other about the time of the scare in the Anglo-Chinese School on account of religion being taught in that institution.

"Miss Leicester has been most faithful; she has visited regularly ninety-eight homes and has held three Sunday Schools during the week besides helping me on Sunday. She has taught several women to read and they love to hear the stories which she relates from the Bible and often call in their friends to listen. They tell her that they are learning to tell their domestic troubles to the Lord and they believe He helps them. Poor women, they do need the help of the Lord if ever any one did.

"Miss Michaelson has been in the work a shorter time but visits at the present time about seventy homes. She reads and prays with the women as well as singing to them and teaching them to read the Romanized Malay. Everywhere our Bible women are welcomed and we wish we had the means and the women so that we might send them to all parts of the city.

"My own particular work has been a little of everything. I work in Schools and Sunday Schools, visit the women in their homes, talk to them of their need of Christ and tell them of His wonderful love. I visit the sick and suffering and try to help in any way that I can. In one home where I happened to call I noticed a little child who was sick of fever and knowing some simple remedies, I procured them and prescribed for her. She recovered and since that time she is called my child. One day the mother said to me when I entered her home, 'Your child would like to go to school, shall I send her?' 'Yes,' I replied. Another day she said, 'Your child has tooth-ache, what can I do?' and again I was expected to come forward with the remedy. I expect a great deal from this child and hope some day to have strong enough right to bring her to our home to live.

"One day while out looking up children for the School I was called into a house where I found a Christian woman, the wife of the care-taker of our Chinese church. She asked me, 'If I would be her friend and visit her often.' I have visited her often and have had many precious

seasons of prayer with her. I learned soon that she was in consumption; after some weeks of suffering she yielded to entreaties to go to the hospital and a few days after she went to be with Jesus.

"A couple of weeks ago I received an invitation to a Chinese funeral, and on the mourning card were the words 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.' I thought to myself, a Christian funeral, what an object lesson this will be to the people who live in Teluk Ayer. The Chinese gentleman who sent me the invitation has been a friend of mine since my coming to Singapore and is a true Christian at heart, while all of his family are strict adherents to the Chinese religion. The funeral was very like the Chinese funerals with this marked difference. Three clergymen were present and prayer was offered in Chinese to the Christian God. Attending that funeral meant very much to me as I saw how some of the walls are being broken down. I visit in one home where the mothers join us as we teach twenty little ones about Jesus. They ask us to teach the children that it is wrong to gamble; even the little ones here learn this. One little boy, about nine years old, liked to gamble and the older children always told me when he did this. For the past three weeks he, himself, has exultantly said, 'I have not gambled any this week.' A few Sundays ago I was told that there were two girls who were angry with each other and had not spoken for some time and I was requested by the children in the class to give these two girls a serious talking to on the evil. I did so, while I thought how common this fault was even among those who professed to know the Lord. These children know that that is not consistent with a true walk with God. Here as elsewhere we find those, who if they had to do some hard things, would be willing to follow Jesus but when we tell them to believe in Christ and repent and forsake their sins and He will save, they hold back. They would like to work out their salvation in their own way.

"One woman called me into her house and showed me a book which her husband loved and read very much and he said he had lost faith in the Chinese mode of worship. The book was a Church of England prayer book and it looked as if it had been very much used. The woman said, 'He slept with it under his pillow and had great faith in it but he would not tell her what was in it.' I was anxious to see the husband but when I did see him I was not impressed very much with his Christianity. He was drinking wine and abusing his wife and I wondered a little at her wanting to know what was in the book which he prized so much but would not tell her. When I asked him about the 'book' he said, 'it belonged to his father and he had bequeathed it to him as a sacred trust and he loved to read it for himself.' The foregoing are a few of the incidents which have come to me in my work.

Sunday Schools. Of these Miss Blackmore writes: "During the year our Sunday Schools have been carried on with interest.

Our thriving Tamil Sunday School we have handed over to other workers. The Sunday School for Portuguese children that was sparsely attended when we held it in the School room, now at times numbers seventy, for we hold it at the end of the lane. The children in this Sunday School particularly prize the picture cards, which have been so liberally sent to me, in response to the request of Mrs. Nind and others.

In another lane a number of little ignorant, dirty children, gather round us and we enjoy teaching them.

Mrs. Jones is encouraged over the Sunday Schools she conducts, one in San Quee San Lane, others in Chinese homes.

In the Deaconess home, too, we have Sunday School on Sunday afternoon. In all these different places 175 pupils are taught."

New Literature. Miss Blackmore writes, "Part of my work this year has been to provide easy Malay literature for our people. The Sahabat is still greatly appreciated and 1,200 copies are printed monthly. These are distributed in Singapore, Penang and the native Malay states. At Chinese New Year the Sahabat appeared in a cover of red, the rejoicing color, and we distributed it when we made our New Year's calls." Besides this Miss Blackmore has brought out a small primer in Malay that is proving very acceptable and useful to the women who are learning to read. She is also printing Sunday School notes in the vernacular which are creating a deeper interest in that part of the work.

Penang. An earnest appeal was made last year for a Deaconess to go to the work in this promising field, but no one could be sent and so the missionary's wife, Mrs. West, though in delicate health, has had to add this work of ours to her already over-burdened heart and hands. Of the year and its work she writes:

"We have been very much disappointed this year in not having someone from home for various reasons: The first one being the great need of a worker who can devote her time to it, as the opportunities for work among the women and girls here are so numerous. I have been in very delicate health all the year, so much so that for six months I have been unable to go up or down stairs; and then my own family of five little ones take the most of my time. In the face of these difficulties our work is growing; the Anglo-Chinese Girls' School has nine more girls on the roll. So we have now forty-two little girls and twelve boys in the Chinese School and twenty-two girls in the Tamil Girls' School, making a total of sixty-four girls and twelve boys. The children are very busy now preparing for examination next month. We have twenty-three girls to present for Government Inspection, with one

standard higher than last year. They have done good work through the year, and I trust will do well in the examinations.

"I have begun lately giving more Bible instruction in the School than I was able to do formerly. The girls are learning our Catechism in Malay, they learn and repeat one question each morning just after opening prayer or after the midday singing. Then we use the International Sunday School lessons. They answer the questions very well and can repeat the 'Golden Texts' for months past. Our school has quite a reputation for singing, the children are taught our hymns in English and Malay, and often when a new girl comes to school they want to know if this is the school where they sing. We also use Miss Blackmore's little Malay paper in the school, and find it very useful.

"Within the last few months we have had a very earnest Chinese woman as Bible woman, she is doing very well. She has seven women whom she is teaching to read Romanized Chinese. We are hoping to have her open a boarding school for Chinese girls soon and teach them Chinese only, no English. The girls will pay for their board and do the housework themselves.

"Our Tamil Girls' School has taken a new lease of life; it had to be practically changed for a while. But now we have a very good woman in charge and have twenty-two little girls who are being grounded in the truths of the Bible."

Concerning the young Chinese Bible woman referred to in the report from Penang, Dr. West writes: "We spent the winter of 1890 in Amoy, China, studying the Chinese language. While there we lived in a part of Dr. Talmage's house, belonging to the Dutch Reformed Mission, and as a part payment of rent I took medical supervision of the Mission Schools. During the time we were there a violent epidemic of measles broke out in the girls' school. One case in particular worried me, the case of a young girl and I spent some time in much anxiety over her. However, she recovered, and her time for study having expired, she returned to Singapore, never expecting to meet any of our Amoy friends again. God has many plans, however, which are very different from ours. One of the main difficulties in the way of our Chinese work has always been the one of teaching the women. This difficulty is even greater in Penang than in Singapore for here the women practically understand no Malay as they do in Singapore and the difficulty of getting a worker who understood Chinese, seemed to be unsurmountable. One day I was told of a young Chinese and his wife who wished to come and live at the Chinese church for a few days until they could find something to do. I readily assented and they came. What was my surprise when I found that the wife was the girl whom years before I had

attended through the measles in the Amoy school. She and her husband had come to Penang to work in the Church of England Mission. This Mission is very high Church and the authorities wanted a cross and various pictures put up in the church but the wife sturdily objected, urging that it was too much like Roman Catholicism. As a consequence they lost their situation. I told them I had no funds to open any work for them, but that if the wife would look around and see if any work could be done among the women and girls, I would try and find them a bare support. She assented and at once began work; that was two or three months ago, she now has eight women who regularly welcome her visits and whom she is teaching to read the Bible. She visits many others but the eight before mentioned are regular pupils. She has also stirred up an earnest desire among a number of girls to learn to read and we expect shortly to establish a boarding school for girls and women on the basis of their furnishing their own food and we finding the house rent. Thus from a seemingly common event, an almost chance meeting, years ago in China, has come a very valuable worker in this needy Mission field.

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CHINA.

FOOCHOW CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference, 1877.

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

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY COMMENCED WORK, 1871.

MISSIONARIES.

*MISS C. I. JEWELL,	MISS LYDIA TRIMBLE,	MISS JULIA BONAFIELD
MISS LYDIA WILKINSON,	MISS MABEL HARTFORD,	MISS MINNIE WILSON,
*MISS MABEL ALLEN,	MISS RUTH SITES,	MISS WILMA ROUSE,
MISS ALTHEA TODD,	*MISS MARY PETERS,	MISS PHOEBE WELLS,
MISS ALICÉ LINAM,	M. E. CARLETON, M. D.,	ELLA LYON, M. D.,
LUELLA MASTERS, M. D.,	JULIA DONAHUE, M. D.,	HU KING ENG, M. D.

MISSIONARIES' WIVES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. W. N. BREWSTER,

MRS. G. B. SMYTH.

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*Home on Leave.

Since the last Executive meeting Misses Bonafield, Trimble and Hartford have returned to Foochow. Misses Linam and Todd have begun their work. Miss Sites, after five years of continuous service, has returned to the home-land.

Foochow District.—This district contains the great city of Foochow, which, with its suburbs, has one million human beings. Two thousand villages extend over an area of one thousand square miles, and in many of these villages no herald of the cross has yet placed his foot. Four Bible-women are sowing beside all waters, one in the hill country, one in the city, two in the villages.

Nine day-schools are little centres of light among the villages. The Training-school for Bible-women has fourteen very promising pupils. The Boarding-school had an enrolment of one hundred and twenty-three the past year. The Mary E. Crook Memorial Orphanage shelters thirty four little waifs. Three medical women—a part of the year, four—have ministered to the sick. The home-going of Miss Sites and Mrs. Lacy left but three women—exclusive of the physicians—to carry on the work, and one of the three was engaged chiefly in the study of the language.

Each department has cause for rejoicing, the Evangelistic especially.

Thirty visitors per week, many of them from distant villages, have sought our Missionaries in Foochow, and not one has departed without hearing of the one true God.

The invitations to homes have been unusually numerous. "We no longer stand," says Miss Bonafield, "timidly knocking and wondering if we and our message will be received, but instead invitations, with a guide to escort us." Miss B. gives two contrasting pictures of the power of a mother's influence; one, persuaded that her son to make a success of life must be a Christian, sent him to church and placed him under Christian instruction. He received baptism and with his highly prized and well read Bible departed to a distant province on the errand with which he had been entrusted. Another son equally desirous to be known as a Christian, is bitterly opposed by his mother, who, when the young man reads his Bible or prays, burns incense and worships the household gods.

Foochow City Work. Girls' Boarding-school: "Miss Bonafield's return just in time for commencement exercises was an inexpressible pleasure to us all," says Miss Wilkinson, "and the work of the spring term shared with her was made much easier." Besides the 123 enrolled as boarding pupils, there were twenty day pupils. Seven graduated January 31st, all, with one exception, becoming teachers. Two went to Hok-Chiang to assist Miss Allen one as Miss Linam's personal teacher, the other three remaining as teachers in Foochow Boarding-school. It was exceedingly hard to have their High-school teacher transferred to the ministry, though recognizing his fitness for the work and wider field of usefulness. "Our good brothers," writes Miss Wilkinson, "who always consider our woman's work as important as their own, let us have the assistant editor of our Church Advocate to take his place. For this kindness we are more grateful to Rev. Geo. B. Smyth than we can express." The growing spiritual life of the girls has made glad the hearts of their teachers, and it has been a delight not only to listen to their clear and definite testimonies of communion with Jesus, but to see in their daily walk that they had learned of him. Some of the older girls are class-leaders.

Day Schools.--These schools are recovering from loss sustained by withdrawal of all rewards. There have been some deaths, but others have opened in new places where no rewards are expected, and it means much more to have nine day schools with an average attendance of fifteen pupils eager for knowledge, than to have twice that number of schools and pupils whose chief object would be pecuniary aid. The women are much better satisfied to have the smaller number, 135, with the hope

of their becoming intelligent Christian women, than to have a larger number under the old method. A real system of education is being built up by requiring a certain amount of work to be done in these schools before admission to the Boarding-school.

Two of the schools are in villages that had never seen a foreign woman till Miss Wilkinson went to examine the schools.

Some of the women said, "Why, I never knew before that girls *could* study!" and some with girl babies in their arms said, "If you will take our girls when they are old enough to study we will not bind their feet." It was delightful to her to find that the girls were carrying into their homes Christian principles, and the mothers were learning from them that foot-binding is a sin, and that God requires them to be clean inside and outside.

Orphanage.—The care of the orphanage devolved chiefly upon Miss Wilkinson upon Mrs. Lacy's departure for home, as Miss Linam was new to the work and wrestling with the intricacies of the language. She says, "I think I am just where the Lord wants me to be, and I am well and happy." The general health of the children has been good and God's protecting care has not been wanting.

Medical Work.—Dr. Luella Masters, reporting July 1st for the City Hospital work for the year, gives the number of dispensary patients as 2,661, ward patients, 214, prescriptions filled, 4,067, office calls, 115, in-patients seen in homes, 931. Total number of medical patients, 3,921. Total number of prescriptions, 4,067. Receipts, \$380.

Daily morning prayers have been held with the ward patients, assistants and servants. Six out of the seven afternoons of the week the Hospital matron or Bible-woman has been teaching the patients, not too ill to listen, hymns and Bible verses. Sunday afternoons a prayer service and Sunday-school has been held for the Hospital patients and women and children living near the Hospital. Dr. M. reported nine of her ward patients having been baptized and four others desiring to be, but afraid of the threatened persecution. Dr. Lyon, date July 21, sends partial report for Woolston Hospital. In-patients, 266, patients seen at visits, 1,306, dispensary patients, 4,675, prescriptions given to outside patients, 7,050. This statement does not include prescriptions to in-patients nor visits made and prescriptions given by Dr. Carleton from July to Conference. Dr. Lyon says: "We have given sight to the blind, and to witness the happiness of a mother as she once more beheld her children, repaid us well for our care. Her plea as she came in was, I want to see my children. Reason has been restored to the insane, and many of life's ills removed." She writes in

praise of the work of Dr. Hu in the Dispensary, and with the medical students, one of them Dr. Hu's sister. Bishop Walden at the last conference appointed Dr. Carleton to General Medical Work. She decided to make Ming Chiang city headquarters, but was obliged, as were all other missionaries for out-stations, to remain in Foochow till permission could be obtained from the American Consul to go elsewhere. It was a happy trio liberated from seven months' confinement that set out for Ku Cheng City March 1st. Miss Rouse returning to her field; Miss Todd and Dr. Carleton making their first trip. March 5th they entered the city and went at once to the Doctor's residence and took possession. The Girl's Boarding-school had been placed in the vacant Hospital, but the Chapel, Consulting Room and Drug Room were placed at the doctor's disposal. Word at once went out that she would remain four weeks and would be glad to serve the sick. Then came a test of faith and patience. For sixty consecutive days and nights, with not more than ten hours of sunshine, the rain poured as, it is said, it can only pour in Fu Kien.

A few men and boys came to the Dispensary and a *very* few women, but there was considerable sickness in the Girls' and Woman's Schools; a few emergency cases, two of which would have proved fatal had not a skilled physician been at hand. A native minister suffered with fearful abscesses on his neck, and though they required daily dressing for nearly three months, in the end he was healed. Dr. Carleton left him in Miss Todd's care whom she had instructed, and when he was well he said in the Kucheng City Chapel, at a Sunday service, "But for the care the good ladies have given me, I would not be alive to-day." In the month she saw professionally only about three hundred persons, and while the rain prevented many from coming it gave opportunity for longer conversations with those who did come, and not one went away without being spoken to of his soul and told of the Saviour of sinners. One woman was so interested she wanted to start at once on a holy quest, hoping she could find Jesus.

Doctor C. left for Ming Chiang April 23d and when the people learned she had come to stay, their gratification was great. Ministers of the District came at once to bid her welcome and invite her to come at the earliest opportunity to their chapel and dispense medicines. "I was given," she said, "a splendid welcome, and while they don't '*toast*' people in Ming Chiang, they do *feast* them, and stand over you and fairly *compel* you to eat, saying, 'Eat, you *must* eat,' and this when we are doing it as fast as we can." She felt the lack of a trained assistant, though her old Bible-woman tried to meet every need—

coolie, nurse, Bible-woman, preacher and assistant. Several persons said—in effect—to Dr. Carleton, "I came to you last year and you healed me and told me about the blessed Jesus, and now I am a Christian." She went by invitation to see the pastor of the 11th Township; found him very ill, with a temperature of 105°. God blessed the remedies used, and as soon as he was able he came to the Doctor to express his thanks. She learned that his sickness was the result of cleaning an old well that "the Doctor might have pure water to drink." In the Dispensary she had, up to July 1, served 800 patients; given out about 1,000 prescriptions. A great problem confronts all our missionaries. What can be done without injury to help the thousands in China who are living in such poverty as is never dreamed of in the United States? The family of whom she rents are eleven in number, and the total assets of their combined labor is \$2.50 gold, per month. Doctor asked the Bible-woman how they sustained life, and she said—"The kernels of boiled rice are given to those who can find work, and the rice water to the old grand-mother and the children."

Ming-Chiang District. Miss Peters has had charge of this work the past year, taking up her residence there March 1st. Before that the District had had no resident Woman's Foreign Missionary, though valuable work had been done by Miss Sites while residing in Foochow. Miss Peters' house was in a part of the building at Sek Du in which was the Woman's-school—the school organized by Miss Sites, and which received so much of her care and thought. It has had, considering the loss of supervision heretofore given it, a prosperous year. Miss Peters since her arrival has taught in the school; instructing the women in the best way of presenting Bible truths and accompanying them in their visits. There are 24 Townships in the District, and we have only six Day schools and as many Bible-women. Everywhere men and women crowd into the chapels and homes and block the court-yards, eager to hear the message. One hospitable family offered entertainment for two weeks to Miss Peters, if she would go to their village and tell the people Salvation's story.

Ku-Cheng and Iong Bing Districts. School work, which after the massacre at Wha-Sang had been suspended for nearly a year, was resumed in March, Miss Rouse returning to work accompanied by Miss Todd. There was a restlessness on the part of the people which our missionaries did not like, but they were soon so engrossed with work they thought but little of outside affairs. Miss Todd was too new to take up work, so the two Districts with 24 Day-schools; 11 Bible-women; a Girls' Boarding-school and two Woman's-schools fell to Miss Rouse.

After Dr. Carleton left they had neither physician or nurse, and sickness of nearly every kind appeared in the school. Drs. Lyon and Carleton were very kind, sending medicine with explicit directions, but it was difficult to treat patients 100 miles away, when from four to ten days were consumed in sending to and receiving an answer from them. One little girl that had measles expressed the hope that it would prove to be nothing but small-pox. The child was taken to Miss Rouse's house, and the disease spread no further. Surely there is cause for gratitude that there has been no fatal case in the school, and that there has been no serious outbreak among the natives, though placards were posted calling upon the "Vegetarians to rise and pay a vow." The local officials moved quickly, and the mobs who were commencing to form were dispersed. The school work ran right along. "The experiences of the four months" says Miss Rouse, "would fill a book." A new born baby was left at their bungalow and they had it to mother till other provision could be made. An earth-quake shock drew them one night from their beds, quite sure that the Vegetarians were upon them, but fear was banished when a coolie informed them that the "earth cow had rolled over." At examination the committees reported that never had better work been done in both schools -woman's and girls'. Tears were shed plentifully when they closed and pupils left for their homes. "Please, please let me stay," said one little girl, "I've never been happy anywhere else." She was dubbed "Ugly Duckling" when she came—she was such an unpromising subject. Miss Rouse longed to send a before and after view, showing the result of external scrubbing and internal development of brain and heart. One pupil in the Woman's-school deserves a word. Her betrothed, knowing himself to be a leper, released her from her engagement, and as under such circumstances no other engagement could be formed, she came to the school. She is an earnest and intelligent student of the Bible and much is expected of her. Six women, who could not be admitted to the school unless they "ate their own rice," readily accepted the terms. The Consul *commanded* our workers to stay within the city walls, so the Day-schools have lacked their supervision. For the same reason the Long Bing District has been neglected, though the native workers have done their best and are more than ordinarily efficient. The Bible-women have done grandly and hundreds of hearts are being turned to the truth by their teaching. Never before in the history of mission work in China has a field in which missionaries have suffered massacre been re-occupied in less than two years, but our brave women returned in seven months from the day that their fellow-workers were called home. At Ku Liang, August 1st, a Memorial Service was held and

I make from it one quotation, "During the year eleven of our number gave up their lives and five thousand of the Chinese have found eternal life." Yes, at such fearful cost as this *Foreign Missions pay!*

Hai Tang District. Miss Wilkinson has given to this District all the *foreign* supervision it has had. The presiding elder has looked faithfully after the work and from reports received, Miss Wilkinson believes the schools to be doing fairly well. She thought to close one of them, the teacher having a family of seven children, but the school *would not* close; the girls just kept right on studying and the teacher helped as best she could for a year, without any compensation, and then the elder helped and the teacher in the Boys'-school helps the girls with their translations.

Hok-Chiang District. The work on this District, Miss Allen reports as not being all that she desired, but finds enough in the retrospect to praise God for. The first six months the work was left entirely to the native helpers, as no foreigners were allowed outside of Foochow. The Woman's-school was not opened till the first of March. With the teacher, a graduate of the Foochow Boarding-school, the school was opened March 3d with twenty women in attendance. Several were bound-footed, but they all unbound within a week, and seemed glad to do so.

One woman said: "Before I was married I attended the Day-school. One day Miss Trimble came to examine the school, and how she did talk to us about bound-feet! I wanted to unbind, but my parents objected. I thought to unbind when I was married, but my husband would not allow it. I did not give up, but thought I would some time. A year ago my husband died, and now I am here with my feet unbound." Poor woman! Her husband's parents, with whom she lived, have betrothed her again, and she is heart-broken. Said another woman who was married under similar circumstances: "Had this happened before I knew Christ, I would have killed myself." Each Sunday afternoon a dozen of the women go out by twos into the villages and they are gladly received. Six of the students were chosen to do Bible-woman's work during the vacation.

The Girls' Boarding-school opened April 14th with twelve girls enrolled, all having passed examination on the first two years of the Day-school course.

Day-schools. These schools number 12, with an average attendance of thirteen pupils. The withdrawal of money rewards from the old schools still operates to lessen the number of girls, also to lessen ambition. One has been closed, and Miss Allen thought others would share

the same fate. Schools opened in new places are doing nicely; the girls study for learning's sake and not for cash. Entrance to the Girls' Boarding school is the prize now, and all understand that no one can enter unless she can pass a satisfactory examination on the first two years of the Day-school course.

The two Bible-women are good workers, faithfully teaching the Christians, comforting the sick, talking to those who have never heard, or who do not obey the gospel.

Hinghua. The recent General Conference set off Hinghua as a Mission Conference, but we are reporting for the past year, when it was a District of Foochow Conference. Miss Wilson reports two less Day-schools than last year, but more pupils. Schools were asked for in four new places, but there were no teachers available. One well qualified for the position took the place of an older woman, that she might be free for evangelistic work, there being even more call for Bible-women than for teachers. The Normal-school last year did much for the schools, and Miss Wilson planned to hold another for a month before Conference, the plague making it impossible to hold it in the summer. The value of the work done by the twenty-seven Bible-women only the recording angel can give, but this we know—they have won many souls from heathenism and built up believers by the score. They are becoming more and more like their Lord in the spirit of sacrifice. "I found," says Miss Wilson, "the room of one dwelling which served as kitchen and bed-room half under water, and the other half very muddy. I knew the pastor's wife, the Bible-woman, to be very neat and expressed my sympathy that she had to live in such a place. With a smile she replied: 'I am better off than my Lord was, for he had not where to lay his head.'" One woman left a place as teacher where her work was light, to go to a new place, farther from home, where there were fifty Christian men but no Christian women, and where a Bible-woman was greatly needed, to receive a much lower salary, and she *volunteered to go*. They are feeling as never before their responsibility for souls. Circumstances combined to prevent Miss Wilson giving much of her time to the Sing-in Training-school. The Black Death entered the school and chose for its victim a beautiful Christian girl who was teaching. Then the school had to be closed and the place disinfected. When it was re-opened eleven of the fourteen women had the disease in a light form. Just as they were fairly over this measles broke out, and the school was again closed. The victorious death of the teacher was made a great blessing to the women.

Hamilton Girls' Boarding-School. Mrs. Brewster had planned to

open the school early in September, but the peremptory order of the United States Consul that all Americans return immediately to Foochow thwarted her plans. Notwithstanding letters sent out postponing the opening of the school, several girls came, and as no disturbance followed, the school was opened regularly after Conference. Upon the return of Mrs. Brewster late in December, she found everything going on nicely, thanks to the efficiency and faithfulness of the matron. The school term ran until the last of March, and examinations were most satisfactory. Then the new class of girls was received and the new term's work began. The rule was that girls entering the new class must be twelve years old, and the majority of them were, but on special conditions a few younger than that were admitted on a ten years' contract. The two departments of the school are completely separated, and the teachers in both are satisfactory. One of them who had studied only four years in our school, and whose education was very limited, is now teaching girls who have had seven or eight years of study. The evening hour spent around the study-table by Rev. Deug and his bright little wife explains this achievement.

The religious condition of the girls is most encouraging. The health of the girls has been marvelous. Notwithstanding the Black Death was raging in Sin-in and in the city, and rats were dying in the schools, there was not a case of sickness among the girls. Since the schools closed there has been some deaths in the compound, two boys from the Boys'-school, one woman in the employ of the Girls'-school and a carpenter.

Five full days were spent in the examinations, each girl was given a rigid test of her knowledge, and in the main the result was very satisfactory.

Juliet Turner Memorial-School closed for a month's vacation the last of January. Six women having passed with credit their preparatory course examinations were promoted to the regular school-course. Two young women finished the full course and will be ready to take work after Conference. The plague raging so severely in the city frustrated many plans of our workers.

General Evangelistic. Besides the students from the two schools about two hundred women are present every Sunday in the church, and it is an inspiring sight. The Bible-woman has great success in getting people to give up the worship of idols and come to church, but there her power ends. The leper-school has had a very good year. Early in the year it had fifteen students and they made good progress in secular and religious knowledge. The faithful teacher, a Christian for twenty

years, and for fifteen years a leper, had to leave the school and was tenderly cared for by a nurse provided by the missionaries. This woman had by verbal testimonies and the stronger testimony of her life inspired many poor lepers with the hope of *eternal* life. Our work in the leper village has given us the confidence and regard of the entire village.

The beggars, when refused the alms they solicit, will say "All right, may you have peace." We supplied the vacancy caused by the death of the teacher by a Christian man who was quite a scholar and recommended by his pastor; the enrollment went up to 20. There are many children who show no symptoms of the dread disease and if they could be taken from their unhealthful surroundings might escape it altogether. This fact makes us desire a Rescue Home. We have taken the two children of our deceased teacher.

Medical Work. Not until May 1 could Dr. Donahue open dispensary work, and then only on a small scale. She had not been able to obtain drugs from America, had no trained assistant, was unable to use the language, so did no advertising but received whoever came to the little bedroom dignified with the name of dispensary. At first but few came, and that was an advantage, for the doctor had time to hear of all their ills and the ills of their ancestors, and *hearing* was what she desired. The people came rapidly and in less than two weeks she was treating from 25 to 30 patients per day. From May 1 to July 23 the report is: Patients in Dispensary—new cases, 367; return visits, 957. Patients in homes and schools, 177. Prescriptions to out patients, 1,277. The heat was so intense she was compelled to go to the mountain distant from the city 4 miles, going into the city the afternoons of Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. But few came to the Dispensary though the Black Death was raging. People from the country—and they were the ones who chiefly sought the Dispensary—would not come to the city to sell their produce, much less to attend to their ills. The fatal disease soon attacked some of the people around our home, and for days the good doctor labored to save their lives with but partial success. Of the eleven treated, seven died. Her devotion made a profound impression upon the heathen. They knew she was risking her life for those who were forsaken by their nearest of kin, felt that it must be a real religion that cast out fear and led to such sacrifice.

Ing Chung District. Mrs. Brewster and Miss Wilson in charge.

Girls' and Woman's School. Mr. Ohlinger said after examining these schools: "I am delighted! I have never seen 21 girls in a school who were of more promise." Miss Wilson was there at the same time, and

with Mr. Ohlinger held two days' special meetings that were blessed times of revival. The department was excellent and the matron speaks with praise of their obedience and readiness to co-operate with herself in all rules and plans. These are made by Mrs. Brewster at the beginning of the term. The class of nine women are very promising, and if they can be kept till well trained will be very valuable workers. Day-schools number two, with 19 pupils.

For the first time in the history of the Ing Chung work the schools outside of Hu Iong—where the Boarding-school is—were examined by a foreign lady, Miss Wilson. The poor, neglected Ing Chung teachers did not measure up to the standard, neither did the schools, but all things considered, Miss Wilson found them better than she had a right to expect. The one Bible-woman has been embodied faithfulness. Mrs. Brewster, who for eight years has been in this work and so large a factor in winning success, is compelled to lay it down.

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NORTH CHINA.

WOMAN'S WORK ORGANIZED 1871.

MISSIONARIES.

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

MISSIONARIES' WIVES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. M. P. GAMEWELL,	MRS. W. F. WALKER,	MRS. F. I. VERITY,
MRS. G. R. DAVIS,	MRS. DR. HOPKINS.	

*Home on leave.

Peking. Unusual activities, care, inconveniences and hard work have marked the experiences of the past year with our faithful workers in this station.

Mrs. Jewell in reporting the Girls' Boarding-school says: "Another year has gone. Another chapter must be added to our school's history. It is very different from the previous one which had so much of war in it. This year has been as cloudless as a June morning.

"In the latter part of September the native preachers of Shan Tung

coming to Annual Conference brought with them our girls from that region. Upon their arrival girls from other sections came flocking to school until our family numbered over one hundred. The first thing that attracted the girls was the changes undergone during vacation. They hurried to see the convenient new kitchen, the comfortable dining-room, the bath and wash-room. All pronounced them 'truly good.' Then preparations for the business of the year began and in a few days all were settled down to work. Two of the girls were installed as pupil teachers and most excellent helpers they have been. Our register contained 113 names, thirteen more than we had scholarships for, and we therefore began some very profitable *weeding*, resulting in a decidedly improved aspect of our garden, and it has been prospering ever since.

"We would give no one the impression that many of the girls from this school turn out to be prodigies, for such is not the case; but now and then in its history it has produced a rare specimen of woman. Such is one of the pupil teachers. It would be assuming too much to say our school under God has made this young woman, for she was an especially fine girl when she entered it.

"We have not been able to move forward in self-help for the past year as we had hoped, but we are determined to hold the ground already taken and to advance another step soon, for there is nothing that is more essential in the education of these young Christians than teaching them to stand on their own feet. Very commendable progress has been made by most of the girls in school. Generations of persistent practice has made the Chinese child able to memorize prodigious quantities of what it understands little or nothing. Much attention, therefore, must be paid to mental digestion and assimilation. It takes some of the little folks months to learn how to learn. The little girl who has led her class this year was almost despaired of last year because of her dullness. In midwinter a call was made for a teacher for the primary school in Tsun Hua and the baby orphan of fifteen years ago was sent to answer the call and is very satisfactory. Our patient sufferer, Yü Shan, thankful for everything, complaining of nothing, remained with us until early December, when with this message on her dying lips, 'Tell my patrons in America that they did not spend their money in vain for me,' she passed to the heavenly home."

A series of revival meetings were holden during the holidays resulting in a general outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Upon Miss Steere's arrival in Peking from her home furlough she set immediately about reopening the Training-school; made two trips of several days each into the country to secure women wishing or willing

to become pupils, securing twelve or fifteen, which form an interesting class, some of whom give promise of becoming good Christian workers in the no distant future.

The Day-schools have been quite prosperous.

The Medical work has had a year of growth and influence. After the recovery of Dr. Gloss from her long and serious illness and the opening of the Dispensary, the patients increased daily; many new families have been reached, many of whom are very attractive people. Dr. Gloss says: "We have noticed a growing friendliness, not only for us, but for each other among those who come often to the Dispensary. They settle down to wait their turn as if at home and spend their time in kind inquiries for others whom they have met there before or in efforts to cheer and encourage newcomers. Some come every day who have not courage to consult us after coming, and go away more frightened than ever. Exactly what they are afraid of we cannot say. There is a prevailing idea that foreign medicine deludes people who take it, so that they become willing to be Christians. Some are afraid of being cut or operated on against their will. The Chinese mind is peopled with fears at all times, so we cannot settle this."

The religious instruction in the Dispensary has been given by Mrs. Walker, the Bible-woman, and in the winter by the women in Miss Steere's Training-school. More rich women have come to the Dispensary than ever before, sometimes waiting in the street in their carts, rather than mingle with the crowd. The out-practice has greatly increased, which has necessitated the spending of a good deal of Dr. Gloss's time in a cart, which is a weariness to the flesh. The want of room has been a constant embarrassment to this department of our work. The system of fees for out-calls has been given up entirely because it seemed to be a barrier between the workers and the people whom they were seeking to help. Special efforts have been made to encourage patients to show their gratitude for services rendered by making contributions to the Hospital. The doctor's assistant has been most faithful and self-denying and the modest doctor says "the measure of success we have had is attributable to my assistant's constant, self-denying help."

She then adds: "We should feel that God had blessed our work this year greatly, even if we had not received its crowning joy, the new Hospital. The one *foreign* building containing the waiting-rooms, dispensary, operating rooms and several private wards will be ready for occupation this fall. The general wards and outbuildings will be one-story native buildings, rooms ten feet square with cement floors and brick beds. Only the doors, windows and ceilings will be foreign for

sanitary reasons. These buildings may not be completed before spring.

Statistical report of this work for the year from October 1st, 1895, to October 1st, 1896 :

Number of patients visiting the Dispensary.....	2,535
Number of return visits.....	5,481
Number of visits to patients in their homes.....	190
Number of house patients.....	22
Number of foreigners (visits not counted).....	15
Donations.....	\$115.00

Tsun Hua. This school opened October 1st with 63 pupils. The general health of the girls has been good. In scholarship they have done well, improvement quite marked in arithmetic, which has been so hard for minds given only to repeating words, not to thinking for themselves. As usual they have done their own work, and every girl who has finished the course here knows how to cook simple food. Some of the girls have grown very helpful and some have been growing in the Christian life. The school-room has been so crowded that some have been obliged to sit on the window sills and some on low tables. Through the kindness of Mr. Verity the girls have received instruction in singing four times a week, while Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Verity have instructed several girls in instrumental music. Dr. Terry has attended to all accounts in the Boarding and Day-schools beside her own special work. Whenever she has been absent Dr. Hopkins has attended the sick girls with his usual great kindness. Miss Croncher has made herself very useful in looking after the girls' clothes, giving out grain and other supplies and in having charge of the housework. She has been quite ill with malarial fever, but was improving at latest accounts, as was also Miss Glover. Mrs. Verity had charge of the Training-school until its close, when she took charge of the Boarding-school.

Fifteen girls have finished the course of study and are ready for the Intermediate Department of the Peking School. The Day-school has been full, having an attendance of over forty girls.

Dr. Terry has been able to make but one extensive country trip, which was largely in the interests of the Training-school, to see the women who desired to enter it and to select the most desirable ones. She has been to a few places to spend the day, returning home at night. Each visit has been attended with the usual results, large numbers receiving treatment and a general willingness to listen to the gospel. The daily attendance at the Dispensary has been about the same as last year. Several interesting cases have been treated in the Hospital, though some were more important from an evangelistic point of view

than from a medical or surgical. Some of the cases have been full of interest, serving to break down prejudice in heathen homes, and prepare the way for the gospel. Number of patients treated in Dispensary, 1,228 ; number of prescriptions, 3,783 ; number of patients in Hospital, 36 ; number of patients in country clinics, 646.

Tientsin.—Evangelistic work under Miss Wilson has been quite encouraging. Training-school opened a little later than usual, but with twenty-eight pupils in attendance, some of whom were just primary pupils, others had been in the local schools and were able to commence the second year's studies. Most of the number made a good record for industry and harmony. The special season of revival meetings did much for the women as a whole, the heart-life being deepened and strengthened.

The Day-school has averaged about twenty during the year and has done good work. Work in the west city having been removed to a new locality where the people are ready and anxious to learn, has been unusually encouraging and prosperous. The Bible-woman has been very faithful and busy all the year and reports favorably of the spread of the truth. Old Mrs. Wang, now at least very nearly "three score and ten" years of age, is indefatigable in her labors, seems to remain young in heart and is constantly telling the "old, old story" to her heathen sisters.

The year has been one of increasing satisfaction in all branches of the medical work. Quite early in the fall many of the wealthy patients returned who had been south during the war, and very soon the fear and distrust evinced last year was removed, and the Dispensary filled. Dr. Benn has been home on vacation, and her place filled by Dr. Barrows, who went down from Tsun Hua by appointment last year. At the East Gate Dispensary the attendance has been small, while at the West Gate it has been steadily increasing in numbers and real interest as well. In the Hospital, too, there has been an interested attendance, most of the patients being glad to attend prayers twice a day, and showing eagerness to be taught. Nearly all who remained in the Hospital for a few days learned the characters and meaning of a small tract, while those who could not see, learned scripture texts by hearing others repeat them, and some nearly completed the catechism. Many of the in-patients were from a distance, having heard of the Hospital through some former patient.

During the recent famine in this province a great many girls were sold by their parents and brought to Tientsin—some to be kept as slaves, but many others bought by speculators, who send them South to lives of shame, wretchedness and misery.

A large number of these miserable little ones have been treated in the Dispensary, and three in the Hospital. Many find here the sunniest spot in all their lives. Several country trips have been made, and very many cases treated. New cases treated in Dispensary during the year, 4,934; patients treated in the country, 13,082; patients treated in the wards, 1,340; patients treated in their homes, 560; fees received during the year, \$168.78.

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CENTRAL CHINA.

Woman's Work organized in Kiukiang, 1874.
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MISSIONARIES.

Chinkiang.

MISS LUCY A. HOAG, M. D., *MISS LAURA M. WHITE, MISS M. C. ROBINSON,
 MISS GERTRUDE TAFT, M. D.

Kiukiang.

MISS ALICE M. STANTON, MISS GERTRUDE HOWE, MISS KATE L. OGBORN.

Nanking.

MISS EMMA MITCHELL,
 MISS ELLA SHAW,

MRS. A. C. DAVIS,
 MISS SARAH PETERS.

*Home on leave.

Chinkiang. Dr. Lucy Hoag and Miss Robinson who have been at home for a few months returned to Chinkiang during the year greatly strengthened and refreshed by their visit. Miss White bravely stood at her post, looking after the interests of all departments of work during the absence of her associates, but it proved a great strain, and after their return she was compelled to seek a change, and has returned home for a season of rest. Dr. Taft, who was sent out by the Pacific Branch during the year, took charge of the medical work. She was assisted by Katie Hoag, the Chinese girl, who for some time carried on the entire medical work alone. The principal part of the Christian work is the Boarding-school and the Medical Work, both of which are exerting a wide influence.

Kinkiang. The work here has been faithfully kept up. Miss Stanton writes: "We are expecting 'our doctors' (Mary Stone and Ida Khan) back this fall, and after they have several months of hospital practice

in other Mission Hospitals in China we hope to have a place ready for them to begin work. Many of the Chinese are constantly asking when the doctors are coming. The work of foreign physicians is already known here through the Catholic Hospital, and the people have much confidence in us, so we expect to see the work do much good from the very start. We also hope to have force enough here so that we shall be able to follow up as closely as possible all medical work with instruction and Christlike influences.

"One of the day schools is closed just now. The teacher was one of our old school girls who was betrothed in infancy into a heathen family. She was married nearly two years ago. She came back from her mother-in-law's home for a visit, bringing with her a little girl baby. This baby died. We were just planning to open a school in that vicinity and persuaded her to stay and teach it. She and her husband were anxious for the arrangement to be made, so he went home without her. The husband's parents were very much displeased and wanted her to go back to them at once. They have sent word several times that they wanted her to come home. We hoped the money she was earning would be an inducement to them to allow her to stay. Her husband seems to be a man who might be influenced by Christianity, if he could have an opportunity to be taught. 'Who knows whether the believing wife may save her husband?' She has at last gone back into the midst of heathenism, the only Christian in a large district and she but a timid girl."

Nanking. Miss Shaw writes: "The year has passed by rapidly with almost every moment filled with opportunities of service. The Union School was opened the first of October with two pupils; in a short time others entered, and during the year twenty-one were enrolled; fifteen of these were boarders and six attended the afternoon classes. Nine of the regular pupils were church members when they entered the school, one has been baptized, three have joined on probation, the other two were only with us a short time. One of these was an old woman over sixty years of age. She had belonged to a wealthy family in childhood and had learned to read at her own home. The family lost their property during the Tai Ping rebellion and this woman had earned her living by teaching daughters of officials. One day she came to the school with some other women to see the 'foreign house.' The women of the school gave her some books to read and she was greatly pleased with them and returned asking if she might come to school to read the Christian books. She remained with us three weeks, then her son sent for her to come home. She took some books with her and assured us she would believe in Jesus.

"During the spring months the women seemed to take an unusual in-

terest in their work and I trust much good was done among them. Most of the pupils have been young women, and I have not thought it wise to send them out to visit in the homes as much as I have desired, but nearly every week some of them have gone to carry the light of Christ to darkened homes. The women still come to our guest room and one of the pupils is appointed to receive them and tell them of Christ. The women often invite us to their homes and whenever we can we accept their invitations, but amid the many duties of the past year I have not been able to make many visits to the homes.

"The day-school has enrolled eighteen during the year. In May the teacher left and we put one of the women from the school in the position. She seemed to be doing very good work. The work at Ping Taz Kiaj is growing steadily. We have a faithful native pastor there, and his wife and mother are a help to him in the work. There have been no baptisms among the women, yet the Christian women are more regular in their attendance of the services, and I think are trying more than ever to honor Christ in their lives. I have made four country trips during the year and have visited all except two of the stations on the Wuhu and Nanking Districts.

"In November I spent a Sabbath at one of the new stations at which a foreign woman had not visited. All the day the women from the neighborhood came to see me, from curiosity it may be, but the Lord greatly helped me in telling them the story of Christ.

"The work of the year has been made lighter by the help of the teacher of the Woman's-School, a girl educated in the Hanchow-Presbyterian school, and by Mrs. Chi, one of the pupils of the school. She has acted as matron in the school and has also accompanied me on my trips, and by her winning way has led the women to listen to the story of Christ.

"Were you to ask me to-day what is our greatest need, I should answer 'power to lead souls to Christ.' In glancing hastily over the nine years since coming to the field, I see that much of the preliminary work which must come in the opening of the work, building, learning the language, and becoming accustomed to our surroundings, are in a measure things of the past, and with the return of the workers from the homeland in the Autumn, I trust we may do much personal hand to hand work for the dying souls around us."

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WEST CHINA.

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

DEACONESSES.

MISS HELEN GALLOWAY.

MISS FANNIE E. MEYER.

Neither riots, nor rumors of riots, nor any other disturbance, has interfered with the operations of our mission in West China during the past year. The mission, however, has experienced a disaster in the enforced retirement of Miss Collier, whose health made her return to America imperative. Her loss to the mission is incalculable and the more severe because she alone of all our workers, had any considerable familiarity with the language. It seems like a mysterious Providence that at once deprived this mission of the services of both Miss Collier and Mrs. Lewis, and that too at a period when our working force was so small and when the plans of work which they had carefully prepared, had scarcely begun to be put in operation.

Miss Galloway and Miss Meyer with but little more than a year's experience in the study of the language, took the places which the illness of Miss Collier and Mrs. Lewis had left vacant, and with the courage and hope which spring from an unflinching faith and the assurance of Divine help, they have entered upon the duties connected with this work, in the confidence that their zeal and devotion, may at least in some measure, compensate for their lack of experience.

