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TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION
OF THE
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In the city of St. Louis, on the banks of the great Mississippi river, the General Executive Committee convened for its twenty-sixth annual meeting. Its sessions were held in the beautiful and commodious Union Church, of which the Rev. Dr. W. G. Williams is pastor. Everything was done that the pastor, and an efficient corps of devoted women could do to make the committee comfortable and facilitate the business.

On Sunday morning, October 27th, the anniversary proper was held in the presence of a large and appreciative audience, including the secretaries, delegates, and a number of returned missionaries.

The Secretary presented a summary of the year's work, after which Rev. Dr. Oldham, formerly of the Singapore Mission, but now of Ohio Wesleyan University, preached a sermon of great power, portraying in a graphic manner the physical, mental and spiritual poverty of woman throughout the Oriental World. In the evening the Missionaries did royal service in representing their various fields in the different Methodist churches in the city. General B. R. Cowen of Cincinnati delivered at Union Church in the evening, a very forcible address on the general development of the Society, and the wisdom and skill evidenced in its management.

On Monday morning at 9 o'clock the regular business was commenced, and continued until Friday, November 1. Many and warm were the words of welcome, to all of which Mrs. Keen responded, closing with the tender and beautiful words, "We have been enabled, by gathering mites, to send millions. We have given a handful of grain, and have received a sheaf of blessing. We have heard the voice of the Lord, and all other voices have lost their music."

There were present Bishops Bowman and Newman and a large number of clergymen from the city and district. The mornings were devoted to business. The hour from two to three o'clock each day was given up to a devotional meeting; from three to four the Missionaries represented their work, while in the evenings more public and popular meetings were held. A larger number of Missionaries than usual were present. The disturbed condition of China caused several to

return during the year and the ill health of others in several fields swelled the numbers to twenty. Among them was Miss Mabel C. Hartford who had just returned from the sad scenes enacted at KuCheng, and whose life had been almost miraculously spared.

The home reports showed a decline on some lines, while the foreign reports indicated growth everywhere, notwithstanding the disturbed political conditions in some countries.

The financial obligations of the year had been fully met by the contributions of two-hundred eighty-nine thousand, two-hundred and twenty-seven dollars into the treasury. The large sum of \$326,234 was appropriated for the work of the coming year.

Possibly the most striking business transacted was the change of name of the official organ of the Society. It is not the "Heathen Woman's Friend" any longer, but hereafter we are to call it the "*Woman's Missionary Friend*." Study the following pages of the report and it will be seen whereunto the work has attained. A new departure is made in publishing the full minutes of the General Executive Committee with the report.

The next Session of the Committee will be held in the city of Rochester, N. Y.

Report of Foreign Work.

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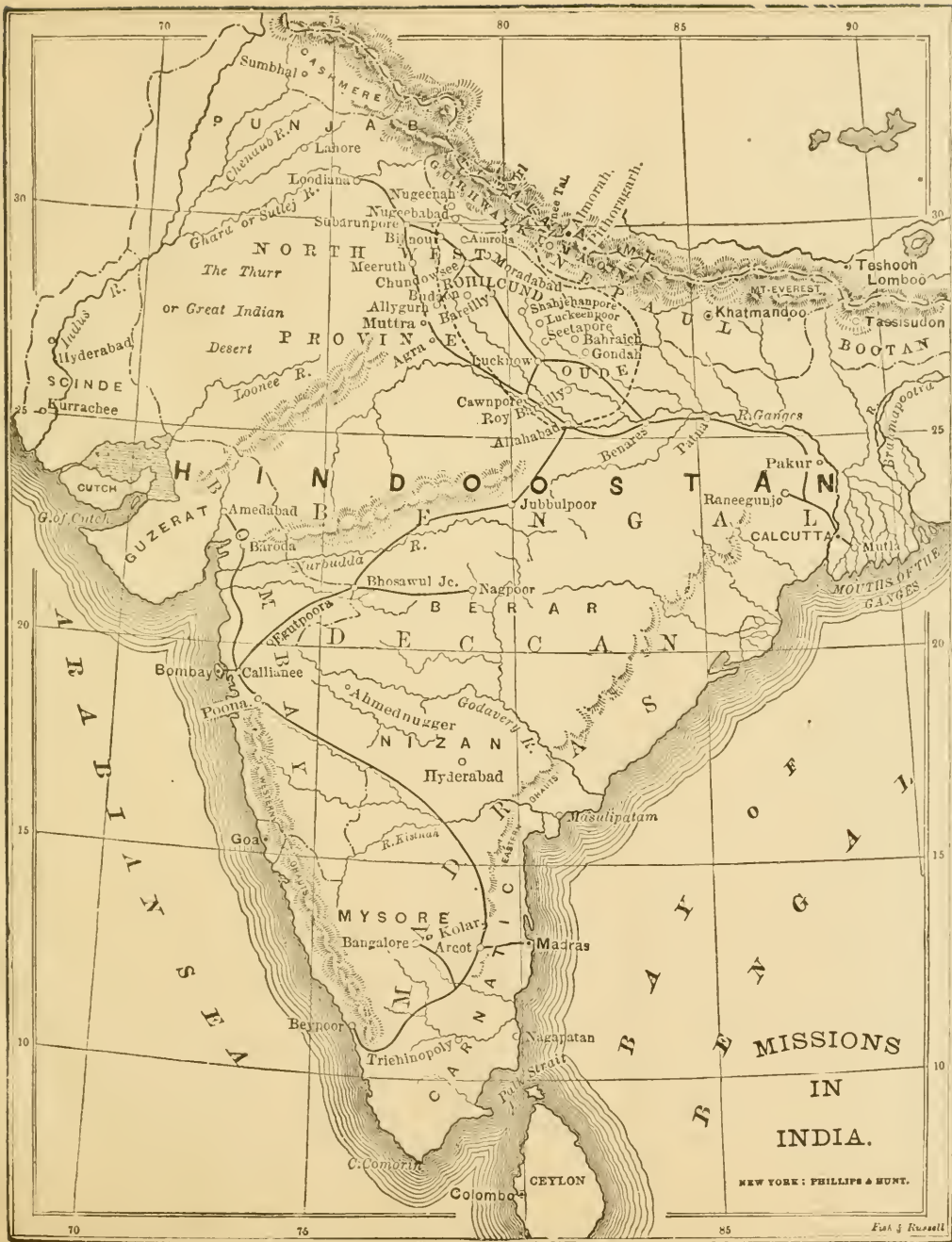
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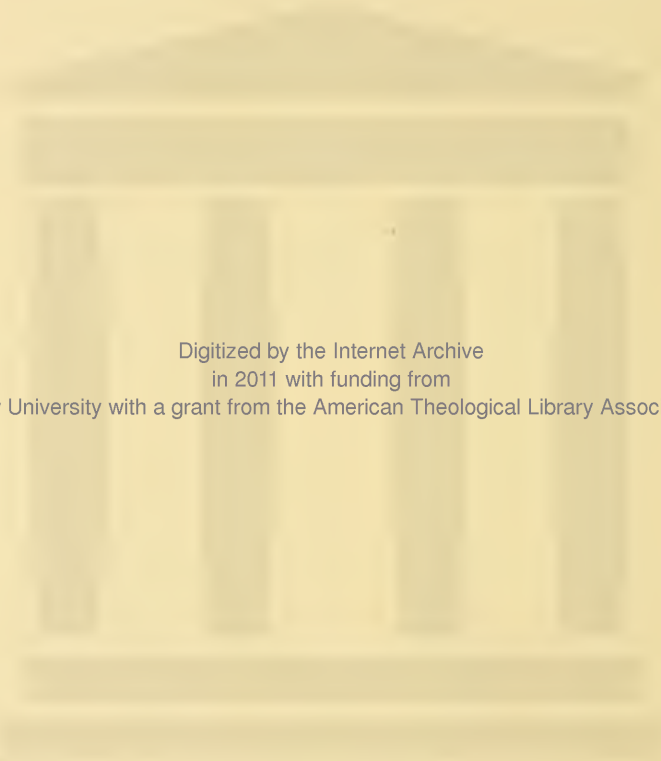
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KUMAON DISTRICT.

The rapid advance of the missionary work in North India Conference makes it difficult to keep up in reporting at the distance of half way round the globe.





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Naini Tal comes first with the various appliances in station and district to reach the different classes. The Hindustani Girls' School, under Mrs. Messmore's charge is a very interesting work. The school numbers 44, sixteen of whom are Christians and twenty-eight are heathen. Miss McMullen, the Kindergarten teacher from Lucknow Christian College, has succeeded in making this form of teaching a great awakening for heathen girls, and it has been a great joy to see the rapid growth of the simple seed-thoughts. Mrs. Waugh had charge of the Christian Girls' School before leaving India, and Mrs. Stuntz and Mrs. Humphrey charge of the English work.

Wellesley Girls' High School. This school has had a prosperous year. Misses Easton and Sellers rejoice over one hundred girls under their care, and testify that "in spite of changes, of new pupils not yet under the influence of steady drill, there has been steady progress in the better things. Our girls go out giving most unequivocal evidence of the value of the training received. The work is heavy, the care incessant, but it pays." Miss Easton adds: "We are often asked how we can keep the school and make improvements on the small income. It is done by constant watchfulness of every department. I have a hand everywhere, and Miss Sellers keeps the school up to such efficiency that our grant-in-aid is greater per head than that of any other school in the North West Provinces. Sunday-school and social meetings are also under her care. The school is not only self-supporting, but capable of expansion."

Pauri, with the Orphanage and Boarding School, with 77 girls under instruction, has had the care and oversight of Mrs. Gill, with two good assistants and six native teachers. The progress made is most encouraging. There are four village schools, and eight Bible women visit fifty villages regularly. There are five out-lying stations in this district. At a Women's Meeting held at Pauri for the Silver Anniversary, it was found that out of twenty-four Hindustani workers present and nine absent, all but four were educated there, which is a good record for the school and teachers. Kainur circuit, with four out-stations, employs six Bible women and two teachers. Thirty baptisms are reported. Landsdowne circuit includes four stations and promises well. There is a Military Cantonment with three native regiments at Landsdowne.

Dwarahat. Here Mrs. McMahon has twenty-nine girls in her Boarding School, and though the means were limited, yet their wants were all supplied. They sent twenty rupees to Lucknow for the Warren Memorial. Five Bible women visit the outlying stations, and a number of the poor burdened women have accepted Christ.

Pithoragarh, with its varied interests and far-reaching enterprises, has had a year of great trial. Famine, with its ever-attending sickness, has sorely tried this mission. Help from home was sent, and kind friends in India generously came to their relief. So the time of the worst suffering was tided over. Besides the two missionaries, there is the native pastor's wife and four European assistants and twelve Bible women to assist in the work, and they are all helpful and devoted. Sixty-nine women are in the Home and ninety-three girls in the school. The medical work in Pithora consists of dispensary work, and about 2,000 prescriptions have been given. Dr. Sheldon spent a good part of her time over the mountain range in the "regions beyond." She has one assistant in Bhot; property has been purchased and a house built, and another station eighteen miles further on, will make the second resting place on this highway of the King. Miss Budden trains her own workers. Six of her elder girls are teachers, and of the older assistants Miss Budden speaks in the warmest terms of approval. There is Epworth League work, a Missionary Society, seven Sunday-schools, and all forms of Christian work carried on in this far-away station.

Miss Mary Reed, on *Chandag* Heights, has had a year of sore trial in her work, but God's grace was abundant, and, though saddened, she was not disheartened. Eighty-six poor sufferers have been sheltered in her asylum. Order and discipline have increased in the institution, and in comfort and cleanliness there has been a great advance. Miss Reed sends again the message to friends across the sea of thanks for kindnesses without number, for the assurance of prayers daily offered in her behalf, and asks that prayers for her work may continue, and that thanks may be given for the wonderful health and strength that has come to her. Truly, God hath heard the prayer of His people.

MORADABAD DISTRICT.

Moradabad and its surrounding stations has always been a fruitful field. The work in the city, under the charge of Mrs. Core, consists of village and Mohulla work, day schools, and evangelistic services. Twenty-one Mohullas in Moradabad, are each visited weekly. Many Christians attend, and also a large number of heathen women. Eleven of these Mohullas have schools, and their standard was so high they were put in the list of Christian schools. One faithful Inspectress cares for all of them.

Twenty-three Sunday-schools are held in Moradabad, and much good seed has been sown in this way. Miss Kemper superintended the large Boarding School, with the help of eleven teachers, most

of them trained in the school. One hundred and thirty-one girls are being fitted for useful lives. It was a great loss to the school and to the work when Miss Kemper was ordered home by her physician, leaving the work so dear to her just when ready to give the best service, after four years' experience. The school record for the year was very good. Epworth League and weekly prayer meetings developed not only the religious, but the working element.

The work at *Chandausi*, under charge of the pastor's wife, consists of five schools and ten Bible women. Village and Mohulla work has resulted in a great many converts. Seventy-five women are under instruction at *Thakurdwari*, and in *Kundarki*, from the efforts of the Bible women, and fifty women have accepted Christ. In *Bijnour*, under the superintendence of Mrs. Dease, the Boarding School, with its fifty-seven girls, has seen a prosperous year. Two assistants and five native teachers have given loyal support and assistance, though some serious cases of sickness interfered somewhat. The spiritual life of these girls has deepened and strengthened, and they bid fair to make useful members of the Church in India. City, Mohulla and district work has been carried on by Bible women and the families of the native pastors. There are seven out-stations, in which twenty-seven Bible women and teachers are employed. Fifteen day schools are well attended, and many women have forsaken idolatry and are earnestly seeking the best gifts.

SAMBHAL DISTRICT.

In this district there are fourteen circuits, in which the wives of seven members of Conference and of six ordained local preachers are in charge of women's work. In all the circuits they work with their husbands, itinerating, etc. They not only inspect the work of Bible readers and schools, but go out with the workers into villages and mohullas, giving advice and instruction. There are thirty-one Bible women, who, in addition to village and mohulla instruction, also teach needle-work, hold Sunday-schools and teach singing of hymns and bhajans. Hindu and Mussalman women sing Christian songs with pleasure. In this way the gospel leaven is spreading. The rising of the Ganges did much injury to the work in some places on this district.

PILIBHIT DISTRICT.

This district with Fatehganj and twenty-three outlying circuits has had a year of blessing in the work. The laborers in the field have been earnest and enthusiastic. There are twenty-two schools in which Christian and non-Christian girls are trained spiritually and intellectually.

In Fatehganj a school of 120 Christian women are prepared for Christian work and also trained in sewing and all other handiwork. There are Sunday Schools in all these Circuits, and more than four hundred girls can read the word of God in Hindi or Urdu. Two hundred and seventy-four have been baptized during the year in one circuit. Many who have not yet embraced Christianity openly, have given up idol worship and other evil habits and customs, and the day hastens when they will become whole hearted Christians. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Neeld visited the district and greatly built up the work among the women. In Rampore 71 Christian women and girls require training, but there is only one school. The harvest is white, the laborers few, but they have faith that God will raise up more toilers for this vineyard.

BAREILLY DISTRICT.

This district has five missionaries of the W. F. M. S. and six wives of missionaries of the Parent Board who are in charge of work. Mrs. T. J. Scott and Mrs. Rockey are now at home. The Woman's School in Bareilly, so long Mrs. Scott's special work, has 52 names on the roll, several having gone out as teachers or Zenana workers. This is a very interesting work and the development of mind and character is very encouraging. Mrs. Neeld has charge in the absence of Mrs. Scott, assisted by Mrs. C. L. Bare. Mrs. Neeld has a Kindergarten which has been a means of interesting many, and has been a blessing to all concerned. The city work, consisting of village, Mohulla, and Zenana work, is under the care of Mrs. Butcher, and is most vigorously prosecuted. There are sixteen day schools, and Mrs. Butcher has also a training school in which the teachers and Bible women are helpful in instruction in methods, so as to reach the women most effectually. She is assisted by two Inspectresses and six Bible readers. The Girls' Orphanage is still filling its mission of caring for Christ's little ones. One little waif was picked up in a field where it had been thrown to be devoured by dogs. It was a girl, so what did it matter! One hundred and eighty are now in the Orphanage. A Kindergarten class has been organized which promises well.