Miss Meyer has taken charge of the school, and Miss Galloway is doing such work among the native women as the assistance of an interpreter renders practicable.

There are twenty-five girls in the school, which is as large a number as the present quarters will accommodate. A new school building is in contemplation. The pupils are making satisfactory progress in their studies, while their development in Christian character and reverence for the Bible and its teachings, is noteworthy and encouraging.

The **Flora Blackstone Deaconess Home** has been completed this year. It is a substantial structure, conveniently arranged and comfortable in its appliances and appointments. A portion of the building has been temporarily converted into a dormitory for the accommodation of the girls in the boarding-school, and will probably be thus used until the proposed school building is erected.

The change of quarters by the missionaries, from a loft over the

chapel, to the rooms in the Deaconess Home, was an especially grateful experience and the improvement in accommodations was thoroughly appreciated.

The pathetic incidents which ever and anon are brought out in the experiences of our deaconesses, serve to emphasize the degrading, dehumanizing effects of heathen worship. One of the girls in the school was suffering the most intense pain from her bound feet. She endured this in obedience to the superstitions of her family and of a man to whom her parents betrothed her at an early age, but whom she had never seen, and of whom her only knowledge was, that he was an opium eater. Neither her parents nor her betrothed husband had apparently any sympathy with her in her affliction, or any appreciation of her suffering. Another girl in the school was betrothed when only a year old to a man who is now deaf and dumb and an idiot. There seems to be no power on earth to break these betrothals, except it be through the payment of a satisfactory sum of money.

Miss Galloway writes : "I wish you could look in upon these Chinese women as they gather for the study of the Catechism and the gospels and hear their testimonies for Christ. Dear old women ! They are poor and ignorant, but they have the peace of God abiding in their hearts. They hobble to church on their little feet and never think of missing their class-meetings."

The Woman's ward in the hospital is so crowded oftentimes, that patients have to be sent home before they are entirely recovered in order that more urgent cases may be received. Two little girls have been there for treatment, some bones in the feet having to be removed on account of conditions that result from foot binding. Their sufferings have been intense and their cries were pitiful.

A Chinese woman gave birth to a baby on the street ; no attempt was made to remove her to a more secluded place, nor were the missionaries allowed to remove her to the hospital. A tiny house of matting was built over her and there she remained in the cold and wet until she was able to go to her own home. Truly the women of China are born to a most unenviable inheritance.

The Christian faith and fidelity of Chinese converts is well illustrated in the case of the gateman at the mission house established by the General Board.

Enterprising business houses often display their advertisements on the lanterns which the people carry on the poorly lighted streets. In imitation of this method of publishing good news, this old saint had printed on one side of his lantern in Chinese characters, "Jesus is the Light of the World," and on another, "He is a lamp to my feet."

Another who had been employed by the parent board to preach in the street chapel, was on account of reduced appropriations for missionary work, dropped out of the service. The deaconesses offered him a position as gateman of the compound, but he declined on the ground that this would prevent him from delivering his message to the people. He offered his services to the pastor as chapel keeper, agreeing to keep the building clean and just preach anyway. "I do not need much and my son will give me what little rice I must have. I want my last days to be spent in the service of God."

Our work in Chentu consists of one day-school and the employment of one Bible-woman. The evangelistic work is encouraging. The Sabbath services are well attended; one hundred and fifty women generally being in attendance. They gather at the church at least one hour before the preaching service and the Bible-woman talks with them, and after the preaching is over remains with them as long as any one chooses to stay for religious conversation or instruction.

Mr. Cady was in Chentu while the American Commission was there adjusting the losses resulting from the riots. Everything that could be done, was done to restore the prestige of the foreigners, to ensure the safety of the missionaries and to secure a general advance in the mission work in this province. The missionaries are now recognized by the Chinese officials. The indemnities for losses occasioned by the riots have been paid, and no further trouble is apprehended.

Our work in West China is small, but it has been established after carefully considering all the conditions by which it was likely to be affected. In planting it, we felt that we were following Providential indications and in that faith we have gone forward, doing what seemed to be practicable to bring the knowledge of Christ and His Gospel into this most benighted and heathenish portion of the world. We believe that this work will be prospered and that the gracious Providence that opened up our way to these people will in due time, lead us to a great and triumphant victory.

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JAPAN.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1874.
ORGANIZED AS A CONFERENCE, 1884.

CENTRAL JAPAN.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS MATILDA A. SPENCER, MISS LOUISE IMHOFF. *MISS ELLEN BLACKSTOCK,
MISS REBECCA J. WATSON, MISS MAUDE E. SIMONS, MISS CARRIE A. HEATON,
MISS BELLE J. ALLEN, MISS MARY B. GRIFFITHS, MISS H. S. ALLING,
*MISS MARY A. DANFORTH, MISS FRANCES E. PHELPS, MISS M. H. RUSSELL,
MISS FLORENCE E. SINGER, MISS CLARISSA H. SPENCER.

*Home on leave.

A returned missionary said recently, "Have you seen the new report from Japan? it reads like a romance." The beautiful map which opens the pamphlet will be gladly welcomed by those who care to know how the land lies. It is a comfort to learn that Tokyo is north of Yokohama, and that Nagasaki is at the head of a little hook on a most tortuous promontory. At the Conference of July, '95, Miss Allen was appointed to Sendai, and after some delay she was able to arrange for visiting through the district. She notes as worthy of report fairly sized meetings, no stones thrown, no glass broken, but great indifference to things religious even among professing Christians. It was somewhat chilling when endeavoring earnestly and prayerfully to press home the necessity of accepting Christ, and of a judgment to come, to have in the midst of her talk, the question interjected, "What makes you foreigners so much whiter than we are?" or to have the pastor suggest that this subject is very difficult and cannot be understood without long study—"Here is my card, come and see me and I will teach you gradually."

She met a layman, who having been born again of the Holy Spirit, holds regularly three meetings a week and spends time and money to bring Christ to the people. His native pastor became seriously alarmed for his sanity because he talked upon but two subjects, sin and redemption. His spiritual health was beyond the ideal of his materialistic pastor.

Still a few earnest native Christians are scattered here and there and a few faithful Bible-women are visiting and working and occasionally some native man who knows what the Holy Spirit means, calls together

a large company who listen gladly to the word. Mrs. Swartz with the hindrance of much sickness in her family has guided and encouraged the workers until Miss Phelps should return and once more take up her abode in Sendai city.

The school at Aoyama, under the care of Miss Watson and Miss M. H. Russell, from an enrollment of 126 sent out seven graduates. Sixteen of the older girls taught regularly in the city Sunday-schools, and have realized from this effort, the truth hidden in the words, "To him that hath it shall be given," as their personal need was made manifest to themselves and led them to seek greater nearness to Christ. Twenty-two of the younger pupils have been baptized and received into the church.

In the absence of Miss Blackstock the Industrial school has been in the care of Miss Imhoff. An enrollment of 59 is reported, 34 of whom are earnest Christians. Twenty-four were converted in a revival service last spring.

From Tsukiji Miss Spencer reports the comfort of the new house which was completed in March and says thanksgivings daily rise to God for the pleasant new Home at 13 Tsukiji, so securely built and seemingly earthquake proof. There have been many changes among the Bible-women, arising from marriage and removals, but faithful visiting and teaching has been done in all the districts. It is the aim to have a Bible-woman connected with each day-school and church, so that the educational work shall not become secularized, and all may know the first object of Mission work is to preach the Gospel of Christ. The foreign missionary workers in Tokyo have organized a W. C. T. U. that their Japanese sisters may be encouraged in helping to put down the universal habit of drinking.

The five Day-schools in Tokyo have had an unprecedented year of peace and prosperity, and have had a total enrollment of 1,235 in the year. Of the 22 teachers employed, 17 are Christians. The Aoyama students assist in the Sunday-School and several are teaching in the day-school. Religious instruction is given in each school and several conversions are reported.

At the Asakasa school a never to be forgotten occasion was the baptism of two boys before the whole school one Monday morning. A notion was prevailing that baptism meant drawing blood from the head and the teachers felt it must be corrected, so in the presence of the presiding elder, the pastor, superintendent and teachers, a hush solemnizing all hearts, the little fellows made confession of their faith, and in full view were baptized by Mr. Ogata. Three others are on probation.

From the Fukugawa School one little Christian girl went to the Heavenly Home believing in Jesus, but was not allowed to receive baptism by her Buddhist family. All the children were made happy on Christmas by the presents sent in the boxes from America, and they are encouraged to assist others more needy than themselves.

In Yokohama the new school and home was destroyed by fire February 28th, just as it was nearing completion, and again the building must be commenced from the foundation. The work went on, however, and seven Bible-women graduated in July from the Bible-Women's Training-school, in charge of Miss Griffiths. One of these had become blind, but was anxious to be fully equipped to take up evangelistic work among those similarly afflicted.

In January special services in the church were followed by a spirit of revival among the believers, who began to desire a deeper spiritual experience. So absorbing was the interest, that soon the entire work of the school was stopped for a time and the teachers devoted themselves entirely to directing the seeking souls, and as each one found the blessing she was seeking, she went out to help others into this new gladness of heart.

An interesting feature of the year has been the entering into the Bible-women's Training-school of a class of Aoyama graduates, who support themselves while studying by taking work in the Day-schools. An Industrial-school has been started, the first of its kind in Yokohama, from which much is hoped in helping girls in self-support and saving them from the clutches of the evil one. Four of these were converted and took great delight in burning their idols and searching the scriptures. The four Day-schools are full to overflowing, children sitting on the window sills, the platforms, and crowding in everywhere. Much of the teaching in these schools is done by the graduates from Aoyama, and their intelligence and faithfulness is a constant comfort. We must report an instance occurring in the evangelistic work under Miss Griffiths: "Some proprietors of a silk factory in Yokohama, where over 100 girls are employed, desired a Bible-woman to come to their factory to hold religious services, saying they would gladly give one hour morning and evening for daily prayer and Bible readings with the girls."

In visiting the small town of Honjo, it was found that the religious fervor that had swept the town several years ago, had been followed by a speedy relapse, owing to the lack of pastoral oversight. There was one humble widow, however, who did not lose her faith and hold on Christ, though she stood almost alone—often the only one to go to the little church, carrying her paper lantern in one hand and her testament,

wrapped in the furoshiki, in the other, she would read the word by the feeble light of her lantern and bow in prayer to the true God. The Lord heard the prayers of the poor widow, and last year there was a great awakening and large numbers came to hear God's word, and souls were saved. The little church which had been falling into ruin was soon repaired by these now thoroughly aroused members, and the good work is going on.

In Nagoya.—Miss Alling reports an enrollment of sixty-eight with an increase in regularity in attendance. Some of the girls have given their allegiance to Christianity, and the labor has been lightened by having three Christian teachers in the school.

Miss Heaton looks after the Bible-women, and their work at Nagoya, Toyohashi and Gifu has progressed, though interrupted at the latter place by the illness and family cares of the pastor's wife. In all the other places conversions have taken place and the class meetings showed a marked spiritual growth among the women. The women at Nishio are enthusiastic in their work to aid in the building of a new church and in eight months contributed 400 yen from the sale of book marks.

The married women of the mission give most generous help in all the work of this society, superintending Bible-women and Sunday-schools, leading women's meetings and classes and guiding the women of Japan into Christian faith and life.

One of the most painful features encountered by our missionaries in their labor in Japan, is the spread of infidelity, from the study of what is called philosophy and the higher criticism. The lax conduct of professing Christians in the non-observance of the Sabbath, and the almost universal habits of drinking and gambling, weaken faith in God's word and many of the Japanese seem to be like the few disciples at Ephesus when Paul first visited there, they have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost, their religion seems very largely to be rather an intellectual assent to the superior purity and elevation of the Christian doctrine, than to conviction of sin and an experience of the new birth, and its power to change the motives and daily lives of believers.

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NORTHERN JAPAN.

HAKODATE.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED 1878.

MISSIONARIES.

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

Caroline Wright Memorial School. It is fitting that the report from this school be prefaced by reverent mention of her whose name it bears, through the beautiful work of whose hands it came into being, who, during these eighteen years of its existence, has watched its growth with unflinching interest and remembered its needs in frequent gifts—Mrs. Caroline Wright—recently gone to her eternal reward.

This ever prosperous school has had another prosperous year. Miss Dickerson's return brought relief to Miss Hampton such as no missionary new in the field could have given. Ability to understand the Japanese mind requires time, for, as a pupil contrasting the characteristics of foreigners with their own expressed it, "Their naturals are lively while Japanese naturals are peaceful."

A fine class of girls numbering thirteen was graduated from the school in June. Three of these had been self-supporting. Of the others, two enter work as Bible readers in Sapporo, one goes to the Hirosaki School, one assists Mrs. Draper in evangelistic work, another manages an industrial school and four are retained as teachers in the Hakodate School, including one for the kindergarten and one who is especially fine in vocal and instrumental music as an assistant for Miss Singer.

There are twelve grades in the school aside from the kindergarten. The graduate teachers are not simply teachers of classes but have constant and varied duties. They are mothers to the younger girls, rooming with them and attending to their needs; they lead in meetings and help in every phase of Christian work.

The demand for room in the school is so great that many applicants wait an entire year for the opportunity of entering.

Through private contributions, and with Mrs. Draper's assistance, an industrial class has been successfully maintained the past year.

Here, as in other mission stations of Japan, a remarkable spirit of revival has prevailed by which the tenor of many lives has been changed.

Last autumn Miss Hampton took an interesting though very hard trip through the Hokkaido for evangelistic work. She was accompanied by Yoshi San, a faithful Bible-woman.

Our missionaries of Hakodate and Hirosaki spent the month of August in a mountain resort of Central Japan. This is the second summer in fifteen years that Miss Hampton has passed outside of Hakodate. Miss Dickerson writes: "It has done us all good and we go back so eagerly to our work. Miss Singer has grown much stronger. Miss Hampton is so well that, although she has been on her second term nearly eight years, she does not seem to need another furlough and does not ask it. I am much better now than I was a year ago on my return from America. God is good; manifold are his mercies, and I am rejoicing to-day in abundance of good spirits. My soul doth magnify the Lord. Our school year ended so gloriously with so many of the girls saved, that I can but rejoice and look forward with eagerness to the pleasure of training them for the Lord."

HIROSAKI.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED 1889.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS MARY S. WILSON.

MISS ALICE OTTO.

Hirosaki, the capital city of one of the old-time feudal lords, is a unique mission station. Christian work was opened there about twenty-three years ago, since which time that church has furnished twenty-three preachers, besides a number of earnest lay workers, both men and women. Ten years ago a small class of girls was gathered and taught by the native pastor as an auxiliary to the Hakodate School. Later the Christians made appeal for two lady missionaries, offering to furnish a home and a building for the school. This is the only station where the Japanese themselves have furnished both the school house and the home for the missionaries. Some one expresses a fear that the Hirosaki work may not be fully appreciated because large estimates are not asked for, it being so nearly self-supporting.

The school now numbers about seventy girls and all in the higher classes and many of the lower grade are Christians. "Meanwhile," Miss Wilson writes, "they are learning the Bible as few girls at home know it, as I found out to my surprise when I went home and entered a class of Christian young ladies. But then they study it an hour or more seven days in the week and have to pass examinations on it at the end of the school term as in any other study."

Evangelistic work in this district is especially inspiring. It is a fond hope of the missionaries that soon a modest training-school for Bible

women may be opened here. Yokohama Bible-women are not accustomed to the northern climate and ways, neither is the supply from the Yokohama Training-school equal to the demand. The work grows and grows and we must be making provision for the future.

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SOUTHERN JAPAN.

KIUSHIU.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED 1879.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS E. RUSSELL,
MISS JENNIE M. GHEER,
MISS IRENE E. LEE,
MISS LOLA M. KIDWELL,

MRS. C. VAN P'ETTEN,
MISS LIDA B. SMITH,
*MISS LEONORA SEEDS,
MISS ANNA V. BING.

*Home on leave.

November 13th, 1879, Misses Russell and Gheer landed in Japan. There was scarcely any mission work in Southern Japan, only one church besides our own, represented there, and the work of our own church one of recent date. Not a girl in Nagasaki could be hired to come to a Christian school, and the two scholars, who were the first in the long procession who have been taught since, were not Nagasaki girls. It required persistent faith, as well as work, to overcome the obstacles, but a glance at the field to-day shows both gifts were used. There are now two districts in Kiushiu, two Boarding-schools with an aggregate of 275 pupils, one Orphanage, one Dispensary, 11 Bible-women, two Women's-schools and twenty-five Sunday-schools, and a large and interesting evangelistic work. In Fukuoka, the Boarding-school under Miss Seeds has had a prosperous year, the religious spirit in the school is firm and steady. The older girls work in Sunday-schools, and show a growing knowledge of faith in the true God, and what is required by professing it. Like the Nagasaki Sunday-schools, the evangelistic character of the work is shown by the fact that one of these schools has become a regular preaching place. Miss Mine, the Japanese principal, is again reported as a benediction to the school. "For burden bearing and general faithfulness to duty, and also for successful work in keeping harmony in the school as well as with the Japan-

ese and foreigners she has been a blessing to all around her." The evangelistic work under Miss Tucker was prosecuted vigorously until Miss Tucker left for home.

Nagasaki District, with its many sided work has had a year of labor, and in many cases of triumphant success. The Boarding school has an enrollment of 195 pupils, of whom 136 are boarders. The teaching force numbers seventeen regular teachers and four tutors. Six graduates, three from collegiate and three from Biblical departments, went out to distinctively religious work, making six more added to the working force for winning Japan for Christ. The music, art and industrial departments have kept up the fine record heretofore maintained, and now a kindergarten is pleaded for as a growing need in the school work. The new house is a wonderful addition to the comfort of the school, as well as its efficiency. The school library numbers 478 books, English and Japanese. The young ladies of the higher classes have started a Japanese paper, called "The Kwassui Quarterly." Much red tape was used before it was accomplished, but Japanese women are like their sisterhood the world over, they do not yield easily when convinced they are on the right path. The Orphanage at Kumamota must stop growing or get more room. It is most efficiently carried on under care of Mrs. Saruta, superintendent, and Miss Takamori, teacher. The Dispensary, under charge of Dr. Suganuma, has taken larger quarters and made an advance on the good work already being done. Many applicants come and though the charity work does not diminish, quite an advance has been made in getting the patients to feel that when they can pay anything, even the smallest sum, it should be done. Mrs. Van Petten has visited the Dispensary once and Mrs. Kokita, the pastor's wife, twice a week; regular Bible classes have been kept up, and some have joined the Church through the influence of this teaching. There have been twenty-six in-patients, averaging thirty-three days each. A bed supported by the Benevolent Society has only been empty five days since the Hospital was opened. Mrs. Van Petten is superintendent of Bible-women and evangelistic work. Seven Bible-women have done most efficient work. The fifth institute for Bible-women was held in June and was a very helpful one. During the month the early morning prayer-meeting was particularly blessed, both to Bible-women and students. Mrs. Van Petten has visited the outlying stations and pleads for re-inforcements, particularly for Kagoshima. It is a great city, the center of a great section, and the natural base of work for Southern Kiushiu. She thinks it should be "either strongly re-inforced or given up, and that would be a sinful waste of opportunity." Loo Choo was the first *Foreign Mission* for

Japan, and the first missionary went from Kiushiu, and she came over to the Missionary Institute in Nagasaki. When she told of the people, their manners and customs, Miss Russell says it was very much like a returned missionary's experience in the home land. The greatest interest was shown in her story of this, to them, strange people. The work grows in interest, and a Girls' school is asked for. This is supported in Japan by the Women's Missionary Society, of Tokyo, Nagoya, Yokohama, Aoyama and Nagasaki. Greatly has the Lord helped the workers in this part of his vineyard, enlarging the borders and with the growth giving grace and faith enough to enter the open doors. The psalm of praise with which Miss Russell began her report will make a fitting ending for this: "We have had a year of prosperity, peace and hard work, the 'pillar of cloud has not departed by day nor the pillar of fire by night.' Great trials, difficult questions, stormy vexations, petty annoyances, tangled skeins to unravel, have been ours in abundance, but grace has much more abounded, revival flames have glowed, believers have been quickened and strengthened, souls have been convicted, converted and sanctified; increased interest in benevolent work, in Sunday-schools and women's meetings attest to the increased interest in the whole work. Every student entered, every Sunday-school or women's meeting opened, adds to the cares and responsibility as well as the joy in it, and to our encouragement for the evangelization of Japan. We have been marvelously helped, and we bring to Him, whose presence has been with us, the praise."

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Official Correspondent.

MEXICO.

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

MISSIONARIES.

MISS MARY HASTINGS,

MISS HATTIE L. AYRES,

MISS ANNA R. LIMBERGER,

MISS MARY D. LOYD,

MISS AMELIA VAN DORSTEN,

MISS EFFIE DUNMORE,

MISS CARRIE M. PURDY.

Our missionaries in Mexico have suffered unusually from ill health through the past year. At the beginning of the year's work Guanaquato was deprived of its teacher through illness who only just now finds herself in condition to return. In June Miss Loyd was very ill and the physician's verdict that she could not regain her health in Mexico, compelled her to come home. After a four months' rest she returns to Mexico. Miss Limberger was ill in the spring, and late news from Puebla speaks of her very serious sickness again. She is only waiting to gather strength enough for travel when her physicians insist upon her leaving Mexico for the United States as the only hope of her ultimate recovery; and Miss Dunmore must soon seek rest in a change to a more northern climate to recover her lost vigor.

These unavoidable strains upon the other missionaries have taxed their sympathies and strength, but the love existing between the workers has made the burdens seem light, and they have been taken up with alacrity.

In our last report mention was made of the blessed influence attending the efforts of Bishop Joyce in our own mission early in 1895, closely followed by the more general efforts of Mr. Moody and Mr. Sankey, which was carried by the preachers and teachers into places more remote. These revival services gave an impetus to the work of saving souls that has continued and as the waters of indifference were disturbed wave after wave of gracious influences have imparted fresh spiritual life and vigor to many souls.

At the last district meeting in Puebla seven of the young ladies united with the church on probation, some of them from among the educated classes, and with the full consent of their parents. Such instances show the change of sentiment that is taking place in the community and is the result of the faithful work done for souls in the schools.

All the schools report increased interest in religion among the scholars, and several of these have taken a decided stand and bore testimony to their belief in Jesus Christ as the only Saviour, in keeping the

Sabbath and other Christian observances. Sometimes this awakened conscientiousness has resulted in a girl being taken from the school by her relatives, but the general tone of behavior and sense of moral obligation in the scholars has risen wherever our missionaries have charge. Very superior work is done in all our girls'-schools, and though not furnished with the apparatus and appliances that are considered necessary at home, and are found in the well appointed government schools of Mexico, the thoroughness of the teaching, the high moral standard, have given our institutions a standing that keeps them filled to their utmost capacity.

In the twelve girls'-schools under our care in Mexico, 1,416 scholars have matriculated, eighty-five of whom have joined the church. In the schools forty-four native teachers are employed, forty of whom have been educated in our own schools, and are members of our church.

The contemplated building in Guanajuato has not been commenced, though the site has been paid for, through Mrs. Newman's generosity. Another story for dormitories has been added to the Orphanage in Mexico City, but examination showed the timbers supporting the roof to be so unsound that there is imminent danger of a sudden collapse, which might prove fatal to life as well as entail far more expensive repairs than the \$1,500 asked for to make the roof safe at present.

We cannot but regret that lack of means still prevent our extending the work among the Indian population where the Parent Board is building chapels and employing preachers and teachers. We wait until the church shall see her glorious privilege of coming to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

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Official Correspondent.

SOUTH AMERICA.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED IN 1874.

MISSIONARIES.,

MISS M. F. SWANEY,
 MISS M. E. BOWEN,
 MISS E. S. GOODIN,

MISS E. LEHURAY,
 MISS L. HEWETT,
 MISS E. THOMSON,

MISS ELSIE WOOD,
 MISS R. J. HAMMOND,
 MISS F. M. WIDDIFIELD.

Very little material for incorporating into a report has reached us from this field, which fact we greatly regret, for we are confident that what is greatly needed at the present time to awaken thought and consequent interest in this magnificent field, is more intelligence from the comparatively few workers we have on that vast continent. We know how small the working force is in every station occupied by our Society, and how much there is to be done, but we venture the assertion that more notes from these toilers would be most helpful and inspiring.

In Buenos Ayres the year has been one of peculiar trials and embarrassment in the work. The failure to receive appropriations for some items specified in the estimates sent to the Finance Committee quite disconcerted some of the departments of work very early in the school year. In the effort to curtail expenses, they were without servants in the house for a number of weeks which added greatly to the care and work of Miss Le Huray.

Then came a case of scarlet fever in the house, when all the girls in the school who could, went home. This caused a serious interruption to the school work. Fortunately no other case of the contagion occurred in the Home and many of the girls returned. The Bible-woman is most faithful in her work. Miss Le Huray says: "If you ever can buy property here, we have great hopes of what we can do when we are able to economize on house rent; that one item swallows up so much of our precious money. And then we do need a good matron so much! Indeed, we have found out that we cannot give satisfaction unless we do have some one in this capacity. I, myself, am perfectly willing to take this position if some one will come to do the teaching, for the work in the home is quite as important as that in the school."

In Rosario the school has been crowded with the largest number of girls under instruction of any of the schools in our Mission, and from good families and of such age as to receive the good influences pervading the general atmosphere of the school. A friend who has recently visited there writes: "You will never have another missionary who will just fill Miss Swaney's place. Her home is a model of cleanliness and good order, and of the twenty-one girls cared for in the family, I did not see one who was not respectful and lady-like. What she very

much needs is more room—she is so crowded she cannot do justice to the girls or herself." In many respects Rosario is a very difficult place in which to work, but under the present management this school is increasingly popular. The second school has not been heard from during the year. We hope that the assistance which Miss Goodin will be able to render at once, with her knowledge of the language, will add greatly to the usefulness of these schools in the near future.

In Montevideo Miss Bowen has been carrying very heavy burdens of care and work, but is now rejoicing in having an associate with whom she can divide some of the responsibility. It is now confidently expected that Miss Hewett will be able to return to the work by the beginning of the coming year, with the understanding that she is to be available for assignment where most needed.

In Peru school work has been kept up about as last year. Miss Goodin left Callao in July, and immediately her place was filled by a young lady who had been a pupil in one of the schools from the opening of our work in the city.

Miss Goodin taught in the native Spanish schools about a year—beginning with singing classes in the different schools of the mission. She was soon assigned work in the Boys'-school, opened a weekly Bible service, which was a great help to those who attended. She was in "labors more abundant" and most faithful in all the work assigned her. She writes, "The work is difficult from a human point of view, very discouraging, but faithful, persistent, prayerful, trustful labor for human souls cannot all be in vain, and the Lord was good enough to let me see some great improvements in the lives of a few of my pupils who did truly give their hearts to his keeping. But the most discouraging thing is the fact that the people are so untrue that it is extremely difficult to learn their spiritual condition, for the very vilest Peruvians call themselves Christians, according to the teaching they have received for centuries past. One great difficulty in the way of successful work in Callao, among the natives, is their extreme poverty. I am happy to say that there was a very great improvement in the conduct of the girls during the last months of my work in the school, and it touched my heart to come away and leave them, for I had come to love them very much, but I had been under such severe nervous strain in my work, and the climate and houses we had to live in were so very bad for my health, that I feel sure that a few months more of the same would have necessitated my returning home unable to work anywhere. The transfer came not a day too soon, if I am to be of use anywhere. And the work there need not suffer if Miss Wood can spend an hour or so a day in the school."

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BULGARIA.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1881.
 CONSTITUTED A MISSION CONFERENCE, 1892.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS KATE B. BLACKBURN,

MISS LYDIA DIEM.

ASSISTANTS.

MISS AMELIA DIEM,

MISS RAICHAVA.

Poor Bulgaria! A little mission living year by year, as the majority in the General Missionary Society may decide. Little is known of it even by our own Society, and yet in that town of Loftcha there is a brave little sister with her associate, and one of the best schools in all our Society.

For another year we have "held the fort" in Bulgaria. In Loftcha our work has gone steadily forward, excellent health has prevailed among our missionaries and the services of a physician have been required but seldom. The matron who had been in the school service since the retirement of Miss Schenck, married, and, of course, resigned her school work. Miss Blackburn was unable to find a competent woman to take her place until nearly the close of the school year, hence to the duties of teaching, administration and correspondence, Miss Blackburn was obliged to add those which had previously devolved upon the matron.

It is the superior domestic and household training, together with the moral discipline that influences many of the people to choose to educate their daughters in our school at Loftcha, in preference to their own national schools. This fact renders it indispensable that a competent person, and one fully capable of training the girls in domestic science, should be in charge of the home. Fortunately for Miss Blackburn, she had learned in her own home all the details pertaining to a well-ordered household, and when the responsibility of this work was imposed upon her, she was equal to the demand. The additional burden of caring for a family of nearly sixty persons has, however, been very heavy.

Miss Lydia Diem has had continued success with her classes in French and music, and Miss Amelia Diem has been equally successful with her German work. The admirable work of these women has

resulted in an important addition to the income of the school from tuition. Additional apparatus has been purchased for the departments of physics and chemistry, thus rendering it possible to greatly increase the interest and the value of the instruction in these branches of study. The pupils have manifested increasing love for Bible study and for the different religious services. Some of them have shown a marked development of character during the year. Two of the girls were received into the church in full membership and one on probation, just before the school was closed. One of the teachers held prayer-meetings regularly with the girls who were not Christians and this at their own request. In addition to this meeting and the regular prayer meetings, many little meetings have been held by the girls among themselves, all of which is indicative of the religious atmosphere which pervades every department of school work.

A class of four, the first since the curriculum of the school was raised to its present grade, was graduated this year. Though all were not church members, they were all Christians, and all received the holy sacrament before they left. One of them, a very bright and capable girl, the daughter of wealthy parents, was gradually brought to a knowledge of the truth and to an assurance of personal salvation. At the conference love-feast, she arose and before the whole congregation said: "Once I was blind, but now I can see, and I cannot hide this fact if I would." She has gone to her home, but there she is greatly opposed on account of her religious convictions.

The commencement occurred just before Bishop Goodsell arrived to hold the conference. A number of the pupils and teachers, however, remained during the conference, and as the Bishop was Miss Blackburn's guest, he had an opportunity to see something of the character of the school. Both he and Professor Sitterly of Drew Seminary, who accompanied him, spoke encouraging and commendatory words concerning the work done by Miss Blackburn and her associates. Two of the graduates are teachers in the school this year.

The Bible-work in the city, which had to be relinquished last year, because there was no one to be found who could carry it on, will be taken up again by Miss Delchera.

The Conference organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has awakened a new interest in various places, and gives promise of proving a permanent blessing to the church in Bulgaria.

A pressing need in the mission in Bulgaria, is some well trained Bible-women or deaconesses, who can instruct the ignorant, counsel the seekers, care for the sick and point inquirers to the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world."

By its situation the Loftcha school is almost as isolated as is our West China mission. China, Japan and India are much more frequently visited than is Bulgaria, and consequently less of interest is felt in success of the Bulgarian work. But its isolation does not render it less worthy of our sympathy and support, or less a power for good and for the advancement of the Kingdom of God among men. It is earnestly to be hoped that this enterprise will receive the encouragement which it so richly merits.

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ITALY.

ORGANIZED AS A CONFERENCE, 1881.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1886.

MISSIONARIES.

*MISS EMMA M. HALL,

MISS M. ELLA VICKERY,

MISS EDITH BASYE.

*Home on leave.

The two Bible-women at Rome and Pisa continue their work of visiting, reading to the sick, and distributing tracts. This branch of our work is important and needs greater development. Many women who would not venture inside of our church, will receive the Bible-women gladly, and through her alone is the only hope of their hearing the word.

The school work has been on the whole satisfactory, and though there has been much illness in Rome, a kind Providence has protected the orphanage. Sixteen new girls were enrolled and occupations found for some of the older ones. There are at the present time fourteen girls pursuing the normal studies. Heretofore these girls have gone out to the normal college for their instruction, but a tax of ten dollars for each pupil having been imposed by the government, it has been decided to have all the instruction given in the house, a decision which will result in spiritual gain to the girls.

Practical proof that the school is growing in public favor is the fact that there are many applications for admission, and the increased local support. This support has been applied in part to the expenses of the school, while more than \$300 have been applied on the debt on the building. There is still an indebtedness of \$2,000, but when this is paid the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will have title to a beautiful property worth much more than the original cost.

The girls are called by the pastor the right arm of the church.

Though they are a long distance from the church, they attend two services every Sabbath, walking six miles. They occupy six rows of seats at the right of the congregation, and their sweet, well trained voices are a valuable aid in the church service.

One death has occurred among the pupils during the year from tuberculosis. Her closing hours were peaceful and beautiful. Calling her mother and friends about her bed, she cheered them by her faith, assuring them that she was glad to go to the loving Father. She sent messages of love and gratitude to her patrons, her teachers and associates, and sweetly fell asleep. She was beloved by all in the home, was a model student, a zealous Christian, and her one desire was to become a Bible-woman.

To supply a growing demand for a boarding-school in Rome, this Society has opened an institution for the daughters of such families as do not wish to send their children to a charity-school. They will be provided with careful and thorough instruction, and surrounded with the influences of a Christian home. Ten girls from good families, all Roman Catholics, have been entered. The parents of five of them are willing that they attend family prayers, but object to their entering a Protestant church. Miss Vickery writes, "we hesitated at first to accept them on such conditions, but decided to do so, hoping that the influences surrounding them will soon dispel their fear of our religion."

The reports of visitors to Rome of the work being done by Miss Vickery and Miss Basye, are very encouraging. Two letters written by a tourist, published in one of our secular papers, described the school in detail, and in words of the highest commendation.

The importance of these two schools can hardly be overestimated. Every step forward is an advantage gained, and earnest prayers should be offered that this may be but the beginning of continued years of intellectual growth and spiritual advancement.

The hope of Italy is in the education of the young, which at the same time strikes a death blow to Romanism, whose stronghold is in the ignorance and superstition of the people.

MRS. F. P. CRANDON,
Official Correspondent.

itself at the time of Dr. Scranton's last visit there. I expected to find lions, (unchained ones) all the way between Seoul and our destined point, and while I felt brave enough to risk an encounter, I still had dread. But the lions were found to be weaklings, and the entire way was made more smooth and pleasant than any other trip I have ever taken in Korea. Our native Christians gave me a warm welcome, and it was a great joy to me to meet those who had stood firm in the midst of persecutions, and the excitement and confusion of war. The work there is most encouraging. The women appear to be more intelligent than they are in some sections of the country, and apparently have an earnest desire to know what they must do to be saved, and become true members of the Church of Christ. The customs in regard to seclusion are not as rigid as in Seoul, consequently a few women had on former occasions, in a few instances, received instruction from Dr. Scranton, and to three the ordinance of baptism had been administered. We met with all who wished instruction and help, on the afternoon of each day during our stay there, and three times on the Sabbath, making in all eleven services, and, "there were added to the Church daily such as" we hope and believe will "be saved." On the Sabbath six women and seven children were baptized, and several gave in their names as probationers.

As I looked into the earnest faces of those who gathered with us day after day, and realized to some extent their great need, I felt that remaining in Pyeng Yang months instead of days would be no hardship. The Christians said, "If you could only stay with us, it would not be long before there would be many truly believing people." But work in Seoul called also, and after an absence of fifteen days the return was made to the work which lies at our own doors.

The year has been for us one of blessing. We have seen evidences of growth in grace in some of our older members. Some over whom we trembled a year or more ago, have developed into strong Christians, and more than fifty have been added to our numbers.

A goodly number of the women who have become Church members are not only willing, but glad, to speak and pray in our meetings, and many of the testimonies we hear convince us that conversion has been genuine. Not long since I asked an old woman whom I observed watching me very intently in one of our meetings, "If the Holy Spirit had come down into her heart." She promptly answered "Yes." I enquired, "How do you know?" She replied, "I am an ignorant woman; I do not know letters. The only words I know how to say about it are, *my heart is all full.*" As she uttered the words, her face also testified, and I was quite ready to believe that she knew something about the Spirit's in-dwelling.

With pain we must acknowledge that some of whom we hoped and believed good things have disappointed us. I believe only one, however, who has been baptized, has proved recreant to the faith.

The women come to us in even larger numbers this year than last year. My Bible-woman, Mrs. Ni, without any suggestion of mine, has attempted to keep a record of the attendance on Sundays and week days. Her figures amount to more than 10,000 and I have no doubt but they are substantially correct. It is quite generally understood, not only in this immediate neighborhood, but elsewhere as well, that whoever wishes to hear about Jesus, and learn the way to Heaven, can come to our Chapel every day in the week and any hour in the day, and we will give them all the instruction and help we can. Many, of course, come to us out of curiosity, but many more listen intently to the teaching and come again and again to hear the Gospel news. Some come from such distances that frequent attendance cannot be expected, but we occasionally hear of one who is trying in her own far away home, to serve the true God. Others, who would come often, are forbidden by husband or son to have anything to do with the new faith. One woman of more than 60 years has been repeatedly beaten, and sometimes tied by a strap about her neck because of her persistence in coming to the services. She longs for baptism and all the privileges of the Church, but as yet does not venture to receive them.

Our chapel has already become too small to accommodate our congregation. We have recently put up a tent for our Sunday overflow meetings. We are wondering what we can do when winter comes.

Last October a day school was opened at Tal-Syeng Kys Tang, for the daughters of our native Christians. There was much difficulty for some time in procuring a suitable teacher, but we think we are at last well provided for, having secured the services of one of the girls educated at our Ewa Hak Tang. Lucy Alderman appears to love the work, and her ideas in regard to what a school should be, are more nearly in harmony with our own, than were those of most of her predecessors. Our numbers as yet are not large. We have never had over twelve, and, indeed, we could not receive many more without enlarged accommodations. One of our pupils is a woman with a baby on her back, who does not always help to maintain the best of order and discipline in school. We do not wish, however, to discourage any woman who has any desire whatsoever to learn to read her native language, and so when the baby cries, or shouts in glee, we try to make the best of the situation. Our girls are making good progress, and I think the way in which they recite their Catechism, and tell their stories from the Bible would put many Sunday-school scholars in America to the blush.

We have recently added to our text-books a primary geography, and if we can keep the girls long enough with us, we shall add teaching along other practical lines.

My report would not be complete without reference to my valuable helpers. I am so fortunate as to have three women under my direction, and much of the success of the work is due to their faithful labors. These women feel it to be their duty to make the neighborhood, and everybody with whom they are acquainted better, and they seem to spare no effort to do it. Mrs. Ni does a large amount of the instruction which is given on week days in the chapel. Sometimes this work begins early in the morning and continues nearly all day. I am often obliged to remind her that she has a body which cannot always endure. The usual reply is: "That cannot be helped. These women do not know about these things, and although I am tired, I must tell them," and then she talks on and on. She seems to feel responsible for every woman in the church. If they are at all irregular in their attendance upon our Sabbath or Wednesday services, she does not fail to inquire the reason why. If there is discord anywhere, she tries to make peace. If anyone is sick or in trouble, she does her best to find a way to give comfort. The women of the church recognize in her a true friend, even though she does not spare her sharp rebukes when she thinks they are merited. She also endeavors to keep me in order, and her suggestions are frequently most helpful.

Mrs. Kim is our Catechist. She goes to the houses where the women cannot read, teaches them the Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles Creed, the Baptismal Catechism, and gives such other instruction as the women seem to need. When I first asked her to do this she was unwilling to attempt it. She clung to the Korean idea of being a lady who could not venture on the street except at night. But, since she has undertaken the work, she enters heart and soul into it, and is proving herself in many ways very efficient and helpful. She now compares her condition with that of the man who was healed at the Gate Beautiful. Once she was helpless, now she leaps and walks, and can be useful.

Mrs. Kang, our Cecilia, my first pupil, is to all appearances almost home. We have thought two or three times during the year that her presence with us was to be only a matter of a few days, but she has rallied again and again, and each time with the return of a little strength, takes up anew her work.

School Work. This year new phases of school work have presented themselves to us which encourage us and make us feel that educational work among the women and girls of this country is beginning to be felt more necessary.

School closed in June with an enrollment of fifty-two. Forty-seven of these were supported by scholarships from America ; three came in as day pupils, and two paid all expenses. Because of lack of room we have been obliged to turn away a great many children this winter and spring, a thing which ought not to be and which we hope will not have to be as soon as we have our new building.

Early last year two children were brought to us from Chang Chi Na District. At Christmas time the mother visited us and as she was leaving with the tears rolling down her cheeks she said to us : "Oh, I have heard these happy words. Do teach my children well about your God."

Through Dr. Johnson application was made for the admission of a woman to our school. We replied that our school was for girls only and that we had been turning girls away for lack of room so that it was impossible to think of taking a woman. The doctor asked us then to see the woman and talk with her and see if there was anything we could do for her. She came and we told her that our rooms were all full and that we could not take her, but she insisted that just one more could not make any difference. When we told her there would be no servant to wait upon her, she held out her hands and said : "These will do my work," and when we said that the food although always enough, would probably not be just what she had been accustomed to, she asked us if a person who wished to study would care for such a thing as that. Finally we told her that we could not understand why under these circumstances she wished to come, paying all of her expenses, and be obliged to be just as one of the girls. Turning to a servant who was holding a lantern she said : "Our country is like that lantern. It is very dark and how can it ever become anything else until the mothers know something so that they can teach their children?" We could not turn a woman with such a purpose away, and she is proving all that our first interview with her gave us reason to hope for.

Mrs. Bunker has rendered invaluable service in beginning industrial work with the girls, and Mrs. Hulbert has come to us for an hour each week to teach singing. For these services we are duly grateful.

Reference has already been made to the interest taken by the girls in the new church building, and their delight knew no bounds when at the laying of the corner stone the pastor announced that the collection taken on their side of the wall was much heavier than that taken on the other side, and to-day the contribution of the women and girls is still ahead of that of the men and boys.

We would emphasize, as has always been done in the past, that our school is, first of all, a school to make Korean girls better Korean girls

and truer Korean women. There is no other thought when a girl or woman comes to us than but that she will become a Christian and go from us to lead others to Christ.

REPORT OF MEDICAL WORK FOR WOMEN.

Dr. Cutler writes : " During the first ten days of the year now under review, I performed my usual duties with the exception that the Dispensary was not opened because it had been decided that a vacation in Japan was necessary to recuperate before I would be able to do even half work. On September 11th I left Seoul, and Miss Lewis, though herself in poor health, took all the oversight of the Hospital patients. Toward the middle of November I returned well and strong again both in body and in spirit. Had not been home twenty-four hours till people began to come for treatment, but the dispensary was not formally opened till November eighteen.

Following the attempted entrance to the palace on November 26, the compulsory hair cutting in January, and during the rainy season the falling off in attendance was very marked. On several days no patients presented themselves—a circumstance seldom occurring in my former experience here. From November 18 to November 26 inclusive the average daily attendance was twelve and on the increase.

Sixty-five patients have been taken in. They stayed for various lengths of time, but the average was thirty-one and a half days for each patient. A few of them were incurable, some either died in the Hospital or went home to abide their allotted time. Many went home entirely cured, others went when only partially cured and some are still in the Hospital. The woman who was brought here unconscious and in almost a dying condition from the effects of severe burns, in less than three months was well and walked three miles or more to her home ; the old lady of sixty-five years who was brought groaning and writhing with pain of an acute skin disease caused by applying too much Korean medicine, went home well inside of twenty days; and the little seventeen year old slave girl who was so full of sores and so crippled that she could scarcely creep about the floor six months ago, can now run about almost as straight and lively as anybody, and has accepted Jesus as her Saviour in the meantime. These are among the most noteworthy cases of last year.

A few statistics from our Bible-woman, Mrs. Mary Whang, will be interesting. Besides the daily morning prayers with the in-patients and Hospital attendants, and the Gospel talks with the native women who occasionally visit me, she has preached the glad tidings to 1,214 in the Dispensary waiting room on week days, and to 1,860 on Sundays during

the past year. By persistently presenting the "new church" enterprise to her audiences she has raised from them \$740 during the year. In the last six months of the preceding year, when the attendance was better, she collected six yen, or one yen per month. She has also spent no little time in teaching Hospital helpers and patients, and by offering relief to the body, there are hundreds who come under the Gospel teaching who probably would not otherwise be reached. We know of several who have become earnest Christians, and of others who are interested as the result of Mrs. Whang's teaching during the past year. Many of these are now scattered among the congregations throughout the city. How many more have been set to thinking and desiring to know our Saviour, whom to know aright is life eternal, eternity only will tell. Mrs. Whang has also done good work as a nurse in the Hospital and as interpreter, and assistant in the Dispensary."