Miss English is assisted by Miss Christiansen, who was sent out last year. There are four assistants and 12 teachers. The medical work is carried on by Dr. Bryan. Dr. McGregor has returned to America by her physician's order. Dr. Bryan speaks of the wonder expressed by patients that this work is not by order of government nor for gain, but solely to help them, and that for Jesus' sake. Many say, "O yes I have heard of Jesus in your Dispensary." The Bible woman, who is blind and was taught to read on raised letters in the Woman's Home in

Lucknow, gathers the women who are waiting their turn for the doctor and tells them the old, old story which never loses its power. The medical work should be reinforced. There are four assistants with Dr. Bryan.

Shahjahanpore, east and west, covers a good deal of missionary ground. The City work in Shahjahanpore, west, is under the care of Mrs. Blackstock, with Mrs. Plomer for assistant, and four Bible readers who visit women in Zenanas and Mohullas, and find a growing hunger in their hearts to know more of this Jesus who came into the world to save all from their sins. The day schools make excellent centers for Bible teaching in week days, and Sunday School work on the Sabbath. The Bidwell Memorial School, Miss Heafer superintendent, reports a prosperous year though there have been sore trials of faith and patience. Eighty girls are cared for here, and a number have joined the Church and been baptized during the year, while those that were Christians have advanced in the knowledge of Heavenly things. In *East Shahjahanpore* Mrs. Blackstock has two Bible readers who visit 20 villages. The Home for Homeless Women is a haven to women, who otherwise would be utterly helpless. Nine new houses have been built which opens a place for others. In Jalalabad Circuit there are five out stations, and seven Bible woman are employed. Sixty villages are largely Christian, and the whole field is ripe for the harvest. Four large Circuits, *Pawayan, Faridpur, Panahpur* and *Mohadi* cover a large territory, with fourteen stations. Twenty-four Bible women have been employed. There have been many baptisms, and others inquiring about the new religion. The outlook is most hopeful.

GONDA DISTRICT.

Gonda, suffered in the removal of Miss Rowe, and the Zenana work felt it most. The assistant and pastor's wife with four Bible women have found more than they could do. Fifty-four Zenanas are open to Christian teaching and a number of women have professed faith in Christ. The Sunday-school work is very successful, and besides the regular schools large numbers of girls and boys meet Sunday afternoon on some one's door step, or under a tree, and one met in a grove. This is voluntary work and helps to break down prejudice. Over fifty villages are regularly visited. A man who came into one of the meetings and listened to the gospel story, turned to those who sat around and said: "What a beautiful story, it is as lovely as an opening bud, and so full of truth, no other religion is so true."

The girls' boarding school at Gonda has prospered as well as possible in the cramped quarters. There has been a steady growth in

all departments, several girls have gone out to places of trust. The pupils number 45, nine of them were baptized and the spiritual influence in the school is very hopeful. The three prayer meetings held in the school Sunday afternoon have been a blessing and help to the girls. Some confess that there has been a change in their lives and hearts, and earnestly desire to do something for Jesus, and in Epworth League and Sunday-school find opportunities.

Baraich has work carried on in nine stations and in every one numbers have been brought to Christ. The Bible women are very faithful, and one is a voluntary worker. There are three other stations adjoining Baraich where the wives of native pastors and voluntary workers rejoice over many conversions and the prospect of many more. In eleven other stations on this district, fourteen Bible women are employed, and native pastor and wife in each place lend heartiest help and encouragement. All through this district the fields are white to the harvest.

BUDAON DISTRICT.

The interest in this district centers largely in the city of Budaon, though the outlying population of nearly 1,000,000 have had the permeating gospel leaven introduced in many places, and in seven large circuits work is carried on. Thirty-five Bible women are scattered over this district, and many converts have been won to Christ by their efforts. *The Sigler Boarding School* numbers 80 pupils, Miss Wilson, Superintendent. She has an efficient matron, assistant, and six teachers. The spiritual life of the school has been very encouraging and inspiring, and many of them have made it their special duty to bring others to Christ. Ready Worker's Bands go out to visit the villages nearest the city. These girls will read the Scriptures, pray or sing as opportunity offers, and the report adds: "These girls will be the future reformers of this stolid heathen country."

There are 10 schools and a large Zenana work superintended by *Maharina Kahu*, who is a good specimen to show her heathen sisters what Christianity will do for a woman in India. Her sweet spirit is felt and influences all she meets. The village work is done by *Lachmi*, who is especially strong in evangelistic lines. She had charge of about one hundred villages in which Christians live. The dear people at home who work so hard to collect money, would rejoice could they see this happy hearted Hindustani woman going from place to place in her funny little cart. She tells the people the story of salvation, teaches the women to pray, to ask a blessing at meals, teaches the little ones prayers for morning and evening, urges

habits of neatness, cleanliness, and modesty. She has great tact and judgment, and patiently goes about day after day with her Bible and hymn book in a little cotton bag under her arm preaching and teaching, as only a true follower of Christ could do. Her name has been familiar for many years in connection with Budoan Mission work.

ODUH DISTRICT.

Lucknow. The City Schools have been under the charge of Mrs. Florence Perrine Mansell. One is a Hindoo school and is taught by a Hindoo, four are Mahommedan with Mahommedan teachers. The rest have Christian teachers who also do Zenana work among those reached through these schools. The Hindoo and Mahommedan schools have Christian teaching during the week, and the pupils attend Sunday Schools taught in their school rooms each Sunday. Most of the teachers in the Sunday School are the teachers and older girls of Miss Thoburn's School. Many are so fond of attending these schools, that womanhood finds them still pupils. A mother and daughter will study together, and old women are found studying with little children. Five Bible women, four teachers, the native pastor's wife and school inspectress assist in the city work.

The **Woman's College** and School has attracted more than ordinary attention by the Silver Anniversary of 1894 and the building of the Warren Memorial with the money raised on that occasion. The Superintendent rejoices in the strong force she has on the teaching staff. Misses Nichols and Collins are prepared for any classes that may enter.

Miss Singh with her superior qualifications, Miss Hoge for Kindergarten work, with seven other teachers who have all been tried and work harmoniously together, so that in spite of hard work and various trials the year has been a very happy one. The school has been full. At the last University Examinations two of the four entrance candidates passed, and three of the five were sent up for the first Arts. Of these two are continuing their studies for the B. A. and one has entered the Calcutta Medical College. Six girls from the Middle classes have entered the Agra Medical School. Two teachers have gone out from the Kindergarten Training School, also one from the entrance, and one from the middle class. There are eight students in the present Entrance class. More than for intellectual attainments and physical health, are we grateful for the *Morale* of the school, which was never better than at present. The girls of the upper classes are conscientious God-fearing young women and their influence is felt throughout the school. The Warren Memorial will be ready for use by the 1st of January. There was much delay, and serious inconvenience for a time as part of the

old house had to be removed. The expense was greater than anticipated on account of such deep foundations. Then there was much repairing of the old house. But the comfort and convenience of the beautiful new building will atone for much. It is pleasant to know that every school in India sent their silver offering to Lucknow, and contributions from China and other distant places came in, and every one of these gifts meant self sacrifice.

Mrs. Robinson has had charge of work among English speaking people in Lucknow, and has been the means of reaching many wanderers from the fold. The work in the Home for Homeless Women has been carried on under the superintendence of Misses Baird and Fistler of the Society of Friends, though all expenses but their salaries have been met by the Society. The Zenana work has been so cut down that only four workers are now employed where there used to be eight. The pressing evangelistic work has crowded in and absorbed the greater part of the workers, and there are not enough laborers to till both fields. *Barabanki* with eight outlying stations, form the Circuit superintended by Mrs. B. P. Paul, the minister's wife. In these stations eleven Bible women carry on work in 23 Mohullas, 84 villages and 415 Zenanas, and 790 woman are under regular instruction and many have been brought to Christ. *Unao* Circuit has ten outlying stations where Zenana work is carried on. In more than one thousand homes the gospel message is given, and in every station there has been some fruit. Eleven Bible women are employed, and their work is characterized with zeal and success.

Sitapur. The Boarding School at Sitapur was put in charge of Miss C. Easton when Mrs. Monroe was removed to Agra—although just arrived in India, and with everything strange about her. Miss Easton began her work with an earnest desire to keep up the standard of the school, which has been done. She was ably assisted by Misses Lambert and Fairville and six native teachers. Seventy-three girls have been in attendance and there was a steady advance in the moral and educational standard of the school. Epworth and Junior Leagues, Missionary Society, and Bands of Ready Workers are all in a flourishing condition. The Ready Workers have gone to new villages and Mohullas where the Bible women could not go. Zenana and village work in Sitapur includes three outlying stations. It is in charge of Mrs. Dr. Wilson, and naturally one would expect to hear that it was zealously pressed. There are two assistants and nine Bible readers. Work has been opened in 12 Mohullas and sixty villages and are regularly visited. There are 30 Sunday Schools with 968 pupils. The pastor's wife and one Bible reader at *Lakimpur* are much encouraged

by the open doors and ready hearing accorded their message. *Hardui*, with Mrs. Tupper, the minister's wife in charge, covers a large Circuit of eight stations in which seventeen Bible women are employed, and in every branch of the work advance is reported. *Shahabad* Circuit has eight stations, with a Zenana Bible woman to each station. There are three schools, one for the children of recent converts. The second school is for the wives of our pastor teachers. The third for Hindoo or Mahomedan girls. In 10 villages and 14 Mohullas work has been carried on. Souls have been won from heathenism ; in trial God has given victory and to Him be the glory.

MRS. E. T. COWEN,
Official Correspondent.

NORTHWEST INDIA CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference, 1892.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS P. ROWE, MISS A. J. LAUCK, MISS L. MARKS, MISS C. SWAIN, M. D.
MISS L. D. GREEN, MISS ANNA LAWSON, MISS E. TRYON.

MARRIED WOMEN IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. R. HOSKINS, MRS. LAWSON, MRS. DESOUZA, MRS. OSBORNE,
MRS. J. E. SCOTT,* MRS. BUCK, MRS. CLANCY, MRS. LYON,
MRS. H. MANSELL, MRS. MONROE.

* Home on leave.

Throughout the territory of the Northwest India Conference the work seems to be progressing steadily. Last year this New Conference reported between nine and ten thousand more baptisms than any other Conference in India. This number is appalling when we think that the vast majority are poor, ignorant and steeped in centuries of superstition and vice. But the ray of pure light has entered their dark minds and they are anxious to know more ; and here we are met with the great difficulty of the hour, suitable workers and means to send them forth into the harvest which is so white. Better and more systematic work has been done this year in the rural districts than ever before. Miss Rowe with her faithful band has been at work almost continuously in this Conference itinerating through the villages. They have done faithful and effectual work and by their untiring efforts and sacrificing spirit have set a good example to many others of less zeal. We are hoping for more women Evangelists to be set free for this important

branch of the work. If we could have one in every district with head quarters at one of the centers it would do much toward solving some hard problems.

Our boarding schools are increasing in number and efficiency and during the year some good buildings have been put up at Aligarh and Meerut. At both these places we have commodious and convenient school houses and in each dormitories to accommodate fifty girls. We have more than this number now in the Meerut school and next year shall be compelled to build. Mrs. Soule and Mrs. Plested have continued their gifts to these two places.

The home for the girls who study medicine in Agra continues in efficiency and about a dozen christian girls from our own or other missions find a good home there.

The Training School at Muttra has received a fresh impetus in increased numbers and brighter prospects for the future.

We have boarding schools at Muttra, Meerut, Cawnpore, Aligarh and Ajmere for native christian girls, and a High-school at Cawnpore for English and Eurasian; these with the Agra Medical School and the Muttra Training School ought to provide a host of workers in the future. Besides these we have little day schools scattered everywhere in which girls and women are taught.

A new departure was made at our last conference, namely: The establishing of Training-schools of a primary kind at the large centers. The plan is to get in about twenty men from the villages round about for a couple of year's training, so that they may be soon sent back to work among their people intelligently without waiting for a long and expensive course of training at our Theological school.

Most of these men are married and bring their wives, and these are gathered into a veranda-school and taught to read and write and drilled in the simple Bible doctrines so that they too may go back to their village homes prepared to work among their dark minded sisters. Bishop Thoburn has arranged for the support of these families while in training, but there are women here and there who are widows, and for them we have asked a few scholarships at several places.

The health of our Missionaries for the most part has been good except in the case of Miss Marks who for weeks was a great sufferer. While our work is growing so rapidly we have not asked for a large increase of funds next year, for we remember the faithful toilers at home who have had so much to try their faith the past year.

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 C. WOOD,

MISS GRACE STEPHENS.

MARRIED WOMEN IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. ERNSBERGER,
MRS. WALKER,

MRS. GARDEN,

MRS. PETERS,

MRS. BUTTRICK,

MRS. CURTISS,

MRS. RICHARDS.

Throughout this conference the word is : " Our God is marching on "

Gulbarga. Mrs. Ernsberger's enforced absence was felt to be a great loss in that station ; still the work went on, and the Boarding School had a prosperous year. The older girls were earnest disciples of Christ and active members of the Epworth League.

The three Bible women have been zealous and faithful in their work. Mrs. Garden has done the best she could with limited means and a small force of workers, and a fair start has been made. She has a girl's school, and some evangelistic work is done in the villages.

Kopbal. Mrs. Peters writes : " I have engaged six Bible women. They are stationed at four different villages, and in each there is a day school for girls and a Sunday-school. They also visit in the homes, and the people are leaving off idol worship and are praying to Jesus. The work will be slow till we are able to send out workers of our own training.

Hyderabad District is an area larger than the States of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware combined, and has in round numbers a population of 13,140,000. Surely this is a large district to be under the care of one presiding elder. Hyderabad city is in population the fourth city in India, and in numbers falls just below Boston. This district is said to be a hard one to cultivate, and Miss Blackmare writes : " As yet we have been able to strike out of the wall that impedes progress, only a few chips, and before the wall is broken through there must be more and better tools." The school work is prospering ; the girls—more than one hundred—who attend the city schools are doing well in their studies.

Miss Blackmar has six Sunday-schools. It was the work of months to secure a Bible reader who could converse in Marathi, but at last one was found and regular visiting has been begun in the homes of the school-girls.

Miss Wood says of the English Boarding School that "the prospect now is that it will gradually change into a school for native Christians. The roll embraces native Christians, Mohammedans and Eurasians. Out of the twenty-seven children in the school, thirteen are native Christians, and we might have more if we had accommodation for them." Miss Ross, her assistant, she says, is an earnest Christian young woman: she is studying Telegu, and will be valuable as a helper in either English or native work.

Siroucha. At the last Executive meeting Cincinnati branch appropriated \$3,000 to open work in the State of Bastar. Siroucha was selected as the place, property chosen and bargained for. But when deeds were to be drawn an insurmountable obstacle appeared. The bungalow they wished to secure is on a high point with terraced compound. The second terrace is broken in its curves by a cave, which is a private place of worship, deemed very sacred by the owner of the property. As he lives at a distance, he employs an old woman to do his puja (worship) for him, paying her a yearly salary. He wanted to reserve the right of way to this cave, but as it is about one hundred feet from the door of the bungalow, it could not be allowed, and so the bargain was not consummated. Afterwards it seemed as though Providence pointed to Jagdalpur—the capital of the State of Bastar—as the place to lay the foundations, when again plans were overturned, and a small beginning was made in Siroucha, the General Missionary Society employing two native preachers, and Miss Blackmar employing, at her own cost, two Bible women. Siroucha, she says, is fully relinquished to the General and Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is a fair field, and has many thousand people in small villages up and down the great rivers. For three hundred miles, by one hundred broad, there is no missionary, and no native preacher, and no evangelist, except the two already spoken of and the two Bible women.

Madras. The work here is increasingly prosperous. The largest appropriation made by the last Executive for South India was \$10,000, for purchase of the property occupied as Home for Miss Stephens and her assistants, orphanage and nursery school. Soon after the Conference in January, it was proposed, instead of buying said property, to buy several acres elsewhere, but in the vicinity of Madras, and put up separate buildings for the several departments of work. The

proposition was carefully considered and the decision reached that it would be better to buy the Home, if it could be secured. A wealthy Hindoo gentleman built it for an orphanage for Hindu boys, and in his will entrusted it to a board of trustees, who were to preserve it for that purpose. To still further embarrass hope of success, the president of the board is the uncle of Raju Naidu, the influential Brahmin who owed his conversion largely to Miss Stephens' teaching. This uncle had persecuted the Raju and had thirsted for Miss Stephens' blood.