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Report of Home Work.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

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The year which has just closed has been a very busy, prosperous and encouraging one, and the success which has crowned the work, gives renewed occasion for gratitude and devout thanksgiving to Him whose blessed leadership has been given "all the way."

At the annual meeting in 1895 an advance of one thousand dollars was made on the amount to be appropriated, and while our receipts

have not quite come up to the figures proposed, we are very grateful to be able to say, that all our obligations have been met, and we have a good balance with which to commence the present year.

Our Contingent Fund, which has never had a very hearty support, is slowly but surely coming into favor, and we hope the time is not far distant when it will be ample for all the *running* expenses of the Branch.

The new Home Secretary has given most careful and intelligent attention to the details of her work, infusing method and system into its varied departments. She has been very successful, and receives the hearty co-operation of all our workers. Her knowledge of our work in the foreign field, from personal contact and observation, gives efficiency and success to her labors among the auxiliaries. And we are pleased to note in this connection the services of Miss Atkinson, who has gone in and out among us assisting Miss Carr and interesting all who listen to her addresses.

At the commencement of the year we added a new department, organized as "Young Woman's Work," appointing a secretary to have general supervision, and organize wherever practicable. Some fears were felt, lest the tendency might be to remove the young ladies from the auxiliaries, but no such results have become apparent. The secretary, who is admirably adapted to this work, reports forty-three societies organized in all, while some have had a distinct organization for several years.

A good deal of interest and enthusiasm has been manifested, and we are confident that this department will become a potent factor in our Society, as members of our Mission Bands will very naturally graduate into these, as in the regular course of training and service.

In no branch of our work, has strong and healthy progressive development been so marked as in the Children's Department. The superintendent reports a general awakening of missionary interest among the little people, owing to the growing conviction among older Christians that the real missionary spirit must be taught the child or its religious education is sadly deficient. Thirty new Bands have been organized during the year. A special feature of interest and success during the past year has been the introduction of new mite boxes, especially for the children, which are very popular. Mite-box "openings," are creating quite an interest among the parents as well as among the children, and we predict greater usefulness in the future for these silent little pleaders, than has ever been accorded to them in the past.

Little Light Bearers Department has received special attention and these receptions continue just as enthusiastic as ever. "The most beautiful occasion our church has ever seen," is the testimony over and

over again. One Little Light Bearer in Vermont, only one year old, brought in his mite-box recently, containing ten dollars, and received a certificate of life membership.

Conference and District Secretaries have contributed to the success of the year by the cheerful performance of their many duties.

We regret exceedingly the declension in the circulation of our papers. As a Branch, if we are to judge from this fact, the change of name has not added very much to our list of subscribers. Close investigation of this matter, however, reveals the inference that several causes have combined to produce this result. Great efforts have been put forth in some places to secure new subscribers.

Two thousand Branch annual reports, five hundred general executive reports, seven thousand five hundred copies of *Our Workers' Quarterly*, and two thousand six hundred and twenty-five copies of the *Study* have been distributed.

Ten large mission-boxes have been packed and forwarded to the field from headquarters, besides smaller ones from auxiliaries and individuals.

Our agent, who has been so faithful and efficient at the Department of Supplies, has been ill for the last four months, and we fear it may be a long time before she is able to resume her place, in which she has been so useful.

We have sent but one new missionary to the field, Miss Gertrude Gilman, of Springfield, Vt., who sailed from Vancouver September 14th for North China. Miss Hartford, after a stay in the home-land of a year, during which time she regained her health, was more delighted to return to her work than could be expressed in words.

Mrs. L. Hale Scott will be ready in the spring for return to her former field. Miss Collier, who reached home in April, has been steadily improving in health ever since her arrival, and is arranging to leave in December to return to West China, having a satisfactory health certificate from her physician.

MRS. L. A. ALDERMAN,

Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand, October 1, 1895.....	\$ 13,681 69
Receipts from October 1, 1895 to October 1, 1896.....	31,255 67
Total.....	\$ 44,937 36
Disbursements.....	36,895 50
Balance on hand October 1, 1896.....	\$ 8,041 86

MARY E. HOLT,

Treasurer.

NEW YORK BRANCH.

INCLUDES NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

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So rapidly has time passed since our last Annual Meeting, held in Hanson Place church, Brooklyn, October 16-18, 1895, that it seems only a repetition to make another report. We know, however, that much faithful, self-denying, persistent labor has been generously performed by our Secretaries and Treasurers. The camp-meeting and Conference

anniversaries and District conventions have been full of interest and have helped to stimulate the zeal of our auxiliary workers. The Ocean Grove anniversary was favored with large audiences who listened with intense interest to Miss Ruth Sites, and looked with great pleasure upon little Marguerite, who represented in person, the success of Woman's work in China. We are grateful to Dr. Foster of Clifton Springs, for the Annual Meeting of the International Missionary Union held in the New York Branch, and the generous entertainment of the missionaries in the Sanitarium.

We have no large increase in auxiliaries or members to report, but we report no decrease; and we have reason to believe there is increased interest in missionary work and seed sown will be fruitful of blessings in coming days.

As usual we have been greatly helped by returned missionaries in our Branch. Miss Cushman, Dr. Christiancy, Miss Tucker and Miss Jewell have been an inspiration to our home work. Miss Gheer and Miss Smith returned to their work in Japan, and Miss Mitchell to China, after a needed rest in the home land.

We are still urging our societies to organize Bands and Junior Leagues and to distribute the Little Light Bearers' cards and to interest the Epworth League in missionary work.

Mite boxes have been distributed even more largely than in the past. We have felt the need of a more general arrangement for the Contingent Fund; each auxiliary assuming its proportion for District and Conference expenses. While this fund has increased during the past year, the auxiliaries have not all understood the necessity for a systematic arrangement with the Conference Secretaries. The paper published quarterly by the Branch should be more generally distributed so that the knowledge of our Branch work at home and abroad could be better understood and more familiar to the Auxiliary workers. Much depends upon the increased circulation of literature. The department of supplies has proved a wise arrangement in our work and the report of the committee in charge shows a very satisfactory and necessary work accomplished.

The Woman's Missionary Friend, the Children's Missionary Friend, and leaflets should be in the hands of all our subscribers, and a responsible agent for this work should be appointed in every auxiliary. Much remains to be done in our Branches before our ideal is reached; an auxiliary in every church and every woman a member, but faith lends a realizing light. We have had a testing year, and have often been weary and discouraged, but we remember, there can be no shadow without sunshine: and often when most discouraged in the home work,

we have had cheering words from over the sea, telling of the wondrous love of God in the salvation of degraded, hopeless, ignorant, sin-sick women, and the training of precious little girls in the school of Christ. We know our labor of love is not in vain.

We feel especially grateful to Miss Ashton of Trenton, N. J., for her generous support of Miss Linam, a missionary to Foo Chow, China, and also to Northern New York Conference for a special gift to return Miss Mitchell to her work in China. These gifts we feel are special blessings in a time of great need, and we hope will impress the members of the Branch to help in a part of our work that might be called special.

The field broadens, the work increases. With every steamer the demand comes for more laborers. There has never in our history been so many candidates offering to supply the demand.

Since our last annual meeting, Mrs. Joseph A. Wright, for many years our faithful and efficient president, joyfully entered the home prepared by her blessed Master. She gave herself with generous self-sacrifice to the interests of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at home and abroad; and we thank God for the benediction of her noble, loving, generous, devoted life.

MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Disbursements for year closing Sept. 30, '96.....	\$48,030 26
Receipts " " " " " "	45,836 66
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	\$ 2,193 60
Deficit October 1st, 1895.....	489 73
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Deficit October 1st, 1896.....	\$ 2,683 33

MRS. J. M. CORNELL,
Treasurer.

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

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SUPERINTENDENTS OF BANDS.

<i>Pittsburgh.</i>	<i>Philadelphia.</i>
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With deepest gratitude to Him who is "the giver of every good and perfect gift," the Philadelphia Branch rejoices to report a year of unexpected success and prosperity, and with the financial depression all through the country, we have been able to make some advance over previous years, and while humbled by a sense of our unworthiness, we

lift our glad eyes and say "it all cometh from thine hand," and "of thine own have we given Thee."

The Branch is blessed with a noble army of workers. Our Conference and District Secretaries have pursued their work with increasing devotion and enthusiasm. In most of our Conferences a careful looking after details, a personal interest and sympathy manifested in each Society, a persistent effort to have a public meeting in every auxiliary have brought forth the fruits of diligence. Returned missionaries, often those who find their homes in other Branches, have kindly allowed themselves to be pressed into service. Miss Bing, Mrs. Oldham, Miss Cushman, Mrs. E. M. Scott and Miss Kyle have contributed to the prosperity of the western part of the Branch. Dr. Christiancy, Miss Bender, Mrs. Buck and Miss Danforth have helped us greatly in the eastern section.

The distribution of 2672 new mite-boxes during the year, many of them in places where a Society could not be organized, has not only increased our revenue, but carried a knowledge and participation in the cause, into places difficult of access and enabled isolated disciples to materialize their interest in missions.

The Mission-box Committee has forwarded sixty-six boxes containing offerings from eighty-six Societies, to thirty-two different missionaries for use in their work.

The Committee of Literary Supplies voluntarily give their services every day excepting only during the summer vacation to the multifarious duties that belong to headquarters of a Branch, distributing all the supplies and literature needed in the territory.

The Thank Offering has never before so completely met the demand to which it was consecrated, and we have had all that we needed in sending our new missionaries into the field.

Miss Kyle has returned to India and has her appointment among the isolated hills of Paori, where Mrs. Gill has labored so faithfully and so long alone. Last November we had not thought it possible to build the home asked for in this place, and when our missionary was about to go, it was apparent that no shelter had been provided for her, but our Lord, whose eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of those whose hearts are perfect before Him, provided this necessity from a most unlooked for quarter. The whole amount came to us within a week after it was decided that the home must be built, and faith had new evidence that our Father's resources are unlimited.

Three new missionaries sent out this year are in the field and a fourth is on her way to Japan. Miss Purdy has been in Mexico since the first

of the year, Miss Deaver sailed for China August 26th and Miss Spear for India September 23rd. Miss Clarissa Spencer has taken passage for November 12th from San Francisco. We believe that these four ladies are thoroughly equipped for the highest work, both intellectually and spiritually.

We are sorry for the weakness and suffering that oblige our missionaries to come home to be nursed back into health, but they are always welcome visitors among us. For the past four months Miss Loyd, of Mexico City, has been among her friends regaining health, but is about to return we trust, well and strong.

More recently Miss Limberger, of Puebla, has been dangerously ill and must come home as soon as she is able to travel.

Dr. Benn, of Tientsin, after five and one half years in a malarious district, was driven to seek renewal of vigor in a purer atmosphere and a rest among her native hills. Miss Laura White arrived home from Chin-Kiang during our Branch annual meeting. After five years of work without vacation, she returns seeking health and rest. As these sick ones regain their health, their work amongst us promotes the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom, as when in a larger measure they work in their foreign stations.

Never were the appeals for additional help in our foreign work as urgent or as numerous. More workers, more buildings, more money are asked for so beseechingly that it is hard to think of retrenchment, and we ask ourselves again and again what does it mean, why is this stress and strain laid upon us. Is it because the night is coming when no man can work, and this is the urging to work while it is day? Our hearts long and ache to grant every estimate; we know there is not an unimportant detail asked for and the need stretches out like a vast plane before us over which our slow steps make scarcely perceptible advance.

The Corresponding Secretary desires to add a personal word. Each morning as she opens her eyes and beholds the glorious daylight, her heart is filled with humble gratitude for the goodness of God in extending the time of her ability to use her sight in caring for this glorious work of sending the knowledge of Christ into the uttermost parts of the earth. During the months of pain and isolation she proved how true and forbearing is Christian love. All her co-workers tried to help and save her strength; the expressions of love and sympathy were very precious, and the practical efforts so to act that the work should not suffer loss is shown in the enlarged receipts reported to-day. It has seemed that there are many bearing Christ's name on the earth who heed the Apostolic injunction "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." Therefore, we will

look unto Him to keep us steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, "for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

SARAH L. KEEN.
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

September 30, 1895, to balance.....	\$ 6,727 58
From Sept. 30, 1895 to Sept. 30, 1896, received from Conferences	\$ 27,614 16
From Sept. 30, 1895 to Sept. 30, 1896, received from bequests.....	3,924 80
From Sept. 30, 1895 to Sept. 30, 1896, received from other sources.....	239 33
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Total.....	\$ 31,778 29
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	\$ 38,505 87
From Sept. 30, 1895 to Sept. 30, 1896, total dis- bursements.....	\$ 28,372 93
Sept. 30, 1896, balance.....	10,133 84
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	\$ 38,505 87
	MRS. T. H. WILSON, <i>Treasurer.</i>

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

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SUPERINTENDENTS OF BANDS.

MRS. R. R. BATTEE, 2418 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

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The chapter in our Branch history just closed has been like many a chapter in human life, clouds and sunshine, tears and smiles, weeping and rejoicing.

Notwithstanding the fact that we reported at our last annual meeting a deficit of four hundred dollars, and the continued grey of the financial sky, and other depressing conditions, the standard bearers of our Branch answered at the opening of the new year to the Master's roll-call with, "Here am I; what wilt thou have me to do?"

Swift and clear was the answer: "*Follow Me!*" and before half the year had gone he led us into the gloom of a bitter disappointment and beside an open grave.

The stroke that fell March 27th upon our beloved associate, Mrs. Reiley, releasing her from all ills that flesh is heir to, and setting her free for nobler and holier associations, and the higher ministries of heaven, fell upon us with benumbing force. Peculiarly fitted to the position to which she had been called by graces of person and spirit, as well as by her long experience of effective service as Secretary of Washington District, and but recently released from obligations that had hitherto claimed thought and effort, we looked to her as our Aaron and

confidently expected an era of prosperity such as the Branch had never known.

But He, whose thoughts and ways differ from ours—alas! that at times it should be so difficult to add, because they are higher—saw her prepared for the prepared place, and bade her come higher.

We turned in our extremity to Mrs. S. A. Hill, and she was duly elected to the vacant place at the next quarterly meeting, and we can only add that subsequent months have proven the wisdom of our choice.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of our Branch was celebrated in connection with our annual Easter service, in First Church, Baltimore City Station, April 9th, and was an occasion long to be remembered. Mrs. William Butler and Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, prominent in effecting the organization, were present, and with our missionary, Miss Sites, and Margaret Whong, her Chinese friend, contributed greatly to the success of the anniversary. Greetings, more in number than could be read, were received from bishops, missionaries, secretaries, and last, but far from least, Dr. Wm. Butler. All are filed among our records. The history of the Branch, carefully prepared by Mrs. Battee, and a beautiful hymn written for the occasion by Miss Hodgkins were some of the delightful features. Three conference anniversaries and four camp-meeting services have been held with profit to the work.

Perhaps the greatest encouragement is derived from the growing interest among the children and the devotion of their leaders. We discern, we think, a growing conviction among our women that this interest must not be sacrificed for any other, however good that other may be.

The same devotion which has characterized my associate officers in other years has been apparent in this, and their efforts have been grandly supplemented by our returned missionaries, Misses Hartford, Bender and Sites. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has had no stronger advocates than Dr. J. E. Scott and his estimable wife, and their impassioned pleas for help made at Mt. Lake Park and Washington Grove are imperishable. "Without the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," said the Doctor, "such work as I am doing is a delusion and a snare."

How much we are indebted to our missionaries in the field for their frequent letters, reports and translations of letters from Bible-women and scholars it would be impossible to compute. Nearly every patron has heard from the special work she is supporting, and we wish they might realize at what cost these letters are written. Much the largest distribution of mite boxes has been made this year, and profits from skillful

handiwork has enriched the treasury beyond any previous figures; one basket, Miss Amelia Thomas', brought to the treasury two hundred dollars. After five years of faithful service in China, and sorrows such as none may know, save those who stand without kindred in a heathen land after the father has been laid to rest, we gladly welcome our dear Miss Sites, grateful for all she has been enabled to do for His Name's sake. Miss Bender will soon return to Japan.

E. B. STEVENS.

Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Deficit as per last annual report.....	\$ 418 14
Receipt from Oct. 1st, 1895, to Oct. 1st, 1896.....	11,259 60
Disbursements.....	11,425 14

Deficit..	\$ 583 68
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MRS. E. R. UHLER,

Treasurer.

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

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

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CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

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As far as the working spirit is manifested, the Cincinnati Branch has never had a better showing than in the year just closed. There have been many circumstances to discourage, had the tendency been there, but from all quarters of the Branch there have been loyal expressions of meeting every trust imposed, made more emphatic by earnest, united effort. The change of officers in some Districts and Conferences, and serious illness with others, combined with the ever-present financial pressure which has been an abiding guest in nearly every household, have sadly interfered with us, as with the rest of the world. Fifty-one new organizations are added to our number and many avenues opened up to add efficiency to our working force. We have had a mite-box revival and in the scarcity of larger gifts these faithful gleaners have added very considerably to the Treasurer's report. In several Conferences the income from this source was noteworthy. Our young people's work has suffered somewhat from conflict of time and interest with the Epworth League, but the friction seems gradually to be wearing away, and work in Young Women's Societies and Bands assumes more encouraging features.

The little "Light Bearers" are sending out their tiny beams in many places, and great additions to our treasury will come from this source in

the future. With most of our sister Branches we bow our heads with shame over the falling off in the subscription lists of our papers. Mrs. Thoburn, Mrs. Oldham, Mrs. Bengal Jones, Mrs. Emma Moore Scott, and Misses Bing, Blair and Ketring have given most acceptable service, in attending meetings, and stirring up interest.

Misses Sullivan and Hardie left for India and Miss Bonafield returned to China soon after our last meeting. Miss Blair reached home in April. Misses Bing and Jewell only wait the order to return to their respective fields. Death entered the ranks of our Branch missionaries and Annie B. Sears joined Florence Nickerson in the home prepared for those who love the Lord. Her fifteen years of faithful service will not soon be forgotten. She came home to undergo a painful operation in order to return for longer service, but it was instead the gateway to eternal rest, with the most complete resignation to God's will whatever the issue might be. She slept to wake in heaven.

If not rich in silver and gold, the Cincinnati Branch rejoices in having sent to the front four new recruits in the persons of Misses Shockley, Widdifield, Scott and Means, and would rejoice more abundantly could the five members of our reserve corps hear the marching orders. We never have had so many good candidates ready for immediate service as now.

When we came to our annual meeting, though our receipts for the year were a little in advance of last year, still counting on pledges made by the Conferences, the appropriations had been advanced, and some unexpected demands had been made on our treasury. So, for the first time in our history, we faced a deficit of nearly \$600; when at our annual meeting the report was read to the loyal women of the Branch, they refused to have this reproach upon our records, and by pledges and money soon changed our dolorous tones to doxologies of praise. With gratitude to God for such fellow workers the record was changed, and we begin another year without any money, but rich in faith and courage. Dr. Pierson says "the church should recognize the fact that it is her salvation to be in straits, because the utter despair of self sufficiency teaches her that her sufficiency is of God." If the present strait teaches us this lesson, it will not have been sent in vain. Whence comes our cramped resources, and seeming failure? Is it more work we need, or more faith? God has some lesson for us all. No retreat can be considered. With that abiding, growing faith that Dr. Watson calls our "sixth sense" added to unquestioning obedience, and joyful service, with perfect trust we can claim the promise, and God will honor our faith with fruition. We cannot doubt God called the women

of Methodism into this work, and so plain the guiding hand, as we look back over our history we cannot doubt that "God was in the field, when most invisible."

E. T. COWEN,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1895.....	\$ 1,943 73
Receipts from Oct. 1, '95, to Oct. 1, '96.....	39,756 33
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Total.....	\$ 41,700 06
Expenditures.....	41,700 06
	{ MRS. J. C. KUNTZ,
	{ MRS. OLIVER KINSEY,
	<i>Treasurers.</i>

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ILLINOIS, INDIANA, MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN.

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CONFERENCE TREASURERS.

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

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CONFERENCE TREASURERS.

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BUREAU OF SUPPLIES.

MISS ANNA JOHNSON, 57 Washington St., Chicago.

The Northwestern Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has entered on the twenty-seventh year of its life and work. Behind us lie twenty-six years with their record of service and experience. Blessed years have they been, and as we recall their history, noting the progress which they have witnessed, the successes that have been achieved, the fidelity, generosity and self-sacrifices which they have developed, the friendships which they have made possible, the memories which they have given to us and which we now so fondly cherish, and the evidences of Divine favor, which through all this period have been granted unto us, with devout gratitude we join with the Psalmist in saying, "Surely goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our life."

Throughout this Branch the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been firmly established. It long since passed the experimental period of its history, and its position as a department of our churchly life is fully secured. Whatever of novelty or of ephemeral interest attached itself to the enterprise at the time of its organization has long since passed away, and its interests are cared for by a band of earnest devoted women, who recognize that in the furtherance and support of

the objects of this society, they are most efficiently serving the Divine Master and aiding to establish His kingdom among men.

This fact is evidenced especially in the case of some of our smaller auxiliaries, whose proportionately large contributions indicate that numbers are not the only inspiration to good works, and whose interest, self-denial and personal sacrifices demonstrate that they recognize that loyalty to this work is an obligation of conscience and a demand of the Master.

The past year was especially a test of the devotion and fidelity of the members of our Society. It had in part been a period of great anxiety, and put to a severe test the faith of those who were charged with the administration of our affairs. At the beginning of the fourth quarter we were confronted not only with an empty treasury, but with an indebtedness amounting to \$4,000.00. Nevertheless when the accounts for the year were made up, it was found that "the meal had not wasted in the barrel, nor had the cruse of oil failed." In every part of the Branch the demands of the work seemed to meet with a cordial response, and the contributions which were received not only met all the obligations which had been assumed, but the Treasurer's report showed the largest receipts of any year in our history.

That such a result was secured during a year of such financial depression as has just been experienced, indicates how earnest, self-sacrificing and true is that constituency on which we rely, and which has never yet been found wanting.

Miss Baker, as in former years, has been very helpful in organizing new societies and stimulating weak ones. She has also spoken at many thank-offering anniversaries. Miss Danforth spent some time in our Branch, infusing new life into the work by her own enthusiasm. Miss Sparkes, Miss Peters, Miss Kemper, Miss Ketring and Mrs. Badley have all rendered to our home work efficient service. The Conference Secretaries have been diligent in devising new plans for creating interest and increasing both the numerical and financial strength of the Branch. One Secretary has organized what she calls the Isabella Thornburn auxiliary at large. The membership of this organization is to be made up of women scattered over the Conference in places where an auxiliary does not seem to be practicable. These women, however, will be actively interested in the purposes of the Society, and when the way is opened will be ready to organize regular auxiliaries. In one district, before the time came to pay the dues, these members at large had become so interested that they wanted a society of their own. Two societies have been the outcome of the organization. Another Conference Secretary has been very successful in the distribution of missionary literature and in

one instance received a gift of \$25.00, which was the result of reading a Branch report. Special days for prayer for missionary work have been set apart in one Conference, and a "chain of prayer" has been instituted in another.

In one small society in a little church located in a small country village, the contributions to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society averaged \$10.60 per member. This was the result of careful, systematic planning and of conscientious fidelity in working for a specific purpose, and illustrates how surely our income might be largely increased, if it were in the hearts of all the people to bring their tithes into the Master's storehouse.

In addition to the regular income of the Society, certain special gifts have been received which are worthy of separate mention. These benefactions seem to indicate that the Lord is giving to this work favor among His people.

Not long since one of our most devoted members and successful workers, felt herself impressed to present to one of her friends, the work and the needs of this cause and to ask her for a special gift towards its support. The conversation developed the fact that it was the desire of the family to deed to the Society a lot in a neighboring city, which is worth at a fair valuation one thousand dollars. This gift has been received and the deed duly recorded. In addition another member of the family has given his note for one thousand dollars, to be paid in installments of \$50.00 annually, the money to be used for the education of a girl in Rome. Both of these gifts are memorials to the memory of a loving daughter and sister.

The Society has also received a deed to a lot in the city of Chicago, the gift of one of the Lord's children, a dear old lady nearly blind and nearing the Heavenly shore.

Two other bequests of \$600.00 each have been received during the year. Additional gifts amounting to \$3,450 have been added to our receipts.

Through the bequest of \$2,000 from Mrs. Button, of Evanston, Ills., the endowment of a Northwestern Branch professorship has been begun in Lucknow College. We expect by additional gifts to increase this endowment until a sufficient income shall be secured to endow a chair in this institution. The Detroit Conference has contributed a clock and bell for the College, as a memorial. The clock was made in Manistee, and Mr. Johnson generously donated one hundred dollars of the cost. The bell bears the inscription :

MRS. THERESA M. PORTER,

August 1, 1840.

July 17, 1896.

"Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the Heavens."

It is very appropriate that the bell for the Woman's College should bear the name of this saintly woman, for Miss Thoburn and our Phoebe Rowe always found a sure haven of rest in the hospitable home of Mrs. Porter.

Annual Thank-Offering meetings have become an established feature in our polity. These occasions are apparently gaining in interest and are in many places the center for the year's work. Our offerings amounted to \$11,577.

Many courtesies have been received from the managers of the various camp-meetings. They have been generous in assigning time, in which the interest of the Society could be presented. At one of these gatherings a special hour was placed at the disposal of the missionary workers for three successive days. In other instances, tent meetings were held daily, and a table with missionary literature has always been in evidence.

It is believed that a valuable aid in the dissemination of missionary intelligence has been the missionary letters. Eight hundred and seventy-six copies of eight letters have been made by the aid of the mimeograph and these have been distributed by the Conference Secretaries to their auxiliaries.

The Quarterly has been issued regularly; also a circular for the Thank-Offering service and for the annual meeting.

Our annual meeting was a season of delightful personal intercourse and of Divine inspiration and encouragement. Never have our gatherings been characterized by such an enthusiasm, hope and zeal. The constantly increasing interest in the work of the Society, and the renewed consecration of effort and means towards its support, are occasions for our most devout thanksgiving.

At the opening of our session, Bishop Bowman assisted by ten ministers stationed in the local churches administered the Holy Communion. During the meeting Mrs. Nind told the story of her personal visit to our several mission stations, and of the successes which have attended the work of our missionaries.

Mrs. Emma Nind Lacy, of Foochow, plead for the support and extension of our work in that city.

We also heard from Miss Sparkes, Mrs. Dora Schoonmaker Soper, and Dr. Letitia Mason Quine, who spoke earnestly and with interest of their experiences in the various missions which they had served in the early days of our Society.

Miss Melton, a candidate for work in the mission field under the auspices of our Society, was present, and her gentle, but earnest words

testifying of her personal experience, her zeal for the Master and her special call to this field of labor, deeply impressed every one present, and secured to her the sympathy and confidence of all who listened to her.

The pressing need for funds to support certain special work was presented to the meeting, and so enthusiastically was the suggestion received, that in half an hour the sum of \$1,330 was pledged for this purpose. A love feast followed, which was in very truth a feast of love.

At the close of last year, the Northwestern Branch was represented in the mission field by a band of twenty-eight missionaries. Since that time we have sent out six additional workers, and have returned to their fields of labor four who had been home on furlough. The six recruits are thus accounted for—Dr. Dart went to Bareilly and Miss Wright is in Muttra; Miss Fisher and Miss Benthein are stationed at Poona and Miss Merrill and Dr. Ida Kahn have gone to Kiu Kiang. Those who have resumed work again are Miss Steere in Peking, Miss Carroll in Bombay, Miss Sarah Peters in Nanking and Miss Robinson in Chin Kiang. Miss Porter sailed October 14th for Bombay, and Miss Van Dorsten started for Mexico the last of the month.

Miss Daily, of Calcutta, and Miss Locke, of Aoyama, are at home on leave, while Miss Hall, Miss Hewitt and Miss Deline still tarry with us, waiting for return of health, or assignment to work.

It is to be regretted that in a report which is so filled with good deeds and of successes that have been achieved, notice must be taken of any point of failure. In the matter of subscriptions to the *Friend*, there has been a serious falling off. It is difficult to suggest any explanation of this fact. Where the general work has been so well sustained, it would be natural to expect that an increased interest in the report of our work as contained in the *Friend* would be manifested.

This resumé of the home work of the Northwestern Branch is necessarily condensed and incomplete. Nevertheless it is a story in which we may well have our congratulations and it is bright with the promise of a future of good works and glorious achievements.

The feet of our associates have not faltered, their hands have not forgotten their cunning, their hearts still devise liberal things and then bring them to pass.

We realize that we are engaged in grand and glorious work. It is a continuation of the work which the Saviour himself initiated—the work of a world's redemption. It is ordained to a triumphant success, because it is the Lord's work—it is an expression of the Almighty's love, and the great missionary Apostle, speaking by authority has declared that,

“Whether there be prophecies they shall fail; whether there be

"tongues, they shall cease ; whether there be knowledge it shall vanish away, but Love never faileth."

The experiences of the past year have strengthened our faith and we can safely say, "In thee, O Lord, do we put our trust for the years to come," and as we begin the work of another year, we go forward trusting in the precious exhortation and promise "Be strong and of a good courage ; be not afraid, neither be thou discouraged, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest," and wrapped in the mantle of Jesus' protecting love and power, our watchword shall be "Victory for Jesus."

MRS. F. P. CRANDON,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in treasury October 1, 1895.....	\$ 11,652 35
Receipts from Oct. 1, 1895 to Oct. 1, 1896.....	69,536 66
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Total	\$ 81,189 01
Disbursements.....	74,259 61
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Balance on hand October 1, 1896.....	\$ 6,929 40

MRS. BERTRAND D. YORK,
Treasurer.

DES MOINES BRANCH.

INCLUDES IOWA, MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

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CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Iowa Conference.</i>		<i>St. Louis Conference.</i>	
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MRS. A. G. CARTER,			
Morning Side, Sioux City, Iowa.			

These autumn days bring us to the close of the thirteenth year of our Branch work. It has been a good year. At its close we find that more money has come into our treasury, more members are in our societies, more missionaries represent us in foreign work, and more Bible-women, girls and schools are supported by our Branch than in any former year.

Our working force at home has given time, ability and influence to the promotion of our cause, and our successes, under God, are largely due to the faithfulness of the conference and district Secretaries. Scattered here and there over our territory, they have, notwithstanding excessive cold, scorching heat, floods, cyclones, labor troubles, losses from fire and financial depression, kept steadily on. Under their direction forty district Conferences have been held. The average attendance at these gatherings has been larger this year than ever before and the interest deeper.

For help given in this line of work we are greatly indebted to the returned missionaries, Mrs. Martha Day-Abbott, Miss Trimble and Miss Phelps, also Miss Yamada, a Japanese Bible-woman who came to America a year ago and gave our Branch the benefit of a two months'

itinerary. Her presence and words were a great inspiration to our workers. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols and Dr. Oldham gave excellent help in Missouri. At our April quarterly meeting we were favored with an address by Dr. Craven of India, and at our July meeting one by Bishop Bowman.

Last fall our annual meeting was held within the bounds of the St. Louis Conference. This was followed closely by our national meeting at St. Louis, so this Conference had rare privileges and they greatly appreciated them and were profited withal. Miss Prather, Secretary of the Missouri Conference, and Mrs. Fritz, of the Upper Iowa Conference, have traveled much in their respective Conferences, and the latter reports the handsome advance of 740 as their increase in membership since last October.

Our work has been represented at annual and district Conferences and camp-meetings, and thus we keep sowing the good seed, leaving no stone unturned. We all keep at it, in all parts of our territory, year in and year out, believing as we hold on to present possessions and trust beginnings to grow, we shall ere long surely realize our motto, "Every woman and girl in the church in our Society."

We have a missionary for every seven hundred and fifty of our members, and thus stand with whetted sickles waiting orders to enter the whitened harvest fields. But with all these blessings from our Lord we end the year with a debt—not a large one, but the balance on the wrong side. Our financial condition caused us a day of fasting and prayer, and no doubt did our souls more good than the thank offering day, for we know now as Paul did—how, not only to abound, but how to be abased.

In November we sent Miss Evans to South India, in December Miss Ogborn to China, in August Dr. Mary Stone to Kiukiang, in September returned Miss Trimble to Foochow, and this month Miss Phelps sailed to Japan. So we have sent out three experienced missionaries and added two new toilers to the active force. It is a little singular that our first medical missionary should be a Chinese girl, but no better equipped physician has gone out in recent years.

Our annual meeting was helped and blest by the presence of Mrs. H. C. Stuntz of India, Mrs. Laura G. Craver of Mexico, and Mrs. Mary C. Nind, from all around the world. Their addresses were thrillingly interesting, as they recounted experiences in far off lands.

When we faced the new year and that upon our empty treasury, we voted unanimously that Des Moines Branch would never sound a retreat, but next year, with Divine help, we will try to advance at least one thousand dollars, and still go on praying the Lord of the

harvest to send more laborers into his harvest, and by every possible means induce our uninterested sisters to join us in obeying with "rapturous loyalty" our Saviour's last command.

"If once all the lamps that are lighted,
Should steadily blaze in a line,
Wide over the land and the ocean,
What a girdle of glory would shine!
How all the dark places would brighten;
How the mists would roll up and away;
How the earth would laugh out in her gladness,
To hail the millennial day!"

MRS. M. S. HUSTON,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance October 1, 1895	\$ 462 84
Receipts from October 1, 1895, to October 1, 1896.....	26,050 14
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Total receipts.....	\$26,512 98
Disbursements.....	26,953 46
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Deficit.....	\$ 440 48

MRS E. K. STANLEY,
Treasurer.

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

INCLUDES MINNESOTA, NORTH DAKOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA.

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<i>Cor. Secretary,</i>	MRS. C. S. WINCHELL, Minneapolis.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	MRS. C. W. HALL, Minneapolis.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Minnesota.</i>	<i>N. Dakota.</i>
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SUPERINTENDENT OF YOUNG WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.

PROF. L. H. RICHARDSON, Northfield, Minn.

The year just passed has not been marked by the advance along all lines of work which we so earnestly covet for the Minneapolis Branch; and yet we most gratefully acknowledge the tireless labors of the faithful few. Were all the women in the church as intelligently informed concerning our work and as willing to labor for its advancement as are these who have nobly done what they could, there would be no lack of missionaries or of money in our treasury to send them forth.

In our year of absence, the Associate Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Landis, labored assiduously and well, and it is through no fault of hers that our work has not advanced.

The difficulties in our territory are not few nor easily overcome, where churches are so few and far between, and are so small when reached, that in these times of financial depression their continued existence is seriously threatened.

We know that even to those isolated ones the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society would prove an incalculable blessing spiritually and financially could they be reached and induced to take it into their thought and prayers and plans for Christ. This is not easily done.

In the South Dakota Conference the Secretary has visited in person many places, renewing the waning interest and greatly encouraging the workers, and rejoices in having almost reached the amount assumed for the year.

In the larger of the Minnesota Conferences, the Secretary has been prevented by illness from doing much that she hoped to accomplish and feels compelled to lay down the work for the present. Her successor has not yet been found.

The Secretaries of the other Conferences and of some of the Districts have striven to keep the work advancing, and yet while the returns show some auxiliaries added during the year, there is a slight decrease in membership and contributions to the treasury. There have been no large gifts to rejoice our hearts, and the amount gathered has come from the patient toil of the gleaners.

Conference and camp-meeting anniversaries have been held with good numbers in attendance, and much interest manifested, but with smaller collections. The District meetings and the Branch Quarterly gatherings have been planned with care and well, attended and have been occasions of increased interest and profit.

The annual meeting just held surprised us by the large attendance and was pronounced one of the best in our history. The two Methodist churches of Faribault—the English and the German, united in inviting and entertaining it. On Sabbath morning services were conducted by the Society in each church while both united in one service for evening. Dr. Wilcox, Mrs. Spencer Lewis of China, and Miss Ella Blackstock from Japan were with us assisting in the services, and deeply interesting the people with their vivid description of mission work and its varied and increasing needs.

Thank-Offering meetings have been held in many of the auxiliaries in response to the call sent out early in the year, while an appeal for funds sent out in July brought some added gifts to the treasury.

While there has been no decrease in our subscriptions to the *Friend* during this year, we do not feel satisfied that only about one in five of our members are taking it, and we are urging its claims and looking for an increase in the circulation of all the members of that excellent family of *Friends*.

Of our missionaries, we learn that Miss Abrams has been privileged to enter upon direct evangelistic work and has been greatly blessed in it. Miss Sterling has been stricken with cholera but graciously spared, and at last reports was slowly convalescing.

Miss Blackmore, since the breakdown of other workers, has been carrying the work of two, and keeping up as best she can in the trying climate of Singapore.

Miss Rouse and Miss Todd were the first missionaries to return to Kucheng after the dreadful massacre. Miss Rouse started just as soon as she received permission of the consul. En route she wrote "Rejoice with me, I am on my way back to Kucheng."

No other missionary there. No help in case of danger or illness nearer than Foochow, and yet no thought of personal danger or discomfort could deter her from hastening to care for the little band of believers there, scattered and dismayed like sheep without a shepherd. She gathered the women again into the Training-school, sought out her girls and re-opened her Boarding-school, in which she might have fifty girls if only she could take them, and again set in motion some of the mighty agencies for good so suddenly paralyzed on that fatal August day. Since then there have been perilous times there, and the life of the foreigners have been threatened, but the God whom she trusts has wondrously preserved her and has shown how "The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him to deliver them."

Miss Blackstock from Japan, home on furlough, has spent about two months in the Branch visiting the various churches, giving some fifty different talks and addresses, and adding much to the intelligent interest of our people in the cause of missions. We have become definitely acquainted with the Harrison Industrial School which she founded and brought to its present gratifying condition. We have also learned to know and love her personally, and many prayers will follow her as she returns to her beloved work.

We have to record with pain that the busy reaper has visited our ranks this year and some of our sweetest and best have been taken. They are sadly missed, yet we know they have but exchanged service for rewards, and suffering for rest and joy.

We who remain take up the work of another year, not knowing what may come, but clearly hearing the command, "Go into all the world" and the blessed promise always with it, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end."

C. S. WINCHELL,
Cor. Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance October 1, 1895.....	\$ 2,620 09
Receipts from Oct. 1, 1895 to Oct. 1, 1896....	7,807 98
Total.....	\$ 10,428 07
Disbursements.....	8,453 60
In treasury October 1, 1896.....	\$ 1,974 47

MRS. C. W. HALL,
Treasurer.

TOPEKA BRANCH.

INCLUDES KANSAS, NEBRASKA, COLORADO, WYOMING, TEXAS AND UTAH.

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CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

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For the blessings that have attended us during the past year, and for the courage with which we enter upon the new, we give praise to our Heavenly Father.

The results of the year's work are not what we hoped, but the toilers have been faithful and our appropriations are met and we have a small balance in the treasury.

Our statistics show a decrease in auxiliaries, but we trust before another report is given, we shall have regained all the loss of three hard years. We have had some encouragements; district meetings have increased in numbers and interest; there has been a demand for mite boxes, which means increased returns, and the observance of the thank-offering was more wide-spread, with receipts correspondingly greater.

Early in the year our treasury was enriched by the gift of one thousand dollars from Mrs. Bishop Newman, which was applied to the debt on the Ajmere property.

Mrs. Plested continues her annual contribution of fifteen hundred dollars until the sum she pledged is paid. As a result of her generosity our Society has at Meerut one of the finest properties in India. The

bureau of supplies has been well sustained and we have given away 3,000 leaflets, 1,300 mite boxes and 1,500 Branch reports.

The falling off in subscribers to the Woman's and Children's Missionary Friend is our humiliation, because we believe we might have done better.

Our annual meeting, held in Emporia, Kansas, though less in numbers than other years, was an occasion of great interest. The reports, while showing a decrease in many Conferences, were records of unwearied efforts and willing sacrifices.

The seal of approval was placed upon those noble workers by the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit filling all hearts.

MISS MATILDA WATSON,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance October 1st, 1895.....	\$ 533 18
Receipts from October 1, 1895, to October 1, 1896.....	13,464 02
Disbursements.....	13,835 38
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Balance in treasury.....	\$ 161 82

MRS. A. M. DAVIS,
Treasurer.

PACIFIC BRANCH.

INCLUDES CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND ARIZONA.

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- Rec. Secretary,* MRS. L. C. SPENCER, Manzano, Cal.
- Treasurer,* MRS. Z. L. PARMELEE, 401 S. Pearl St., Los Angeles, Cal.

The year 1896 will long be remembered by Pacific Branch as one of great financial embarrassment and of severe testing of our faith almost to the closing moments of the year, but God has been gracious and heard our cry and delivered us out of all our distresses. So we close the old year with thanksgiving and cross the threshold of the new with an increase of zeal and faith "born of adversity."

Our annual meeting at Fresno, 1895, set the keynote for the year, and the Branch quarterly and district meetings, and camp-meeting and Conference anniversaries have swelled the chorus throughout the

busy twelve months. While all of these meetings have been seasons of rare interest, we think especial mention should be made of the California Conference anniversary, when Mrs. Lucy Drake Osborne by her fervent plea for foreign missions melted the hearts and opened the purses of her hearers. Her sudden call to Brooklyn set aside our extensive plans for work that she had kindly consented to do for our Branch. Dr. Hoag and Miss Robinson have rendered us efficient service. Miss Phelps of Japan, spoke at Southern California Conference Anniversary. Our Chinese doctors, Ida Khan and Mary Stone, with Miss Ogborn were given a farewell and God-speed by the good sisters of Oakland. China seems much nearer to us as we meet and greet these beloved workers. Several of our tried and true Branch workers have been compelled by ill-health and removals, or added domestic cares, to decline a re-election.

We have hoped against hope that some of them might be able to hold on for a while longer, but we have been obliged to yield to the inevitable, and give them up.

The past has been a year of testing, and the pure gold of our auxiliaries shines more brightly than ever before. As our financial burden pressed heavily on the weary workers at the helm, they were cheered again and again with messages from the auxiliaries telling of special efforts for increasing our receipts.

Our four missionaries have been able for duty all the year. Miss Mark's health seems to be almost fully restored. Dr. Taft reports her first year in China as the shortest year of her life. Miss Russell and Miss Easton have been "busy and happy" and report fine progress in acquiring the languages of the people where they labor.

As we are taking up the armor for the new year, we dare not boast, but we do hope and pray and believe for a "lengthening of our cords and a strengthening of our stakes" in the year of our Lord 1897.

CHARLOTTE O'NEAL,

Cor. Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1895.....	\$ 839 44
Receipts from October 1, 1895, to October 1, 1896.....	6,053 46
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	\$ 6,892 90
Disbursements	\$ 6,820 47
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Balance in treasury October 1, 1896.....	72 43

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<i>Montana.</i>	
MRS. ———	

A few days before our annual meeting one year ago, word was received from our efficient Branch Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. C. Wire, that failing health demanded the laying down of official duties. We reeled under the blow. How could the work go forward deprived of her leadership? Others associated with her in years of service were prevented by untoward circumstances from undertaking new duties. At first thought it seemed as though the "Baby Branch" must run back to the motherly embrace of Minneapolis Branch, but, gathering herself up to face a responsibility which once assumed cannot be put aside, plans were made for the coming year. When the lot fell on the present incumbent as the one most free to step into the vacant place, her heart was heavy, her fears were great. She would have refused save for the greater fear of answering "no" to God, saying "this is the way, walk ye in it." Later, under the inspiration of those days of prayerful planning at the meeting of the General Executive Committee in St. Louis, the conviction grew that the Master would so gird with strength as to cause the affirmation at the close, the best year yet given.

In this review the query arises, has that promise become a realization? The way has not been what we would have chosen, nor the work just as we planned, yet that may not mark it less successful.

We remember that God's estimates do not always coincide with ours. His thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are His ways our ways, but when the human thought and the human way are committed to His guidance, our confidence is sure that the result wrought out is infinitely higher than we could have made it.

Early in the year came the startling message of the sudden breaking in health of one of our beloved missionaries at Singapore, Miss Eva Foster, who was carried very near to the low gate that swings heavenward. Only a speedy return to her native land lengthened her days of toil for the Master. This illness added to our financial obligations, also to the burdens of our missionary remaining on the field, but response to the appeal for special gifts to meet this expense has been generous. Miss Ferris has been wonderfully sustained in taking up additional work, and the devotion and heroism of God's children have been shown in the offering of one young woman to take the vacant place.