It was with trepidation she approached him and made her business known. He received her courteously, consulted other members of the board, and reported they would sell and on the terms she proposed, and so it has come about that a building admirably adapted to Miss Stephens' needs, erected to shelter heathen boys, and where they were to be confirmed in their false faiths, will become a Home for Christian women and an orphanage for despised girls, where they will be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. To summarize the work of this noble woman: she has, beside her orphanage school (60 pupils), three city schools, five village schools in five different villages, eight Sunday-schools, and Zenana work in six different districts. Number of pupils in city schools 234, in village schools 167; 200 women receiving regular instruction in their Zenanas—between 300 and 400 listeners in the Zenanas. Her helpers are a matron, 6 young lady assistants, 3 Bible women, 1 Evangelist, 4 village school teachers, 9 city school teachers, 2 Conductresses. She edits the *Woman's Friend* in Tamil—an issue of 1000 copies monthly. One of her former orphanage girls, Annie Logan, now a married woman, is one of her village school teachers, and a splendid teacher she is too. Joseph—"from the pit"—is another, and still another is Davadasen, the converted fortune-teller.

Miss Stephens says he is a poet, and his compositions are worth hearing, and he sings them in the old style he used in his former vocation. All his writings are finished with—"I, Davadasen, who was one time a sinner, &c., &c., but am now a servant of the Lord Jesus". Surely he has adopted the "Pauline method" of expression.

One of the village schools is in the midst of five or six burning grounds, and she and the teachers are sometimes driven away by the filth and vile odors.

The event of the year was her Zenana party, differing materially from the parties of former years. Printed invitations were given out stating apologetically that the lateness of the hour was by reason of a stereopticon entertainment to be given by a gentleman from America.

Four hundred women ignored caste regulations and religious teachings and accepted the invitation. They sang Christian hymns; enjoyed the exhibition, conversed with the strange gentleman—of course through an interpreter—and one graciously accepted the button-hole bouquet he offered her. They went home to tell the wonderful story. One woman said: "I have seen everything there is in the world; I've seen a man! I've seen my Queen; the moon and stars—I've seen everything but God." Elizabeth, the Evangelist, preaches fearlessly in city and village, the Spirit accompanying the word with power. This woman has been raised from the lowest depths to which womanhood can sink, to the height where she has been put in trust of the gospel of purity. And this largely through the influence of her little girl in the orphanage.

Kolar. Mrs. Richards' missionary has been faithful to the orphanage and to your official correspondent, reporting with frequency its condition to evoke always thanksgiving for such a work and for such a worker.

Miss Chatterton has been a valuable assistant in the school work orphanage school and three village schools.

Miss Maskell has supervised the evangelistic work, doing no small part of it herself. That the story is a *sweet* story many testimonies like the following could be given. Said one woman: "You must come early and go away late. I could listen all day to that book being read."

Said another: "I was afraid when I first saw you, but when I found you were a woman like myself I ceased to be afraid." A woman came running, with the sickle in her hand with which she had been cutting grass, and said to the Bible-woman who was returning to her home: "I want to hear about the things you have been talking of." When told that it was late, and she (the Bible woman) would come some other time, the woman replied: Who knows if I will be alive then? Who can tell if these ears will ever hear the good news?"

MRS. E. B. STEVENS,
Official Correspondent.

BOMBAY CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference, 1892.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED 1884.

MISSIONARIES.

*MISS SARAH M. DELINE,	*MISS MARY E. CARROLL	MISS I. ERNSBERGER, M. D.,
MISS M. F. ABRAMS,	MISS C. LAWSON.	MISS FLORNCE STERLING,
	MISS ANNA E. ELICKER.	

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. S. E. VARDON,	MRS. A. W. PRAITCH,	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.

The year in Bombay has been one of mingled successes and disappointments. Miss Deline's enforced return to America, and the absence of Miss Lawson who came with her, left Miss Abrams much overworked. Miss Sterling's arrival was most opportune.

Two of the Zenana visitors resigned—Miss Taylor to be married, and Miss Robottom, because she became discouraged, seeing the work gradually going down. But in spite of this Miss Abrams writes, that there has never been such unity, such heart searching, such prevailing prayer for an outpouring of the Spirit, and such expectation among missionaries of a great ingathering in the future as now exists. One hundred and fifty thousand Gujerati-speaking people are in Bombay, and not a woman doing missionary work among them. Then there are villages accessible that need laborers as soon as possible. Hundreds of thousands of women in them and no one to teach them the gospel. The school has held its own as well as could be expected when we consider the disabled condition of Miss Abrams herself, who has been ill for two months. The spiritual interests of the girls have been well looked after. Three girls have come into the church in full membership, and several more on probation. One little girl was baptised from Hinduism, and is now earnest in her efforts and prayers to lead her parents to Christ.

Of the new girls received during the year, one was a little thing, orphaned and destitute, who had been kept twenty days at the police

station, then given to the Mission. She was so glad to have a home and friends that for days her face beamed with delight. She says she has a father and husband, but does not know their names or places of residence. She is six years old.

Miss Sterling rescued a little beggar girl, who had been starved until she was a pitiful object, and then was sent out by professionals to beg. Miss Sterling had to prove that she was not a kidnapper, and also proved that the people were not the parents of the child, then she was given to Miss Sterling by the Magistrate and since then she is the most widely known of any woman in the presidency.

Baroda. The work at this station is reported as harder and greater this year than in any previous one. The demands on time and strength have been appalling. The city work has been most encouraging. Each Sabbath the Epworth League holds three services in the city. A house has been rented in the centre of the city where our workers live and hope in time to have a church. The Hindu men of the city have a club, where lectures are given once a week. We expressed a desire to have a similar club for women, and the Prime Minister promised his help if we would go on with it. The fathers are in the offices all day—the mothers must cook the food, and thus the children are ruined for lack of moral teaching. So we desired to gather the women together and give them lessons on Christian morality and the duty of the mother to the child. The Prime Minister who acts in place of the King, has been very kind to us, and helped us in many ways. When we have friends to entertain, he sends elephants, and state carriages for our use. At the closing of our girls' school, the Minister furnished us with a large tent and chairs, and sent six prizes to be given to the most deserving girls. But we work among the low as well as the high castes, and the low castes are the most accessible. We long to give more attention to village work, but cannot do so until another missionary is sent to Baroda. Our boarding-schools cannot grow until the country work is done more thoroughly.

We and our workers have made three hundred day trips to the villages during the last year. We like to go into a home and sit on a cot, and gather the children about us, and teach them the verse of a hymn. While we teach the hymn, the parents and friends gather around to listen to the singing. This gives us the opportunity we wish, to talk with them of the great salvation prepared for them.

All the girls in the boarding school have made good progress in their studies and have grown spiritually. The examinations were so good that the grant-in-aid was increased. The teachers too, have done good work and deserve great credit for faithfulness.

Poona. Here we find the most difficult thing in the low castes, is to keep the girls in school. On visiting one of the native schools during the year, Mrs. Fox found nearly all the girls had been sent to their husbands, and no inducement could secure their return. Not one of them was eleven years old.

But the picture is not all dark, even as regards these depressed classes. These children trained in our schools will be a step in advance of the parents, and we have a strong hope that the precious word sown in these young hearts will not return void, but spring up and bear fruit to salvation. With pleasure mention is made of the very efficient service of Mano Ramabai, Pundita Ramabai's daughter, voluntarily and cheerfully given in the past year to our Sunday School work.

In one of our caste boys' school, we have a class of twenty caste women who are taught in a separate room by Miss Soonderbai Powar, who, I may here remark, renders very efficient help in our Sunday School work as well as in other directions.

We have also a class of about fifteen Beni-Israel women who are taught the Scriptures. Miss Powar has special charge of these two classes of women. We have also three Bible women who work chiefly among the lower castes.

Anglo-Indian Girls' Home. We have thirty-eight girls in the "Home," their ages varying from three to eighteen years. Of this number many are entire orphans while others have one or both parents living, but with very few exceptions all have been rescued from circumstances and influences of a most demoralizing character.

Our last admission was a little one about three years of age, deserted by both parents and it was quite painful to hear the impure and foul words which came from those baby lips and hear her exclamations of delight when she saw a bottle which she thought contained "toddy," but all these things are happily now forgotten and there is every probability of this poor little waif growing up into purity of life and character.

We are greatly encouraged by the steadfastness of some of our girls in the Christian life who by their consistent behavior testify to the power of Jesus to save and keep.

Khundwa. Mrs. Vardon has been out of health most of the year and not able to do the touring in the country, but the Christian women who have been instructed for Bible work, have been diligent and successful. So the kingdom has grown in many out of the way stations. It has been hard to hold the girls in school all the year, but an average of sixteen have been faithful, and thirty have been on the record. The girls have advanced rapidly in knowledge of the Scriptures and while the year has been a hard one in many ways, there is much to encourage.

Jubbalpur. Very early in the year Miss Elicker reached this field. Immediately her heart went out to the throng of girls just out of heathenism. Some of them were so starved and unclothed, that the only thing that appealed to them was their daily bread. The school room was so small that the girls were obliged to lie on the floor crowded as closely as possible. Health was impossible with these surroundings but the year went on fairly well, and the teachers were faithful and capable. But the strain on Miss Elicker, in caring for nearly fifty girls where there was only provision for thirty was too hard, and three months ago she was obliged to go away to a Sanitarium, where in two months she struggled back to health. But the work has outgrown our bounds and we are not able to provide for these poor girls according to their need. If we could give them room to be comfortable, and all the helps to holy happy womanhood that awaits them, this would be a glad day for Jubbalpur.

Hurda. *Work for Women and Girls.*—As some financial provision was made for women's work this year in Hurda, a Bible woman was secured and Zenana and school work started. Our worker conducts a girls' school in the morning and visits the Zenana in the afternoon. On Sunday mornings the children of the day school meet together for religious instructions. Our Bible woman is well received in the Zenanas and is doing good work, a report of which is called for weekly.

We pay her nine rupees per month as it is impossible to secure in the Central Provinces an intelligent woman for six rupees, the small amount allowed us by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. We receive no rent for the Bible woman and school building.

Norsingpur. *Zenana Work.*—Our work is mostly among Bengali and Muhommadan women. They are of the most influential class, and this fact and the cordiality of the English officials accounts largely for the number of new houses constantly opening to us.

Our helpers are Sisters Ashabai and Adelaide, who give their mornings to this work and in the afternoons they teach in the woman's training class.

We feel greatly encouraged in many respects. Most of the women are just beginning to learn of Christ and the salvation he gives and yet we can see that the seed of the word is taking root. Three of the women pray to Jesus and have utterly given up idols, but, as yet, have not professed faith in Christ. Besides these three, who we feel have found salvation, there are many hopeful signs of the good work going on in the Zenanas. One I might mention is the fact that three of the Bengali ladies gave each five rupees toward a Christmas dinner for the boys in the mission boarding school.

Woman's Work in Kampti. Our work during the past year has been successful in some directions, while in others we have seemed to come almost to stand still. We have lost several of the older girls from our school, some having married, while others of fourteen and fifteen years of age are considered too old to attend school.

Their places, however, are very quickly filled by girls, so that our register continues to show good numbers. Mrs. Benjamine says that as soon as she begins to feel disheartened at losing some of her older girls, and begins to wonder where she can find others to take their places, they come in without being looked for, and it is wonderful how the Lord blesses our school.

We do praise Him for His blessing; we have a firm belief that all who leave us take with them a sincere love for Jesus in their hearts, having lost all faith in idol worship. One of our brightest girls, Rookhem, was lately taken away to her native country with a view to getting her married. She was greatly distressed at leaving us, and has since written her teacher a loving and touching letter, in which she reassures Mrs. Benjamine that she will never forget the true God and all that she has learned in school. She sends affectionate messages to those that know her, mentioning us by name, and reminding us that she still prays for us.

Notwithstanding several trials Mrs. Benjamine has had to pass through during the past year, she continues to work faithfully and lovingly for her Master.

MRS. M. S. HUSTON,
Official Correspondent.

BENGAL-BURMAH CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference, 1886.

RE-ORGANIZED, 1893.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1882.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS JULIA WISNER,
MISS R. B. DAILEY,
MISS E. MAXEY.

MISS FANNIE PERKINS,
MISS J. STAHL,
MISS K. BLAIR,

MISS E. L. KNOWLES,
MISS ANNA KEELER,
MISS F. CRAIG.

MISSIONARIES' WIVES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. W. P. BYERS,
MRS. N. MADSEN,
MRS. HENDERSON,
MRS. THOBURN, M. D.

MRS. W. F. WARNE,
MRS. GRISHOM,
MRS. CONKLIN,
MRS. LEE.

MRS. H. JACKSON,
MRS. J. SMITH,
MRS. J. P. MEIK,

Rangoon. The girl's school has been full to overflowing this year, numbers having been turned away for lack of room. Two of the scholarship girls, with two others, have entered the training class and give promise of making good teachers. They already have charge of the Kindergarten which is very popular and flourishing. A Literary Society has been started by Miss Perkins which is of immense advantage to the girls in the way of mental drill and developing a self-reliant spirit. All our workers in Rangoon have joined with Miss Wisner in an important request that the school be moved from its present location and that we build on land that can be secured on most favorable terms, if we build at once; a double necessity for this change exists. The girl's school is at present most unfortunately situated where the pupils are thrown in contact with untoward influences and their speedy removal from such environments seems almost a necessity.

In the Orphanage Miss Perkins reports prosperity and growth. Of the thirty-nine inmates thirty are dependent on our Society for support; the others are supported by parents or friends. With the money these bring in and a small amount from the government, added to the 175 rupees we give her, Miss Perkins manages to meet the running expenses.

The children are all in school and all but two passed the Inspector's examination, one stood first in a class of thirty.

Miss Perkins says: "In this land where the worst forms of sin stalk openly in the street and names are full of vileness, childhood is robbed of its innocence before it has learned to know what purity means, but Jesus of Nazareth knew all about this when he walked and talked on earth and He knows just how this work is to be done."



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The **Burmese Girl's School** in charge of Mrs. Smith has done good work with its small appropriation. One of the native teachers left on account of the small salary paid her, but Ma Zan has been faithful and is ambitious to make the school a success. Miss Hamilton took up the work dropped by Mah Way Low and has been teaching English as well as primary Burmese. The English Sunday-school raised 70 rupees by a birth-day box which was used for the rent of the school room.

Calcutta Girl's School has had a prosperous year, good health and a spirit of harmony has prevailed; all the pupils sent up for examination passed. The teachers are all earnest Christian workers and have been largely successful in the conversion of many of the girls. The influence of this Christian school reaches many of the homes in Calcutta and throughout India. Two hundred and fifteen scholars have been enrolled.

A branch of this school has been opened at Darjeeling with good results. This school is in the beautiful health-giving hills and has already twenty-five boarders.

The Orphanage department of the Calcutta school has served well the purpose for which it was opened. All the donations received this year were turned into this new department. Rs. \$1,000 have been paid on the building debt and Rs. \$1,500 have been paid for new busses and a private gari. Forty-five girls have been received in the Orphanage, six have been taken on funds in different schools, and a number have been placed as boarders in the regular school department. Friends have kindly helped this work with money, second-hand clothing, &c.