The financial depression resting on our territory has been even heavier than before known, and has to some extent paralyzed effort toward the organization of new auxiliaries, and prevented the hoped for addition to our membership, but the intelligent interest of many has been increased, and some who heretofore could not look beyond the needs of our home field have been won to the cause of the world for Christ. Four of our seven Conference Secretaries have been hampered in their work by reason of their own ill health, or because of anxious watching for weary months at the bedside of loved ones, while distances and expense of travel are so great that but two of these were able to attend the annual meeting of the Branch. This has rendered it more than ever difficult for auxiliaries far from headquarters to feel the pulse throbbing under pressure of responsibility for work assumed. In time we hope to follow the example of other Branches in issuing a quarterly paper that shall be a bond of union between the auxiliaries. In absence of that a plan has been adopted for mailing to all auxiliaries quarterly circular letters, embodying the quarterly financial statement of the treasurer with additional exhortations or special suggestions.

Some advance has been made along the line of presenting our work at summer resorts. Meetings have been held for the first time at several points. At our Chautauqua in Gladstone Park, near Portland, the Corresponding Secretary pitched a small tent in an advantageous spot for the distribution of missionary literature. In lieu of the customary banner indicating the nature of supplies, the letters W. F. M. S. were fashioned from red bunting against the white canvas roof of the tent. To our utter amazement the passing throngs, despite the mental agility which the legion of alphabetic signs of these days should ensure—failed

to comprehend the meaning of our W. F. M. S., with which we fondly supposed all the civilized and a considerable part of the pagan world were familiar. One bright boy gave the nearest solution when he called out "Wesleyan Free Methodist Society!" The initials certainly might suggest those words and at the same time hint at some characteristics of our organization. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is a legitimate descendent of the Wesley who claimed the world for his parish and whose injunction was to get and give all you can; and she is also a worthy emulator of that college-bred ancestor in her effort to render her membership studious as well as prayerful and generous. Yes, we are Wesleyan, and free, for Christ hath indeed made us free, and hath begotten within us the desire to publish the tidings of freedom to the class lowest down and so most needy, the slave sisters and mothers of heathendom. And withal we are loyal Methodists, working in the home and in the church, not reaching for aught that belongs to our brothers of the General Missionary Society, yet counting that for love of Christ we may do as well as women in the warfare of olden times who braided their own long tresses into bowstrings, or melted their teapots into bullets that men might fight to better advantage, or who sacrificed their garments for bandages that the wounded might be cared for.

Two boxes have been packed with Christmas gifts for Singapore and Tsunhua, China. One little boy of the primary department in a Sunday School brought the price of a pet with this letter in childish scrawl: "Little boys in China. I sold my little dog and am going to send you all the money." Had that spirit of self-denial characterized all as indeed it has many, it would not be necessary to report, as we must, a deficit in our treasury. Altogether we have made a slight advance over the previous year in amount of money raised but scarcely sufficient to cover our indebtedness.

On my six days' journey to this convention, up in British Columbia, my way lay along side our own Columbia River—not the broad, familiar current below, floating the largest ocean ships, but a mountain stream crowded into a rocky bed so narrow that a fallen cedar spans its waters miles away from its source. This little stream sang a song to me: "You are lamenting that Columbia River Branch brings so small a tribute to the King as to seem hardly worthy of place beside the great rivers of treasure flowing from other Branches for the healing of the nations. Take heart. I flow on and on to the sea, though now through narrow limits and around opposing boulders that can be neither removed nor covered. I shall not sink out of sight as might the sluggish stream in the sandy plain. My source is in the lakes of the north. The everlasting hills are on either side. I shall become the mighty river. Listen!

The source of this cause lies in the boundless lake of God's love. Underneath are the Almighty Arms. The bridge that spans the narrow stream is the precious promise of Christ, 'Lo, I am with you.' By and by this work shall sweep above the rocks of indifference and opposition. One day Columbia River Branch shall bring such an offering of love to the world's Redeemer as shall cause angels to rejoice.'

MRS. A. N. FISHER,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1895.....	\$ 288 66
Receipts during the year, from Oct. 1, '95, to Oct. 1, '96....	3,019 13
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Total.....	\$ 3,307 79
Disbursements....	3,439 08
Deficit October 1, 1896.....	131 29

MRS. F. W. OSBURN,
Treasurer.

GERMAN WORK.

The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society carried on by the women of German Methodism is scattered throughout the several Branches, and it is impossible to unite them with the English work.

Miss Dreyer who has had superintendence of this work for many years, has been compelled to relinquish it, on account of poor health, and a pressure of other work. All bear testimony to the fact that she has done a great work in the German churches all over the country, and she gives it up with great regret. For the present year the work has been committed for superintendence to Mrs. C. Achard.

During the past year the Germans have suffered under the financial crisis, but in many Conferences they have done more than was expected of them. The Conference Secretaries have been learning more and more to do their work intelligently. There has been a great demand for German literature. Of the 5,825 auxiliary members, 3,120 are subscribers to the German *Friend*. The following table will give the statistics of the German work :

German Work, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

1895—1896.

CONFERENCES.

	Organizations.	Members, (Life Member.)	Members.	Mite Boxes.	Special Work.	Subscribers of Frauen Missions Freund.	Subscribers, W. M. F.	Subscribers, C. M. F.	Receipts for all Purposes, 1895.	Receipts for all Purposes, 1896.	Receipts for all Purposes, 1895.
In Switzerland.....	32	..	062	24	..	151	..	..	\$ 407 12	\$ 359 04
In South Germany.....	24	..	840	30	2	216	..	..	225 27	209 67
In North Germany.....	19	..	331	5	..	95	..	..	157 99	138 19
East German.....	15	..	499	71	1	102	8	41	555 62	554 00	
Central German.....	20	3	621	119	5	236	12	17	739 95	721 03	
St. Louis German.....	14	..	478	18	5	284	2	18	504 84	458 70	
California German.....	8	2	78	66	1	93	2	20	223 00	127 50	
North Pacific German.....	3	..	32	8	..	11	..	..	31 00	31 00
West German.....	33	27	723	99	3	349	7	..	687 52	742 59	
North German.....	26	31	584	50	3	379	15	..	807 47	991 71	
Northwest German.....	18	2	396	3	7	261	..	..	500 03	506 87
Chicago German.....	8	1	242	4	..	107	2	..	405 20	414 50	
South German.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Miscellaneous.....	..	..	..	..	..	743	..	..	.....	.....
Totals.....	220	68	5,769	497	27	3,120	48	96	\$5,245 01	\$5,254 89	

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

FOR THE YEAR 1895-96.

It is not very easy to explain the different ways of doing work in Switzerland and Germany. There a great number of our sisters have to work for their daily bread and have to deny themselves in some way, if they also wish to help in this work. The Church is supported by the State in both countries, and our people had to be trained to give for church work. For some it was a hard lesson to learn, but by the majority the pocket-book was consecrated to the Lord's work with the change of their hearts.

This Conference year has been to our Conferences a very trying one ; on account of the large debt of the Missionary Society their appropriations have been reduced and every church member had to help more, financially, than ever before. For this reason there is a very small increase in our contributions, but we are very thankful that we are not compelled to report a decrease ; this is a sign that our sisters worked hard, and that they love the work.

The contributions in Switzerland were \$407.12, an increase of \$48.08—certainly a cause for thanksgiving. They have 160 subscribers of the *F. M. Freund*, twelve more than last year. They have great difficulty in getting new subscribers, as in Switzerland there are quite a number of missionary and other religious papers published. They have thirty-two auxiliaries with 881 members.

South Germany is not as well organized as we should like it to be. We were very fortunate in gaining the services of Miss Jessie Dietrich as Treasurer ; she has shown herself as very efficient.

REPORT OF THE WORK OF OUR BIBLE-WOMEN IN SWITZERLAND AND GERMANY.

FOR THE YEAR 1895-6.

The Bible-women are regarded as a very efficient help to their pastors ; they are faithful and always at work. One of their number had to leave on account of ill health, but another stepped into her place.

Our Bible-women in Zurich, Lausanne, and Herisan, made 1,700 house to house visits, nursed the sick of their respective congregations, or a few others, for 610 hours, distributed 1,000 copies of good literature. Besides this they read the Bible and prayed with the people wherever it was possible ; led class meetings, and superintended young women's

societies ; helped the poor, the widow, the orphan, and looked after those who have none to care for them.

Sister Fida in Zwickau does all this work also ; she reported 234 house to house visits, 131 visits to the sick ; 366 places she also nursed the sick, besides night-watching and other work. From Schneeberg no report has reached us.

Our Secretary, Mrs. Mann, has resigned. She has never been able to do the work as she would have liked to do it, on account of her other arduous duties ; now her health obliges her to lay down all extra work. As yet, South Germany is without a Secretary, but we are praying and hoping that the Lord will show us the right person.

Very nice letters have been written by the members of the Karlsruhe band when they heard that Rebekkah, their child in India, was sick. The Deaconesses have not forgotten their sister Yasma, and are working and praying for her.

Quite an increase may be recorded in the number of subscribers to the "*Freund*." They number 215 ; and \$17.60 have been given more than last year. We are convinced that the interest will increase as soon as the Lord sends us a good Secretary.

Our officers in the North German Conference have done good work this year. For the first time, our Secretary, Mrs. Wunderlich, sent out the printed quarterly reports, and, through them, many were reminded of their duties ; some were awakened to make greater efforts, and others sent in better reports than they had ever done before.

The interest for the work in the foreign field is certainly increasing in both countries.

Miss Anna Spoeri, the Secretary of the Swiss Branch, writes from St. Gallen as follows : " There is not much to say about our auxiliaries. They have, as usually, done their work of collection, tried to awaken interest for missions and prayed for this holy cause. We have made this year a little progress, an increase of six auxiliaries, thirty-five members and \$53 collection. Thirty dollars of that increase is the kind gift of a generous friend of the mission. May the Lord graciously help us to go on in our work with love and faithfulness, accomplishing His will on earth.

"Our mission sisters, whose valuable help we owe to your kind annual donation, work well and diligently. Their reports are every time an occasion of joy and thanks for me."

Report of Publication Committee.

Resolved, That the Publication Committee, recognizing the worth of our periodicals, viz.: *The Woman's Missionary Friend*, *Der Frauen-Missions-Freund* and the *Children's Missionary Friend*, commend them to the support of our people.

Resolved, That we express our hearty appreciation of the services of our Editors, Miss Louise Manning Hodgkins, Mrs. Clement Achard and Mrs. O. W. Scott, and recommend their continuance in office.

Resolved, That with ever-increasing sense of the invaluable labors of our Publisher, Miss Pauline J. Walden, we recommend her continuance in office, and promise her more effective support.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. A. S. Weed for his services as auditor of the accounts of our Publisher, accompanied by a request that he will continue thus kindly to assist us.

Resolved, That we greatly deplore the decrease in subscriptions to the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, and pledge our most earnest efforts to bring the circulation up to 25,000 during the ensuing year, neglecting no opportunity for this at public meetings of all kinds.

Resolved, That to facilitate this effort for increase in circulation, we request the following of the Editor :

1. To publish in the December and January numbers the proportion of subscribers necessary for each Branch to secure, that 25,000 may be obtained.

2. To insert in bold type in reading-matter columns, once each quarter, a line calling attention to expiration of subscriptions.

3. To furnish a Lecture Calendar as a regular feature of the paper.

4. To prepare new maps of each mission-field for insertion in the *Woman's Missionary Friend* during the year, until all are represented.

Resolved, That the present Literature Committee, composed of Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Miss P. J. Walden, Mrs. J. H. Knowles, Mrs. O. W. Scott, and Mary L. Nind, be continued.

Resolved, That the services of our Editors, the agent of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, and the chairman of our Literature Committee receive the same compensation as in former years.

Resolved, That Mrs. O. W. Scott be requested to have charge of the

literature for children, receiving the same compensation as heretofore.

Resolved, That, for the better prosecution of the work among the children, the office of Statistical Secretary be created, and that we recommend Mrs. O. W. Scott for that office.

WHEREAS, The Editor of *Der Frauen-Missions-Freund* desires a change of heading for the paper, and has secured the material and money necessary for the change, therefore,

Resolved, That the change be allowed in accordance with her desire.

WHEREAS, A call has come to us for a Reading Course in connection with Foreign Missions, similar to that furnished by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, therefore,

Resolved, That this matter be referred to the Literature Committee for consideration.

WHEREAS, Provision is made year by year for publishing proceedings of the General Executive Committee in the December number of the *Woman's Missionary Friend* (excluding appropriations and unimportant details), therefore,

Resolved, That this provision be incorporated in the By-Laws as Section 4, Article 7.

Resolved, That incorporation of the Minutes of the General Executive Committee in the Annual Report be provided for permanently in the By-Laws as Section 5, Article 7.

WHEREAS, The Lesson Study has met a felt need in Auxiliary Monthly Meetings, and the increase in circulation has justified its publication, therefore,

Resolved, That we provide for permanence in its issue, and for a study outline in *Woman's Missionary Friend*, by Section 6, Article 7, in By-Laws.

Resolved, That we request the Literature Committee to prepare a leaflet, giving full and definite instructions with reference to mission boxes.

Resolved, That we recommend an appropriation of fifty dollars for new free German Leaflets this year, to be at the disposal of the Editor of *Der Frauen-Missions-Freund*.

Resolved, That, in view of the small balance in the treasury, no new free leaflets be issued this year, except the Annual Report and the German leaflets.

WHEREAS, The book for Mission Bands and Junior Leagues now in press, under the name "Missionary Acorns," meets a general need, therefore,

Resolved, That we commend this publication for use in the work with young people.

Resolved, That if the exchequer allow, the editor of the *Woman's Missionary Friend* be allowed the same appropriation as last year for paid contributions.

Resolved, That each Branch be urged to secure advertisements for a half-page in our *Woman's Missionary Friend*, and thus contribute to its support.

Resolved, That each Branch pay for its own life-membership certificates.

Resolved, That the *Woman's Missionary Friend* insert the following :
"One free copy will be given to each auxiliary for fifteen subscribers, sent at one time."

Resolved, That we call special attention to the excellence of our own publications, urging the purchase of the same in large quantities by our various depots of supplies, and the extending of their circulation as much as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. H. POOLEY, *Chairman*.

MRS. O. L. FISHER, *Secretary*.

Resolutions of Finance Committee.

Resolved, That the missionaries of each station be requested to furnish the Treasurers of their Conferences with a quarterly statement of any surplus funds that may have accrued in favor of the several Branches.

Resolved, That Miss M. Spencer be instructed to sell lot No. 10 in Tsukiji, provided that no building for objectionable purposes shall be erected on the lot, the money thus obtained to be appropriated to the building at Aoyama.

Resolved, That we require each missionary wishing to return to her field, to furnish a health certificate, and have the consent of the Reference Committee to her return.

WHEREAS, Mrs. J. P. Newman has generously donated several thousand dollars to the "Evangel Perpetual Bible Readers' Fund," invested in foreign mission-fields, for the perpetual endowment of Bible-women; therefore,

Resolved, That the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society gratefully acknowledge the gifts of Mrs. J. P. Newman, endorse her plan, and will do all in their power to further her efforts.

WHEREAS, The good work done by Folts' Institute, in preparing candidates for foreign missionary work has already proved, and promises still more largely for the future, to be a most valuable helper to our Society; therefore,

Resolved, That we thoroughly appreciate the advantages of such an institution, and heartily endorse its present management.

Resolved, That we will recommend candidates requiring special training and instruction for the different fields to avail themselves of the generous provision made for this purpose.

WHEREAS, Miss Margaretha Dreyer feels that for a time she must lay down the work among the Germans, so largely inaugurated by her; therefore,

Resolved, That for the present year we request Mrs. C. Achard to superintend this department of work.

WHEREAS, Miss Baucus earnestly desires to engage in literary work in connection with our missionary work in Japan, and,

WHEREAS, Such a department is greatly needed, therefore,

Resolved, That we indorse her proposition and shall assist in its development.

WHEREAS, A request has come from the treasurers in the foreign field, seconded by several of the bishops who have visited the work abroad, for the appointment of a single treasurer to whom they may report, therefore,

Resolved, That we will take the matter into consideration with the hope of securing a woman suitable for that office in the near future.

WHEREAS, The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Chile as presented by Mrs. J. D. La Fetra is most desirable, and necessary to completeness of the work of the General Society, and,

WHEREAS, We are not able to appropriate for the same at this time, therefore,

Resolved, That we will keep this interest in mind and take up the work as soon as our finances will permit.

WHEREAS, The missionary work so long and so successfully carried on in Africa by Bishop William Taylor, has with his full consent been transferred to Bishop Hartzell, who has been given jurisdiction of the missionary work of our church on that continent by the General Conference of the M. E. Church, and

WHEREAS, Bishop Hartzell has requested the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to assume control of the Woman's Work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Africa, therefore,

Resolved, That we will enter this open door, making conditional provision for taking up work there as soon as it is considered advisable.

MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE, *Chairman*.
MRS. E. T. COWEN, *Secretary*.

Report of Committee on Missionary Candidates.

Your Committee, after due examination of the testimonials of Miss Emma Ernsberger, M. D., presented by the Cincinnati Branch, recommend her acceptance for medical work in India.

They cordially reaffirm the acceptance of Miss Lillian N. Harris, M. D., presented by the Cincinnati Branch, and recommend that she be sent to Korea in September, 1897, for medical work.

After examination of the testimonials of Miss Emma L. Lamb, presented by the Northwestern Branch, they heartily recommend her acceptance.

They also recommend that Miss I. Grace Loper, presented by the New York Branch, be accepted for work in the foreign field, when her course at the Folts' Institute is completed.

After examination of her credentials presented by the Columbia River Branch, they advise the acceptance of Miss May B. Lilly, and her immediate appointment for work in Singapore.

In view of her qualifications, although under the required age, they heartily recommend the acceptance of Miss Mary E. Melton, presented by the Northwestern Branch, for evangelistic work in Northern India or Japan.

They have considered the application of Miss Nellie Pearce, presented by the Cincinnati Branch, and recommend that she be accepted.

In view of the rare qualifications of Miss Frances G. Wilson, presented by the Cincinnati Branch, your Committee gladly recommend that she be accepted.

After a careful examination of the testimonials of Miss Mariana Young, presented by the Cincinnati Branch, we recommend her appointment to Japan.

They refer the names of Misses Ida May Bowne, Clara Howard and Estelle Leonard to the Reference Committee.

They recommend, at the request of the De Moines Branch, that

Miss McKibben and Miss Daniels, whose names and papers were accepted at the annual meeting at Fort Dodge, Iowa, be added to the accepted list of candidates.

In accordance with the action of the Executive Committee, the following names accepted by the Reference Committee at their semi-annual session are included in this report as accepted, viz.: Misses E. Benthein, C. M. Purdy, Bella Waidman, E. Nichols, C. Spencer, A. Suderstrom, C. E. Merrill, C. J. Porter.

The Committee beg leave to recommend that no missionary candidate be allowed to support herself during her years of preparation, as it becomes a hindrance to complete work.

They also suggest that a line for the date and place of residence be added to the blank form which is filled out by the examining physician.

LOUISE MANNING HODGKINS, *Chairman*,
MRS. S. A. HILL, *Secretary*.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That our anticipations of this session of the Executive Committee have been more than realized in the completeness of arrangement for every physical comfort, notably in the "rest room" and for the spiritual uplift of every heart in the precious communion service conducted by Dr. Gracey, and that the memory of Rochester, with its beautiful surroundings and hospitable Methodism, will, in all the future, remain a genuine bright spot in the lives of all who have come under its influence.

Resolved, That in the service of Mrs. Dr. Baldwin as our presiding officer we have tested anew her ability, and appreciate her untiring devotion to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

WHEREAS, At this twenty-seventh session of the Executive Committee we see in Mrs. Gracey, not only the faithful and efficient Secretary of the last decade and a half, but the one who has given direction and enthusiasm along every line of the royal welcome which appears afresh every morning; therefore,

Resolved, That we record at this time our sincere thanks and appreciation of all this labor of love.

Resolved, That in the painstaking thoughtfulness and inspiring words of commendation, given us upon frequent occasions, by Rev. Ward D. Platt, we recognize his sincere friendship for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

WHEREAS, The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society works in harmony with and under the supervision of the authority of our church; therefore,

Resolved, That we regard the presence of such a large number of pastors at our sessions as a mark of their hearty sympathy, and desire in this way to express our appreciation of their presence; that we also note with pleasure the presence of Dr. M. S. Hard of our sister society, the "Church Extension"; that the crowning note of gratification is the fact that Bishop Thoburn and Bishop Hartzell were with us at several sessions, giving us words of counsel and encouragement.

Recognizing the great help to a thorough understanding of our work that comes from personal contact with our returned missionaries ; therefore,

Resolved, That we assure them of our hearty appreciation of the valuable assistance they have rendered during the sessions of the meeting.

Resolved, That we express our thanks for the full and correct reports which have appeared in the Rochester *Democrat and Chronicle* and other papers.

WHEREAS, The effective organization of the various local committees has so facilitated the work of the Executive Committee and conducted so beautifully to the comfort of all present ; therefore,

Resolved, That we extend to these various committees, through their respective chairmen, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Lattimore, Mrs. Foote, Mrs. W. A. Gracey, Mrs. Pond, Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Mrs. Brown, and Miss Bowes, our unqualified praise and devout thanks, praying that each who has so kindly served may receive the blessing of our Heavenly Father, and cherish in their hearts the encomium they have won :

“Those love the Saviour most who serve him best,
And he who blesses shall himself be blest.”

Resolved, That we greatly appreciate the faithful and patient service rendered us by Mr. Fred Yull (janitor) in his care of the Monroe Avenue Church during our session.

Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions be given for publication to the various papers which have so kindly noticed our proceedings.

(Signed) Mrs. R. H. POOLEY,
Mrs. W. V. HAZELTINE,
Mrs. M. L. SHAEFER.

Resolutions of Missionaries.

The following was presented as action had at a meeting of missionaries held at the close of the session :

Resolved, That we express to the General Executive Committee our gratification at the warm greetings which have been ours personally; for the deep interest expressed in our different departments of work, and for the pledges of co-operation and aid which have been given us by members of this Committee. We pray that our Father, who giveth richly and withholdeth not, may shower upon each member of this Committee that blessing of strength and love, which shall enable them to go forward in the good work committed to their hands, and add more trophies to the many which have already been won for His praise.

Resolved, That the missionaries cordially thank the dear sisters of this beautiful city, whose homes have been to us indeed havens of peace and rest, and whose hospitality has forbidden any thought of our being any other than sisters in heart, as we are sisters in Christ.

Resolved, That we desire this expression of our grateful and appreciative love to be recorded in connection with the Resolutions of the Executive Committee.

MRS. C. HOSKINS,

For the Missionaries Present.

Appropriations for 1897.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.	
North India.	
<i>Naini Tal</i> , Assistant	\$ 260 00
House Rent	75 00
Village Schools	25 00
Scholarships	64 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Salary of Miss Tresham	300 00
Repairs	60 00
Conveyance	60 00
Scholarships	48 00
Medicines	100 00
<i>Bhot</i> , Salary of Dr. Sheldon ..	325 00
Schools	48 00
Girls	48 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Scholarships	600 00
City Schools	167 00
Inspectress	60 00
Conveyance	83 00
Bible Women	100 00
First Assistant	240 00
Matron	120 00
Repairs	133 00
School Hospital	120 00
Mrs. Core's Itinerary	33 00
" " Munshi	20 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships	120 00
Second Assistant	200 00
City Work	92 00
Village Work	84 00
Conveyance and Itinerating. <i>Nagina</i> , Schools and Bible Women	217 00
<i>Nurpur</i> , Schools and Bible Women	40 00
<i>Mandawar</i> , Schools and Bible Women	76 00
<i>Dhanpur</i> , Schools and Bible Women	60 00
<i>Sohara</i> , Schools and Bible Women	68 00
<i>Sherkot</i> , Schools and Bible Women	76 00
<i>Najibabad</i> , Schools and Bible Women	83 00
<i>Kiratpur</i> , Schools and Bible Women	24 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Scholarships	240 00
Repairs	50 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Salary of Miss Nichols	650 00
Memorial Scholarships	60 00
Harriet Warren Memorial Building	175 00
Mrs. Parker's Itinerary	33 00
<i>Sambhal District</i>	1,000 00
Total	\$ 6,512 00

Northwest India.	
<i>Multra</i> , Scholarships	\$ 200 00
Assistant	250 00
Medicines	34 00
Watchman	16 00
Conveyance	65 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , First Assistant	240 00
Scholarships (High School) ..	216 00
Interest	50 00
<i>Meerut</i> , First Assistant	200 00
Total	\$ 1,271 00
Bombay Conference.	
<i>Bassini</i> , Work	\$ 348 00
South India Conference.	
<i>Haidderabad</i> , City Girls' Schools, \$	258 00
Scholarship	80 00
<i>Madras</i> , Salary of Miss D. Jordan	260 00
Salary of Miss Young	200 00
Conveyance	80 00
Scholarships	192 00
Rent of Home (conditional) ..	100 00
<i>Bangalore</i> , Work	215 00
Total	\$ 1,385 00
Malaysia.	
<i>Singapore</i> , Salary of Miss Norris	\$ 180 00
Teluk Ayer School Rent	122 00
Scholarships	132 00
<i>Penang</i> , Work	200 00
Total	\$ 634 00
Bengal-Burma.	
<i>Calcutta</i> , Scholarship	\$ 84 00
<i>Darjeeling</i> , Miss Knowles and her home-coming	1,000 00
Total	\$ 1,084 00
Korea.	
Half salary of Mrs. Scranton, \$	300 00
Half incidentals and travel- ing expenses	87 00
Salary of Miss Paine	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	585 00
Native Teacher	60 00
Man of all work	50 00
Fuel	175 00
Total	\$ 2,007 00

<i>Japan.</i>	
<i>Hakodati</i> , Literature teacher.	\$ 240 00
Scholarships.	280 00
Scholarship teacher.	40 00
<i>Hirosaki</i> , Teacher, 5th and 6th grade.	48 00
Assistant.	68 00
<i>Yanagata</i> , Bible Woman.	68 00
<i>Aoyama, Industrial Department.</i>	
Art teacher.	72 00
Scholarships.	80 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Science teacher.	176 00
Scholarships.	360 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Scholarships.	320 00
Mrs. Imagaki.	150 60
Insurance.	150 00
Preparatory teacher.	96 00
<i>Yamabuckacho</i> (?).	400 00
Industrial School.	100 00
Traveling and Itinerating.	50 00
Home.	2200 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Salary of Miss Lee.	600 00
Incidentals.	150 00
Scholarships.	280 00
Total.	\$ 5,928 00

<i>North China.</i>	
<i>Peking</i> , Salary of Miss Young.	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.	150 00
Scholarships.	900 00
Tartar Day School.	100 00
Chinese Day School.	75 00
Coolie.	40 00
Training School.	200 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , Salary of Dr. Terry.	600 00
Incidentals.	150 00
Salary of Miss Glover.	600 00
Incidentals.	150 00
Salary of Miss Croucher.	600 00
Incidentals.	150 00
Salary of Miss Gilman.	400 00
Incidentals.	150 00
Boarding Schools.	540 00
Matron.	40 00
Medicine.	100 00
Hospital, current expenses.	150 00
Coolie.	40 00
Drugs and Instruments.	100 00
Assistant.	40 00
Total.	\$ 5,875 00

<i>Central China.</i>	
<i>Nanking</i> , Scholarships.	\$ 200 00
Day School teacher.	34 00
Boarding School matron.	32 00
Industrial work and books.	35 00
Total.	\$ 301 00

<i>West China.</i>	
Miss Collier.	\$ 500 00
Home Salary.	250 00
Scholarships and work.	95 00
Bible Woman.	25 00
Return passage to China.	456 00
Total.	\$ 1,326 00

<i>Foochow.</i>	
<i>Foochow</i> , Scholarships.	\$ 240 00
Orphans.	60 00
<i>Ku Cheng</i> , Miss Todd's Salary.	500 00
Miss Hartford's Salary.	600 00
Incidentals.	150 00
Woman's School.	150 00
Repairs.	30 00
<i>Hai Sang</i> , Day Schools.	210 00
Bible Woman.	40 00
Woman's School.	150 00
Total.	\$ 2,130 00

<i>Bulgaria.</i>	
<i>Loftcha</i> , Matron and other service.	\$ 225 00
Scholarships.	120 00
Total.	\$ 345 00

<i>Italy.</i>	
<i>Rome</i> , Scholarships.	\$ 300 00
Total.	\$ 300 00

<i>South America.</i>	
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Teachers.	\$ 200 00
Scholarships.	70 00
Rent.	200 00
<i>Rosario</i> , Salary of Miss Brunton.	400 00
Scholarships.	300 00
Repairs and Taxes.	200 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Salary of Miss Bowen.	600 00
Incidentals.	150 00
School supplies.	200 00
Gas and water supply.	100 00
Property Tax and Municipality Tax.	150 00
Total.	\$ 2,570 00

<i>Mexico.</i>	
<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarships.	\$ 180 00
School Supplies.	200 00
Bible Woman and Supplies.	120 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , Native Teacher.	240 00
Assistant.	240 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Teachers.	400 00
Scholarships.	360 00
Garden and Water Tax.	100 00
<i>Pueblo</i> , Second Assistant.	320 00
Scholarships.	180 00
Total.	\$ 2,310 00

<i>Summary.</i>	
North India Conference.	\$ 6,512 00
North West India Conference.	1,271 00
Bombay Conference.	348 00
South India Conference.	1,385 00
Malaysia Conference.	434 00
Bengal-Burma Conference.	1,084 00
Korea Conference.	2,007 00
Japan Conference.	5,928 00

North China Conference.	5,875 00
Central China.	301 00
West China.	1,320 00
Foochow Conference.	2,150 00
Bulgaria.	345 00
Italy.	300 00
South America.	2,570 00
Mexico.	2,340 00

\$34,150 00

Buildings.

Cawnpore, dormitories for native school.	\$ 250 00
Cawnpore, debt on home.	250 00
Korea, new school building.	500 00
Mexico City, new roof on orphanage.	250 00
Montevideo, Home.	250 00
Rosario, addition to Home.	400 00

\$1,900 00

Africa Conditional. \$ 1,000 00

NEW YORK BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Dwarahath</i> , Scholarships.	\$ 200 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Half Scholarships.	48 00
Miss Budden.	325 00
Miss Cumin.	200 00
Miss Hayes.	200 00
15 Scholarships.	230 00
Woman's Home.	286 00
Conveyance.	60 00
Bible Readers.	95 00
Itinerating.	40 00
Munshi.	20 00
Accountant.	24 00
Medical Students.	100 00
<i>Chandag</i> , Miss Mary Reed.	80 00
Miss Curtis.	33 00
<i>Paori</i> , 3d Assistant.	180 00
8 Scholarships.	128 00
Teachers.	80 00
Nora Gill.	25 00
Bible Readers.	70 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Scholarships.	40 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships.	40 00
<i>Budaon Dist.</i> , Aonla Circuit.	166 00
Rakruli.	100 00
Ujhaini.	100 00
Bilsi.	87 00
Sahaswan.	32 00
Bisauli.	132 00
Dataganj.	40 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Miss F. English.	650 00
Miss Christiansen.	650 00
Orphanage.	1,000 00
2nd Assistant.	220 00
City Schools.	133 00
Mohulla & Village Work.	165 00
Bible Women.	83 00
Conveyance.	100 00
Medical Miss., Miss M. Bryan.	
M. D.	650 00
Medical Work.	230 00
Scholarships in Medical Class.	60 00
Woman's School.	132 00
Student Agra Medical.	40 00
<i>Fardpur</i> , Bible Woman & School.	60 00
<i>Khera Bajera</i> , Schools.	40 00
<i>Katia</i> , Bible Woman.	48 00
<i>East Shajahanpore</i> , Bible Woman.	48 00
Conveyance.	40 00

Widows.	53 00
<i>Philbut District</i>	1,000 00
<i>Sitapur</i> , Scholarship.	30 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible Women.	132 00
Conveyance and horse.	100 00
Village Bible Women.	80 00
<i>Shahabad</i> , Bible Women & Schools.	230 00
<i>Hardoi</i> , Scholarships.	120 00
<i>Hardoi</i> , Bible Women.	248 00
<i>Unao</i> , Bible Women & Schools.	200 00
<i>Ellenpur</i> , Zenana Work.	120 00
<i>Bahraich</i> , Bible Reader & Schools.	192 00
Conveyance.	53 00

Total for North India. \$10,068 00

North West India.

<i>Agra</i> , Assistant.	\$ 200 00
Bible Readers.	108 00
Teachers.	45 00
Conveyance.	81 00
Itinerating.	34 00
Munshi.	17 00
<i>Ferozabad</i> , Bible Woman Teacher.	40 00
<i>Bamroli</i> , Bible Woman Teacher.	40 00
<i>Itmadpur</i> , Bible Woman Teacher.	36 00
<i>Multra</i> , Scholarships.	70 00
16 Hindostani Scholarships.	250 00
6 Village Women.	96 00
<i>Brindaban</i> , 4 Bible Readers.	72 00
Miss Rowe Itinerating.	100 00
Caroline Richards.	40 00
Georgiana Dempster.	40 00
Lavina Howard.	24 00
Grace Talpi.	60 00
Conveyance.	93 00
<i>Bhartpur</i> , Bible Woman.	32 00
<i>Gobardhan</i> , Bible Woman.	32 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Teachers.	96 00
Matron.	48 00
Native Scholarships.	200 00
City & District Bible Women.	240 00
Karuna Dhar Bible Woman.	40 00
District Evangelistic Work.	40 00
High School Scholarships.	72 00
<i>Meerut</i> , 3 Bible Readers.	100 00

Total. \$2,346 00

Bengal-Burma.

<i>Balpur</i>	\$ 92 00
<i>Burma</i> , Pegu.	150 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Girls' Scholarship.	252 00
Bengali Work, Mrs. Ada Lee.	70 00
Three Bible Women.	96 00
Teacher.	50 00
Deaconess Home, Miss Maxey Salary.	325 00
Miss Maxey, Pundit.	50 00
Miss Maxey, Rent.	350 00
Miss Soderstrom, Salary.	450 00
Hindustani work, Boarding School Rent.	75 00
Pundit.	32 00
Teachers.	50 00
Orphans.	60 00
Bible Woman.	40 00
Conveyance.	50 00
<i>Pakur</i> , Orphans.	40 00

Total. \$ 2,232 00

Miss Anna Soderstrom's outgoing expenses to Calcutta	\$ 509 95	Miss Carleton's salary	\$ 600 00
Total	\$ 2,741 95	Incidentals	150 00
<i>Bombay Conference.</i>		<i>Ku Cheng, Woman's School</i>	150 00
Miss Lawson's Salary	\$ 650 00	Day Schools	150 00
Miss Nichols' Salary	650 00	Bible Women	200 00
Mrs. Freitchley	240 00	<i>Hing Hwa, Miss Wells' salary</i>	500 00
Mrs. Brinje Bai	160 00	Incidentals	150 00
Kitiji Sultania	60 00	Total	\$ 3,450 00
Emily Bai	44 00	<i>Central China.</i>	
Conveyances	170 00	<i>Chin Kiang, Miss L. Hoag,</i>	
Scholarships	500 00	M. D.	\$ 600 00
Taxes	56 00	Incidentals	150 00
New Assistant	180 00	Scholarships	200 00
Miss E. Nicholls, outgoing expenses to Bombay	457 50	Orphans	140 00
Total	\$ 3,167 50	Assistant	55 00
<i>South India Conference.</i>		Drugs and appliances	120 00
<i>Madras, Bible Women</i>	\$ 160 00	Hospital repairs and traveling expenses	35 00
Conveyance	80 00	<i>Kiukiang, Miss Stanton</i>	600 00
Scholarships	480 00	Incidentals	150 00
Matron	150 00	Day School Teachers	50 00
City and Village Schools	310 00	Rent	30 00
<i>Telegu, Bible Women</i>	40 00	Boarding School Scholarships	150 00
Rent, Home and School	100 00	Books and Stationery	25 00
Village Schools	100 00	Bible Women	50 00
<i>Secunderabad, Bible Women and School</i>	120 00	Itinerating	25 00
<i>Gulburga, Bible Women</i>	168 00	Two Orphans	60 00
Scholarships	160 00	Bible School Teacher	25 00
Munshi	20 00	<i>Nanking, Scholarships</i>	90 00
Rent	60 00	Miss Emma Mitchell	600 00
Matron	10 00	Incidentals	150 00
Total	\$ 1,958 00	Total	\$ 3,305 00
<i>North China.</i>		<i>Japan.</i>	
<i>Peking, Mrs. C. Jewell</i>	600 00	<i>Hokkaido District.</i>	
Incidentals	150 00	<i>Hakodati, Miss Hampton's</i>	
20 Scholarships	600 00	Salary	\$ 600 00
Rondout School	75 00	Incidentals	150 00
3 Bible Women	120 00	Land rent	85 00
Coolie	50 00	Insurance and repairs	220 00
Mrs. Gamewell, Incidentals	150 00	Scholarships	600 00
Country Work	150 00	Mr. Uno, Chinese Teacher	288 00
<i>Tientsin, Mrs. Barrow, M. D.</i>	600 00	Two Scholarship Teachers	80 00
Incidentals	150 00	Bible Woman's House Rent	48 00
Teacher	50 00	Bible Woman's Salary, <i>Hakiyama</i>	67 00
Mrs. Wang	40 00	Bible Woman's Salary <i>Yoshi San, (Mrs. Wright's)</i>	96 00
Drugs and Instruments	200 00	Miss Hampton's Evangelistic work	50 00
Training School	212 00	<i>Aomari District, Mrs. Yamaka</i>	48 00
Bible Woman	40 00	<i>Hirosaki, Miss Wilson's Salary</i>	600 00
Repairs	25 00	Incidentals	150 00
<i>Tsun Hwa, Scholarships</i>	540 00	Teachers, Assistant	68 00
3 Bible Woman	120 00	Teachers, Sewing	68 00
To al.	\$ 3862 00	Teachers, Nurse Girl's school	40 00
<i>Poochow, Miss Linams salary</i>	450 00	<i>Akita, Bible Women, Uchiyama Sumi</i>	48 00
Incidentals	150 00	<i>Yoshida, Sunday School</i>	25 00
Orphans	240 00	<i>Sendai, Bible Woman, Hirabayashi Yo.</i>	80 00
Bible Women	120 00	<i>Bible Woman, Sudo Ai.</i>	45 00
Scholarships	150 00	<i>Tokyo, Mita Day School</i>	480 00
<i>Ming Chiang, Medical work</i>	300 00	Bible Woman, <i>Akiho.</i>	48 00
Students	40 00	Bible Woman	48 00
Instruments	160 00	Bible Woman, <i>Sakuragawa.</i>	80 00

Aoyama, Insurance.....	\$ 108 00
Scholarships.....	208 00
Nagoya, Primary Teacher.....	96 00
Rent.....	130 00
Bible Woman, Toyobashi, Sakuragawa.....	80 00
Fukuoka, Scholarships.....	280 00
Insurance.....	90 00
Watchman.....	40 00
Japanese Teacher.....	180 00
Sewing Teacher.....	60 00
Bible Woman, Kawakubo; Traveling Expenses.....	75 00
Nagasaki, Miss Gheer's Salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Smith's Salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
17 Scholarships (Boarding School).....	680 00
Translation Teacher.....	80 00
Etiquette Teacher.....	60 00
Assistants.....	326 00
Miss Gheer's B. W., Mrs. Omura.....	72 00
Mrs. Hara.....	60 00
(Biblical Scholarships, Girls' School).....	200 00
Miss Gheer's Evangelistic Work.....	200 00
Yokohama, Training School.....	120 00
Industrial Schools.....	100 00
Total.....	\$ 8,857 00

Korea.

Seoul, Mrs. Scranton's Salary.....	\$ 375 00
Twelve Scholarships.....	540 00
Dr. Cutler's Salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Traveling Expenses.....	25 00
Medicines and Instruments.....	350 00
Hospital in patients.....	100 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Yai Swuyi Krusui.....	50 00
Day Schools.....	50 00
Fuel.....	75 00
Cecelia Kung, Bible Woman.....	50 00
Sarah Kim, Bible Woman.....	50 00
Chemulpo, Helen, Bible Woman.....	50 00
Total.....	\$ 2,565 00

Italy.

Rome, Miss Biondi.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	140 00
Margaret Moses Scholarship.....	60 00
Sewing Teacher.....	100 00
Matron.....	200 00
Total.....	\$ 650 00

Bulgaria,

Scholarships.....	40 00
Komma Delcheva.....	150 00
Total.....	\$ 190 00

South America.

Miss Le Huray.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00

Miss Thompson.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	500 00
Teachers.....	400 00
Medical.....	75 00
School Supplies.....	150 00
Taxes, Repairs, Fuel.....	200 00
House rent.....	600 00
Bible Woman.....	100 00
Servants' wages.....	275 00
Montevideo, Miss Waidman.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Peru, Miss Elsie Wood.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Isabel Waidman, expen- ses to Montevideo.....	415 00
Total.....	\$ 5,715 00

Mexico.

Scholarships.....	424 00
Insurance (Mexico City).....	40 00
Pachuca, Miss Hastings' salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	360 00
Teacher (Miss Ortig).....	200 00
Books (School).....	68 00
Bible Woman.....	64 00
Miss Martinez, Teacher.....	120 00
Puebla, Scholarships.....	400 00
Miss Tovar, Teacher.....	150 00
Sewing Teacher.....	170 00
Matron.....	180 00
Tezontepc, Teacher.....	240 00
Total.....	\$ 3,162 00

Summary.

North India.....	\$10,068 00
Northwest India.....	2,346 00
Bengal.....	2,741 95
Bombay.....	3,167 50
South India.....	1,958 00
North China.....	3,862 00
Foochow.....	3,450 00
Central China.....	3,305 00
Japan.....	8,857 00
Korea.....	2,565 00
Italy.....	650 00
Bulgaria.....	190 00
Mexico.....	3,162 00
South America.....	5,715 00
Conditional.....	1,382 45

Total New York Branch.. \$52,037 45

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

North India.

Bungidar, Bible women, con- veyance and medicine.....	\$ 36 00
Lohha, Ct., Bible women, con- veyance and medicine.....	32 00
Pithoragarh, Scholarships.....	120 00
Bible women.....	34 00
Pauri, Miss T. J. Kyle, salary.....	650 00
First assistant.....	240 00
Scholarships.....	272 00
Village schools.....	100 00
Medicines.....	50 00

<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 60 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage.....	200 00
Matron.....	200 00
Woman's school (Student's wife).....	30 00
Kindergarten.....	40 00
Scholarships.....	30 00
Munshi.....	20 00
<i>Shahjahanpur</i> , Miss L. Henfer, salary.....	650 00
House furniture.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	60 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , City schools and conveyance.....	139 00
Woman's college (conditional).....	1,000 00
<i>Gonda</i> , First Assistant.....	220 00
Itinerating.....	33 00
<i>Balrampur</i> , Schools and Bible women.....	133 00
Total.....	\$ 4,449 00

Northwest India.

<i>Agra</i> , Medical home.....	\$ 240 00
Salary, Miss Seymour.....	160 00
Servants, Medical home.....	134 00
Conveyances.....	34 00
Repairs.....	15 00
Water and wheel tax.....	34 00
Purchase of horse.....	335 00
New roof on home, one-half.....	300 00
<i>Aligarh</i> , Salary, Mrs. Matthews.....	30 00
<i>Muttra</i> , Bible reader.....	65 00
<i>Mahaban</i> , Bible readers, village work.....	32 00
<i>Raja</i> , Bible readers, village work.....	44 00
<i>Kosi</i> , Bible readers, village work.....	34 00
<i>Hatras</i> , Bible readers, village work.....	20 00
<i>Allahabad</i> , Day schools.....	196 00
Bible readers.....	17 00
Jinricksha man.....	34 00
Itinerating.....	20 00
Munshi.....	120 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Scholarships, native school.....	170 00
City and district Bible readers.....	100 00
Scholarships, high school.....	108 00
Interest on debt.....	50 00
Total.....	\$ 2,132 00

South India.

<i>Haiderabad</i> , Bible woman.....	\$ 100 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Scholarships.....	48 00
Village schools.....	74 00
Total.....	\$ 222 00

Bombay.

<i>Bombay City</i> , Miss Kemp, salary.....	\$ 200 00
Gatekeeper.....	48 00
Scholarships, Gujarati department.....	100 00

<i>Baroda</i> , Dr. E. Hodge, salary.....	\$ 650 00
Miss K. Spears, salary.....	500 00
Three teachers.....	124 00
Matron.....	82 00
Scholarships.....	500 00
Home rent.....	240 00
Watchman.....	30 00
School rent.....	88 00
Conveyances.....	150 00
Assistant.....	180 00
Pundit.....	40 00
Women in training school.....	286 00
<i>Village work</i> , Miss Hart, salary.....	240 00
Assistant.....	180 00
Bible women.....	64 00
Itinerating.....	150 00
Schools.....	144 00
Medical work, drugs.....	250 00
Bible women.....	60 00
Compounder.....	60 00
Dispensaries.....	32 00
Conveyances.....	100 00
<i>Ahmedabad</i> , Village work.....	75 00
<i>Mahi Ricer</i> , Village work.....	75 00
Total.....	\$ 4,648 00

Bengal-Burma.