The Deaconess' Home has had a good year and is a blessed haven for struggling sin-sick ones in that great city. The fact that those in trouble seek that Home for help gives proof that the work is of God. Mrs. Warne has been obliged to give the Hindustani work into the hands of Mrs. Byers. About fifty girls are in the school and plans are being made to gather them into a Boarding School where they will be under careful Christian training and have the advantages of a Christian home. Mrs. Byers is doing what work she finds time for, among the Hindustani women, also with hopeful results. A missionary who can give all her time to this work is greatly needed. The Bengali work in charge of Mrs. Lee is growing rapidly. She is pushing the school work with her characteristic energy, has taken one of the schools into her own house, the attendance of which averages seventy. She is hoping to develop a Normal school and Orphanage out of this work; she is heavily burdened and greatly needs a missionary to assist her. Miss Blair who did such excellent work in this department has been obliged to give up all her time to editorial work. Miss Oram has the Zenana work in charge and is well received among the Bengali

women. The work in Asansol under Mrs. Byers shows progress. Twelve bright little girls have been taken in as boarders. They have regular hours for study, work and play. They are learning to make their own clothes and also to wash them, though the latter was an unwelcome task, many tears mingling with the wash-water, but they enjoy it now and strive to see who will have the whitest clothes. The number of Christian women is increased and all of them are rapidly developing under the influence of Christian teaching. Mrs. Byers says, "The year has opened kindly for us and we expect to have our school full of boarders and many more women to teach before the year is out. We are glad to report that our work in Pakur so long without a woman at the head, is to have the wife of our missionary, Mrs. Madsen. Mrs. Jackson in charge of the Tirhoot district has done good work. A matron has been secured for the little Orphanage."

The Dispensary has relieved hundreds of suffering ones.

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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.

MISS NORRIS, MRS. LEWIS, MISS FOX,
MRS. JONES, MISS LEICESTER.

MARRIED WOMEN IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. J. HEBINGER SNUGGS, Singapore, MRS. R. W. MUNSON,
*MRS. D. D. MOORE, Penang, MRS. DR. WEST.

*Home on leave.

Our work in the Malaysia Conference has had a most successful year. At Singapore Miss Blackmore has been in charge of the Deaconess' Home. Miss Ferris has had charge of Mission and Evangelistic Work, and Miss Foster has been rapidly developing the Methodist Girls' School, while all have been united in the work of the Sunday schools.

Mary C. Ninde Deaconess' Home. Miss Blackmore writes: "During the year our home has been very full. The words in Timothy which describe the work of a woman suffice for the program that has been carried on. "If she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have followed diligently every good work." The home has been a center for social and religious gatherings where hearts have been brought nearer to God and two have found the Saviour. In all we have had thirty-three girls in the home. Our one aim is to have all converted. With two exceptions all our girls have been baptized and those who are old enough have joined the church. Beng Neo was married from our home in November and has an influence for good in the village where she lives.

Mrs. Jones and Miss Leicester who live at the home go out daily to visit in heathen families. Miss Norris goes to teach in the Mission Girl's School and Miss Hoot Kian continues to be our trusty matron.

A payment of \$1,200 has been made towards the purchase of this home during the year.

Day Schools. Miss Ferris in charge during the year writes, "We have had in all eleven schools and fourteen teachers. Three of these schools are held in rooms provided for the purpose, while the remainder are in private homes. The largest called the Methodist Mission Girl's School, is under Government inspection and earned last year \$582.00, Government grant which at Bishop Thoburn's suggestion we passed over to Miss Foster to assist in opening the school for English speaking girls. There have been ninety-five pupils in attendance this year. The teachers have worked loyally and take a deep interest in the school. The children attending represent nine nationalities and are of varied types and colors.

I have opened another school in connection with this which I hope in time will become a feeder for the larger one. We have in this school seventeen pupils, children who would not go into any school unless we took one to them."

Chinese Girl's School. The Chinese Girl's School in Teluk Ayer has enrolled fifty-three pupils during the year. Miss Fisher says of it, "Several of our girls having reached the mature age of twelve years have been taken away from us, but others have come in their places and the ones who have left have teachers in their homes; so when we lose one way we gain in another. My own interest is very deep in this school, I wish I could have more time to visit and coax the children to come, we have to do this if we get them to come at all. Many of the children are taught to fear us and so are afraid to have much to do with us. We need patience and faith in this work, but when we think of the shut-in lives and the deep sorrows of the Chinese women and girls we can well wait and work. I went into a magnificent Chinese home the other day and after talking with the head of the house for some time, suggested that he send his girls to our school. 'Oh no, no, we do not wish our girls to learn to read and write, if they know how to do this they will write and get husbands for themselves and disobey us'. We have had teachers in eight homes thus far this year; one Chinese man in whose house we had a teacher for over seven years has forbidden us to give any more Bible teaching; he took away the Bibles and Hymn books, but the children felt so badly that he gave back the Hymn books, but still refused to let them have the Bibles. The girls know many of the chapters and Psalms, so they will not be altogether deprived of the Word, and we still hope that the father will relent. We have to work very carefully and be willing to wait to see the fruit of our labors, but the sure promise is ours, His word will not return unto him void, and 'the bread cast upon the water will return after many days.'"

Evangelistic Work. Of this work Miss Ferris writes, "Mrs. Pierce,

Miss Leicester and myself are associated together in this work. Mrs. Pierce visits regularly about ninety-three homes and in the past year has made over 1,200 visits. Miss Leicester has been at work about four months ; she looks up pupils for the schools, visits the women in their homes and gathers the children into the Sunday Schools. I spend about two days each week in visiting the women and holding meetings for them.

"Sin Neo, the Chinese woman who was baptized last year, is a faithful follower of Christ ; she has been persecuted much, but remains very faithful. During the year Sin Neo has taken more Christian books to Palenbang. She tells us that the women with whom we stayed are always poring over their Bibles and wanting the word explained. We have also sent Christian tracts, etc., to the island of Billiton".

Miss Blackmore writes, "During the year Mrs. Jones has been faithful, going in and out of the homes of the women ; she longs earnestly for their salvation. Her visits are always acceptable and here and there is one who is inquiring the way of life. We have eighty-five homes on our regular visiting list.

Mrs. R. W. Munson, wife of the Superintendent of the Mission, has been doing excellent work among the women and asks us to allow her a Bible woman for the year to come. She says, "I have lately started a street school on Wednesdays in a little lane where perhaps twenty or more listen. After the school is over a number of mothers ask me into their homes to explain about Jesus more fully. Many women listen from overhanging windows. I hope next year to have a number of such schools. One day not long since a woman beckoned me into her house and said, 'I have looked for you every day for a week, my baby has died and I am almost heart-broken, I want to hear from that book you carry, my husband said I must give you a chair and some tea when you came again, for surely you would have some good news for me'. We visit her every time now and she listens eagerly. We all feel encouraged with the progress the work is making."

Sunday Schools. Miss Blackmore says: "In our Woman's Work this year, Sunday Schools have had much of our attention, and our efforts in this direction have stimulated others to the same kind of work, so that there never was a time in the history of our mission when we were so aggressive as we are at present. We hope in this way to permeate Singapore with religious teaching. In the Sunday Schools under my care are 100 pupils."

Miss Ferris writes: "Mrs. Pierce, Miss Leicester and I look after nineteen Sunday Schools in which we have about 270 pupils. This work is not always easy but is most encouraging. I asked several children if

they would learn the Commandments. I left some Bibles with them and you may imagine my delight as I neared the school room the next Sunday to hear the children repeating them to each other and to find that one child had learned them perfectly. Besides these, we have Sunday School from twelve to one each Friday in our Methodist Mission Girl's School and all the children who come to our school are assigned to one of the five classes. We have a proper Sunday School and study the International S. S. lessons. The teachers with Mah Li and Boon Neo, girls who have been brought up in our home, take charge of the classes. The children all learn the texts and sing the Gospel songs and none are more apt in remembering the texts or take a deeper interest in singing than our little children from the Jewish homes. The parents do not fear what we do on week days but they will not let us have the children on Sunday."

Methodist Girl's Home. This school for English speaking girls opened by Miss Foster in May, 1894, remained nearly a year in the Deaconess' Home. At conference time Bishop Thoburn secured for it, at most advantageous rates, a very desirable property adjoining our mission, and in April the school was transferred to its permanent home. Thirty-three pupils have been enrolled during the year in the various departments. Four of these girls from Bangkok, form the nucleus of the Boarding School Department. Miss Foster has great hopes for its future and is, we believe, well qualified for the work that she has undertaken. We quote the closing paragraphs of her report:

"We expect to open kindergarten work during the next year, and a young lady of excellent Christian character has been sent at our expense to be instructed in the kindergarten department of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society work at Rangoon. There is a good opening for such work among the little ones, and we are preparing a teacher in the hope that some of the friends at home may furnish us the needed outfit. 'Get thy spindle and thy distaff ready, and God will send thee flax.'"