<i>Calcutta</i> , Scholarship.....	\$ 84 00
Zenana Visitor.....	120 00
<i>Mazafarpur</i> , Orphanage.....	80 00
<i>Dharbhanga</i> , Bible Women.....	32 00
Total.....	\$ 316 00

Malaysia.

<i>Singapore</i> , Miss Leicester.....	\$ 180 00
Miss Michaelson.....	144 00
Lim Neo.....	72 00
Scholarships.....	176 00
Contingencies.....	100 00
Publishing minutes of Woman's Conference.....	12 00
Total.....	\$ 684 00

Total for India.....\$12,451 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 120 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Evangelistic Country Work.....	50 00
Bible Women (two).....	80 00
Medical Work, Dr. R. R. Benn.....	700 00
Home Salary and Return.....	40 00
Hospital Gate Keeper.....	100 00
Coolies.....	50 00
Chair hire.....	200 00
Hospital current expenses.....	100 00
Drugs and Instruments.....	25 00
Repairs.....	40 00
House Gate Keeper.....	40 00
Watchman.....	1,500 00
Primary School Building.....	
Total.....	\$3,045 00

Central China.

<i>Kiu Kiang, Bible Women</i>	\$ 50 00
<i>Itinerating</i>	25 00
<i>Scholarships</i>	120 00
<i>Day School teachers (two)</i>	50 00
<i>Chin Kiang, Miss L. M. White</i>	
Home Salary and return.....	700 00
Miss T. C. Deaver's Salary.....	400 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Orphans.....	100 00
Teachers.....	110 00
Total	\$1,705 00

Foochow.

<i>Hospital expenses</i>	\$ 250 00
<i>Medical Students</i>	80 00
<i>Night Watchman</i>	27 00
<i>Dr. Hu King Eng's Salary</i>	450 00
<i>Orphans</i>	90 00
<i>Kiu Cheng, Scholarships</i>	30 00
Total	\$ 927 00

Total for China..... \$5,677 00

Japan.

<i>Hakodate, Miss A. Dickerson's</i>	
Salary.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss F. Singer's Salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Ladies' Home Ground Rent.....	35 00
Insurance.....	20 00
Scholarships.....	380 00
Two Graduate Teachers.....	192 00
Scholarship Teacher.....	40 00
<i>Otaru, Bible Woman</i>	40 00
Total	\$2,187 00

West Tokyo.

<i>Aoyama, Scholarships</i>	\$ 480 00
<i>Tsukiji, Miss M. A. Spencer's</i>	
Salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss C. H. Spencer's Salary.....	400 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Insurance.....	32 00
Repairs.....	32 00
Furniture.....	48 00
Asakusa Day School.....	400 00
Bible Woman.....	68 00
Kanda Day School.....	480 00
Night School.....	28 00
Day School Visitors.....	72 00
Ginza Bible Woman.....	68 00
Traveling Expenses of Superintendent.....	120 00
<i>Aoyama, Building Dormitories</i>	1,030 00
Total	\$4,128 00

Kui Shiu.

<i>Fukuoka, Bible Woman</i>	\$ 84 00
<i>Nagasaki, Scholarships</i>	160 00
Scholarship Bible Dept.....	40 00
Total	\$ 284 00
Total for Japan	\$6,599 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul, Scholarships</i>	\$ 144 00
Hospital Attendants.....	150 00
Insurance.....	35 00
Bible Woman, Mary Whang.....	50 00
<i>Tal Sjiengi, Gateman</i>	50 00
Bible Woman, Drusilla Ni.....	50 00
Bible Woman, Cecilia.....	50 00
Missionary to be sent.....	1,000 00
Total	\$1,529 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Lofteha, Teacher, Dobra</i>	
Delcheff.....	\$ 200 00
Scholarship.....	40 00
<i>Hotanza, Teacher, Evanka</i>	
Todoroff.....	80 00
Bible Work.....	100 00
Total	\$ 420 00

Italy.

<i>Rome, Scholarships</i>	\$ 200 00
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Mexico.

<i>Mexico City, Miss M. de F.</i>	
Lloyd's Salary.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	300 00
Teacher, Luz Aguilar.....	200 00
Matron.....	200 00
Rent in Gante.....	70 00
Treasurer's Work.....	40 00
<i>Guanajuato, Miss E. Dun-</i>	
more's Salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	120 00
Rent and Repairs.....	200 00
Assistant Teacher.....	200 00
Water Tax.....	36 00
<i>Tetela, Assistant</i>	200 00
<i>Law Vincente, Teacher</i>	200 00
Rent and School Supplies.....	80 00
<i>Puebla, Miss A. R. Limburger,</i>	
Salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss C. M. Purdy, Salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Bible Woman.....	120 00
Scholarships.....	180 00
New roof ou Orphanage.....	250 00
Total	\$ 5,396 00

South America.

<i>Buenos Ayres, Assistant</i>	
Teacher.....	\$ 200 00
Scholarships.....	210 00
Repairs.....	100 00
<i>Montevideo, Assistant Teacher</i>	150 00
Scholarship.....	100 00
Interest.....	27 00
Total	\$ 787 00

Summary.

<i>North India</i>	\$ 4,440 00
<i>Northwest India</i>	2,132 00
<i>South India</i>	222 00
<i>Bombay</i>	4,648 00
<i>Bengal-Burma</i>	316 00

Malasia.....	684 00
North China.....	3,045 00
Central China.....	1,795 00
Foochow.....	927 00
Japan.....	6,599 00
Korea.....	1,529 00
Bulgaria.....	420 00
Italy.....	200 00
Mexico.....	5,386 00
South America.....	787 00
Total in countries.....	33,059 00
Contingencies.....	741 00
Conditional for Africa.....	200 00
Conditional for Buildings.....	1,000 00
Grand Total.....	\$35,000 00

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Naini Tal</i> , 2nd Assistant, E. Snyder School.....	\$ 150 00
Rent for Assistant's Home.....	75 00
Matron \$20, Muushi \$20.....	40 00
Scholarships.....	112 00
Village Schools.....	25 00
Traveling and Evangelistic.....	25 00
<i>Dicrahath</i> , Bible Women.....	64 00
Conveyance.....	33 00
<i>Chandag</i> , Miss Reed's Work (partial).....	300 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Miss Gallimore's Salary.....	650 00
2nd Assistant.....	220 00
Scholarships.....	120 00
<i>Barilly</i> , 2nd Assistant.....	220 00
2 Orphans.....	120 00
Famine Orphans.....	100 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Isabel Hart Scholarship.....	25 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Scholarships.....	140 00
Matron.....	48 00
Evangelistic.....	161 00
Total for North India.....	\$ 2,629 00

North West India.

<i>Multra</i> , Bible Women.....	\$ 30 00
Teachers.....	60 00
Total for North West India.....	\$ 90 00

Bombay Conference.

<i>Bombay</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 40 00
<i>Poona</i> , Frederick Rice Memorial School.....	100 00
Bible Women.....	30 00
Dr. Stephens' Medical Work.....	75 00
Total for Bombay.....	\$ 245 00

South India Conference.

<i>Haidrahad</i> , City Girls' School.....	\$ 50 00
Native Girls' Boarding School.....	48 00
Miss Ross.....	240 00
Muushi.....	34 00
<i>Kopbal</i> , Bible Women.....	60 00
<i>Sironcha</i> , Bible Work.....	25 00

<i>Bangalore</i> , 2nd Assistant.....	\$ 149 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Miss Chatterton.....	200 00
Orphans.....	144 00
<i>Madras</i> , Miss Stephens' Salary.....	325 00
Mrs. Jones' Salary (partial).....	130 00
New Horse.....	67 00
Balance on Property.....	300 00
Orphans.....	224 00
Sooboonagam Annual.....	100 00
Elizabeth.....	48 00
Guilford Ave. School.....	20 00
Bible Woman.....	30 00

Total for South India..... \$ 2,185 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 360 00
Matron.....	50 00
Anna Cassidy.....	50 00
Fuel for Dispensary.....	40 00
Miss Lewis salary.....	600 00
" " Incidentals.....	150 00

Total for Korea..... \$ 1,250 00

Japan.

<i>Hakodate</i> , Scholarships.....	80 00
<i>Hirosaki</i> , Bible Woman.....	48 00
<i>Tokyo</i> , Aoyama Scholarships.....	240 00
Penmanship Teacher.....	80 00
Two pupils in Ind. Dept.....	80 00
Embroidery Teacher.....	64 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Miss Simon's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Bible Woman.....	50 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , Miss Bender's Home Salary.....	300 00
Return Passage, (conditional).....	250 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	200 00
Primary Teacher.....	80 00

Total for Japan..... \$ 2,222 00

North China.

<i>Pekin</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 160 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , Day Schools.....	45 00
Fuel.....	15 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Hospital Matron.....	40 00
Dispensary Assistant.....	40 00

Total for North China..... \$ 300 00

Central China.

<i>Chinkiang</i> , Orphans.....	\$ 40 00
<i>Kiukiang</i> , Scholarships.....	75 00
Gate-man.....	25 00
Work in Laboratory.....	25 00

Total for Central China..... \$ 165 00

Foochow Conference.

<i>Foochow</i> , Scholarships.....	225 00
Medical Students.....	40 00
Hospital Bible Woman.....	20 00
Repairs.....	25 00
City Hospital Expenses.....	175 00
Assistants.....	50 00

Watchman.....	\$ 27 00
M. E. Crook, Memorial Orphanage.....	240 00
Mingchiang, Woman's School..	300 00
Dr. Carleton's Matron and Bible Woman.....	25 00
Kucheng, Day Schools and Travelling.....	240 00
Hinghua, Juliet Turner Scholarship in Boarding School..	20 00
Julia Turner Memorial Woman's School.....	300 00
General Evangelistic Work..	60 00
Miscellaneous, Official Expenses	20 00

Total for Foochow Conference..... \$1,767 00

Mexico.

Mexico City, Orphans.....	\$120 00
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Italy.

Rome, Mrs. Mundo's Salary.....	\$150 00
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Summary.

North India.....	\$2,629 00
North West India.....	90 00
Bombay.....	245 00
South India.....	2,195 00
Korea.....	1,250 00
Japan.....	2,222 00
North China.....	300 00
Central China.....	165 00
Foochow.....	1,807 00
Mexico.....	120 00
Rome.....	150 00

Total..... \$11,173 00

Conditional.

W. China School Building ...	1,300 00
Africa	100 00

1,400 00

Grand Total ... \$12,573 00

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

North India.

Chandag, Miss Reed.....	\$ 530 00
Moradabad, Scholarships.....	120 00
Miss Means.....	325 00
Bijnour, Scholarships (\$120 Medicines (\$20)).....	140 00
Barcilly, Orphans (\$220), Repairs (\$35).....	255 00
Budaon, First Assistant.....	200 00
Jalatabad.....	100 00
Tihar.....	80 00
Paweyan.....	80 00
Shahjahanpore, Support of boarding and day schools, Bible women, etc.....	1,820 00
Seetapore, Boarding and day schools and Bible women..	1,990 00

District work.....	\$ 250 00
Interest.....	100 00
Lucknow, Miss Thoburn.....	325 00
Persian Teacher.....	100 00
2nd Assistant.....	220 00
Scholarships	240 00
Repairs.....	70 00
Miss Widdifield.....	450 00
Deaconess Home, including Miss Hoge's Salary.....	660 00
Home for Homeless Women...	200 00
Gonda, Miss Scott.....	325 00
2nd Assistant.....	160 00
Scholarships.....	100 00
Repairs (\$57), Medicines (\$33).....	100 00
Teacher.....	32 00
Barabanka, Schools and Bible Women	300 00

Total for North India..... \$9,272 00

North West India.

Multra, Miss E. Scott, M. D....	\$ 325 00
Evangelist Teachers.....	400 00
Scholarships	130 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Cawnpore, Assistant Teacher..	20 00
Munshi.....	20 00
Interest on debt.....	100 00

Total for N.-W. India Conf. \$1,275 00

Bombay.

Poona, Schools and Bible Women.....	\$ 800 00
Medical Work	100 00

Total for Bombay Conf ... \$ 900 00

South India.

Sironcha, Miss Ernberger, M. D.....	\$ 650 00
Traveling Expenses and Bible work.....	170 00
Dispensary	350 00
Interpreter and Munshi.....	100 00
District Itinerating.....	55 00
Haiderabad, Miss Thomas (\$200, Munshi (\$30)).....	230 00
Bangalore, Schools and Bible Women.....	150 00
Vikarabad, Schools and Bible Women.....	200 00
Kolar, Orphans (\$208, Munshi (\$30)).....	238 00
Conditional.....	357 00

Total for S. India... .. \$2,500 00

Bengal-Burmah.

Rangoon, Miss Wisner.....	\$ 650 00
Miss Keeler.....	325 00
Scholarships	260 00
Contingent (\$120), Orphans (\$80).....	200 00
Calcutta, Bengali Work (\$700 Scholarships (\$84)....	784 00

<i>Deaconess Home, Rent</i> (\$100), Conveyance (\$100)	\$ 200 00
Miss Campbell	120 00
<i>Pakar, Orphans</i> (\$200), Bible Women (\$100), Dispensary (\$100)	400 00
Miss Blair's Passage and home salary	475 00
Total for Bengal Conf. ..	\$3,414 00

Malaysia.

<i>Singapore, Scholarships</i>	\$ 110 00
Bible Woman	72 00
Interest	100 00
<i>Penang</i>	100 00
Total for Malaysia.	\$ 382 00

North China.

<i>Peking, Miss Schockley</i>	\$ 400 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	540 00
Native Teachers	100 00
Cook \$50, Repairs \$100	150 00
<i>Tsun Hua, Scholarships</i>	100 00
Country Schools	90 00
Repairs	70 00
Total for North China	\$ 1,600 00

Foochow Conference.

<i>Foochow, Woman's School</i>	\$ 240 00
Scholarships, (\$200), Medical Students, (\$80)	280 00
Miss Bonafield	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Repairs	60 00
<i>Hing Hua District, Julia M.</i> Donahue	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Hospital Assistants (\$50) Matron, (\$25)	75 00
Lepor Day School	75 00
Hospital Expenses	200 00
Bible Women	560 00
Day Schools and Travelling Expenses	725 00
<i>Steng In, Womans' School</i>	300 00
Conference Expenses	20 00
Total Foochow Conference ..	\$ 4,035 00

Conditional for sending out
Miss Jewell with salary for
remainder of year

Total for China

Japan.

<i>Hakodati, Scholarships</i>	\$ 160 00
<i>Sappora, Bible Woman</i>	65 00
<i>Sendai, Miss Allen</i>	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Furniture for House	100 00
Rent of House	200 00
Industrial School	90 00

Miss Allen's Bible Women	\$ 100 00
Travelling Expenses and tracts	125 00
<i>Tokyo, Scholarships</i>	160 00
Sewing Teacher	100 00
Tracts for Soyemai and Tsukiji	75 00
<i>Yokohama, Scholarships</i>	80 00
<i>Nagoya, Teacher of Mathe-</i> <i>matics</i>	165 00

Fukuoka.

Miss Fanny G. Wilson	400 00
Incidentals	150 00
Repairs	100 00
Scholarships	160 00
Teacher of Science	350 00
" " Mathematics	130 00
" " Chinese	140 00
" " Intermediate	135 00
Matron (30 S. Schools (25)	55 00
Outfit and Passage of Miss Wilson	500 00
Home Salary of Miss Seeds	350 00

Total for Fukuoka

<i>Nagasaki, Miss Russell</i>	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Kidwell	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Bing	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Ground Rent	260 00
Repairs (\$160), Water Tax (\$51)	210 00
Scholarships	540 00
Assistants (5)	360 00
Chinese Teacher	100 00
Industrial Department	192 00
Preparatory Department	134 00
Art Department	250 00
City Work and Dispensary	350 00
Kumomota Orphanage	400 00
Bible Women	150 00

Total for Nagasaki

Total for Japan

Korea.

Miss Rothweiler	\$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Harris	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Frey	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	270 00
Stationery (\$50), Gateman (\$50)	100 00
Fuel	175 00
Evangelistic Work	250 00
Travelling Expenses of Mis- sionaries	75 00
Outfit and passage of Miss L. Harris	550 00

Total for Korea

Italy.

Rome, Scholarships	\$ 150 00
Mothers' Meetings	50 00
Creche	100 00
Total for Italy.....	\$ 300 00

South America.

Paraguay, Miss Hammoud.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Kehr, 1st Assistant.....	400 00
Miss Hudson, 2nd Assistant.....	300 00
Pupil Teachers	20 00
Rent, Supplies, etc.....	1,050 00
Montevideo Interest.	100 00
Total for S. America.....	\$2,800 00

Mexico.

Mexico City, Miss Ayres.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	300 00
Prof. Remos.....	420 00
Porter	160 00
Repairs and Incidentals.....	160 00
Puebla, Miss A. Palacois.....	320 00
Music Teacher.....	120 00
Scholarships.....	180 00
School Supplies.....	180 00
Taxes	240 00
Porter	140 00
Repairs	180 00
Orizaba, Teacher	200 00
Rent	200 00
Porter and Supplies.....	120 00
For New Roof on Orphanage	500 00
Total for Mexico	\$ 4,170 00

Summary.

North India	\$10,522 00
North West India.....	1,275 00
Bombay.....	900 00
South India.....	2,500 00
Bengal	3,414 00
Malaysia.....	382 00
North China.....	1,600 00
Foochow	4,035 00
Japan	10,036 00
Korea	3,670 00
Italy	300 00
South America.....	2,800 00
Mexico.....	4,170 00
Total.....	\$45,604 00

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

North India.

Dwarahat, Scholarships	\$ 272 00
Teachers	48 00
Medicine	33 00
Repairs	33 00
Pithoragarh, Scholarships	224 00
Teachers.....	72 00

Bhol, Native deaconesses.....	56 00
Scholarships.....	32 00
Bible Readers	20 00
Medicines	33 00
Itinerating.....	33 00
Conveyance.....	60 00
Pundit	20 00
Expenses to Conference.....	25 00
Pauni—Second assistant.....	200 00
School servants	40 00
Scholarships.....	160 00
Bible Women.....	80 00
Itinerating	80 00
Buffaloes, oxen and ploughs.....	50 00
Kinaur, Bible work.....	72 00
Lansdowne, Bible work.....	60 00
Kotdwara, Bible work	40 00
Srinagar, Bible work.....	40 00
Ramni, Bible work	60 00
Budaon, Miss Wilson	325 00
Scholarships.....	140 00
Second assistant	200 00
Mrs. Butterfield.....	144 00
City Schools and Zenana work	167 00
Village work.....	206 00
Conveyances.....	100 00
Itinerating	33 00
Munshi	17 00
Bareilly, Dr. Dart	650 00
Medical work.....	240 00
Scholarships.....	160 00
Famine Orphans.....	200 00
Repairs	48 00
Panahpur, Bible work	84 00
Moradabad, Scholarships.....	180 00
Woman's training class.....	33 00
Village work	140 00
Chaudausi, Bible work	160 00
Kundarki, Bible work.....	167 00
Thakurdwara, Bible work.....	60 00
Kauth, Bible work	30 00
Bijnour, Scholarships.....	220 00
First Assistant.....	240 00
Matron	40 00
Conveyance and Itinerating.....	75 00
Munshi	20 00
Lucknow, Winslow scholarships	75 00
Woman's College.....	600 00
Mrs. Ledlie	160 00
Blind women	80 00
Itinerating	17 00
Conveyances and horse.....	106 00
Training class	20 00
Munshi	20 00
Gonda, Assistant	180 00
Munshi	20 00
Total	\$7,200 00

Northwest India.

Aligarh, Miss Greene	\$ 650 00
Mrs. Davies.....	240 00
Miss Banerje.....	180 00
Scholarships	600 00
Matron,	40 00
Teachers	52 00
Doctors and Medicines.....	34 00
Repairs	17 00

Rent	\$ 160 00
Freight and duties on bell...	89 00
<i>Mittra</i> , Miss Rowe	325 00
Miss Boyd	240 00
English Scholarships	180 00
Native Scholarships	80 00
Boarding-school Matron	60 00
Zemana Assistant	240 00
Teachers	60 00
Land Tax	25 00
Addition to Home, Mr. Blackstone	800 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Mrs. Worthington	300 00
Scholarships	170 00
Medicines	28 00
Taxes	50 00
Village and Mohulla Work	144 00
Conveyance and itinerating	100 00
Interest	50 00
Building School and Dormitories	2000 00
<i>Bulanshahr</i> , Bible Readers and Schools	434 00
Itinerating	116 00
Total	\$7,464 00

South India.

<i>Madras</i> , Miss Doyle	\$ 220 00
Miss Rogers	160 00
Scholarship	25 00
Conveyance	60 00
Munshi	32 00
Rent	320 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Scholarships (6)	96 00
Matron and teachers	240 00
Total	\$1,153 00

Bombay.

<i>Bombay</i> , Miss Carroll	\$ 650 00
Miss Porter	550 00
Outfit and traveling expenses	550 00
Miss De Line, home salary	325 00
Miss Chovey	140 00
Conveyances for Zemana Work	160 00
Pundit	40 00
Bible Women	84 00
Native teachers	120 00
Scholarships	200 00
Orphans	900 00
Conveyance	80 00
Matron	100 00
Day Schools	135 00
Taxes	100 00
Gujerati Scholarships	100 00
Gujerati teachers	160 00
Building Fund	700 00
<i>Poona</i> , Rent (conditional)	750 00
Furniture	150 00
Miss Bentheim	325 00
Miss Fisher	325 00
Bible Woman, Krishnatai	60 00
Total	\$6,704 00

Bengal-Barma.

<i>Asansol</i> , Miss Carlson	\$ 200 00
Miss Biswas	240 00
Bible woman	36 00
Scholarships	224 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Scholarships	504 00
Miss Stahl	400 00
Miss Lamb, (conditional)	550 00
Outfit and traveling expenses	550 00
Miss Daily, home salary	165 00
Miss Kirschner	162 00
Rent, Deaconess' home	350 00
<i>Mazefarnur</i> , Dispensary and assistant	60 00
Medicine	40 00
Servants	20 00
Rent and repairs	35 00
Orphanage	80 00
Matron	80 00
Bible woman	64 00
Total	\$3,760 00

Malaysia.

<i>Singapore</i> , Chinese Matron	\$ 108 00
Scholarships	66 00
Contingencies	100 00
Interest	226 00
Repairs, etc.	200 00
Total	\$ 700 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Dr. Gloss	\$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Steere	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Drugs	300 00
Hospital expenses	200 00
Scholarships	120 00
Native teacher	100 00
Training School	200 00
Gate keeper	40 00
New Missionary	1,000 00
<i>Tsun Hwa</i> Training School	350 00
Traveling expenses	75 00
Total	\$4,185 00

Central China.

<i>Kiu Kiang</i> Miss Howe	\$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Merrill	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Woman's Scholarships	150 00
School Teacher	25 00
Boarding Assistant Teachers	40 00
School Translation Teacher	50 00
Scholarships	150 00
Orphan	30 00
Desks	60 00
Repairs	125 00
Medical, Medical work	750 00
Work, Gateman and cook	31 00
Traveling expenses	20 00
Bungalow rent and keeper	35 00

<i>Chin Kiang, Miss Robinson</i>	\$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Orphans	160 00
Bible Reader	30 00
Repairs and Taxes.....	119 00
<i>Nanking, Mrs. Davis</i>	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Peters.....	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Snaw.....	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Boarding School Teachers..	100 00
Woman's School.....	125 00
Itinerating	40 00
Repairs	50 00
Fuel and Cook	74 00
Woman's School and teacher	64 00
Bible Woman	40 00
Total	\$ 6,918 00

West China.

<i>King, Medical Work</i>	\$ 250 00
<i>Chung, Scholarships</i>	95 00
Day School	52 00
<i>Chentu, Bible Woman</i>	30 00
Girls' School	65 00
New Missionary.....	900 00
Total	\$1,392 00

Foochow.

<i>Foochow, Day schools and trav-</i> <i>eling expenses</i>	300 00
Boarding school	90 00
Insurance	20 00
Hospital expenses	550 00
Hospital assistant.....	60 00
Matron and gateman	57 00
Repairs	75 00
Insurance	17 00
City Hospital expenses.....	225 00
Hospital assistant.....	60 00
Matron	27 00
Dr. Lyon	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Dr. Masters	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Orphanage.....	210 00
Day schools and itinerating..	240 00
Bible Women	120 00
Miss Peters.....	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
<i>Kueheng, Woman's Bible school</i> <i>Scholarships</i>	200 00
.....	90 00
<i>Tongbin, Day schools and</i> <i>traveling expenses</i>	240 00
Women's classes	150 00
Bible Women	40 00
<i>Hing Hwa, Miss Wilson</i>	450 00
Mission Home	500 00
<i>Ing Chung, Day schools and</i> <i>traveling</i>	100 00
Bible Women	60 00
Boarding school.....	300 00
Conference expenses.....	20 00
Total	\$6,451 00

Japan.

<i>Hakodati, Scholarships</i>	\$ 240 00
Scholarship teachers.....	40 00
Graduate teachers.....	110 00
Mathematics teacher	240 00
<i>Sapporo, Bible Woman</i>	67 00
<i>Aoyama, Miss Locke, home</i> <i>salary</i>	150 00
Traveling expenses.....	250 00
Kindergarten teacher	144 00
Primary teacher	96 00
Scholarship teachers.....	80 00
Music teacher	100 00
Chinese teacher.....	288 00
Translation teacher	116 00
Literature teacher.....	108 00
Scholarships.....	600 00
Watchman	48 00
<i>Tokyo, Ground rent</i>	228 00
<i>Tsukiji, Day school</i>	400 00
<i>Fukigawa, Day school</i>	400 00
<i>Yokohama, Training school</i> ..	280 00
Bible teacher.....	192 00
Music teacher.....	110 00
Mrs. VanPetten	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
<i>Arzawa, Day school</i>	100 00
<i>Tobe, Day school</i>	250 00
<i>Kanagawa, Day school</i>	250 00
Travelling and itinerating..	50 00
Books and tracts.....	100 00
Fuel and lights	120 00
Furniture and repairs.....	100 00
<i>Nagoya, Miss Alling</i>	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Heaton	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Translation teacher.....	240 00
Science teacher.....	184 00
Drawing teacher	40 00
Traveling expenses.....	50 00
Repairs.....	28 00
Rent	170 00
School supplies.....	60 00
City work	20 00
Bible woman, Mrs. Spencer.	80 00
District Superintendent itin-	
erating	60 00
<i>Fukuoka, Scholarships</i>	200 00
Bible woman	80 00
<i>Nagasaki, Scholarships</i>	200 00
Scholarships, training schools	160 00
Mathematics teacher.....	326 00
<i>Kagoshima, Bible women</i>	150 00
Total	\$ 9,655 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul, Scholarships</i>	\$ 270 00
Insurance.....	65 00
Repairs.....	250 00
Fuel	175 00
Chairman.....	50 00
New building	2,500 00
Total	\$ 3,310 00

<i>Mexico.</i>	
<i>Mexico</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 360 00
Kindergarten teacher and supplies.....	400 00
Physician and medicines ..	50 00
Taxes	50 00
Repairs	500 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , Sewing teacher ..	80 00
School supplies	100 00
School furniture.....	50 00
Rent	40 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Music teacher.....	192 00
Primary teacher	200 00
School supplies	170 00
Repairs and furniture.....	200 00
Porter	152 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , Miss Van Dorsten	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Kindergarten teacher.....	200 00
Scholarships.....	180 00
School supplies.....	84 00
Rent	224 10
Porter	104 00
Music teacher.....	80 00
<i>Apizaco</i> , Miss Rodriguez.....	320 00
Rent, school and teacher...	120 00
Porter and cleaning.....	25 00
School and supplies.....	40 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Kindergarten teacher	240 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
Dormitory supplies	50 00
<i>Tetela</i> , Teacher	240 00
Rent	160 00
School supplies.....	70 00
Water tax.....	10 00
<i>Canada</i> , Teacher.....	200 00
Rent	40 00
School rent.....	50 00
Total	\$ 5,971 00

<i>South America.</i>	
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Rent.....	\$ 400 00
Repairs	100 00
Scholarships	140 00
<i>Rosario</i> , Miss Smith.....	400 00
Matron	450 00
Scholarships	525 00
Teacher	100 00
Enlarging building	500 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Miss Hewett's re-	300 00
turn conditional.....	300 00
Assistants.....	840 00
Miss McLaughlin.....	460 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Repairs.....	200 00
Taxes	150 00
Interest.....	400 00
Insurance.....	50 00
Porter.....	100 00
Total.....	\$5,315 00

<i>Italy.</i>	
<i>Rome</i> , Scholarships.....	\$225 00
Miss Vickery	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Basye.....	400 00

Day teachers and Assistants.....	500 00
Taxes and Insurance.....	200 00
Contingent.....	200 00
Boarding School.....	1000 00
Traveling Expenses.....	200 00
Miss Hall, conditional.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Total.....	\$ 4,225 00

<i>Bulgaria.</i>	
<i>Loftcha</i> , Miss Blackburn.....	\$50 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Diem	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Raicharn.....	330 00
Miss	150 00
Repairs	150 00
Incidentals	100 00
Books and Apparatus	100 00
Traveling Expenses.....	50 00
Scholarships.....	320 00
Total.....	\$2,700 00

<i>Switzerland.</i>	
<i>Herisan</i> , Bible work.....	\$50 00
<i>Lausanne</i> , Bible work	150 00
<i>Zurich</i> , Bible work	150 00
Total.....	\$ 350 00

<i>Germany.</i>	
<i>Zwickan</i> , Bible work.....	\$100 00
<i>Schneeberg</i> , Bible work.....	50 00
<i>Bremshafen</i> , Bible work.....	50 00
Total.....	\$ 200 00

<i>Africa.</i>	
To open work, conditional..	\$1000 00
Contingent.....	\$1,347 00
Grand total.....	\$80,000 00

<i>Summary.</i>	
North India	\$7,200 00
North West India.....	7,464 00
South India.....	1,153 00
Bombay.....	6,704 00
Bengal.....	3,760 00
Malaysia	700 00
North China.....	4,185 00
Central China.....	6,918 00
West China.....	1,392 00
Foochow	6,451 00
Japan.....	9,655 00
Korea.....	3,310 00
Mexico.....	5,971 00
South America.....	5,315 00
Italy.....	4,225 00
Bulgaria.....	2,700 00
Switzerland	350 00
Germany.....	200 00
Africa, (conditional).....	1,000 00
Contingent	1,347 00
Grand total	\$80,000 00

DES MOINES BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Orphans and	
Widows.....	\$ 448 00
Home Scholarships.....	24 00
<i>Paori</i> , Orphans.....	320 00
Repairs.....	67 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Scholarships.....	100 00
Miss Fredrick.....	200 00
<i>Bijnour</i>	30 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Scholarships.....	300 00
Repairs.....	67 00
Medicines.....	17 00
<i>Barilly</i> , Orphans.....	200 00
Medical Class.....	40 00
<i>Shahjahanpur</i> , Scholarships.....	130 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Bible Women.....	227 00
Medicine.....	12 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss Collins.....	650 00
Lilavati Singh, A. M.....	300 00
Mathematical Teacher.....	200 00

Total..... \$3,332 00

Northwest India.

<i>Aligarh</i> , Bible Women.....	\$ 152 00
Conveyance.....	67 00
Itinerating.....	34 00
<i>Muttra</i> , Scholarships.....	35 00
<i>Mcerut</i> , Miss Lawson.....	650 00
Scholarships.....	250 00
Second Assistant.....	180 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Scholarships.....	108 00
Miss Lanch.....	425 00
Miss Tryon.....	425 00
High School Building (con.).....	500 00
<i>Kasganj District</i> , Bible Women	700 00
Itinerating.....	50 00
Purchase Bullock Cart.....	50 00
Christain Women.....	100 00

Total Northwest..... \$3,726 00

Bombay Conference.

<i>Bombay</i> , Native Teachers.....	\$ 120 00
Scholarships.....	160 00
<i>Jubulpore</i> , Miss Daugherty.....	240 00
Scholarships.....	2,000 00
Teachers.....	160 00
Matron.....	40 00
Repairs and White Washing.....	70 00
Zenana Work.....	100 00
Conveyance.....	80 00
Miss Elicker.....	650 00
<i>Khandra</i> , Miss Myatt.....	220 00
Scholarships.....	400 00
Training Class.....	80 00
Matron and Rent.....	100 00

Total..... \$4,420 00

South India.

<i>Haiderabad</i> , Miss Wood.....	\$ 325 00
Munshi.....	34 00
Conveyance.....	200 00
House Expenses.....	70 00
Miss Evans.....	325 00
Munshi.....	34 00

House Expenses.....	\$ 70 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	96 00
Building (conditional).....	1,000 00
<i>Bangalore</i> , Bible Women.....	50 00
Conveyance.....	85 00
Schools.....	65 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Miss Maskell.....	220 00
Bible Women.....	60 00
Scholarships.....	112 00

Total South India..... \$ 2,846 00

Bengal-Burma.

<i>Rangoon</i> , Miss Perkins.....	\$ 325 00
Orphans.....	280 00
Pakur.....	200 00

Total..... \$ 805 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 300 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Miss F. O. Wilson.....	600 00
Incidentals to work.....	150 00
Bible Woman.....	80 00
Training School.....	212 00
Boarding School, (conditional).....	500 00

Total..... \$ 1,842 00

West China.

<i>Chung-King</i> , Miss Galloway.....	\$ 300 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Meyer.....	300 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	95 00
Day School.....	24 00

Total..... \$ 1,019 00

<i>Kiukiang</i> , Miss Ogborn.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals to work.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	165 00
Orphan.....	30 00
Matron.....	25 00
Medical work, Dr. Stone.....	250 00
Business man.....	25 00
Books and stationery.....	25 00

Total..... \$ 1,270 00

Foochow.

Miss Wilkinson.....	\$ 450 00
Scholarships.....	340 00
Orphans.....	60 00

Total..... \$ 850 00

Hok-chiang District.

Day Schools and Trav.....	\$ 420 00
Bible women.....	120 00
Woman's School.....	300 00
Girls' Boarding School.....	450 00
Repairs.....	60 00
Insurance.....	22 00
Miss Trimble.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Allen.....	450 00

Total for Foochow..... \$ 3,422 00

Japan.

Hakodati, Scholarships.....	\$ 160 00
Two Graduate Teachers.....	192 00
Scholarship Teacher.....	40 00
Hirosaki, Miss Alice Otto.....	600 00
Incidentals to work.....	150 00
Teacher Seventh and Eighth	
Grades.....	164 00
Repairs.....	25 00
Tokyo, Scholarships.....	240 00
Mathematics.....	240 00
Yokohama, Scholarships.....	160 00
Miss M. B. Griffiths.....	600 00
Incidentals to work.....	150 00
Sendai, Miss Phelps.....	600 00
Incidentals to work.....	150 00
Interest.....	150 00
Industrial work.....	90 00
New Missionary.....	1,000 00

Total for Japan..... \$ 4,711 00

South America,

Rosario, Miss Goodin.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Assistant.....	150 00
Total.....	\$ 900 00

Italy.

Scholarships..... 175 00

Mexico.

Mexico City, Scholarships, 4	
at \$60.....	240 00
Miss Eleazar Perez.....	200 00
Lights.....	100 00
Ayapango, Gertrude Alatores.....	240 00
School supplies.....	40 00
Rent.....	40 00
Tezontepc, Native Teacher.....	200 00
Pueblo.....	240 00

Total for Mexico..... \$ 1,350 00
Contingent..... 732 00

Summary.

North India.....	\$ 3,332 00
Northwest India.....	3,726 00
Bombay.....	4,420 00
South India.....	2,846 00
Bengal-Burmah.....	805 00
North China.....	1,842 00
West China.....	1,019 00
Central China.....	1,270 00
Foochow.....	3,422 00
Japan.....	4,711 00
South America.....	900 00
Italy.....	\$ 175 00
Mexico.....	1,300 00
Africa.....	500 00
Contingent.....	732 00
Total.....	\$31,000 00

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

North India.

Pithoragarh, Scholarships.....	\$ 208 00
Matron.....	24 00
Teachers.....	72 00
Paori, Scholarships.....	192 00
Bhol, Bible Woman.....	20 00
Budaon, Scholarships.....	180 00
Bhamora, Bible Woman.....	20 00
Bareilly, Scholarships (Or-	
phanes).....	60 00
Famine Orphans (6).....	60 00
Gonda, Teachers.....	32 00
Scholarships.....	50 00
Total.....	\$ 918 00

Northwest India.

Multra, Miss Eva Browne.....	\$ 300 00
Training School Teacher.....	60 00
Scholarships.....	60 00
Conveyance.....	65 00
Ajmere, Teacher.....	40 00
Scholarships.....	100 00
Re-roofing Dormitories.....	50 00

Mussoorie District.

Mussoorie, Bible Reader and	
Teacher.....	50 00
Rajpore, Bible Reader and	
Teacher.....	34 00
Itinerating.....	10 00
Patiola, Bible Readers (3).....	42 00
Deoband, Bible Readers.....	40 00
Lahore, Bible Readers (4).....	88 00
Village Workers (2).....	20 00
Itinerating.....	10 00
Roorkee, Bible Readers (6).....	104 00
Itinerating.....	10 00
Lois Judd.....	34 00

Total..... \$1,117 00

Bombay Conference.

Bombay, Miss Thoy.....	\$ 200 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
Day Schools, 2.....	135 00
Insurance.....	27 00
Building Fund.....	300 00
Poona, Purchase of Bullocks	
and Cart.....	100 00
Keeping the same.....	100 00
Tent.....	70 00
Bible Woman.....	48 00
Rent for Home for Miss	
Abrams.....	160 00
Miss Abrams' support.....	325 00
Hurda, Bible Woman.....	35 00
Schools.....	20 00

Total..... \$1,760 00

<i>Malaysia.</i>	
<i>Singapore</i> , Miss Blackmore.....	\$ 425 00
Mah Li	36 00
Mrs. Jones.....	180 00
Miss Dora Michaelson.....	108 00
Int. on Methodist Girls' School.....	216 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Conveyance.....	180 00
Gen. Conf. Expenses.....	108 60
Miss Lilly.....	409 00
Miss Beins.....	108 00
<i>Penang</i>	300 00

Total \$2,381 60

<i>South India.</i>	
<i>Kolar</i> , Bible Women.....	\$ 40 00
Scholarships	64 00
Total.....	\$ 104 00

<i>Bengal-Burmah.</i>	
<i>Rangoon</i> , Scholarships	\$ 120 00

<i>Bulgaria.</i>	
<i>Loftcha</i> , Scholarships, 2	\$ 80 00

<i>North Japan.</i>	
<i>Hakodati</i> , Scholarships.....	160 00
<i>Tokyo</i>	

HARRISON INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.	
Miss Blackstock, passage	300 00
Insurance	40 00
Scholarships	400 00
Teacher of Penmanship.....	50 00
" " Embroidery.....	40 00
" " Cooking and Etiquette	50 00
Matron.....	68 00
Total.....	\$ 948 00

<i>China.</i>	
<i>Foochow</i> , Scholarships.....	150 00
<i>Kucheng</i> , Rent for Woman's School.....	25 00
Scholarships	300 00
Repairs.....	30 00
Miss Rouse.....	550 00
Total.....	\$ 1,055 00

<i>Mexico.</i>	
<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarship.....	60 00
<i>Africa.</i>	
For Woman's work, Conditional.....	10 00

<i>Summary.</i>	
North India.....	\$ 978 00
North-West India.....	1,117 00
Bombay Conference.....	1,760 00
Bengal-Burmah.....	120 00
South India.....	104 00
Malaysia.....	2,381 60
China, Foochow	1,055 00

<i>Japan-Central</i>	948 00
<i>Hakodati</i>	160 00
<i>Bulgaria</i>	80 00
<i>Mexico</i>	60 00
Total.....	\$ 8,763 60

Home in Singapore Conference.....	500 00
Conditional for Africa.....	100 00
Contingent.....	236 40
Total	\$ 9,600 00

TOPEKA BRANCH.

North India Conference.

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 96 00
Bible readers.....	30 00
<i>Pauri</i> , Scholarships.....	320 00
Bible readers.....	50 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships.....	50 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Scholarships.....	170 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage	140 00
<i>Sitapur</i> , Bible readers.....	80 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible reader.....	30 00

Total \$ 966 00

Northwest India Conference.

<i>Meerut Howard Pleded School</i> , Property.....	\$1,500 00
Scholarships	300 00
Matron.....	40 00
Teachers.....	100 00
Medicines.....	34 00
Repairs	34 00
Teacher	28 00
Conveyance	67 00
Itinerating	34 00
<i>Meerut</i> , Bible readers	52 00
<i>Miranpore Ct.</i> , Bible readers.....	32 00
<i>Mawana</i> , Bible readers.....	84 00
<i>Soneput</i> , Bible readers.....	32 00
<i>Multra</i> , Scholarship	20 00
<i>Ajmere</i> , Scholarships.....	300 00
Assistant	180 00
Wheel and water tax	34 00
Itinerating	34 00
Medicines.....	17 00
Repairs	34 00
Assistant	140 00
Conveyance	60 00
Reroofing dormitories.....	67 00
<i>Phaleru</i> , Bible readers.....	157 00
Itinerating	17 00
<i>Bilsam</i> , Bible readers	44 00

Total..... \$ 3,441 00

South India.

<i>Stroncha</i> , Miss Blackmar, salary.....	\$ 650 00
Land tax \$55; moving expenses, \$80.....	135 00
Miss Partridge	180 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Scholarships.....	80 00
Total.....	\$ 1,045 00

<i>Bengal Conference.</i>	
Palsur, Scholarships...	\$ 100 00
<i>Japan Conference.</i>	
Tokyo, Miss Watson, salary	\$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	120 00
Building	250 00
Miss Imhof, salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Yokohama, Training school	80 00
Hakodati, Scholarships	200 00
Scholarship, teacher	40 00
Shiratsunabe, Schools	60 00
Hirosaki, Teacher	58 00
Total	\$ 2,308 00

<i>North China Conference.</i>	
Peking, Scholarships	\$ 150 00
Tientsin, Dr. Stevenson, salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Teacher	50 00
Hospital current expenses	200 00
Drugs and instruments	100 00
Boarding school building	250 00
Tsun Hua, Scholarships	210 00
Teacher	40 00
Total	\$ 1,750 00

<i>Central China Conference.</i>	
Chinkiang, Scholarships	\$ 100 00
Kuikiang, Scholarships	150 00
Total	\$ 250 00

<i>Foochow Conference.</i>	
Foochow, Scholarships	70 00
Hing Hua, Boarding School	900 00
Ku Cheng, Boarding School	350 00
Total	\$ 1,320 00

<i>South America.</i>	
Rosario, Miss Swancy, salary	\$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Assistants	700 00
Scholarships	300 00
Repairs and taxes	200 00
Cook	120 00
Building	250 00
Total	\$ 2,320 00

<i>Summary.</i>	
North India	966 00
Northwest India	3,441 00
South India	1,045 00
Bengal India	100 00
Japan	2,308 00
N. China Conf.	1,750 00
Central China	250 00
Foochow	1,320 00
S. America	2,320 00
Contingent for Africa	100 00
Total	\$13,600 00

<i>PACIFIC BRANCH.</i>	
<i>North India.</i>	
Bhabar, Bible Readers	\$ 48 00
Dwarahath, Scholarships	32 00
Pithoragarh, Scholarships	192 00
Paori, Scholarships	192 00
Medicines	35 00
Bijnour, Scholarships	40 00
Budaon, Scholarships	120 00
Bareilly, Scholarships	20 00
Sitapur, Miss Easton's Salary	650 00
Scholarships	20 00
Lucknow, Inspectress	48 00
Gonda, Scholarships	130 00
Total	\$1,527 00

<i>North West India.</i>	
Ajmere, Mrs. Whitby	\$ 300 00
Matron	40 00
Scholarships	100 00
Mohalla Schools	25 00
Itinerating	30 00
Bible Readers in Nawa, Bir, Kishangarh, Pushkar, Pisingan, Mangliwas	440 00
Cawnpore, Scholarships	170 00
Meerut, Muzaffarnagar Bible Readers	75 00
Miss Marks	650 00
Total	\$1,830 00

<i>Bombay.</i>	
Kampti	\$ 730 00
Total	\$ 730 00

<i>South India.</i>	
Bangalore, Bible Woman	\$ 24 00
Madras, Orphans	80 00
Total	\$ 104 00

<i>Bengal-Burma.</i>	
Rangoon, Orphans	\$ 90 00
Scholarships	300 00
Burmese, School	200 00
Calcutta, Scholarships	84 00
Pakur, Orphans	260 00
Total	\$ 934 00

<i>Japan.</i>	
Hakodati, Scholarship	\$ 40 00
Tokio, Miss Russell's Salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Nagoja, Bible Woman	80 00
Nagasaki, Scholarships	80 00
Total	\$ 950 00

<i>Central China</i>	
Chinkiang, Dr. Taft's Salary	\$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Total	\$ 750 00

<i>Foochow.</i>	
<i>Hing Hua, Scholarships.</i>	\$ 90 00
Total.....	\$ 90 00

<i>North China.</i>	
<i>Peking, Scholarships.</i>	\$ 60 00
Total.....	\$ 60 00

<i>Korea.</i>	
<i>Seoul, Scholarships.</i>	\$ 96 00
Total.....	\$ 96 00

<i>Summary.</i>	
North India	\$1,527 00
North West India.....	1,830 00
Bombay	730 00
South India.....	104 00
Bengal-Burma.....	934 00
Japan	950 00
Central China	750 00
Foochow.....	90 00
North China	60 00
Korea.	96 00
Total	\$7,071 00
Contingent.....	429 00
Grand Total.....	\$7,500 00

COLUMBIA RIVER BRANCH.

<i>North India.</i>	
<i>Dwarahath, Scholarships.</i>	\$ 32 00
<i>Pithoragarh, Scholarships</i>	48 00
<i>Budaon, Scholarships.</i>	40 00
<i>Barilly, Scholarships.</i>	40 00
<i>Lucknow, Mrs. Ward.</i>	160 00
<i>Gonda, Scholarships</i>	30 00
Native teacher.....	32 00
Total.....	\$ 382 00

<i>Northwest India.</i>	
<i>Mutra</i>	\$ 30 00
<i>Meerut</i>	300 00
<i>Munshi</i>	20 00
Total.....	\$ 350 00

<i>Bombay Conference.</i>	
<i>Bombay, Native teachers.</i>	\$ 120 00
Scholarships	80 00
<i>Narsinghpore,</i>	150 00
Total.....	\$ 350 00

<i>Bengal-Burma Conference.</i>	
<i>Calcutta, Scholarships.</i>	84 00
<i>Rangoon, Orphans.</i>	78 00
Total	\$ 162 00

<i>Malaysia.</i>	
<i>Singapore, Miss Ferris</i>	\$ 425 00
Vernacular teacher.....	57 00
Miss Foster's home support..	125 00
Miss Lilly	400 00
Conveyance.....	180 00
Miss A. Michackson.....	72 00
Scholarships.....	110 00
Repairs	120 00
Total	\$1,489 00

<i>China.</i>	
<i>Foochow, Scholarships.</i>	\$ 30 00

<i>Japan.</i>	
<i>Hakodati, Scholarships.</i>	120 00
<i>Tokio, Scholarships in Industrial School</i>	160 00
<i>Yokohama, Scholarships.</i>	80 00
Total.....	\$ 360 00

<i>Summary.</i>	
North India	\$ 382 00
Northwest India.....	350 00
Bombay.....	350 00
Bengal-Burma	162 00
Malaysia	1,489 00
China.....	30 00
Japan.....	360 00
Africa (conditional).....	10 00
Contingent.....	177 00
Total.....	\$ 3,400 00

Summary of Appropriations for 1897.

India.		BY COUNTRIES.	
North India Conference.....		\$	47,255 00
Northwest India Conference.....			25,042 00
South India Conference.....			13,502 00
Bombay Conference.....			23,272 50
Bengal-Burma Conference.....			12,831 95
Total for India.....		\$	121,903 45
Malaysia.....			6,270 60
China.			
North China.....		\$	22,519 00
Central China.....			14,664 00
West China.....			3,731 00
Foochow.....			24,717 00
Total for China.....		\$	65,631 00
Japan.....		\$	52,734 00
Korea.....			14,427 00
Mexico.....			22,519 00
Italy.....			6,000 00
Bulgaria.....			3,735 00
South America.....			20,407 00
Germany.....			200 00
Switzerland.....			350 00
Africa.....			2,900 00
			\$317,177 05
Contingent.....			10,131 95
Grand Total.....		\$	327,309 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

AMOUNT OF MONEY COLLECTED FROM OCTOBER 1, 1895, TO OCTOBER 1, 1896, BY BRANCHES:

New England Branch.....	\$	31,255 67
New York Branch.....		45,842 66
Philadelphia Branch.....		31,778 29
Baltimore Branch.....		11,250 60
Cincinnati Branch.....		39,756 33
Northwestern Branch.....		69,536 66
Des Moines Branch.....		26,050 14
Minneapolis Branch.....		7,807 98
Topeka Branch.....		13,464 02
Pacific Branch.....		6,053 46
Columbia River Branch.....		3,019 13
		\$285,823 94

Receipts of Society Since Organization.

From March,	1869, to April	1870.....	\$ 4,546	86
"	April 1,	1870, to "	22,397	99
"	"	1871, to "	44,477	46
"	"	1872, to "	54,834	87
"	"	1873, to "	64,309	25
"	"	1874, to "	61,492	19
"	"	1875, to Feb. 10,	55,276	06
"	Feb. 10,	1876, to "	72,464	30
"	"	1877, to "	68,063	52
"	"	1878, to "	66,843	69
"	"	1879, to "	76,276	43
"	"	1880, to "	107,932	45
"	"	1881, to Oct. 1,	195,678	50
"	Oct. 1,	1882, to "	126,823	33
"	"	1883, to "	143,199	14
"	"	1884, to "	157,442	66
"	"	1885, to "	167,098	85
"	"	1886, to "	191,158	13
"	"	1887, to "	206,308	69
"	"	1888, to "	226,496	15
"	"	1889, to "	220,329	06
"	"	1890, to "	263,660	69
"	"	1891, to "	265,342	15
"	"	1892, to "	277,303	79
"	"	1893, to "	311,925	00
"	"	1894, to "	289,227	06
"	"	1895, to "	285,823	94
Total since organization.....			\$4,026,434	01

Report of Publisher.

Pauline J. Walden, Publisher, in Account with Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, from Oct. 1, 1895, to Oct. 1, 1896.

To Cash on hand.....		\$ 958 89
" Received from Subscriptions to W. M. F. \$	9,197 92	
" " " " " C. M. F. \$	1,953 21	
" " " " " F. M. F. \$	783 14	
	11,934 27	
" " " " " The Study \$	478 25	
" " " Literature	1,332 18	
	1,810 43	
" " " Advertising.....	\$ 331 14	
" " " Int. on loans and deposits	227 44	
" " " Mortgage	750 00	
" " " Waste paper, etc.....	2 81	
	1,311 39	
	\$ 16,014 98	
By Cash paid for Woman's Missionary Friend....	\$ 6,465 43	
" " Editor's salary and incidentals...	733 28	
	\$ 7,198 71	
" " Children's Missionary Friend....	\$ 1,923 84	
" " Editor's salary and incidentals...	269 55	
	2,193 39	
" " Frauen Missions Freund.....	\$ 673 22	
" " Editor's salary and incidentals..	253 61	
	926 83	
" " Literature expenses.....		3,184 41
" " Publisher's salary	\$ 700 00	
" " Office expenses.....	590 19	
" " Insurance.....	44 76	
" " Incidentals.....	102 40	
	1,437 35	
	<i>Advanced by order of General Executive Committee as follows;</i>	
By Traveling expenses of Editors and Publisher to St. Louis and return.....	\$ 147 54	
By Certificates reports, etc.....	91 79	
	\$ 239 33	
By Balance due on mortgage.....		200 00
By Cash on hand.....		634 96
	\$ 16,014 98	

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Publisher.*

Examined and approved Oct. 1, 1896.

A. S. WEED, *Auditor*

Report of Literature Committee.

The Literature Committee in presenting its annual report is gratified to be able to say, that the instructions of the last Executive Committee have been carried out as far as was possible.

The first work of the year was the printing of the twenty sixth Annual report in leaflet form, including a summary of the obligations of the year with an appeal of which fifteen thousand copies were published.

The next was the preparation of the general Annual report. A new feature of this report was introduced, which was the publishing in connection with it, the Minutes of the General Executive Committee; increasing the size of the report about eighteen pages, thus making a book of over two-hundred pages. This necessarily increased the expense of publishing the report, but with this addition it makes the annual report more valuable than ever for reference. There were fifty-five hundred copies of the report issued.

The Committee has been gratified with the increase in the circulation of *The Study*. Its subscription list now numbers 21,156, being an increase of 1,580 over the previous year. We find that it is being more generally introduced among our auxiliaries and is found very helpful. We are glad to know that it commends itself to other denominations, and we realize that it is a great educational power.

For the first time in its history, the Literature Committee met in the rooms of the publisher, Miss P. J. Walden, No. 36 Bromfield street, Boston, for its mid-year session. Two of the members, Mrs. E. J. Knowles and Miss Mary L. Ninde were unable to be present. The remaining members, Mrs. J. T. Gracey, chairman; Miss Walden and Mrs. O. W. Scott met on the morning of May 20, in Miss Walden's private office and gave most prayerful consideration to this most important department of our work.

We found the work of the Committee requiring most consideration to be the preparation of topics for monthly study. The following is the list as made out:

January—Special Bible Lesson and Review of 1896. *February*—Judson, and Beginnings of Mission Work in Burma. *March*—Burmese Women. *April*—Music in Heathen Lands. *May*—Power of Christian Song in Mission Fields. *June*—The New Life of the Orient. *July*—The Mid-Summer Auxiliary. *August*—The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Summer Resorts. *September*—The Feast of In-Gather-

ing. *October*—Different Phases of School Work in India. *November*—Orphanages in India. *December*—Bible Readers in India.

LEAFLETS.

NEW LEAFLETS ISSUED :

Leaflet Report	15,000	12pp.	180,000
Cicero's Call (ch.).....	3,000	8pp.	24,000
Armenian Women.....	3,000	8pp.	24,000
Boxes for India.....	20,000	2pp.	40,000
Where is Sironcha?	20,000	2pp.	40,000
Woman's Work in Korea.....	20,000	4pp.	80,000
Conversion of High Caste Women.....	20,000	2pp.	40,000
Missionary Mid-Summer Tree.....	25,000	4pp.	100,000
Bitter-Sweet Money.....	5,000	8pp.	40,000
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	131,000		568,000
Monthly : The Study.....	258,000	4pp.	1,032,000
Annual Report.....	5,500	203pp.	1,116,500
Exercise, Curious Cradles (children).....	3,000	8pp.	24,000
" World Wide Series, 1-2-3 (children)	9,000	4pp.	36,000
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			2,776,500

A book of exercises is nearly ready, consisting of one hundred pages.

REPRINTS.

Melinda Rankin.....	3,000	8pp.	24,000
If They Only Knew.....	3,000	8pp.	24,000
Polly's Potato Money (children).....	15,000	4pp.	60,000
Mrs. Picket's Missionary Box.....	5,000	8pp.	40,000
Dorothy's Hero (children).....	8,000	8pp.	64,000
The Master Wants You.....	5,000	12pp.	60,000
A Little India Miss.....	5,000	4pp.	20,000
A Missionary Sermon.....	5,000	4pp.	20,000
A Suggestion from Dennis.....	5,000	4pp.	20,000
Preparation for Master's Work.....	5,000	4pp.	20,000
Mai's Five O'Clock Tea.....	3,000	8pp.	24,000
Young Ladies Here and There.....	3,000	8pp.	24,000
Individual Responsibility.....	3,000	8pp.	24,000
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			424,000
Making with new leaflets and reprints.....			3,190,500

The Executive Committee instructed the Literature Committee to communicate with the Board of Control of the Epworth League at its next meeting, asking them to arrange for a special missionary service at least once a quarter in their prayer meeting topics for the year; and also to make special arrangements for this in the Junior League. As the Committee had waited upon the officers in regard to this matter, and had been assured that it was impossible to grant the request, they did not think it wise to present the matter again.

The leaflet known as "Duties of the Officers of the W. F. M. S. and Helps to Auxiliary Officers" has been revised but not yet reprinted.

The Catalogue of Publications has also been revised, containing a complete list of publications up to date.

Of the annual report of the leaflets printed in the German language (in leaflet form), 3,000 copies were printed this year. The Secretary of Switzerland wrote: "I wish I could have enough annual reports to give one to every contributor to our work, but then I would need 1,000 copies, and that would be too many; but it is the most suitable tract for our givers."

In February 3,000 "Welche Vorbereitung triffst Du?" (Preparation for the Master's Work) were printed. This leaflet was greeted with joy by our workers.

In August 6,000 copies of "India" were printed. This is a 6-page leaflet. We printed 6,000 copies because we felt that there was a greater need this year of this tract than there was of a children's tract.

We were obliged to reprint 2,000 copies of "Jesus ist das Licht der Welt," (Jesus is the Light of the World), as it is a well-liked exercise.

Tabulated, the showing would be as follows:

Annual Report.....	3,000	copies	24,000	pages
Preparation for the Master's Work. . . .	3,000	"	12,000	"
India.....	6,000	"	36,000	"
Jesus is the Light of the World.....	2,000	"	4,000	"
Total.....	14,000	copies	76,000	pages

There seemed to be a general desire for more specific knowledge of the phases of work assumed in our Missions, which will not only meet present demands, but increase in value with passing years, and arrangements have been made to issue historical sketches of our Schools, Boarding Schools and Orphanages, in each country, besides other phases of work.

In view of the effort to supply an ever increasing demand for helpful literature, the Committee confidently appeal to the membership to be loyal to the publishing interests which they themselves have created, and to make the depots of supplies avenues through which the Branches shall receive their regular helps from one central source.

We may mention in connection with this report, though not properly belonging to it, the fact that, a report of the work of the last four years was prepared and presented to the General Conference.

We desire to say a few words in regard to the Headquarters of our publishing interests. On Friday morning a most profitable hour was spent in examining its resources, arrangements and methods. We were exceedingly pleased with the order and arrangement of everything in connection with our publishing interests. We found everything beautifully and systematically arranged. Here are the bound volumes of all our papers from the beginning; supplies of Leaflets, Booklets, Exercises and Music; letter files in book form where the business correspondence of two years is preserved, and after being retained that length of time, it gives place to the ever increasing lists.

We examined the books and were delighted with the admirable system. The detailed work of the publishing interests of this Society has grown to very large proportions and very few of us realize the burdens which press upon our publisher.

The Committee met for one session at the "Wesleyan Home for Missionaries" at Newton, where we were very cordially entertained by Miss Harvey. Another session was held at Auburndale, the home of our Editor, where we were helped in our plans by her advice and counsel. We recognize, as we have said formerly, that there is no more important work connected with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society than the work of preparing and issuing suitable literature.

(Signed) LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1895, TO OCTOBER 1, 1896.

By Cash paid for The Study.....	\$ 464 38	
" " " " Leaflets.....	451 55	
" " " " " from other Boards.....	108 95	
" " " " German Leaflets and postage...	59 90	
" " " " Annual Reports.....	594 37	
" " " " Helps and Books.....	515 20	
" " " " Children's Literature.....	100 00	
" " " " Editor's salary and incidentals...	440 46	
" " " " Express and postage on literature	144 76	
" " " " Office Help.....	269 74	
" " " " Committee's expenses.....	35 10	
		\$ 3,184 41
To Cash Received from The Study.....	\$ 478 25	
" " " " Literature.....	849 53	
" " " " Maps and reports.....	482 65	
		1,810 43
		\$ 1,373 98
Assets on Literature on hand.....		1,200 00
Deficit.....		\$ 73 98

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Treasurer.*

Report of Woman's Missionary Friend.

HISTORY OF THE FRIEND.

It is well to repeat the "story of our birth" on each anniversary occasion, in order to recall to the veterans of the W. F. M. S. their precious history and to make the more recently interested familiar to the point of intelligence with the facts. At the silver anniversary of the *Friend*, in the July number for 1894, may be found a more elaborate story of our existence, here recorded in a single paragraph.

A modest little sheet of eight pages was issued in June, 1869, which was increased as the constituency demanded in the third volume to sixteen pages, in the sixth to twenty-four pages, when the Home Department was introduced and the subscription raised from thirty-five to fifty cents. The second number had a children's corner, and in 1883 was introduced the Children's Department with Mary Bannister Willard for editor, the *Children's Missionary Friend* first appearing separately in 1890. In 1879 the *Uniform Study* was started, first issued in connection with the *Friend*, but now with a separate subscription of 21,564. When there is added the *Missions-Frauen-Freund* with 3,120 subscribers, we have (without counting the quarterly issue of the Branches or the *Friends of India*) a united subscription of 62,155 monthly issues, as the gracious harvest of the seed of the first year. Four editors and three publishers have wrought in the service. Added to its own self-support, the *Friend* has borne the expense of the publication of millions of pages of miscellaneous missionary literature, scattering a large proportion freely throughout the country.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE HISTORY OF THE FRIEND.

Your editor begs leave to depart from the ordinary custom and illustrate her report.

3,000—1870.	_____ 3,000.
21,000—1871.	_____ 21,000.
22,000—1872.	_____ 22,000.
24,000—1873.	_____ 24,000.
25,000—1874.	_____ 25,000.
16,000—1875.	_____ 16,000.
17,313—1876.	_____ 17,313.
16,000—1877.	_____ 16,000.
14,074—1878.	_____ 14,074.
13,388—1879.	_____ 13,388.
15,606—1880.	_____ 15,606.
18,007—1881.	_____ 18,007.
20,020—1882.	_____ 20,020.
19,571—1883.	_____ 19,571.
20,045—1884.	_____ 20,045.
19,816—1885.	_____ 19,816.
19,456—1886.	_____ 19,456.
19,987—1887.	_____ 19,987.
19,907—1888.	_____ 19,907.
19,834—1889.	_____ 19,834.
19,236—1890.	_____ 19,236.
20,401—1891.	_____ 20,401.
21,512—1892.	_____ 21,512.
21,529—1893.	_____ 21,529.
21,617—1894.	_____ 21,617.
20,411—1895.	_____ 20,411.
19,146—1896.	_____ 19,146.

By following the chart it will be seen that the first year is a record of seed planting. The harvest of the next four years was phenomenal; in fact, the impulse given the W. F. M. S. at the start was not unlike that which in later years followed the temperance crusade. In 1873 a sporadic outburst of enthusiasm carried the paper up to 25,000, only to let it fall in the following year to 16,000 and to continue it, with frequent ups and downs, until the year 1882 when it may first be said to become established on a permanent basis. It is noteworthy that this period also covers the term of service of our beloved publisher, Miss Pauline J. Walden, whose proportionate work fitly illustrates the sound integrity and unvarying endeavor she has put into the enterprise. More than once the Auditor of accounts has remarked, "The evenness of your subscriptions to the *Friend* is as unusual as satisfactory." The record as may be seen from the diagram, from that time, a period of fifteen years, has been so creditable that the *Friend* has always led, as it does to-day, the

woman's missionary periodicals of the world, and so uniform has been the subscription to the magazine, that it has given perhaps too little solicitude to its supporters. The average subscriptions for the last fifteen years has been 20,205; taken in periods of five years, from 1883-86, 19,951; from 1886-91, 19,703; from 1891 to 1896, 20,843.

No one accustomed to statistical work lays other than light emphasis on the record of exceptional single years; yet these, too, have their significance. For instance, 1879, 1883, 1895, and the present year, 1896, it will be observed, if page 144 of the annual report for 1895 under "Receipts of the Society Since Organization," is consulted, are also years of a falling off of the general receipts of the Society. It will be noticed that, in the last fifteen years, the lowest subscription and the highest show a difference of only about 2,400, a uniformity which could hardly be matched by our church papers.

But another point is to be noted, that during this period of fifteen years, while the record of the subscriptions is comparatively uniform, the receipts of the W. F. M. S. have increased three fold, or, to use round numbers, from a hundred thousand to three hundred thousand a year. If the *Friend* had increased proportionately we should now have a subscription list of over fifty thousand. At the same time it must be admitted that in 1882 we had but one issue where we now have three, with a united subscription of 40,591, (without counting the Study) and that also many other periodicals with just claims upon us as an exchange and as Christians: such as the organ of the W.H.M.S., the W. C. T. U., the King's Daughters, the Epworth League, the Christian Endeavor, and the latest periodical of the General Missionary Society, until we have literally six Richmonds in the field.

The following is a subscription list of the Branches for the past year, as they stand October, 1896.

New England Branch has 2,593 subscribers, with a loss of 250 from last year. New York has 3,107, with a gain of 185; Philadelphia has 1,857, loss of 183; Baltimore has 748, gain of 40; Cincinnati has 2,375, loss of 246; Northwestern has 4,501, loss of 533; Des Moines has 1,800, loss of 15; Minneapolis has 508, gain of 18; Topeka has 768, loss of 178; Pacific has 404, loss of 50; Columbia River 178, loss of 21.

POSSIBILITIES OF THE FRIEND.

The editor believes that your magazine, useful as has been its career and generous as has been its support, could be made of much larger availability, did each Branch feel itself more responsible for its success. The fact that it has at present eleven beautiful mothers, holds the danger that each guardian may become rather irresponsible, when on the other hand, each should consider the *Friend* her especial care and duty.

An enthusiastic and successful young Secretary wrote the editor about two months ago, "I have added many hundreds of members to our Branch this year, next year I am going to try and have them take the *Friend*." I dare prophesy she will have a generous proportion of the same hundreds of members to add over again to her membership next year. The record of the organizations as reported in the *Friend* since January, 1896, a period of only ten months, shows that we have added of adult members, 4,830, with 257 organizations and 227 subscribers to the *Friend*, less than one to each organization. It may be taken for granted that a few more subscriptions may have been taken afterwards, but the work should have been done then and there, a roll of copies having been sent previously to prepare the way for the work of organization. These are always provided by the generous general office for such distribution.

Again, one of our best Treasurers writes, after having her expectations stirred by the visit of an organizer of rare experience, both as a missionary and a speaker, through a neglected portion of her Branch, "What is the reason I can get no returns from all those Societies organized nine months ago by Miss ——?" She needed only to look at the fact that there had been only a stirring of the sympathies and no cultivation of the intelligence in these Societies, through subscriptions to the *Friend*, and "having no root in themselves they presently withered away," while doubtless the thriftless members had been demoralized rather than elevated by an evening of tears over the woes of their heathen sisters, precisely as they would have been by weeping over a novel. Knowledge must accompany awakened conviction or all our efforts are worse than lost. Can there be a greater absurdity than to go about the world magnifying the redemption of Christ in a manner all out of proportion to our knowledge of the success of this kingdom in the world to be saved.

How can each Branch give her beloved magazine a larger interest with every other Branch?

By remembering that everything of interest to the Branch and which

has contributed to its enlargement, might also be of service to the whole. It was by the merest accident and not by Branch report that the editor discovered during the year a charming way of doing a certain kind of work that could well have been copied by every Branch and brought hundreds of dollars into the treasury of each. In fact we are not up to date in the matter of advertising. Your editor believes that it would repay the Branch ten-fold, if each of the eleven Branches should take at the beginning of the year, for the entire year, from a five to a twenty dollar space in the advertising columns of the *Friend* and have one bright, business woman responsible for keeping it filled, substituting new advertisements for the old at the end of each quarter.

An advertisement now by a Branch is so rare that rarely one looks for it, whereas one should run through the advertisements of the *Friend* for the latest things in missions, as one does the pages of a Century for the best school or the best bicycle. Out of such material the editor would gladly make up a summary in the body of the magazine, made possible by the prompt report of every Branch, of new methods of work, spiritual, intellectual or temporal, headed "Successful Ventures."

The *Friend* might be utilized much more thoroughly at Branch Annual Meetings. A postal sent to each of the eleven Branches inquiring for the amount of sales and number of subscriptions to the *Friend* at the Branch Annual Meetings, 1896, brought back, in the case of most of the Branches, unsatisfactory returns. Only three had evidently made the literature sales and subscriptions a specialty, the rest had "not taken sufficient supply," had "not thought of it in time," "found it crowded out in the press of the meeting," whereas, this occasion should be the harvest time of the year to each depot of supplies and it should be a part of the program to have the literature table, or better, literature room, where it is possible, abundantly supplied with the best and latest of our literature, while no session should pass by without solicitation of subscriptions for all three of the *Friends*. At least four persons should be delegated to this service.

The timidity of our Depots of Supplies, in ordering material, results in timidity on the part of the buyers; the sales of literature throughout all the Branches should be quadrupled; there is no securer way of making large advances on every line.

The *Friend* might be more thoroughly utilized by becoming a general office where everybody comes as a matter of course for general information. For example, a list headed, "Boxes Sent in 1896," published once a quarter would do much to equalize the number of boxes sent to different missions.

A Lecture Calendar containing the list of our home workers and

returned missionaries, prepared to give addresses, with the dates when they can be of service and the localities where they are available, would be alike useful to the speakers and the auxiliaries.

A new and correct set of maps of India, China, Japan, Korea, Italy, South America and Mexico to appear first in the *Friend* and afterwards in the General Report for 1897.

The success of a magazine consists, first in its intrinsic value, second, in its influence, third, in its temporal prosperity.

The present year has been one of uninterrupted content on the part of correspondents both within and without our denomination.

The sincerest praise is imitation, and a glance through the exchanges of the present year, shows that from October to October, with the exception of one issue, every number of the *Friend* has had from one to three articles copied by our exchanges, and these exchanges embrace every missionary periodical, from that of the largest missionary society, the Church of England, London, to the latest comer, the excellent magazine published by the women of the Dutch Reformed Church.

A new movement is more or less hampered from the fact that its own disciples frequently work at cross purposes, but our enterprise is old enough and noble enough, to work not competitively but co-operatively towards one result. With a subscription of 25,000 which could be easily secured not only would we do away with the deficit in the general receipts, but we would make possible more illustrations, and a larger range of contributions. The growth in character of missionary literature in the last ten years is only equalled by the growth in scientific literature. The cable and camera brings within our vision every part of this interesting old-new world.

The present ratio of the number of subscribers to the *Friend* to the number of adult members in each Branch is as follows.

New England Branch	one to every	6 $\frac{1}{4}$.
New York	" " " "	7 $\frac{2}{3}$.
Philadelphia	" " " "	8 $\frac{2}{3}$.
Baltimore	" " " "	4.
Cincinnati	" " " "	8 $\frac{3}{4}$.
Northwestern	" " " "	6 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Des Moines	" " " "	8 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Minneapolis	" " " "	6 $\frac{3}{4}$.
Topeka	" " " "	8.
Pacific	" " " "	4 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Columbia River	" " " "	8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Shall we take the Cornish motto, "One and all," and make our dear old *Friend* brighter, better, more welcome in every Methodist household around the world?

LOUISE MANNING HODGKINS,

Editor.

Report Constitutional Publication Committee.

The Constitutional Publication Committee have had but few items upon which to act since the last General Executive meeting.

Very early in the year their attention was called to the action of the General Executive Committee in St. Louis regarding the change of names of our official organs. The Committee endorsed the new names, and the papers are now published under the new title of Woman's and Children's Missionary Friends.

The General Executive Committee referred the subject of a new Hymn book for use in Mission Bands for conclusive action to this Constitutional Publication Committee. It was decided that under present circumstances it would be unadvisable to publish such a Hymnal.

ZENANA PAPER.

In the absence of any official report from the foreign treasurer of the Zenana paper, which report has not yet arrived, the Committee cannot give a financial statement. One fact is, however, painfully manifest. With the exception of one edition, the publishing of these papers is paid for by the interest upon an endowment raised in 1883 and '85 in several of the Branches. In the financial straits of the past year, the interest has not been promptly nor fully paid, and we have been unable to forward all of the usual remittances.

One edition, however, the Marathi, and the last one undertaken, is sustained by the annual gift of a friend in Philadelphia Branch, who has persistently withheld his name; but the yearly donation of two hundred and fifty dollars keeps him in continual remembrance and supplies several hundred copies of this paper to the men as well as the women who speak the Marathi language.

The Woman's Friend, as the Zenana paper is called, is issued in five languages, and is the only periodical of its class published in India. It circulates not only in the conferences of our own mission, but has many subscribers in other missions. The fact that it furnishes pure and elevating instruction and matter for thought, secures it a warm welcome in many Hindu and Mohammedan homes.

Some of the editions give a column to temperance work, or the Sunday School lessons; some give a sketch of some noble woman's life, or there may be chapters on sanitary rules or articles for the guiding of mothers.

The Hindi and Urdu editions being the oldest, have perhaps the largest circulation, reaching to twelve or thirteen hundred monthly. The Bengali publishes about nine hundred copies and the Marathi nearly six hundred. Copies are taken by our Evangelists and Bible-women to the melas and among the villages, where they find many persons ready to buy them. It is generally given free, the price of postage being taken as payment, and is issued bi-monthly.

We are thankful to have had the privilege of introducing the first religious periodical for the women of India, and thus adding one more factor to the many that are needed in educating in Christian thought and feeling, the mothers and daughters of that country.

S. L. KEEN, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF DER MISSIONS FRAUEN-FREUND FOR THE YEAR 1895-96.

I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart. Ps. 9:1. This verse expressed our feelings best when we saw that this year we had an increase of 105 subscribers. We feel, however, that more of our women could be reached, and hope that the interest will increase from year to year.

Many words of encouragement have reached the Editor this year, and many have told how glad they were to hear, through the little paper, from our missionaries and the progress of the work.

The new name was not favorably accepted by all, but we hope that with the new artistic heading prepared for the next year's paper it may be gladly received, not only by our old subscribers, but also by a large number of new names.

In Europe we have gained 88 new names, and from there especially words of thanks and appreciation have reached us.

MRS. C. ACHARD, *Editor*.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO PUBLICATIONS.

	Woman's Missionary Friend.	Children's Missionary Friend.	Missions Frauen Freund.	Monthly Study.
New England Branch.....	2503	3429	37	2625
New York Branch	3107	2710	143	2806
Philadelphia Branch.....	1857	2033	41	2218
Baltimore Branch	748	452	58	445
Cincinnati Branch.....	2375	1982	248	2744
Northwestern Branch.....	4501	3501	600	5074
Des Moines Branch	1800	1756	519	2516
Minneapolis Branch.....	508	762	462	574
Topeka Branch.....	768	900	393	1506
Pacific Branch.....	404	309	108	543
Columbia River Branch....	178	132	21	314
Scattering... ..	89	114	2	109
Foreign.....	218	155	488	
Total.....	19146	18325	3120	21564

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Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

MISSIONARIES.

APPOINT.	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1869.....	*Miss Clara A. Swain, M.D.	Home on Leave.	Cincinnati	Castile, N. Y.
1869.....	" Isabella Thoburn.....	Lucknow, India.	Northwestern	Delaware, O.
1872.....	" Gertrude Howe.....	Kiu Kiang, China.	New York	Lansing, Mich.
1872.....	" Lucy A. Hoag, M. D.....	Chin Kiang, China.	Topeka	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1872.....	" Louise E. Blackmar.....	Haidarabad, India	New York	W. Springfield, Pa.
1874.....	" Mary Hastings.....	Pachuca, Mexico.	Cincinnati	Chelsea, Mass.
1878.....	" S. A. Easton.....	Naini Tal, India.	Philadelphia	Washington, D. C.
1878.....	" Matilda A. Spencer.....	Tokyo, Japan.	Cincinnati	Germantown, Pa.
1879.....	" Elizabeth Russell.....	Nagasaki, Japan.	New York	Keyser, W. Va.
1880.....	" Jennie M. Gheer.....	" "	New York	Bellewood, Pa.
1881.....	" Anna Budden.....	Pithoragarh, India.	New York	Almorah, India.
1881.....	" Minnie S. Hampton.....	Hakodate, Japan.	New York	New York, N. Y.
1881.....	" Mrs. Carrie Van Patten.....	Nagasaki, Japan.	Northwestern	Newponsst, Ill.
1881.....	" Miss Emma L. Knowles.....	Darjeeling, India.	New England	Newark, N. J.
1881.....	" Phoebe Rowe.....	Muttra, India.	Northwestern	India.
1882.....	" Anna P. Atkinson.....	Home on Leave.	New York	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1883.....	" Mrs. Charlotte M. Jewell.....	Peking, China.	New York	California.
1883.....	" Miss Rebecca J. Watson.....	Tokyo, Japan.	Topeka	Nebraska.
1884.....	" Lida B. Smith.....	Nagasaki, Japan	New York	Syracuse, N. Y.
1884.....	" Fannie M. English.....	Bareilly, India.	New York	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
1884.....	" Sarah DeLine.....	Home on Leave.	Northwestern	Elwood, Ill.
1884.....	" Mary Reed.....	Pithoragarh, India.	Cincinnati	Becketts, O.
1884.....	" Mary C. Robinson.....	Chin Kiang, China.	Northwestern	Michigan.

* Miss Swain, the first medical missionary sent out by the Society, served efficiently for fifteen years, and is now engaged in work as physician to the palace of the Rajah of Khetri. This is within the territory of the N. W. India Conference.

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

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1884.....	Miss Carrie I. Jewell.....	Home on Leave.....	Cincinnati.....	Harmar, O.
1884.....	" Eleanor LeHuray.....	Bucnos Ayres, S. A.....	Philadelphia.....	Summit, N. J.
1884.....	" Mary De F. Loyd.....	Mexico City, Mexico.....	Philadelphia.....	Hillsboro, O.
1885.....	Mrs. M. F. Scranton.....	Seoul, Korea.....	N. E. & N. Y.....	Cleveland, O.
1885.....	Miss Anna D. Gloss, M. D.....	Peking, China.....	Northwestern.....	Chicago, Ill.
1885.....	" Theresa J. Kyle.....	Paori, India.....	Philadelphia.....	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
1885.....	" Emma D. Hall.....	Home on Leave.....	Northwestern.....	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1885.....	" Julia E. Wisner.....	Rangoon, Burma.....	Cincinnati.....	Berea, O.
1886.....	" Lizzie Hewett.....	Home on Leave.....	Northwestern.....	Gilead, Mich.
1886.....	" Anna Lawson.....	Meerut, India.....	Des Moines.....	Ottumwa, Ill.
1886.....	" Delia A. Fuller.....	Home on Leave.....	Topeka.....	Boulder, Col.
1886.....	" Hattie L. Ayres.....	Mexico City, Mexico.....	Cincinnati.....	Hillsboro, O.
1887.....	" Edna G. Terry, M. D.....	Tsun Hwa, China.....	New England.....	Boston, Mass.
1887.....	" Ella C. Shaw.....	Nanking, China.....	Northwestern.....	Moore's Hill, Ind.
1887.....	" Minnie F. Abrams.....	Poona, India.....	Minneapolis.....	Mapleton, Minn.
1887.....	" Mabel C. Hartford.....	Foochow, China.....	New England.....	Dover, N. H.
1887.....	" Sophia Blackmore.....	Singapore Straits Settlement.....	Minneapolis.....	Australia.
1887.....	" May E. Carleton, M. D.....	Foochow, China.....	New York.....	Port Chester, N. Y.
1887.....	" Louise C. Rothweiler.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cincinnati.....	Berea, O.
1887.....	" Annie Gallimore.....	Moradabad, India.....	Baltimore.....	Newport, N. Y.
1888.....	" Belle J. Allen.....	Sendai, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Bellefontaine, O.
1888.....	" Annie L. Bing.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Delaware, O.
1888.....	" Julia Bonafield.....	Foochow, China.....	Cincinnati.....	Tunnelton, W. Va.
1888.....	" Kate A. Blair.....	Home on Leave.....	Cincinnati.....	Painesville, O.
1888.....	" Mary E. Bowen.....	Montevideo, South America.....	New England.....	Warren, R. I.
1888.....	" Mary E. Carroll.....	Bombay, India.....	Northwestern.....	Joliet, Ill.
1888.....	" Mary A. Danforth.....	Home on Leave.....	New England.....	Colebrook, N. H.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1888	Miss Augusta Dickerson	Hakodati, Japan	Philadelphia	Philadelphia, Pa.
1888	" I. Ernsberger, M. D.	Sironcha, Deccan, India	Cincinnati	Delphos, O.
1888	" Estella M. Files	Home on Leave	New York	Brockport, N. Y.
1888	" Mary Ketring	Home on Leave	Cincinnati	Napoleon, O.
1888	" Elizabeth Maxey	Calcutta, India	New York	London, O.
1888	" Emma Mitchell	Nanking, China	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1888	" Sarah Peters	Nanking, China	Northwestern	Princeville, Ill.
1888	" Lucy W. Sullivan	Mutra, India	Cincinnati	Dayton, O.
1888	" Martha A. Sheldon, M.D.	Pithoragarh, India	New England	Excelsior, Minn.
1889	" Anna E. Steere	Peking, China	Northwestern	Adrian, Mich.
1889	" Louise Imhoff	Tokyo, Japan	Topeka	Lincold, Neb.
1889	" Mary E. Wilson	Hirosaki, Japan	New York	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1889	" Elsie Wood	Callao, South America	New York	South America.
1889	" Maude E. Simons	Yokohama, Japan	Baltimore	Fredericktown, O.
1889	" Mary B. Griffiths	Yokohama, Japan	Des Moines	Marathon, Ia.
1889	" Frances E. Phelps	Sendai, Japan	Des Moines	Sioux City.
1889	" Frances O. Wilson	Peking, China	Des Moines	Corning, Ia.
1889	" Theda A. Parker	Home on Leave	New York	Marilla, N. Y.
1889	" E. A. Bender	Home on Leave	Baltimore	Maryland.
1889	" Fanny Scott	Gonda, India	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, O.
1889	" Ruth Sellers	Nami Tal, India	Cincinnati	New Matamoras, O.
1889	" Lydia A. Trimble	Foochow, China	Des Moines	Galva, Ia.
1889	" Ellen Blackstock	Home on Leave	Minneapolis	Shadeland, Ind.
1889	" Georgiana Baucus	Home on Leave	New York	Ithaca, N. Y.
1889	" Amelia Van Dorsten	Guanajuato, Mexico	Northwestern	Wisconsin.
1890	" Rachel R. Benn, M. D.	Home on Leave	Philadelphia	Edinboro, Pa.
1890	" Ida Stevenson, M. D.	Tientsin, China	Topeka	Chicago.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1890.....	Miss Ellen M. Lyon, M. D.....	Foochow, China.....	Northwestern.....	Spencer Creek, Mich.
1890.....	" Ruth M. Sites.....	Home on Leave.....	Baltimore.....	Washington, D. C.
1890.....	" Leonora H. Seeds.....	Home on Leave.....	Cincinnati.....	Delaware, O.
1890.....	" Rebecca Dailey.....	Home on Leave.....	Northwestern.....	Greenburg, Ind.
1890.....	" Fannie A. Perkins.....	Rangoon, Burma.....	Des Moines.....	Indianola Ia.
1891.....	" E. M. Vickery.....	Rome, Italy.....	Northwestern.....	Evansville, Ind.
1891.....	" Mary F. Swaney.....	Rosario, S. A.....	Topeka.....	Manhattan, Kas.
1891.....	" Cecilia M. Frey.....	Home on Leave.....	Cincinnati.....	Willoughby, O.
1891.....	" Anna R. Limberger.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	Baltimore.....	Danville, Pa.
1891.....	" Kate L. Ogburn.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Des Moines.....	Union Mills, Ia.
1891.....	" Jennie Locke (assistant).....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Northwestern.....	Japan.
1891.....	" Laura M. White.....	Home on Leave.....	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia.
1891.....	" Ella A. Lewis.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Philadelphia.....	New York City.
1891.....	" Louisa Haefel.....	Shahjahanpore, India.....	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia.
1891.....	" Harriet Kemper.....	Home on Leave.....	Des Moines.....	Stuart, Ia.
1891.....	" Mary Bryan, M. D.....	Bareilly, India.....	New York.....	Ogdensburg, N. Y.
1892.....	" Effie Dunmore.....	Pueblo, Mexico.....	Philadelphia.....	Auburn Corners, Pa.
1892.....	" Rebecca J. Hammond.....	Asuncion, S. A.....	Cincinnati.....	Blue Ball, O.
1892.....	" Josephine O. Paine.....	Seoul, Korea.....	New England.....	Boston, Mass.
1892.....	" Effie G. Young.....	Peking, China.....	New England.....	Waltham, Mass.
1892.....	" Luella M. Masters, M. D.....	Foochow, China.....	Northwestern.....	Thornstown, Ind.
1892.....	" Elizabeth Hoge.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Bellaire, O.
1892.....	" Anna C. Keeler.....	Rangoon, Burma.....	Cincinnati.....	Hubbard, O.
1892.....	" Kate A. Blackburn.....	Loficha, Bulgaria.....	Northwestern.....	Jacksonville, Ill.
1892.....	" Catharine Wood.....	Haiderabad, India.....	Des Moines.....	Humeston, Ia.
1892.....	" Ada J. Lauck.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Des Moines.....	Indianola, Ia.
1892.....	" Frances Craig.....	Calcutta, India.....	Northwestern.....	Evanston, Ill.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1802	Miss Josephine Stahl	Calcutta, India	Northwestern	Diagonal, Ia.
1802	" Christina Lawson	Bombay, India	New York	Green Island, N. Y.
1802	" Ella J. Glover	Tsun Hwa, China	New England	Boston, Mass.
1802	" Emma E. Ferris	Singapore, China	Columbia River	Athens, Ore.
1802	" Lydia A. Wilkinson	Foochow, China	Des Moines	Diagonal, Ia.
1802	" Mary F. Cutler, M. D.	Seoul, Korea	Cin. & N. York	Pomeroy, O.
1802	" Alice M. Stanton	Kiukiang, China	New York	Saranac, N. Y.
1803	Mrs. Anna Davis	Nanking, China	Northwestern	Oak Park, Ill.
1803	Miss Mary W. Harris	Seoul, Korea	Cincinnati	Delaware, O.
1803	" Lulu E. Frey	Seoul, Korea	Cincinnati	Bellefontaine, O.
1803	" Eva M. Foster	Home on Leave	Columbia River	Portland, Ore.
1803	" Carrie A. Heaton	Nagoya, Japan	Northwestern	Seymour, Ind.
1804	" Lydia Diem	Loficha, Bulgaria	Northwestern	Berne, Switzerland.
1804	" H. S. Alling	Nagoya, Japan	Northwestern	Chicago, Ill.
1804	" Florence E. Singer	Hakodate, Japan	Philadelphia	Philadelphia, Pa.
1804	" Minnie E. Wilson	Foochow, China	Northwestern	Shelbyville, Ind.
1804	" Lillian E. Marks	Cawnpore, India	Pacific	San Francisco, Cal.
1804	" Willma H. Rouse	Foochow, China	Minneapolis	Lakefield, Minn.
1804	" Anna Elicker	Jubulpore, India	Des Moines	Muscattine, Ia.
1804	" Mabel Allen	Foochow, China	Des Moines	Princeville, Ill.
1804	" Mary Peters	Foochow, China	Northwestern	Boston Mass.
1804	" Florence Nichols	Lucknow, India	New England	
1804	" Lola May Kidwell	Nagasaki, Japan	Cincinnati	
1804	" Alice M. Otto	Hirosaki, Japan	Des Moines	Delaware, O.
1804	" Irene Lee	Nagasaki, Japan	New England	Burlington, Vt.
1804	" Julia M. Donahue, M. D.	Foochow, China	Cincinnati	Fremont, O.
1804	" Celesta Easton	Seetapore, India	Pacific	Riverside, Cal.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1804	Miss Christina Christiansen....	Bareilly, India.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1804	" Lily D. Green.....	Alligarh, India.....	Northwestern... ..	Green Castle, Ind.
1804	" Anna Butcher.....	Naini Tal, India.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1804	" Mary E. Wilson.....	Budaan, India.....	Northwestern... ..	India.
1804	" Helen Galloway.....	Chun King, China.....	Des Moines.....	Mt. Ayr, Iowa.
1804	" Fannie E. Meyer.....	Chun King, China.....	Des Moines.....	Elm Grove, Mo.
1804	" Ruth A. Collins.....	Lucknow, India.....	Des Moines.....	Albion, Iowa.
1805	" Elizabeth S. Goodin.....	Rosario, S. A.....	Des Moines.....	Des Moines, Ia.
1805	" M. A. Russell.....	Aoyama, Japan.....	Pacific.....	Napa, Cal.
1805	" Gertrude Taft, M. D.....	Chinkiang, China.....	Pacific.....	Los Angeles.
1805	" Elizabeth V. Tryon.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Des Moines.....	
1805	" Jennie M. Dart, M. D.....	Bareilly, India.....	Northwestern... ..	Kansas City.
1805	" Clara J. Collier.....	Home on Leave.....	New England... ..	Laconia, N. H.
1805	" Phebe Wells.....	Foochow, China.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1805	" Alice Linam.....	Foochow, China.....	New York.....	Leesburg, Ind.
1805	" Kate O. Curtis.....	Naini Tal, India.....	New York.....	New York City.
1805	" Emma Hodge, M. D.....	Baroda, India.....	Philadelphia... ..	Greenville, Pa.
1805	Mrs. Mary L. Barrows, M. D.....	Tientsin, China.....	New York.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1805	Miss Laura S. Wright.....	Muttra, India.....	Northwestern... ..	Washington, Ind.
1805	" Althea Todd.....	Foochow, China.....	New England... ..	Boston, Mass.
1805	" Alice A. Evans.....	Haidarabad, India.....	Des Moines.....	Russell, Ia.
1805	" Miranda Croucher.....	Tsun Hwa, China.....	New England... ..	Boston.
1805	" Hu King Eng, M. D.....	Foochow, China.....	Philadelphia... ..	Foochow, China.
1805	" Eva M. Hardie.....	Lucknow, India.....	incinnati.....	New York.
1806	" Emma Scott, M. D.....	Muttra, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Columbus, Ohio.
1806	" Mary Means.....	Moradabad, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Akron, Ohio.
1806	" Flora M. Widdifield.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Cleveland, Ohio.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1896	Miss Mary E. Shockley	Peking, China.	Cincinnati	Columbus O.
1896	" Katherine A. Spear	Baroda, India.	Philadelphia	
1896	Gertrude Gilman	Tsun Hua.	New England	Springfield, Vt.
1896	" Fannie S. Fisher	Poona, India.	Northwestern	Danville, Ill
1896	" Ida C. Deaver	Chinkiang, China.	Philadelphia	
1896	" Mary Stone	Kiu Kiang, China.	Northwestern	Kiu Kiang, China.
1896	" E. M. Bentheim	Kiu Kiang, China.	Northwestern	Kiu Kiang, China.
1896	" Caroline M. Purdy	Poona, India.	Northwestern	Millbrook, Ill.
1896	" Anna Suderstrom	Puebla, Mexico.	Philadelphia	Sunbury, Pa.
1896	" Elizabeth Nichols	Calcutta, India.	New York	New York City.
1896	" Carrie E. Merrill	Bombay, India.	New York	New York City.
1896	" Charlotte J. Porter	Kiu Kiang, China.	Northwestern	Flint, Michigan.
1896	" Clarissa E. Spencer	Bombay, India.	Northwestern	Wheaton, Ill.
1896	" Belle Waidman	Tokyo, Japan.	Philadelphia	Philadelphia.
1896	" Frances G. Wilson	Montevideo, S. A.	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1896		Fukuoka, Japan.	Cincinnati	Chattanooga, Tenn.

ACCEPTED AND APPOINTED.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
	Miss Emma L. Lamb	Calcutta, India.	Northwestern	Economy, Ind.
	" N. M. Daniels	Tokyo, Japan	Des Moines	Tarr, Iowa.
	" Estelle Leonard	"	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, O.

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ACCEPTED AND APPOINTED.—(Continued.)

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
	Miss Martha McKibben.....	Mexico.....	Des Moines.....	Garden Grove, Ia.
	" May B. Lilly.....	Singapore.....	Minn. & Col. R.....	.....
	" Grace B. Todd.....	West China.....	Northwestern.....	Boston, Mass.
	" Lillian Harris, M. D.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cincinnati.....	Delaware, O.
	" Mariana Young.....	Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	"
	Mrs. Lillian Hale Scott.....	Tsun Hua, China.....	New England.....	West Newberry, Mass.
	Miss Emma Ernsberger, M. D.....	India.....	Cincinnati.....	Rice, Ohio.
	" Nellie Pearce.....	.....	Cincinnati.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.
	" Mary E. Melton.....	.....	Northwestern.....	.....

RETIRED AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	BRANCHES.	PRESENT ADDRESS.
	Miss Sarah Woolston.....	Foochow, China.....	Mt. Holley, N. J.

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ENTERED INTO REST.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.		DIED
1875.....	Miss Letitia A. Campbell.....	Peking, China.....	May 18, 1878.
1878.....	" Susan B. Higgins.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	" July 3, 1879.
1876.....	" L. H. Green, M. D. (Mrs. Cheney).....	Bareilly, India.....	" Sept. 30, 1878.
1881.....	" Emma Michener.....	Africa.....	" Dec. 11, 1881.
1884.....	" Ella G. Christ, M. D.....	Kiu Kiang.....	" April 23, 1884.
1871.....	" Beulah Woolston.....	Foochow, China.....	" Oct. 24, 1886.
1880.....	" Cecilia Gueli.....	Montevideo, S. A.....	" 1886.
1881.....	" Harriett Kerr.....	Bareilly, India.....	" Dec. 11, 1886.
1880.....	" Florence Nickerson.....	Lucknow, India.....	" Jan. 31, 1887.
1878.....	" Harriet Woolston, M. D.....	Moradabad, India.....	" Nov. 5, 1887.
1872.....	" Elizabeth M. Pultz.....	Moradabad, India.....	" Jan. 13, 1892.
1883.....	" Emma J. Everding.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	" April 22, 1892.
1878.....	" M. E. Layton.....	Cawnpore, India.....	" Aug. 31, 1892.
1888.....	" M. E. V. Pardoe.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	" Sept. 27, 1892.
1887.....	" Mary A. Vance (Mrs. Belknap).....	Tokyo, Japan.....	" Dec. 4, 1895.
1880.....	" Anna B. Sears.....	Peking, China.....	" Jan. 4, 1896.
1884.....	" Clara A. Downey.....	India.....	"

Constitution

OF

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending missionaries to the women in foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute Membership, and twenty dollars Life-Membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become a Manager for Life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor a Patron for Life.

ARTICLE IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

ARTICLE V.—GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of a President and Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch annual meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said committee shall meet in Boston, the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually, or oftener, thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SECTION 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be :

1. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society as presented in the report of the Branch Correspond-

ing Secretaries, and in the estimates of the needs of mission fields ; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance with the purposes and method therein indicated ; to devise means for carrying forward the work of the society ; fixing the amounts to be raised ; employing new missionaries, designating their field of labor, examining the reports of those already employed and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

2. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

3. There shall be a Constitutional Publication Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary of each Branch, to take charge of the missionary periodicals of the Society, and to arrange for the publication of an annual report of the work of the Society. This committee shall report annually to the General Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SEC. 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cincinnati, shall be regarded as Co-ordinate Branches of this Society, on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SEC. 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the church :

DISTRICTS.	STATES.	HEADQUARTERS.
I.	New England States.....	Boston
II.	New York and New Jersey.....	New York
III.	Pennsylvania and Delaware.....	Philadelphia
IV.	Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia.....	Baltimore
V.	Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee....	Cincinnati
VI.	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.....	Chicago
VII.	Iowa, Missouri and Arkansas.....	Des Moines
VIII.	Minnesota, North and South Dakota.....	Minneapolis
IX.	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and Texas...	Topeka
X.	California, Nevada and Arizona.....	Los Angeles
XI.	Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.....	Portland
XII.	North and South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana.....	Atlanta

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor and not less than ten Managers. These with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Execu-

tive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 4. The President or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its Auxiliary Societies (hereafter mentioned,) and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make distribution of the funds upon orders duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, provide for all the needs, and receive reports of the missionaries, Bible-women and Teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work, or undertake the support of new missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make such By-Laws as may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute annually may form a society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, one or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.—RELATING TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SEC. 1. This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist

Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. All missionaries sent out by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conference or Missions of the Church in which they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conference or Missions, and their committees, in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder having the same relation to the work and the person in charge that he would have were it in the charge of any other member of the Conference or Mission.

SEC. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our regular church services, nor in any Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday-schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amount so collected shall be reported by the pastor to the annual Conference, and be entered in a column among the benevolent collections in the annual and general minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4 of this paragraph (§ 362) shall not be interpreted as to prevent the women from taking collections in meetings convened in the interests of their societies; nor from securing memberships and life memberships in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals, or arranging lectures in the interests of their work.

ARTICLE IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

By-laws of the General Executive Committee.

I. The General Executive Committee shall convene not later than the last week in October.

II. The annual meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be held at such places as the said committee shall elect.

III. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held, shall fix the exact date of the meetings of said Committee and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

IV. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet at least three days before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee for the purpose of nominating the members of the Standing Committees, and planning work for its session, and report the same at the opening of said Committee.

V. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within the bounds of which the Committee convene shall preside over its meetings until a permanent organization is effected.

VI. The order of business shall be as follows :

1. Calling the roll.
2. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.*, Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.
3. Reception of Memorials and Petitions.
4. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
5. Report of Committee of Reference.
6. Report of Constitutional Publication Committee.
7. Report of Official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.
8. Fixing place of next meeting.
9. Election of President and Secretary, who shall continue in office until the appointment of their successors.
10. Notice of constitutional amendments.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Reports of Standing Committees daily, immediately after reading minutes.

VII. The rules of order shall be as follows :

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.

3. No member shall be granted leave of absence except by a vote of the entire body.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of the General Executive Committee to forward to our foreign Treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment, a copy of the appropriations for each Mission.

IX. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings and place the same in the safe of the Woman's Missionary *Friend*.

By-laws

OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.—BRANCH CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

1. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall superintend all the interests of their respective Branches; conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries; be present at all Branch annual, and quarterly meetings, and present a quarterly report of the work of the Branch, and give to the public, or direct to be given, all communications and plans of the business of their respective Branches.

2. Each Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report to the General Executive Committee the following items: Number of Auxiliary Societies, members, life members, honorary patrons and managers, subscribers to the *Woman's Missionary Friend* and the receipts of the Treasurer. In her report of the foreign work she shall include the number of Missionaries, Bible-readers, Boarding-schools, and orphans supported by her Branch.

II.—BRANCH TREASURERS.

1. Branch Treasurers shall be required to publish quarterly in the *Woman's Missionary Friend* their report of moneys received. They shall forward the appropriations immediately after the close of the General Executive Committee, according to the appropriations for the next year, sending them directly to the foreign Treasurers.

2. The financial year of the Society shall commence October 1st. Branch Treasurers will close their accounts for the year by September 30.

3. The money received from annual memberships shall not be used to make Life Members, Managers or Patrons. Life membership shall be made by the payment of twenty dollars, given specifically for that purpose. If in installments, the final payment shall be made as soon as practicable, and the membership reported as complete only when that has been done; all the installments to be credited on the Treasurer's book, and acknowledged in the *Woman's Missionary Friend*.

4. In case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of its Executive Board be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

5. Any bequest or donation made to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Branch within whose territory the bequest or donation is made, unless otherwise specified by the donor.

III.—FOREIGN TREASURERS.

1. Our Foreign Treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved and printed if possible to each Corresponding Secretary before October 1.

2. The Treasurers in the foreign field are instructed to forward receipts for remittances and a statement of balance in hand, quarterly to the Branch Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers and a full financial statement annually to the Official Correspondent of the specific mission field in time to insure its arriving before October 1st of each year.

3. The appropriations for the foreign fields shall be paid on the basis of the currency of the country, the exchange therefrom accruing to our treasury, with the exception of the salaries of the missionaries and buildings which shall be paid on the basis of American gold.

4. The funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for the purposes designated by that Committee. Our Missionaries shall not exceed in expenditure the amount appropriated by the General Executive Committee. Emergencies arising during the year can be met only by application, properly endorsed by the Missionary authorities to the Committee of Reference.

5. If any surplus funds remain in the Foreign Treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must be reported to the Branches from whose moneys they accrue.

IV.—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall correspond with the missionaries so as to be able to present a full report of the work in each

mission, such information to be presented to the General Executive Committee, the fields assigned to the several Secretaries to be arranged by themselves.

V.—THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

1. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, and organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. All cases of emergency that would come before the General Executive Committee, arising in the interim of its sessions, shall be submitted to this Committee, and decided by a majority vote.

4. The Chairman shall send each resolution that is submitted to the committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, the Recording Secretary shall declare the result, and record both resolutions and votes.

5. The Committee shall present a full report of its action during the year to the General Executive Committee for approval and permanent record.

VI.—INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

We call the attention of the missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society especially to Article VIII, Section 3, of Constitution, in compliance with which they will consult the superintendent of the mission in which they are laboring on all general plans of their work, and advise with him as to the most effective measures to be taken in the purchase of property, building and any important undertaking belonging to their special interest.

1. They are expected to attend the annual meeting or conference of their mission, and they may confer with other members of the mission upon all topics connected with their own department and will report quarterly to the superintendent.

2. They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through the Recording Secretary of the Reference Committee.

4. They, with the wives of missionaries who labor in the interests of the Society, shall constitute a committee to prepare, at each session of the conference or annual meeting of the missionaries, the estimates for

the ensuing year, which estimates shall have the sanction of said conference or annual meeting before being forwarded to the General Executive Committee.

5. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society for which the estimate has not previously been submitted to, and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

6. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

7. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and missionaries are instructed not to apply to private sources for aid or support of their work.

8. A medical missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, and report them quarterly to the Treasurer of the Mission; any surplus being remitted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

9. If there prove to be a manifest unfitness for missionary labor, the General Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a missionary whom it has appointed, three months notice having been given to such appointee by the Committee of Reference, return passage to be paid by the Society, provided she returns at the expiration of the three months.

10. A lady missionary desiring her expenses paid by the Society for a return home from any other cause than that of ill health, must secure permission from the General Executive Committee or Committee of Reference, through the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch supporting her.

11. All rules pertaining to the relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with its missionaries shall be published in the general annual report.

12. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch by which any missionary is sent shall be required to sign the following contract: I, ———, Corresponding Secretary of ——— Branch, by which the money is raised for the support of ———, agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to pay the traveling expenses of ——— from the time of her leaving home to that of her arrival in her field of labor, and also her salary from the latter date. In case of illness, I agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to submit a resolution to the General Executive Committee, or in the interim

of its sessions, to the Committee of Reference, asking the privilege of her return home. Such permission being granted, I agree to pay her return passage ; and in case her relations to the Society are harmonious, her salary for the first year, at the rate of three hundred and fifty dollars, or if it be inexpedient for her to return, at the rate of three hundred dollars.

In case of emergency demanding her immediate return home, she shall bring a certificate of disability from a physician and the superintendent of the Mission.

13. We agree to pay our missionaries \$200 for personal outfit, and \$100 for the furnishing of the home, when necessary, the latter to be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

14. We recommend, when practicable, that such an arrangement be made for the duties of our missionaries during the first year's service as shall allow them considerable time for the study of the language, and that their salary for that year shall be four hundred dollars, with one hundred and fifty for incidentals. Medical missionaries shall from the first receive full salary.

15. Each returned missionary shall be expected to attend the first General Executive Committee session after her return, and her traveling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be met by the Branch supporting her, unless otherwise provided for.

16. We accept the relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the authorities of the church, and to our workers in the field, as interpreted by the delegated conference in India, in their session of 1881, as follows :

WHEREAS, Certain usages having grown up and been found acceptable and successful in connection with our older mission field in India, we deem it expedient to formulate the same in the following rules :

1. In general : The position of a lady missionary, placed in charge of work in connection with any of our circuits or stations, is the same as that of a second missionary or "junior preacher" to whom special work is assigned.

2. In particular : The general plan of work, such as establishing new schools, employing and dismissing head teachers, arranging terms of tuition, board, etc., and preparing a course of study, when these matters are not fixed by the Educational Committee, selecting classes of people among whom work may be more successfully carried on, arranging dispensaries and deciding the proportion of medical work to be given to natives and Europeans, Christians and non-Christians, etc., all such *general plans* shall be arranged by the lady in charge of the special departments of work, after free consultation with the superintendent or presiding elder.

3. The lady missionary in charge of work has full liberty to do the work assigned her in her own way, and to carry out the internal arrangement of her department in the manner which she deems best adapted to secure success.

4. The relation of the Superintendent or Presiding Elder to the work under the charge of a lady is the same as it would be were it under the charge of a member of conference—he having a general advisory supervision, auditing the accounts, (when not done by trustees), making suggestions, etc., exactly as with all the other work of his district.

5. Lady missionaries in charge of work, and all missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are appointed by the President of Conference, at the same time and in the same manner that the appointments of Conference are made. Should, however, a President of Conference at any time decline so to appoint, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder in Council will arrange the same.

6. All new buildings or expensive repairs or changes shall receive the sanction of Superintendent or Presiding Elder, even though no appropriations of money be asked.

7. A class of laborers are employed in our work, known as "assistants." In the employment or dismissal of these ladies, the consent of the Superintendent of Mission or of the Presiding Elder must be secured. They may be transferred by the Presiding Elder, with the consent of the lady in charge of the department in which they are employed. When these lady assistants, being members of our church, by several years of faithful service, have come to be received as belonging permanently to our body of laborers, they may, on the recommendation of the Woman's Society, when such exists, or by quarterly Conference, be formally recognized by Conference, and appointed the same as woman missionaries are.

8. In case of a transfer of a woman missionary or an "assistant" from one Conference or charge to another, a written permission shall be secured, signed by Superintendent or Presiding Elder in whose jurisdiction the person may be employed, when, according to the condition in Rule 7, the engagement may be completed.

OFFICIAL RELATIONS OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

1. Definition of relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as given by the Bishops, in May, 1881.

"To the ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society ;

"To your questions we respectfully reply as follows ;

"1st. We take the liberty to refer you to our action bearing date November 22, 1877, a copy of which is as follows :

" 'TEACHERS IN MISSION SCHOOLS.' "

" In the judgment of the Bishops it is not within the right of the Superintendent of a mission to remove lay teachers from the schools to which they have been appointed, nor to interfere authoritively with the internal arrangements of the schools, unless such right be expressly granted by the missionary authorities at New York.

" 2d. In case of difference between appointee and the Mission (including the Superintendent), which cannot be adjusted between the parties without unreasonable delay, we recommend that such difference, with the papers and facts, be referred by the parties to the Bishop in charge for final decision.

" 3d. It is our judgment that the missionaries sent by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society should be permitted to be present at the meetings of the mission and to speak on all matters relating to their work.

Most respectfully and sincerely,

WILLIAM L. HARRIS."

REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Each Branch shall appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall be chairman, who shall investigate the case of any candidate within the limits of the Branch, and shall supply such candidate with blank for health certificate and constitutional questions, to be filled out and answered by her ; and when practicable, a personal interview shall be had with the woman by two or more of the committee before her papers are forwarded to the Reference Committee or the committee appointed at the General Executive meeting. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch presenting missionary candidates, shall have a personal interview with each woman presented, before her final appointment to a foreign field.

2. A missionary candidate must believe herself Divinely called to the work of a foreign missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to act in accordance with God's will.

3. She must indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.

4. She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill-health ; this is not to be understood in the sense that the obligation to remain in the field ceases at five years, but that her obligations to refund passage and outfit money is binding for that length of time ; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.

5. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-five years. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

6. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

7. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

8. Every missionary candidate is requested to sign the following contract :

"I, _____, agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money."

9. After the adoption of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee, and of the Committee of Reference, in the interim of the sessions of that committee.

10. The case of any accepted candidate not sent out during the year, shall be brought before the General Executive Committee at its next session.

11. The application of a missionary candidate with corresponding testimonials shall cover the following particulars : Health, adaptability to people and circumstances, executive ability, intellectual qualities and culture, religious experience and usefulness, and general fitness for the work.

First. Health, attested by a properly certified health certificate.

Second. Personal religious experience. Belief in the doctrines and identification with the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, experience and efficiency in Christian work.

Conviction and call to missionary work, and the intention to give to it the service of her life.

Third. Testimonials are further necessary as to grade of scholarship, whether it includes the study of Latin or any modern language, with facility in its acquirement ; knowledge of music, vocal or instrumental. Diploma of scholarship.

Certificate of experience and success in teaching.

Fourth. Testimonials are also required as to executive ability, adaptability to people and circumstances, and whatever personal qualities are necessary for greatest efficiency in Christian work.

VII.—PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. The periodicals of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, *Children's Missionary Friend*, *Der Frauen-Mission-Freund*.
2. The editors and publisher shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee.
3. In the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, the management of these papers shall be under the control of the Publication Committee provided by the Constitution.
4. The proceedings of the General Executive Committee shall be reported in the December number of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, excluding appropriations and unimportant details.
5. The minutes of the General Executive Committee shall be incorporated in the Annual Report.
6. The Lesson Study prepared by the Literature Committee together with the outline of study in the columns of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, shall be a permanent publication.

VIII.—CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. This committee shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.
2. It shall meet and organize immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.
3. The publisher of these papers shall give the Chairman an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the papers properly audited, by the first of October. If she finds it necessary to deviate from the published instructions of the General Executive Committee, she shall lay the matter before this committee, and be subject to its direction.
4. A committee of three shall be appointed annually by the Constitutional Publication Committee, to whom shall be entrusted the investment and control of the funds of these publications.
5. The publisher shall commence and close her financial year with October 1.
6. If the office of editor or publisher becomes vacant during the year, this committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy.
7. The traveling expenses of the editors and publisher of these papers, and the chairman of Literature Committee, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of these publications.
8. There shall be a Literature Committee, whose work shall be to

edit the annual report, to provide leaflets, uniform readings, lesson leaves, and other helps for monthly and public meetings, and to superintend all publications of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

9. In no case shall the amount used in publishing interests, or for any other demands, infringe upon a capital of \$5,000, to be retained in the treasury of the Society's publications.

10. This committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Executive Committee, and report to that body the work of the year.

11. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

IX.—ZENANA PAPER.

1. The Constitutional Publication Committee shall take charge of the funds raised for the endowment of the Zenana Paper, and control of their investment and expenditure, and have the general supervision of the interests of the paper.

2. The Corresponding Secretary of each Branch shall have the control of the investment of the funds raised for the support of the Zenana Paper within the bounds of her Branch, with the approval of the Constitutional Publication Committee; the interest on investments to be paid semi-annually to the Treasurer of the Zenana Paper.

3. The Woman's Conference in India shall nominate a committee consisting of five persons, three ladies and two gentlemen, one of whom shall be the publisher, to supervise the interests of the paper and arrange with the Press Committee for editing and publishing the Zenana Paper in the various languages and dialects required; these nominations to be subject to the approval of the Constitutional Publication Committee in America.

4. The Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India shall send an Annual Report of the Zenana Paper to the Chairman of the Constitutional Publication Committee, with the amount of circulation and items of interest, in time to be presented to the Annual Meeting of the General Executive Committee in America.

5. The Treasurer in India of the funds of the Zenana Paper shall furnish the Constitutional Publication Committee an Annual Report of the receipts and expenditures of said paper in time to be presented to the General Executive Committee meeting in America.

6. A report of the Zenana Paper shall be published in the Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

7. The Treasurer of the Zenana Paper funds in America shall send the interest on the investments direct to the Treasurer of the Zenana Paper in India, only upon order of the Chairman of the Constitutional Committee.

Questions to Missionary Applicants.

1. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary ?
2. Do you desire and intend to make this your life work, and are you willing to labor in any field ?
3. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord ?
4. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifest in the past ?
5. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as set forth in Section 2 of the Discipline ?
6. Have you a thorough English education ?
7. Have you studied Latin or any modern language ; what proficiency have you made, and do you readily acquire the same ?
8. In what schools have you taught and with what success ?
9. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental ?
10. What is the condition of your health ?
11. Have you ever been married ; if so, is your husband living ?
12. Will you answer by *testimonials* to each of these questions ?

ACT OF INCORPORATION

STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

We, the undersigned, Caroline R. Wright, Anna A. Harris, Sarah K. Cornell and Harriet B. Skidmore, of the City of New York, and Susan A. Sayre, of the City of Brooklyn, being all citizens of the United States of America, and citizens of the State of New York, do hereby, pursuant to, and in conformity with the Act of the Legislature of the State of New York passed on April 12th, 1848, entitled, "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable and missionary societies;" and the several Acts of the said Legislature amendatory thereof, associate ourselves together and form a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," which we certify is the name or title by which said Society shall be known in law. And we do hereby further certify that the particular business and object of said Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female missionaries to women in foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

That the number of managers to manage the business and affairs of said Society shall be seventeen, and that the names of such managers of said Society, for the first year of its existence, are: Lucy A. Alderman, Sarah L. Keen, Ellen T. Cowen; Sarah E. Crandon, Mary C. Ninde, Elizabeth K. Stanley, Harriet M. Shattuck, Eliza B. Stevens, Caroline R. Wright, Harriet B. Skidmore, Josephine D. Easter, Annie R. Gracey, Mary L. Dennler, Sarah K. Cornell, Annie A. Harris, Ordellia M. Hillman, and Susan A. Sayre.

That the place of business or principal office of said Society shall be in the City and County of New York, in the State of New York.

Witness our hand and seals this 20th day of December, A. D., 1884.

CAROLINE R. WRIGHT,	[SEAL]
ANNA A. HARRIS,	"
HARRIET B. SKIDMORE,	"
SARAH K. CORNELL,	"
SUSAN A. SAYRE,	"

STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

On the 20th day of December, 1884, before me personally came and appeared Caroline R. Wright, Anna A. Harris, Harriet B. Skidmore and Sarah K. Cornell, to me known, and to me personally known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and they severally duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

[NOTARY'S SEAL.] ANDREW LEMON,
Notary Public, (58)

New York County.

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF KINGS, } ss.
CITY OF BROOKLYN.

On the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1884, before me came Susan A. Sayre, to me known, and known to me to be one of the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

[NOTARY'S SEAL.] F. G. MINTRAM,
Notary Public for Kings County.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
 COUNTY OF KINGS. } ss.

I, Rodney Thursby, Clerk of the County of Kings and Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for said county (said court being a Court of Records) DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that F. G. Mintram, whose name is subscribed to the Certificate of Proof, or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument and thereon written, was at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Notary Public of the State of New York, in and for the said County of Kings, dwelling in said County, commissioned and sworn, and duly authorized to take the same. And, further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary, and verily believe the signature to the said Certificate is genuine, and that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of the State of New York.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County and Court, this 24th day of December, 1884.

[SEAL.]

RODNEY THURSBY, *Clerk.*

[Endorsed.]

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Certificate of Incorporation, December 27, 1884.

I, the undersigned, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, for the first Judicial District, do hereby approve the within certificate, and do consent that the same be filed pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled, "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable, scientific and missionary societies," passed April 12th, 1848, and the several Acts extending and amending said Act. Dated New York, Dec. 26, 1884.

ABM. R. LAWRENCE, *J. S. C.*

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
 CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

I, James A. Flack, Clerk of the said City and County, and Clerk of the Supreme Court of said State for said County, do certify that I have compared the preceding with the original Certificate of Incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original. Endorsed, filed and recorded, Dec. 27th, 1884, 1 hour, 25 minutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my official seal, this 12th day of November, 1888.

[SEAL]

JAMES A. FLACK, *Clerk.*

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FORMS FOR WILL AND DEVISE.

Special attention is called to the following form of Bequest and Devise required by the incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York..... Dollars to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be sufficient acquittance to my executors therefor.

FORM OF DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I hereby give and devise to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," (describe land, etc., intended to be given to the Society) and to their successors and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Prompt notice of all bequests and devises should be given to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within which the donor resides.

Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, 230 West 59th street, New York, is the Treasurer of the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, with power to sign release to executors, through whom the Society may receive bequests, and to perform such other acts as are required by the Act of Incorporation, and which cannot be legally executed by Branch Treasurers.

The following resolution was adopted at the General Executive Committee at Springfield, Mass., and ordered published in the Annual Report:

Resolved. That the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York, be authorized to accept and receive all gifts and legacies to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or to any Branch thereof, and to give all suitable receipts, releases and acquittances therefor, under the corporate seal, or otherwise; and also, by the direction of a majority of the members of the Reference Committee, given either at a meeting of said Committee, or separately by the individuals comprising the same, to execute under the corporate seal, acknowledge and deliver conveyances or releases of any land or property owned, held or claimed by the said Society, or any other instrument necessary or useful for the promotion of the purposes of said Society.

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LIST OF REAL ESTATE

Belonging to WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, M. E. CHURCH.

India.		Tsukiji	10,000 00
Almorah, Sanitarium,	\$ 4,000 00	Hakodati, Home and School...	11,000 00
Budoan, School Building.....	3,000 00	Fukuoka.....	8,500 00
Bareilly, Home, 43 acres.....	12,500 00	Nagasaki.....	25,000 00
Hospital.....	9,000 00	Yokohama	8,500 00
Orphanage.....	3,000 00	Nagoya.....	3,000 00
Bijnour, School.....	3,000 00	Total	\$78,000 00
Bombay, Home and School.....	25,000 00	Korea.	
Cawnpore, School Building....	8,500 00	Home and School.....	\$ 5,000 00
Home.....	4,500 00	Hospital.....	2,000 00
Gonda, School Building.....	3,500 00	Total.....	\$ 7,000 00
Lucknow, School Building.....	4,000 00	Mexico.	
Harriett Warren		Mexico City, Orphanage.....	\$32,000 00
Memorial.....	10,000 00	Pachua, Home School.....	30,000 00
Home.....	7,360 00	Puebla, ".....	26,000 00
Boarding Halls.....	4,000 00	Total.....	\$88,000 00
Home for Friendless	4,500 00	South America.	
Moradabad, School Building...	2,000 00	Montivideo, School and Home.	\$21,000 00
Home.....	3,500 00	Rosario, " " "	10,000 00
Naini Tal, Boarding School....	13,000 00	Total.....	\$ 31,000 00
Pauri, Orphanage	3,000 00	Bulgaria.	
Pithoragarh, Adeline Newman		Lofteha, Home and School....	\$ 6,500 00
Home for Friendless Women	4,000 00	Italy.	
Seetapore, Boarding School....	4,000 00	Rome, School Property....	\$15,000 00
Bidwell Boarding School, Shah-		Zenana Paper Fund, invested	
jahanpore.....	4,000 00	in this Country	\$25,000 00
Hyderabad, Home and School	10,000 00	Summary.	
Aligarh	5,000 00	India.....	\$164,360 00
Ajmere	5,000 00	China.....	77,800 00
Meerut.....	5,000 00	Japan	78,000 00
Total.....	\$164,360 00	Korea.....	7,000 00
China.		Mexico.....	88,000 00
Chinking, Home and Hospital	\$ 5,000 00	South America.....	31,000 00
Poochow, Orphanage	4,000 00	Bulgaria.....	6,500 00
Girls' Board'g School	13,000 00	Italy.....	15,000 00
Two Hospitals.....	7,000 00	Total....	\$467,660 00
Kiu Kiang	7,000 00	Adding Zenana Paper Fund..	25,000 00
Nanking, School.....	4,000 00	Grand Total.....	\$492,660 00
Peking, Home and School.....	14,300 00		
Tientsin, Hospital.....	12,000 00		
Home.....	5,000 00		
Tsun Hwa, Home and School.	4,000 00		
Hospital.....	2,000 00		
Total.....	\$77,800 00		
Japan.			
Aoyama, School Tokyo.....	\$12,000 00		

Membership and Scholarship in the W. F. M. S.

The payment of one dollar a year, or two cents a week, constitutes membership.

The payment of twenty dollars constitute a person a life member.

The payment of one hundred dollars constitutes a life manager.

The payment of three hundred dollars constitutes a life patron.

The payment of ten dollars constitutes a child under fifteen years a life member.

Twenty-five dollars supports an orphan in India.

Forty dollars supports an orphan in Japan.

Seventy dollars supports an orphan in Mexico.

Sixty dollars supports a Bible reader in India.

Missionaries and Their Stations.

- Asuncion, S. A.**
Hammond, Rebecca I.
- Aligarh, India.**
Green, Lilly D.
- Bareilly, India.**
Bryan, Mary, M. D.
Christiansen, Christina
English, Fannie M.
Lawson, Christine
Dart, Jennie M., M. D.
- Baroda, India.**
Hodge, Emma, M. D.
Spear, Katharine
- Bombay, India.**
Carroll, Mary E.
Sterling, Florence
Porter, Charlotte J.
Lawson, Christine H.
Nichols, Elizabeth
- Budaon, India.**
Wilson, May
- Buenos Ayres, S. A.**
Le Huray, Eleanora
Thompson, E.
- Calcutta, India.**
Blair, Kate
Craig, Frances
Dailey, Rebecca
Harris, Nellie
Maxey, Elizabeth
Stahl, Josephine
Knowles, Emma.
- Cawnpore, India.**
Lauek, Ada J.
Marks, Lillian
Tryon, E. V.
- Callao, Peru.**
Wood, Elsie
- Chinkiang, China.**
Hoag, Lucy, M. D.
Robinson, Mary C.
Taft, Gertrude, M. D.
Deaver, Ida C.
- Chung-King, China.**
Galloway, Helen
Meyer, Fannie E.
Collier, Clara J.
- Foochow, China.**
Allen, Mabel
Bonafield, Julia A.
Carleton, M. E., M. D.
Lyon, Ella, M. D.
Masters, Luella, M. D.
Peters, Mary
Rouse, Wilma H.
Trimble, Lydia A.
Sites, Ruth M.
Wilkinson, Lydia
Wilson, Minnie E.
Linam, Alice
Todd, Althea M.
Hu King Eng, M. D.
Hartford, Mabel C.
- Fukuoka, Japan.**
Van Petten, Mrs. C.
- Gonda, India.**
Scott, Fannie
- Guanajuato, Mexico.**
Van Dorsten, A.
Dunmore, Effie
- Hakodate, Japan.**
Dickerson, Augusta
Hampton, Minnie S.
Singer, Florence E.
- Haiderabad, India.**
Blackmar, Louise E.
Wood, Catherine
Ernsberger, I., M. D.
Evans, Alice
- Hirosaki, Japan.**
Wilson, Mary E.
Otto, Alice M.
- Hingwa, China.**
Donahue, Julia M., M. D.
Wells, Phebe
- Jubbulpore, India.**
Ellicker Anna
- Kinkiang, China.**
Howe, Gertrude
Ogborn, Kate L.
Stanton, Alice M.
Stone, Mary, M. D.
Khan, Ida, M. D.
Merrill, Clara
- Lotcha, Bulgaria.**
Blackburn, Kate B.
Diem, Lydia
- Lucknow, India.**
Thoburn, Isabella
Hoge, Elizabeth
Nichols, Florence
Gallimore, Anna
Collins, Ruth A.
Hardie, Eva M.
Widdifield, Flora M.
- Madras, India.**
Stephens, Grace
- Moradabad, India.**
Kemper, Harriet
Gallimore, Annie
- Montevideo, S. A.**
Hewitt, Elizabeth
Bowen, Mary E.
Waidman, Belle
- Muttra, India.**
Rowe, Phebe
Lawson, Anna
Wright, Laura S.
Sullivan, Lucy
Scott, Emma, M. D.
- Meerut, India.**
Lawson, Anna E.
Marks, Lillian
- Mexico City.**
Dunmore, Effie
Loyd, Mary De F.
Ayres, H. L.
- Naina Tal, India.**
Easton, S. A.
Sellers, Ruth
Curts, Kate O.
Butcher, Annie
- Nanking, China.**
Davis, Mrs. Anna L.
Peters, Sarah
Shaw, Ella C.
Mitchell, Emma
- Nagasaki, Japan.**
Russell, E.
Kidwell, Lola M.
Lee, Irene
Gheer, Jennie M.
Smith, Lida B.
Bing, A. L.
- Nagoya, Japan.**
Alling, H. S.
Heaton, Carrie A.

- Peking, China.**
 Frey, C. M.
 Gloss, Anna, M. D.
 Jewell, Mrs. Charlotte M.
 Steere, Anna E.
 Wilson, Frances O.
 Young, Ellie G.
 Shockley, May E.
- Puebla, Mexico.**
 Limberger, Anna R.
 Purdy, Currie M.
- Paori, India.**
 Kyle, Theresa J.
- Pachuca, Mexico.**
 Hastings, Mary L.
- Pithoragarh, India.**
 Budden, Annie
 Sheldon, Martha, M. D.
 Reed, Mary
- Poona, India.**
 Abrams, Minnie F.
 Benthien, E. M.
 Fisher, Fannie S.
- Rome, Italy.**
 Vickery, Ella
 Bayse, Edith
- Rangoon, Hurmah.**
 Keeler, Anna
 Perkins, Fannie
 Wisner, Julia E.
- Rosario, S. A.**
 Swaney, Mary F.
 Goodin, E.
- Seoul, Korea.**
 Scranton, M. F., Mrs.
 Cutler, Mary M., M. D.
 Frey, Lulu E.
 Harris, Mary W.
 Lewis, Ella A.
 Paine, Josephine O.
 Rothweiler, Louisa C.
- Singapore, Straits Settlement.**
 Blackmore, Sophie
 Ferris, Emma E.
- Seetapore, India.**
 Easton, Celesta
- Shahjahanpore, India.**
 Haefel, Louise
- Sundai, Japan.**
 Allen, Belle J.
- Sironcha, India.**
 Ernsberger, I., M. D.
- Tientsin (Tsunhwa), China.**
 Benn, Rachel R., M. D.
 Glover, Ella E.
 Stevenson, Ida M., M. D.
 Terry, Edna G., M. D.
 Croucher, Miranda.
 Barrows, Mrs. M. L., M. D.
- Tokyo, Japan.**
 Blackstock, Ella
 Locke, Jennie E.
 Phelps, Frances
 Spencer, M. A.
 Watson, Rebecca J.
 Imhoff, Louise
 Russel, M. H.
- Yokohama, Japan.**
 Griffiths, Mary B.
 Simous, Maude E.

Missionaries

SENT OUT FROM AMERICA OR EMPLOYED BY THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1869.

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| <i>m</i> Akers, Estella, M. D. | Bryan, Mary E., M. D. | Collier, Clara J. |
| Atkinson, Anna P. | Blackburn, Kate A. | <i>r</i> Denning, Lou B. |
| Atkinson, Mary | Butcher, Annie | <i>m</i> Devine, Esther J. |
| Ayres, Harriet L. | Barrows, Mrs. Mary L., | <i>d</i> Downey, Clara A. |
| Abrams, Minnie F. | M. D. | De Line, Sarah M. |
| Allen, Belle J. | Benthien, E. M. | Danforth, Mary A. |
| Alling, H. S. | | Dickerson, Augusta |
| Allen, Mabel | <i>m</i> Carey, Mary F. | <i>m</i> Day, Martha E. |
| <i>m</i> Brown, Maria | <i>d</i> Campbell, L. A. | Daily, Rebecca |
| Blackmar, Lou E. | Chapin, Jennie M. | <i>r</i> Dudley, Hannah |
| <i>r</i> Bushnell, Kate C., M. D. | <i>m</i> Coombs, L., M. D. | <i>r</i> De Motte, Mary |
| Budden, Annie | Cushman, Clara | Dunmore, Effie |
| <i>m</i> Benton, Emma | <i>r</i> Clemens, Mrs. E. J. | Diem, Lydia |
| Bonafield, Julia A. | <i>m</i> Corey, Catherine, M. D. | Davis, Anna C. (Mrs.) |
| Blackmore, Sophia | Christiency, Mary F., | Donahue, Julia M., M. D. |
| Bing, Anna L. | M. D. | Dart, Jennie M., M. D. |
| Blair, Kate A. | Carleton, May E., M. D. | Deaver, Ida C. |
| <i>r</i> Black, Lillian R. | Carroll, Mary E. | Easton, S. A. |
| Bowen, Mary E. | <i>r</i> Crosthwaite, Isabella | Elliot, Mary J. |
| Bender, Elizabeth A. | <i>r</i> Craig, Frances | <i>m</i> Everding, Emma J. |
| Blackstock, Ella | Cutler, Mary F. M. D. | <i>d</i> English, Fannie M. |
| Baucus, Georgiana | Christiansen, Christina | <i>m</i> Elliot, Mary C. |
| Benn, Rachel, M. D. | Collins, Ruth A. | <i>m</i> Elliot, Margaret |
| <i>m</i> Bengel, Margaret | Croucher, Miranda | <i>m</i> Ernsberger, I., M. D. |
| | Curts, Kate O. | |

	Elicker, Anna		Jewell, Mrs. C. M.		Phelps, Frances E.
	Easton, Celesta		Jewell, Carrie I.		Parker, Theda A.
	Evans, Alice A.	<i>m</i>	Johnson, Ella		Perkins, Fannie A.
		<i>r</i>	Johnson, Anna		Paine, Josephine O.
<i>m</i>	Fisher, Elizabeth				Peters, Mary
	Fuller, Delia A.		Knowles, Emma L.		Purdy, C. M.
<i>r</i>	Field, Nella H.	<i>d</i>	Kerr, Hattie A.		Porter, C. J.
<i>r</i>	Fincham, Ella B.		Kyle, Theresa J.		
	Files, Estella M.	<i>r</i>	Kelly, Luella		Russell, Elizabeth
<i>m</i>	Forbes, Ella R.	<i>m</i>	Kaulback, Anna L.		Rowe, Phoebe
	French, Anna S.		Ketring, Mary		Reed, Mary
	Frey, Celia M.		Kemper, Harriet		Robinson, Mary C.
	Ferris, Emma E.	<i>m</i>	Kennedy, Mary E.	<i>m</i>	Rulofson, G. M.
	Frey, Lulu E.		Keeler, Anna C.		Rothweiler, Louisa C.
	Foster, Eva M.		Kidwell, Lola M.	<i>m</i>	Rogers, Anna M.
	Fisher, Fannie S.	<i>m</i>	Kissick, S. E.		Rouse, Wilma H.
			Khan, Ida, M. D.		Russell, M. A.
<i>d</i>	Green, Lucillia H., M. D.				
<i>r</i>	Gibson, Eugenia	<i>m</i>	Lore, Julia A., M. D.		Swain, Clara A., M. D.
	Gheer, Jennia M.	<i>d</i>	Layton, M. E.	<i>m</i>	Sparkes, Fannie J.
<i>m</i>	Goodenough, Julia E.	<i>m</i>	Leming, Sarah		Schoonmaker, Dora
<i>d</i>	Gilchrist, Ella, M. D.		Le Huray, Eleanor		Spencer, Matilda A.
<i>d</i>	Gulfi, Cecilfa		Loyd, Mary DeF.	<i>m</i>	Swaney, Mary F.
	Green, Nellie R.	<i>r</i>	Latimer, Laura	<i>r</i>	Sparr, Julia A., M. D.
	Gloss, Anna M., M. D.	<i>r</i>	Lauck, Ada J.	<i>r</i>	Sharpe, Mary
	Gallimore, Anna		Lawson, Anna E.	<i>d</i>	Spence, Mattie B.
	Griffiths, Mary B.		Lyon, Ella, M. D.	<i>r</i>	Sears, Anna B.
	Glover, Ella J.		Lewis, Ella A.	<i>r</i>	Schenck, Linna M.
	Greene, Lily D.		Limberger, Anna R.	<i>r</i>	Seranton, Mrs. M. F.
	Galloway, Helen		Lawson, Christine H.		Smith, Lida B.
	Goodin, E. S.		Lauck, Ada J.		Shaw, Ella C.
	Gilman, Gertrude		Lee, Irene		Sullivan, Lucy W.
			Locke, Jennie		Sheldon, Martha A., M. D.
			Linam, Alice		Simons, Maude E.
<i>m</i>	Harvey, Emily L.				Steere, Anna E.
<i>r</i>	Hedrick, M. C.	<i>m</i>	Monelle, Nancy, M. D.		Scott, Fannie A.
	Hamsfar, F. N., M. D.	<i>m</i>	Mason, Letitia, M. D.		Sellers, Ruth E.
	Howe, Gertrude	<i>r</i>	Mulliner, Clara		Stevenson, Ida B., M. D.
<i>r</i>	Howe, Delia A.	<i>m</i>	McMillan, Carrie		Sites, Ruth M.
	Hoag, L. A., M. D.	<i>d</i>	Michenor, Emma	<i>m</i>	Sherwood, R., M. D.
	Hastings, Mary	<i>m</i>	McKesson, Mary		Seeds, Leonora H.
<i>m</i>	Howard, Leonora, M. D.	<i>m</i>	Mansell, Henrietta		Stephens, Grace
<i>d</i>	Holbrook, Mary A.	<i>r</i>	Miller, Oriol		Stahl, Josephine
	Higgins, Susan B.	<i>r</i>	McDowell, Kate, M. D.		Stanton, Alice M.
	Hampton, Minnie S.		Maxey, Elizabeth		Singer, Florence E.
<i>m</i>	Hoy, Ella J.	<i>m</i>	McBurnie, Susan		Sterling, Florence
<i>m</i>	Hugaboom, Marion		Mitchell, Emma L.		Spencer, C. E.
<i>m</i>	Hyde, Laura, M. D.		Masters, Luella, M. D.		Suderstrom, Anna
<i>m</i>	Hughes, Mary	<i>m</i>	McGregor, Kate, M. D.		Stone, Mary, M. D.
	Hewett, Lizzie		Marks, Lillian E.		Scott, Emma, M. D.
<i>r</i>	Hewett, Ella J.		Meyer, Fannie E.		Shockley, Mary E.
	Hall, Emma D.		Merrill, C. E.		Spear, Katharine
<i>r</i>	Howard, Meta, M. D.		Means, Mary		
	Hartford, Mabel C.				Thoburn, Isabella
<i>m</i>	Hale, Lillian G.	<i>d</i>	Nickerson, Florence	<i>m</i>	Trask, Sigourney, M. D.
<i>m</i>	Hyde, Minnie J.	<i>r</i>	Neiger, Lillian	<i>m</i>	Tinsley, Jennie M.
	Haefer, Louisa		Nichols, Florence		Terry, Edna G., M. D.
	Hammond, Rebecca J.		Nichols, Elizabeth.	<i>m</i>	Taylor, Martha E.
	Hoge, Elizabeth				Trimble, Lydia A.
<i>r</i>	Hartzell, Ada C.	<i>r</i>	Ogden, Nettie C.	<i>m</i>	Thompson, Anna
<i>m</i>	Harrington, Susan		Ogborn, Kate L.	<i>m</i>	Tucker, Grace
<i>m</i>	Hebinger, Josephine		Otto, Alice M.		Thompson, E.
	Harris, Mary W.				Todd, Althea
	Heaton, Carrie A.	<i>m</i>	Porter, Mary Q.		Tryon, Elizabeth V.
<i>m</i>	Harris, Nellie	<i>d</i>	Pultz, Elizabeth M.		Taft, Gertrude, M. D.
	Hardie, Eva M.	<i>r</i>	Priest, Mary		
	Hin, King, Eng., M. D.	<i>r</i>	Pray, Susan, M. D.		Van Petten, Mrs. Carrie
	Hodge, Emma, M. D.	<i>m</i>	Perrine, Florence	<i>d</i>	Vance, Mary A.
			Peters, Sarah		Van Dorsten, Amelia
	Imhoff, Louisa	<i>d</i>	Pardoe, Mary E. V.		Vickery, Ella M.

<i>d</i>	Woolston, Beulah	Watson, Rebecca J.	Wilkinson, Lydia J.
<i>r</i>	Woolston, Sarah H.	Wisner, Julia E.	Wilson, Mary
<i>m</i>	Warner, Susan M.	Wood, Elsie	Wright, Laura S.
<i>m</i>	Whiting, Olive	Wilson, May	Wells, Phebe
<i>d</i>	Woolston, Henrietta, M. D.	Wilson, Frances O.	Widdifield, Flora M.
<i>m</i>	Woodworth, Kate	<i>m</i> Walton, Ida B.	Waidman, Belle
<i>m</i>	Warner, Ellen H.	White, Laura M.	Wilson, Fannie G.
<i>m</i>	Wheeler, Frances J.	Wilson, Mary E.	<i>r</i> Yates, Elizabeth U.
		Wood, Catharine A.	Young, Effie G.

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Rules and Pronunciation.

PRONUNCIATION OF INDIAN NAMES FURNISHED BY MISS THOBURN.

I find it difficult to give the pronunciation of Indian names in English, as requested, because some of the sounds cannot well be indicated by the spelling. A few rules may be helpful, not only in pronouncing the names already given, but those that may occur in letters and reports hereafter.

A has two sounds, a short like u in tub, and a long, as in far.

E has the continental sound, like the long e in there.

I is short as in sit, and long when accented, as i in machine.

O is always long, as in no.

U short as in full, ù long as in rule.

Ai as i in mice.

Au as ou in our.

The syllable containing the long vowel is always accented. If there are no long vowels in a word, or if all are long, the syllables have equal quality.

There is some difficulty in applying these rules, because the long vowel is not often printed with the accent in our reports, and so cannot be distinguished from the short, and because some names are spelled in English and some in Roman-Urdu.

The stations mentioned in our Indian Mission report are pronounced, as nearly as they can be spelled, as follows :

Kamá on	Kamáwan	Badá on	Balown
Naini Tal	Nynce Tál	Bilsí	Bilsee
Bhábar	Bhaw-bar	Kakraulí	Kukroulec
Dwára Háth	Dwara Hant	Ghotá	Ghota
Garhwál	Gurhwál	Bissouli	Bissonlee
Srinagar	Sree-núggur	Saiswán	Sicewan
Pithoragarh	Pithora Gurh	Ujainí	Ujney
Rohilcund	Rohilcund	Data Ganj	Data Gugje
Bijnúr	Bijnour	Ondh	On as in Our
Morádábád	Morad'abad'	Laknau	Lucknow
Chandousí	Chundowsee	Kánpur	Cawnpoor
Anroha	Umroha	Ráí Barelí	Roy Barailly
Saumbhal	Sumbhul	Bárabankí	Bara-bunkee
Barelí	Barailly	Sítápúr	Seetapoor
Philibít	Philibeet	Haráú'í	Hur-doo-dee
Aunla	Ounla	Gonda	Goanda
Fathganj	Futhagunje	Nawábganj	Nowáb-gunje
Kbera Bajhera	Khalra Bajhaira	Baruch	Baruch
Sháhjahánpúr	Shah'-jehan'-poor		

RULES FOR PRONOUNCING WORDS IN THE FOOCHOW DIALECT, FURNISHED BY MRS. DR. BALDWIN.

a has the sound of a in far.	ó has the sound of aw.
á " " " " a in fat.	u " " " " oo in fool.
e " " " " a in play.	ë has a guttural sound, like oe in Goethe.
è " " " " e in met.	ü has the sound of the French u in l'üne.
i " " " " i in machine.	au has the sound of ow in cow.
í " " " " i in pin.	ai " " " " i in kind.
o " " " " o in bone.	

Hok-Chlang	Hoke-cheang	Sia Sek-ong	Sea-ah Sake ong
Kucheng	Koo-cheng	Lí Chá Mi	Lee Chá Me
Tiong-lok	Teong-lock	Kiu-Kiang	Kew Keang
Hü Pá Mi	Hü Paw Me	Wong Ting Ai	Wong Ting Eye
Lí Yu Mi	Lee You Me		

It is almost invariably correct to accent on the last syllable of the name of a place.

JAPAN.

Nagasaki	Nang-a-sá'kee	Kiushiu	Óú shoo
Tsákiji*	Skee-gee	Líu Kiu	Loo-choo
Tsurunga	Suro-ong'-gá	Yezo	Yes-so
Shikoku	She-ko-ku	Dai	Dye

Kawatsei Sui (Quassui) Jo Gokke. Name of Nagasaki School.

* "Ts" has German "Z" sound. Fu-ku-o-ka.

PRONUNCIATION OF SPANISH NAMES FURNISHED BY MRS. REV. D. KEMBLE.

Puebla	Pwabli	Rosario	Ro-sar-io
Leon	Layon	Montevideo	Monta-vid-a-o
Miraflores	Mee-rahflór-es	Buenos Ayres	Bwa-nos-ayres
Queretaro	Ker é tar-o	Orizaba	Ori-za-va
Real	Rí-íi	Pachuca	Pa-choo-ka
Del Monte	Del Món-ta	Silao	Se la o
Ayapango	Ay a páu go	San Juan	San-hwan.
Guanajuato	G wan-a-hwáto		

Seoul, the capital of Korea, is pronounced as if it were spelled Say-ole.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
 OF THE
 WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
 M. E. CHURCH.

The General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society convened for its twenty-seventh Annual Session in the Monroe Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Rochester, N. Y., Thursday morning, October 29, 1896, at 9:30.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, Corresponding Secretary of the New York Branch.

The hymn, "Oh, for a thousand tongues," was sung, after which the fifty-fifth chapter of Isaiah was read by Mrs. Skidmore ; a second hymn,

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
 Does his successive journeys run."

was sung, and Mrs. Mary C. Nind offered prayer.

Mrs. Cowen, Secretary of the Committee on Organization, called the roll, and the following delegates answered to their names :

New England Branch—Mrs. L. A. Alderman, Miss L. M. Hodgkins, Mrs. A. K. Turner.

New York Branch—Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, Mrs. W. V. Hazeltine, Mrs. M. S. Hard.

Philadelphia Branch—Mrs. S. L. Keen, Mrs. D. D. Van Kirk, Mrs. M. L. Shaefer.

Baltimore Branch—Mrs. E. B. Stevens, Mrs. J. S. Rawlings, Mrs. S. A. Hill.

Cincinnati Branch—Mrs. B. R. Cowen, Mrs. J. B. Jones, Mrs. R. N. Brewster.

Northwestern Branch—Mrs. F. P. Crandon, Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Mrs. L. F. Halstead.

Des Moines Branch—Mrs. M. H. Huston, Mrs. F. B. Price, Mrs. A. G. Carter.

Minneapolis Branch—Mrs. C. S. Winchell, Mrs. Ellen Winship, Mrs. L. P. Hauser.

Topeka Branch—Miss M. Watson, Mrs. M. F. Huron, Mrs. O. L. Fisher.

Pacific Branch—No delegate present.

Columbia River Branch—Mrs. A. N. Fisher, Mrs. G. G. Birrell.

The following officers were elected : President, Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, of Brooklyn ; Secretary, Mrs. J. T. Gracey, of Rochester.

The following standing committees were appointed :

Committee on Finance—Mrs. L. A. Alderman, Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, Mrs. S. L. Keen, Mrs. E. B. Stevens, Mrs. B. R. Cowen, Mrs. F. P. Crandon, Mrs. M. S. Huston, Mrs. C. S. Winchell, Miss M. Watson, Mrs. A. N. Fisher.

Committee on Missionary Candidates—Miss L. M. Hodgkins, Mrs. W. V. Hazeltine, Mrs. E. D. Van Kirk, Mrs. S. A. Hill, Mrs. R. N. Brewster, Mrs. L. F. Halstead, Mrs. F. B. Price, Mrs. L. P. Hauser, Mrs. M. F. Huron, Mrs. G. G. Birrell.

Committee on By-Laws—Committee of the Whole.

Committee on Publication—Mrs. A. K. Turner, Mrs. M. S. Hard, Mrs. M. L. Shaefer, Mrs. J. S. Rawlings, Mrs. J. B. Jones, Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Mrs. A. G. Carter, Mrs. Ellen Winship, Mrs. O. L. Fisher, Mrs. G. G. Birrell.

The Secretary made some general announcements, after which the regular order of business was taken up. The Home reports of the various Branches were presented by the Corresponding Secretaries. (See Reports).

The Statistics are as follows :

Auxiliary Societies.....	4,472;	Decr., 158
Members.....	113,720;	Decr., 7,568
Young Ladies' Societies.....	617;	Decr., 163
Members.....	9,806;	Decr., 4,688
Mission Bands.....	705;	Decr., 66
Members.....	16,360;	Incr., 1,623
Total Organizations.....	5,794;	Decr., 387
Total Membership.....	149,819;	Decr., 1,344
Conference Secretaries.....	68;	
District Secretaries.....	255;	

The reports of treasurers, as presented, show the following amounts, collected from October 1, 1895, to October 1, 1896 :—

New England Branch.....	\$ 31,255	67
New York Branch	45,842	66
Philadelphia Branch	31,778	29
Baltimore Branch.....	11,259	60
Cincinnati Branch.....	39,756	33
Northwestern Branch	69,536	66
Des Moines Branch	26,050	14
Minneapolis Branch	7,807	98
Topeka Branch.....	13,464	02
Pacific Branch.....	6,053	46
Columbia River Branch	3,019	13

Total.....\$285,823 94

Compared with the previous year the showing would be :—

Receipts in 1895.....	\$289,217	00
“ “ 1896	285,823	94
Decrease	\$ 3,403	06

At the close of these reports, which were accepted, one verse of “Blest be the tie that binds” was sung.

Introductions.

The following persons were then introduced to the Committee by the President : Mrs. Kingsbury, of Boston, one of the original eight founders of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society ; Mrs. Mary C. Nind, a former Corresponding Secretary, just returned from a trip around the world, having visited the Society's Missions. From China : Rev. S. Lewis, Mrs. Dr. Sites, Miss Ruth Sites, Miss C. Jewell, Miss Collier, Mrs. Lillian Hale Scott, Miss White ; from India, Mrs C. Hoskins, Miss Harvey, Mrs. Laura Hyde Foote, Miss Kate Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Fox ; from Japan, Miss G. Baucus, Miss Danforth ; Miss Hall, of Rome, Italy ; Miss Lloyd, of Mexico ; Miss Frances Baker, of Michigan ; Mrs. Dr. Reed, of New York ; Mrs. Van Benschoten, of Newark, N. J. ; Rev. Mr. Grames, Pastor Hedding M. E. Church, Rochester, N. Y. ; Miss Hodgkins, editor of *Woman's Missionary Friend* ; Miss Walden, of Boston, publisher for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society ; Mrs. O. W. Scott, editor

Children's Missionary Friend; Mrs. A. W. Hayes, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

The medal awarded to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society by the Columbian Exposition was Exhibited by Mrs. Crandon, of the Northwestern Branch, and left for inspection on the Secretary's table.

Various notices were given by the Secretary and a motion to adjourn prevailed. The meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

OCTOBER 30, 1896.

The General Executive Committee convened at nine o'clock. Mrs. Winchell, Corresponding Secretary of the Minneapolis Branch conducted the opening devotional service.

The President took the chair, and the Secretary called the roll of members. The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Mrs. Cowen, Secretary of the Committee of Reference, presented the report of that body. She reported that thirty-two items of business had been presented and acted upon through the year. Eight missionary candidates—Misses Benthein, Purdy, Waidman, Nichols, Spencer, Suderstrom, Merrill and Porter, had been accepted and sent to the foreign field, and five others, Misses Lamb, Wilson, Leonard, Daniel and McKibben, were accepted, but not appointed.

Arrangements were made to dispose of property in Foochow, and appropriations had been made for buildings in Pauri, Nagoya, Mexico City and Pachuca.

The report was adopted.

Mrs. Keen, Secretary of the Constitutional Publication Committee, presented the report of that committee, and also of the Zenana paper. (See report).

This report was adopted.

The report of Miss Walden, publisher, was presented, as follows :

No. of subscribers, October 1, 1896, to the various periodicals published by the Society :

<i>Woman's Missionary Friend</i>	19,146
<i>Children's Missionary Friend</i>	18,325
<i>Frauen Missions Freund</i>	3,120
<i>The Study</i>	21,564

The report showed that during the thirteen years of Miss Walden's connection with the publishing interests the following amounts had been expended :—

For Literature	\$18,836	30
“ Zenana paper.....	2,276	56
“ Children's Friend	2,378	49
“ German Friend	2,860	46
“ Life Membership Certificates.....	1,496	82
“ Traveling expenses of missionaries.....	1,019	47
Total.....	\$28,868	10
Average annual expenses	\$	2,220 00
Editors' and Publisher's expenses.....		950 23
Being an annual verage of.....		73 00
Office expenses, not including Publisher's salary.....		11,527 00
Being an annual average of.....		886 70

This report was referred to the Committee on publication.

The report of the *Woman's Missionary Friend* was presented by the editor, Miss Hodgkins. This report was accepted, and referred to the Publication Committee.

At the conclusion of this report, the presence of Bishop Thoburn, of India, and Bishop Hartzell, of Africa, was announced.

Bishop Thoburn was introduced, and spoke a few words in regard to the work in India.

Bishop Hartzell was also introduced, and spoke of his plans for the work in Africa.

The following persons were introduced : Rev. Dr. Hard, Assistant Secretary, Church Extension Society ; Rev. Ward Platt, pastor Monroe Ave. Methodist Church, Rochester ; Mrs. Platt ; Rev. L. T. Foote ; Dr. Wilson, pastor Epworth Methodist Church, Rochester ; Dr. Gracey ; Miss Priest, formerly of Japan ; Miss Court, of Siam, of the Presbyterian Board ; Miss Fuller, of India, and Miss Tucker, of Japan.

The report of the *Children's Missionary Friend*, presented by the editor, Mrs. O. W. Scott, was accepted, and referred to the Publication Committee.

The report of the German paper was presented by the editor, Mrs. Achard. She reported an increase of one hundred and ninety-five subscribers for the year. Eighty-eight of these subscribers were gained in Europe. She reported that words of thanks and appreciation concerning the paper had come to her from the auxiliaries in Europe. The report was accepted and referred to the Publication Committee.

Mrs. Achard was called upon to present a report of the German work. She had no statistics, but reported that she had presented the work in a number of places, and reported an organization in the city of Boston.

Mrs. Alderman, Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch, presented the following memorials :

Annual meeting of the Corporation of the N. E. Branch, of the W. F. M. Society, Boston, October 21, 1896 :

WHEREAS, According to the present Constitution of the W. F. M. S., the editors and publishers of the periodicals and other literature of the Society are not members of the General Executive Committee, and can have no vote in the affairs of the Society, therefore,

Resolved, That this body, the N. E. Branch, W. F. M. S., memorialize the committee appointed last year to revise the Constitution, recommending that the editors and publisher of the publications of the Society be made constitutional members of the General Executive Committee.

EDITH H. BUELL, *Clerk*.

WHEREAS, It would seem to facilitate the business of the General Executive Committee meeting to have a permanent President and Secretary, therefore,

Resolved, That we memorialize the committee having in charge the

revision of the Constitution, and recommend a permanent organization of our Society, with President and Secretary who shall be elected annually.

EDITH H. BUELL, *Clerk.*

Mrs. A. N. Fisher presented the following memorials from the Pacific Branch.

WHEREAS, Great interest is being aroused at Hueng Shan in South China by Bro. Lun Foon, who went out from our San Francisco work; and at least three Chinese girls are being supported by ladies in California, two in Hong Kong and one in Lun Foon's school, who ought to have the fostering care of our Branch; and

WHEREAS, Bro. Lun Foon continues to plead for help from our Society to care for these girls, and others, whom he and his wife can reach,

Therefore, Be it resolved, that the Pacific Branch in annual session, memorialize the General Executive Committee of the W. F. M. S., to send a missionary to the aid of Bro. Lun Foon in Hueng Shan to work among the women and girls of that part of the Quang Tung Province.

WHEREAS, We are so remote from headquarters in the East, and the expense incurred in bringing returned missionaries to our borders is beyond our means, and our work suffers great loss in consequence; and,

WHEREAS, We believe that outgoing missionaries would not only give our work a new impetus, but be strengthened and comforted in their own hearts by coming into touch with the workers on this Coast, their nearest neighbors at home, be it

Resolved. That we memorialize the General Executive Committee to set aside the law forbidding out-going missionaries to speak immediately previous to sailing, and let us have this, in many instances, the only opportunity of acquaintance with them and their work, and the up-building of God's cause within our borders.

Adopted, October 14, 1896, at the eighth annual meeting, Oakland, Cal.

LURA C. SPENCER,

Recording Secretary, Pacific Branch, W. F. M. S.

These were accepted and it was moved and carried that the parts referring to a change of Constitution be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, and the part concerning the opening of new work, referred to the Finance Committee.

The reports of Foreign Work were then taken up and Mrs. Cowen presented the report of North India Conference.

The report was adopted.

Mrs. Nind was granted permission to make a statement concerning Miss Baker's Book, "The Story of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society."

Rev. T. F. Parker, Rev. Mr. Paddock, Rev. J. McElhinney, pastor of one of the Presbyterian Churches of Rochester ; Mrs. Rice, formerly preceptress of Lima Seminary and an officer in the Home Missionary Society ; Mrs. M. H. Bidwell, president of Buffalo District, and Mrs. Davis, a trustee of Syracuse University were all introduced to the Committee.

Mrs. Lattimore, Chairman of the Social Committee, was introduced and extended an invitation to the General Executive Committee, delegates and visitors, to a reception to be given by the Methodists of Rochester at Powers' Art Gallery, Saturday, October 30, from 7:30 to 10:30 P. M.

The Committee accepted Mrs. Lattimore's invitation with thanks.

A motion to adjourn prevailed and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Hartzell.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1896.

The General Executive Committee convened at the usual hour.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Hodgkins of the New England Branch.

The roll was called, the minutes read, corrected and approved.

Dr. Clara Swain, the first medical missionary sent by the Society to the foreign field, was presented to the Committee. Dr. Swain, having spent twenty-seven years in the work, had returned home for rest.

Dr. R. Sherwood Hall of Korea, and Dr. Benn of North China were also introduced.

The regular business was then taken up and Mrs. Gracey, Chairman of the Literature Committee, presented a report. The report was accepted and referred to the Publication Committee.

Miss Waiden, Treasurer of the Literature Committee, presented her report, which was accepted and referred to the Publication Committee. This report showed as follows:—

Receipts of the Committee	\$5,184 41
Expenses of the Committee	1,810 43
Assets in literature on hand.....	1,200 50

The official reports were resumed and Miss Watson presented a report of the Northwest India Conference, Mrs. Huston, of the Bombay Conference, and Mrs. Cowen read a letter concerning the estimates from Miss Thoburn.

Miss Palmer, of the Baptist Mission in Burma, was introduced and spoke a few words in regard to the School of our own Society in Rangoon.

Mrs. Bishop Hartzell was introduced to the Committee.

Mrs. Stevens presented a report of the South India Conference. In her report Mrs. Stevens made reference to the conversion of a high-caste Brahman woman, the story of which had been written by Miss Stevens of Madras, and the few copies on sale were readily purchased. It was announced that a large edition of the book would be sent to this country shortly. Mrs. Stevens' report was adopted, after which a solo was sung by W. A. Gracey.

Mrs. Winchell presented a report of the Malaysia Mission Conference. At the close of her report, Mrs. Nind was requested to make a supplementary report, as she had so recently visited that mission, and through her munificence this work had been inaugurated. She spoke of the work in Singapore, Pegu, Penang, Rangoon and also of the school work in Naini Tal.

Mrs. Lattimore, Chairman of the Social Committee, made some announcements.

Mrs. Cowen made a statement in regard to the health of Dr.

Bryan, which had been very feeble. She is now entirely recovered.

Dr. Lattimore, acting President of the Rochester University; Rev. L. E. Rockwell, pastor of Glenwood Church; Rev. O. C. Poland, pastor of Frank Street Church, and Dr. A. D. Wilbor were introduced.

A motion to adjourn prevailed, the Doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Thoburn.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1896.

The General Executive Committee convened at the usual hour. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Rawlings of the Baltimore Branch. The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The regular order of business was taken up and the report of Northern Japan presented by Mrs. A. N. Fisher, Central Japan by Mrs. Keen, and Southern Japan by Mrs. Cowen. The reports were accepted.

Miss Baucus supplemented the reports, giving a sketch of the work in Hirosaki. Mrs. Cowen exhibited a paper, published quarterly, by the girls of the Nagasaki school.

Mrs. Skidmore presented a report from Korea. A report of the medical work in Korea was also presented, and two letters from Bishop Joyce were read, urging the sending of more missionaries to Korea.

Dr. Hall of Korea was introduced and spoke of the medical work of the country. The report was then accepted.

The report of Bengal-Burma Conference, in charge of the Pacific Branch, was read by Mrs. A. N. Fisher, as the Corresponding Secretary was not present.

The Treasurer's report of the Pacific Branch was also presented.

It was moved and carried that the meeting advertised for Tuesday evening be omitted on account of probable interruption of travel by street cars on election night.

Letters were read from Rev. Dr. Oldham and Mrs. Bishop Fowler expressing regret at their inability to be present at the meetings of the Committee.

The Secretary was instructed to send greetings in reply to Dr. Oldham's letter.

A Committee of three on Resolutions was ordered to be appointed by the Chair. The following were made such committee :—Mrs. R. H. Pooley of the Northwestern Branch, Mrs. M. Shafer of the Philadelphia Branch, and Mrs. W. V. Hazeltine of the New York Branch.

The following persons were introduced to the Committee : Mrs. J. M. Cornell, treasurer of the New York Branch ; Mrs. Hillman, secretary of the Troy Conference ; Mrs. E. B. Green, secretary of the Home Missionary Society of the Genesee Conference ; Rev. Mr. Sanford, M. E. pastor from Palmyra, N. Y. ; Mrs. Dr. Thayer and Mrs. Dr. Foster, of Clifton Springs ; Rev. Mr. Bobolin, pastor of the German Methodist Church ; Dr. Bills, former presiding elder of Rochester District ; Dr. Hamilton, pastor First Methodist Church ; Mrs. G. H. McGrew, returned missionary from India ; Mrs. Lacey and daughter from Foochow, China ; Mrs. M. E. Harned, returned missionary from Africa ; after which two verses of "Jesus, Lover of my Soul" were sung.

The following memorial was received from the Northwestern Branch in regard to a uniform hour of prayer.

WHEREAS, The question has been oft repeated, What is the hour of united prayer as observed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society?

Resolved, That the Northwestern Branch in annual session memorialize the General Executive Committee to endorse the action of the

General Executive Committee, held in Providence, fixing the time of prayer at nine A. M., and request the clock of the *Woman's Missionary Friend* to be placed at that time.

Respectfully submitted,
October 31, 1896.

Per MRS. R. H. POOLEY,
Delegate from Illinois.

A vote was taken as to whether the hour should be nine or twelve as published in the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, but the vote being doubtful, a standing vote was ordered, resulting in a vote of sixteen to ten, in favor of twelve o'clock.

Reports of committees were called for and Mrs. Hill, Secretary of the Missionary Candidate Committee presented a partial report. The following persons were accepted: Miss Mary E. Melton, of the Northwestern Branch; Miss Mary Anna Young and Dr. Emma Ernsberger, of the Cincinnati Branch.

The case of Miss Nellie Pearce was referred to the Secretary of the Cincinnati Branch.

Reports of the Sabbath services were called for and given; announcements were made, the Doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. O. C. Poland.

FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1896.

The Committee convened at the usual hour. The devotional exercises were conducted by the delegates of the Northwestern Branch.

The roll was called and the minutes read, corrected and approved.

The regular order of business was then taken up and the report of North China given by Mrs. Alderman. This report was accepted.

The report of Central China was presented by Mrs. Skid-

more. This report was accepted, after which Miss White spoke of the work in the Chin Kiang school, followed by some remarks by Dr. Benn concerning one of the young women spoken of by Miss White.

The report of West China was presented by Mrs. Crandon, and accepted. This was followed by remarks by Miss Collier.

Rev. Spencer Lewis spoke on the schools and history of woman's work in West China and the great necessity for reinforcements.

Mrs. Pooley reported the health of Mrs. Lewis as very poor, rendering her unable to return with her husband to her work.

Mrs. Stevens presented the report of the Foochow Conference, which was accepted. This report was supplemented by Mrs. Lacy giving an account of the Orphanage in Foochow; also by Miss Jewell and Miss Sites.

The following persons were introduced to the Committee: Miss Miner of India; Mrs. Knowles, Recording Secretary of the New York Branch; Mrs. Castle, an officer of the Baptist Missionary Society, who made a few remarks; after which "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung.

Announcements were made, the Doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Spencer Lewis.

SIXTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1896.

The Committee convened at the usual hour, with the President in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by the delegates of the Philadelphia Branch.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The official correspondence was called for, and the report of

work in South America was presented by Mrs. Alderman. This was followed by the report on Mexico, presented by Mrs. Keen; the reports on Italy and Bulgaria presented by Mrs. Crandon, and the report of work in Germany and Switzerland presented by Mrs. Achard. These reports were all accepted.

Rev. Dr. Drees, Superintendent of the mission in South America, was introduced, and spoke on the work in that country.

The following persons were introduced to the Committee; Miss Holt, Treasurer of the New England Branch; Mrs. Easter, Secretary of the Central New York Conference; Miss Allen, Preceptress of the Folts Mission Institute, and Rev. Dr. Hayes, pastor of Asbury Church.

The report of the Publication Committee was called for, and presented by the Secretary of the Committee, Mrs. Fisher.

The report was accepted, and it was voted to adopt item by item.

Twenty-two items were considered and adopted. The item referring to the preparation of new maps for each mission-field every month was amended by changing the phraseology from "each month" to "during the year," and adopted as amended.

The item concerning the preparation of a Reading Course on Foreign Missions was referred to Literature Committee.

The partial report was adopted.

Miss Hodgkins, editor, was allowed sixty dollars for contributions to the *Missionary Friend* during the year.

The report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates was presented by the Secretary, Mrs. Hill.

Miss May B. Lilly, of the Columbia River Branch, and Miss I. Grace Loper, of the New York Branch were accepted.

The case of Miss Ida May Bowne, of the New York Branch, was referred to the Committee of Reference.

Miss Lillian N. Harris, M. D., Frances G. Wilson of the Cin-

cinnati Branch, and Miss Emma L. Lamb of the Northwestern Branch, were accepted.

The resolution requiring that all questions be signed by the applicant, was adopted.

The action of the Reference Committee in appointing Miss Martha McKibben and Miss N. M. Daniel, was confirmed.

It was also recommended that the names of all missionaries accepted during the year appear in this report.

The partial report was adopted.

The Committee on revision of By-Laws and Memorial to General Conference, was called on to report.

The Committee on By-Laws gave notice of some changes in the Constitution.

Several items in the By-Laws were modified.

The place for the next meeting of the General Executive Committee was considered. Invitations were extended from the Topeka Branch through the Secretary, Miss Watson, to meet in Denver, Colorado, and from Mrs. Crandon, Secretary of the Northwestern Branch, to meet in Indianapolis, Indiana.

It was moved that the invitation from Denver be accepted, which was carried by a standing vote of 22 to 5. A vote of thanks was voted to the people of Denver and to the people of Indianapolis for their kind invitation. The announcements were made, doxology sung, and benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Gates.

SEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1896.

The Committee convened at the usual hour, with the President in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the delegates of the Topeka Branch.

The roll was called, and minutes read and approved.

The report of the Publication Committee was called for. Four items were presented and adopted, after which the report of the Publication Committee was adopted as a whole.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial to General Conference was called for, and reported that there was no need to present the memorial, as the case had been covered by previous action.

A memorial from Foochow Conference, asking for a General Treasurer in this country, instead of a Treasurer for each Branch, was presented; also a resolution from the Baltimore Branch supporting that request. The memorial was referred to Finance Committee. It was stated that similar memorials had come up from several of the foreign Conferences, and from several Branches, asking for a General Treasurer.

One of the memorials sent by the Pacific Branch, asking that the restriction about missionaries speaking before leaving the country be removed, was presented. The request was granted.

A motion prevailed to excuse the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Missionary Candidates reported: Miss Clara Howard of the Philadelphia Branch, and Miss Stella Leonard of the Cincinnati Branch, were referred to Reference Committee. The report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates was then adopted as a whole.

After the Secretaries had been excused, the President, Mrs. Baldwin, told the story of the presentation of the Bible in Chinese to the Empress of China. Mrs. Lacey stated that information had been received that the Emperor of China, every morning, reads a chapter in this book.

Miss Sites and Mrs. Lacey of China, and Mrs. Hoskins of India, each made addresses.

Mrs. Morgan, Recording Secretary of the Baltimore Branch, was introduced to the Committee.

Mrs. Pooley, of the Northwestern Branch, asked that the Northwestern Branch be allowed to keep the award of merit

presented by the World's Fair Committee, which is framed and hung in their rooms in Chicago. The privilege was granted.

Miss Hodgkins stated that Miss Willard, President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, asked that a fraternal delegate be appointed by this body to represent the Committee in the National Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in St. Louis in November. In compliance with this request Mrs. Huston, the Secretary of the Des Moines Branch, was nominated, but declined in favor of Mrs. H. H. Wagoner, of St. Louis, who was appointed.

Mrs. Cowen presented a partial report of the Committee on By-Laws.

A motion to adjourn prevailed, announcements were made, the doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Ward D. Platt.

AFTERNOON SESSION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1896.

The Committee convened at two o'clock, with the President in the chair. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. I. N. Dalby, Presiding Elder of the Rochester District.

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

Business was resumed, and Mrs. Cowen reported further modifications in the By-Laws, which were adopted item by item, after which the report on changes in Constitution and By-Laws was adopted as a whole :—

In Article II omit the word "female."

In Article V, Section 1, insert, after the words "consisting of," "a President and Recording Secretary and the Corresponding Secretary," etc.

Section 3 made Section 2, and in place of Section 3, the following offered: "SECT. 3. There shall be a Constitutional Publication Committee consisting of the Corresponding Secretaries of each Branch, to take charge of the missionary papers of the Society, and to arrange for the publication of an annual report of the work of the Society. This committee shall report annually to the General Executive Committee."

Under Article VI, BRANCHES. Necessary changes made in the boundaries of the Western Branches.

In Section 4, instead of "notify all," change to "give notice of."

Under duties of Corresponding Secretary, omit "under the direction of the Executive Committee."

Change the clause relating to Treasurer to read: "The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make distribution of the funds upon orders duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary."

Section 5. Change "wants" to "needs" and strike out words in brackets:

"SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, [and may order the disbursements of the funds required for that work], provide for all the wants, and receive [all the] reports of the missionaries, Bible-woman and teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch."

Change Section 7 to read: "Each Branch may make such By-Laws as may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution."

In Article 7, Auxiliary Societies, strike out "not less than ten dollars," and change number of Vice-Presidents to "one or more."

By-Laws of General Executive Committee.

Article IV, change "one day" to "three days."

Note: Omit Article 5, if permanent President and Secretary are appointed.

VI. In Order of Business, omit No. 2, making No. 3 second.

In 4, omit "estimates."

Under 9 read: "Election of President and Recording Secretary, who shall remain in office until their successors are chosen."

VII. Rules of Order, omit No. 3.

IX. Change to read: "The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings, depositing the same in the safe of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*."

By-Laws, W. F. M. S.

In Section 1, insert "be present at all Branch (annual and) quarterly meetings," etc.

Branch Treasurers, II, Section 1, read "quarterly" instead of "each month."

Section 2, omit "as nearly as possible."

Section 3, read "Life Patron" and "Life Manager" instead of "Honorary."

Foreign Treasurers, III. Change Section 1 to read: "Our Foreign Treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved, and printed if possible, to each Corresponding Secretary, before October 1."

Section 3. After "Salaries of Missionaries," add "and Buildings."

Section 5. Change "must report" to "be reported."

In Committee of Reference, Section 4, change to read:

"The Chairman shall send each resolution submitted to the Committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, the Recording Secretary shall declare the results and record both resolutions and votes."

VI. Instructions to Missionaries. Change Section 3 to read :

"They are required to send quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through the Recording Secretary of the Reference Committee."

In Section 8, omit "such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in her medical work," and insert instead, "and report them quarterly to the treasurer of the mission."

Under "Requirements of Candidates," Section 5, omit "nor more than thirty."

Under Publications change "papers" to "periodicals."

Constitutional Publication Committee, Section 4. Change "five" to "three"; change order of Sections 7 and 8.

The resolutions of the Finance Committee were presented by the Secretary of the Committee, Mrs. Cowen, and adopted item by item, after which the report was adopted as a whole. (See Report).

The Committee on Resolutions presented a report through the Secretary, Mrs. Shaefer, which was adopted by a rising vote. (See Report).

Mrs. C. Hoskins, of India, on behalf of the missionaries present at the session of the Committee, presented the following resolutions, which were adopted. (See Report).

The Appropriations of the Committee for the year 1897 were announced by the various Corresponding Secretaries of the Branches as follows :

New England Branch.....	\$ 37,350
New York "	52,037
Philadelphia "	35,200
Baltimore "	12,573
Cincinnati "	45,049
Northwestern "	80,000
Des Moines "	31,000
Minneapolis "	9,600
Topeka "	13,600
Pacific "	7,500
Columbia River "	3,400
Total	\$327,309

This amount is an advance of \$741 over the amount appropriated for 1896, and nearly one hundred thousand dollars short of the amount asked for by the various fields.

Mrs. Crandon, Secretary of the Northwestern Branch, spoke very earnestly concerning the responsibility of raising the entire amount appropriated, when Mrs. Mary C. Nind was called upon and led in prayer. The report was then adopted.

The Rev. Messrs. Gracey and Platt spoke a few parting words, after which the 797th hymn was sung and prayer offered by Mrs. Alderman, when a motion to adjourn *sine die* prevailed.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Ward D. Platt, and the twenty-seventh session of the General Executive Committee closed.

MRS. J. T. GRAGEY,

Secretary.

APPENDIX TO ANNUAL REPORT.

A Plea for a Perpetual Native Bible Reader's Fund.

WOMAN'S SPECIAL WORK FOR WOMEN.

By Mrs. J. P. NEWMAN.

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BEHOLD THE BOOK WONDERFUL!

How to perpetuate and systematize the reading of the Bible of Christendom which to-day is translated into over three hundred languages of the babbling peoples of our earth.

The American Bible House of New York city alone has published during the seventy-six years of its organization over fifty-five million copies of the Holy Scriptures, and recently over two million twenty-five-cent Bibles, and over five million five-cent New Testaments. Such a numerical history no other book has ever had. This *Book Wonderful* may truthfully be called the keystone of Christianity, destined to take the place of all other sacred books claiming to be divine, and to exert, as it already has, an ennobling influence upon the nations of the earth.

Not until Christians succeed in disseminating throughout the pagan world and the tens of thousands groping in the darkness of a perverted Christianity the saving truths of this book of books, all other efforts will be in vain. There can be no doubt that the nineteenth century is the Christian's opportunity to place in the hand of every man, woman, and child dwelling on the face of our earth an authentic copy of the last will and testament of Jesus the Christ, that all the human race now living may thereby claim their royal inheritance bequeathed to them by the King of kings and Lord of lords. As it is written, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life." With these extraordinary facts about the Bible I beg to be allowed to address a few remarks to the Christian women in our home land. It has been my privilege to roam nearly the wide world around and to come in close touch with the varied phases of humanity and to study the methods of many denominational missionary organizations, which compelled me to recognize the fact that an intelligent converted Christian woman and her work for woman, with an open Bible in her hand, is the most hopeful and potent instrumentality to the evangelization of the world, more especially where men are not admitted into the charmed circle of home life, as in India and China.

This thought impels me in the attempt to formulate a plan for a *systematized perpetual Bible Reader's Fund*, that may stimulate our home workers to an enduring, efficient cooperation with the host of ladies already in the field as earnest, consecrated missionaries, deaconesses, and sisters, together with the all-important aid of mothers' silent, everyday, holy influence on the childhood of the race. First, may there not be found another woman beside myself, and perchance one

hundred women within my own radii, that may be inspired as I have been, and who are alike indebted to the precious Bible as a means of their conversion, religious experience, and a divine life within the soul? I say, one or one hundred women; but there may be thousands walking hand-in-hand with our Christ among the golden candlesticks, with God's own electric light flashing upon every page of the *Book Wonderful*, who are not only waiting but longing to do something in perpetuity as a thank-offering themselves, or may be in memory of a blessed mother or sister who is now with the redeemed in heaven. Shall it commence with one dollar by one thousand women or one thousand dollars by one hundred women invested in a perpetual fund? The interest to be paid annually toward the support of a converted native Bible woman, who will read the Holy Scriptures, especially the New Testament, at least three hours or more each day to heathen women in their homes, or wherever the door may be opened to those who have never heard of Christ in their native tongue, and teach the same as the Spirit shall give them utterance. This plan shall also include these countries where the Bible has been withheld from the common people, "who in the days of Christ's incarnation heard it gladly." For example, Mexico, South America, Spain, Italy, and other parts of Europe included, thus inspiring a love for Bible reading and fulfilling Christ's command, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." scattering leaves from the Tree of Life for the healing of the nations until all shall come to a saving knowledge of the one true God and Jesus Christ our adorable Saviour.

This shall be called the *Evangel Perpetual Native Bible Reader's Fund Systematized*, which shall continue to work out its soul-saving results, when

" Our poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave,"

leaving behind us the blessed assurance

" That fixed for everlasting years,
Unmoved amid the wreck of spheres,
His word shall shine in cloudless day,
When heaven and earth shall pass away."

To secure the permanency of this fund the principal shall be intrusted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and invested at the discretion of said Society, who shall give to each donor a pledge that the interest shall be paid annually to native Bible readers.

My reason for this: there could not be a better, safer investment, as every farthing given or invested in this society goes directly to woman's work for woman. The association is an incorporated body, with powers vested in an executive committee of responsible women duly elected by the auxiliaries of the various branches throughout the missionary work. Not a secretary nor an officer receives a salary—all is cheerfully given for the love of Christ and In His Name—thereby fulfilling a threefold commission: *First*, the command of the blessed Mary, mother of our Lord, who at the marriage feast said to those called to special service on that memorable occasion, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it," and "the modest water, awed by power divine, confessed its Lord and blushing turned to wine." *Second*, the angel guard with shining faces and garments white as snow commissioned the women who came to the sepulcher very early in the morning, at the rising of the sun, bringing sweet spices that they might come

and anoint him, saying, "He is not here: for he is risen;" "Go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead." "And they departed quickly with fear and great joy, and did run to bring his disciples word." Again it is written, he said to Mary (and it was she who caught the very first fresh accents that fell from the Saviour's lips after his resurrection), "Go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God:" and surely it is worthy of note that from this *Book Wonderful* we learn this great fact, that women were the first commissioned to publish the three most notable events in the history of Christ. Grand old Peter and loving Saint John might have been intrusted with these two great commissions from the Christ's own lips had they but lingered just a little longer until the dawn of that first Easter and not left poor Mary (a woman as she was) to weep and wait alone at the tomb while it was yet dark. *Third*, the commission of Christ, recorded by Saint John alike to women as to men, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he may give it you." "Hercin is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit: so shall ye be my disciples."

"Set apart to serve him,
Ministers of light,
Standing in his presence,
Ready day or night.
Chosen for his service blest,
He would have you always willing
Like the angel host fulfilling
Swiftly and rejoicingly each
Recognized behest."

And now, dear sisters, after all these years of untiring zeal and loving service don't say to me as one did after I had timidly read this paper for the first time, "I fear you will never see your plan realized to any extent." Rather remind me that nothing is impossible with God, or give me Saint Paul's text to the Hebrews, "Cast not away your confidence, which has great recompense of reward," with the significant condition added, "For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God ye might receive the promise;" and again, "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them"—"these all having obtained a good report through faith"—"God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect."

Do not anyone imagine for a moment that I think to inaugurate a new system of Bible reading in the foreign field; this plan simply differentiates in a systematized permanency for all time to come. As we listen the glad halleluiahs resound through the vistas of the past from thousands of redeemed little girl children and tens of thousands of sheltered childless women, worse than widows, sold or hired to work in the fields, discarded by faithless husbands because childless. So you see, dear sisters, if our plan becomes a fixed star in the missionary firmament, we may be permitted to listen from the battlements of glory to the sweetest Easter choral ever sung, rising in exalted strains from the family altar of consecrated motherhood in all ages to come, "He is risen! He is risen, indeed! for the *Book Wonderful*, the Bible, tells me so."

Be glad and rejoice, O Christian workers, that the word of God has not and never

will return void ; the redemption of our heathen sisters draweth near through your efforts and intercessory prayers. The keynote of success is resounding all along the line of woman's work for woman. In all churches the yearning cry from consecrated hearts to-day is, "What wilt thou have me to do, dear Saviour?"

"That all who hear thy message, Lord,
Its saving power may know."

"But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it ; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Will all who read this humble paper unite in prayer at the dawn of each day for Bible readers all over the world? And when we say, "Our Father who art in heaven," emphasize, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Already several thousand dollars, of which one woman earns and saves, is on this Bible reader's altar. And the *Book Wonderful* is being read daily in response to this plan in India, South America, Mexico, and in Norway, the land of the Midnight Sun. "Have faith in God," that ere this century close more than one hundred Bible readers will be in the field in answer to this perpetual roll call, ringing out from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, like the chiming of Easter bells ; until the word of the Lord shall have free course, run and be glorified, and all accept the Christ of the *Book Wonderful*.

FORM OF GIFT.

I, _____, do hereby give to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church the sum of One Thousand Dollars—as suggested by the preceding paper known as the "Evangel Perpetual Native Bible Reader's Fund Systematized"—with and upon the express promise and agreement of said Society to appropriate annually in perpetuity the sum of Fifty Dollars toward the support of Native Women Bible Readers, who shall devote at least three hours each day to reading the Holy Scriptures to all who will listen, with the supreme object of leading souls to a true knowledge of Christ as their personal Saviour, thereby preparing those who hear and are instructed from the Bible to be co-workers with the Lord Jesus in this life, and for a blissful life immortal when this earthly probation is ended.

Indorsed by MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE,
*Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*

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