It is our aim to unite thorough secular training with sound religious instruction, and to this end a daily Bible lesson is given, while once a week we have a special evangelistic talk by Miss Blackmore. We are sure the teaching cannot fail to bring the Christ, in whose name it is given, prominently before these young hearts, and we hope to see our girls develop into earnest Christian women.

We believe there is need of a Methodist Girl's School here, and we earnestly hope that God will touch the hearts of some of his people and incline them to help His cause by giving as the Lord has prospered them, "so that the school may be free of debt and be in a condition to win its way."

Sahabat (*Friends*) is the name of a little paper for the women, the latest addition to the family of Friends. The first issue was in April. It is printed in Romanized Malay and five hundred copies are distributed monthly. The stories are short and to the point and the women are delighted with it. Some of them can read it themselves while others preserve it carefully for husband or son to read to them and it is proving a very useful aid to the missionaries and Bible women.

Rescue Work. Miss Josephine Hebing, in charge of this most important work which has hitherto been entirely self-supporting, has married Rev. Mr. Smuggs during the year. This gentleman is in perfect sympathy with her work and will be of much assistance to her in its prosecution. God is wonderfully blessing her in her efforts to save these lost girls. She says of them, "The darkness and wickedness cannot be described, eyes must see, ears must hear, lives must come in contact with the poor fallen, in order to understand. In our home we have had six girls." She further says, "I am the only white woman in Singapore that can converse in Cantonese. There are over three thousand Cantonese women in the dens of infamy." Both Mrs. S. and her husband will devote themselves to the Chinese who speak this particular language.

Penang. Under the fostering care of Dr. and Mrs. Moore and the aid granted by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the work among the women in Penang has attained such proportions as to greatly need one of our own missionaries. Urgent pleas have come repeatedly during the year for us to send them one. This need was emphasized by the homecoming of Dr. and Mrs. Moore in January.

During the year we have sustained two schools; one for Tamil and one for Chinese girls, enrolling sixty-two in all. Fifty of these have attended Sunday School and Mrs. Moore writes, "We are able to see a wonderful improvement in our pupils, especially those who have attended school for three years. The singing of Christian hymns and the teaching of Bible lessons are continually carried on."

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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 M. E. CARLETON, M. D.,	*MISS MABEL C. HARTFORD
*MISS LYDIA TRIMBLE,	MISS E. LYON, M. D.,	MISS M. E. WILSON,
*MISS J. BONAFIELD,	MISS L. MASTERS, M. D.,	MISS RUTH M. SITES,
MISS L. A. WILKINSON,	MISS WILMA H. ROUSE,	MISS MARY PETER*,
MISS ALICE LINAM,	MISS ALTHEA TODD,	MISS PIEBE WELLS.
MISS MABEL ALLEN,	MISS JULIA M. DONAHUE, M. D.	

MARRIED WOMEN IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. W. H. LACY,	MRS. W. N. BREWSTER,	MRS G. B. SMYTH,
MRS. J. H. WORLEY,	MRS. G. S. MINER,	MRS. R. L. MCNABB.

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*Home on Leave.

Limited in time, restricted in space, how can a fair report be made of the magnificent work in this Mission, with its nine districts? How speak of the mysterious providences; the signal blessings with which it has been visited? They stand in glaring contrast. Plague and pestilence are among the lesser evils; the forced return of over-worked Missionaries, war, riots, death and threatened massacre are among the greater.

The growing sentiment against foot-binding; the bold stand taken by Christian women in unbinding theirs, thus subjecting themselves to reproach and scorn; the eager quest for knowledge—Biblical and secular; the well nigh countless calls for teachers and Bible women; the few young women that have answered His—"Go ye"; with, "Here am I"; Dr. Hu King Eng's safe return to her beloved China, equipped for Medical Missionary service; Miss Hartford's preservation from the murderous spear after more than ten years of heroic service—all these mercies call for profoundest gratitude and loudest praise.

Much the heaviest, saddest blow that has befallen the Mission was the taking out of their sight, February 10th, their beloved leader—Dr. Nathan M. Sites. The members of both Missions were bowed with grief for their *personal* loss, as well as loss to the Church and the Mission. "He was to me as a father" is the testimony of many of our ladies.



But what was this removal to his very own child ; his darling Ruth ! who in the first line she traced after he had ceased to breathe, wrote—"My darling mother, to-night I am alone in Foochow, father left me and went home at half-past five." We can not forbear one more quotation from her closing sentence. "May you all be comforted as I am comforted." Not a little of this comfort came through the deep, warm, motherly love and sympathy of Mrs. Ninde.

That Miss Sites was with her father in those glorious meetings in the Districts ; that she was privileged to nurse him through his brief illness and follow him to his last resting place will ever be a blessed recollection. The fire did not consume : the waters did not overflow, and sustained by divine grace she returned to Ming Chiang six weeks after his burial to look after her Woman's School, and to meet the same people for whom it is not too much to say—he laid down his life.

"The year," says Miss Sites, "has been one of extremes, running from the highest joy to the deepest sorrow".

The plan for the year was as follows : Mrs. Worley had been appointed to the Foochow Woman's School. Dr. Sites was to keep watch of his daughter's work in Ming Chiang whenever she was engaged with her Foochow work, which it was expected would take most of her time. This work was the High Class Seminary. A number of mothers had promised their daughters as pupils if the Seminary was moved into the city. So a house belonging to one of the wealthy families was secured, and Miss Sites anticipated the most effective year she had ever spent among heathen people. But it was not to be. Soon after Conference Mrs. Worley by reason of physical disability was obliged to relinquish the work of the Foochow Woman's School and Miss Sites was appointed to it.

Dr. Sites had gone to Ming Chiang and his daughter with Miss Peters followed when the Foochow schools were closed. Miss Peters says, "I was delighted to see what good work the teachers and Bible women were doing, notwithstanding they knew at that time no money was provided for them." During the vacation which followed Mrs. Ninde came to the District and with Dr. Sites and Ruth for interpreters touched many hearts, as day after day and night after night she delivered the message. Then came the climax Sabbath day and with it the Quarterly meeting for "Sek Du Circuit".

The church was packed, and the Love feast was one unceasing flow of glad bright testimonies ; new converts presented themselves for baptism, and the accepted probationers were received into full membership. The afternoon was filled with much personal and individual work and in the twilight as Dr. Sites walked home with his daughter he

exclaimed, "How good the Lord has been to me! So many years I have spent in seed sowing, but the last few years it has been harvesting, glad harvesting."

One week after her father's death Ruth re-opened the Foochow Woman's School and twenty days later the Ming Chiang Woman's School. She spent six weeks on this trip and with God's help much good was accomplished. The Woman's School was reopened; various day schools were visited and personal work done among the women who came either to see how a Christian would be affected by such grief, or to express their sympathy, or to hear the Doctrine.

The first week in June Miss Peters with her again visited Ming Chiang, intending to make a complete tour of the district, but the extreme heat made it impracticable, and after the Woman's School was examined and closed for the summer vacation, they returned to Foochow. The death of Dr. Sites thoroughly changed all plans; not only was all the Woman's work in Ming Chiang district left entirely to the daughter, but many of the preachers and other general society workers turned in their helplessness to her. This with the Foochow Woman's School was all she could carry and the city work had to be given up. We have now in Ming Chiang six earnest Bible women at work and through them the Gospel has reached about five thousand people.

There are eight day schools in which over a hundred little girls are being taught.

Foochow Boarding School. Miss Wilkinson writes, "We have found it necessary this year to ask—Lord, what will thou have me *not* do?" Miss Bonafield's absence on rest furlough threw all the interests of the school upon Miss Wilkinson. It was a grave responsibility, but she met it nothing doubting that she would find the sufficient grace, and it has been according to her faith. Instead of applications decreasing, as they anticipated last year, the enrollment has never been so high—123, with a fine average attendance. These are divided into three grades, primary, intermediate and high school. The primary is occupying a room in the Orphanage; it must soon be divided and occupy still another room in the same building. Some fifty applicants have been turned away—accommodations being insufficient. A class of six will graduate in January, two of whom, certainly can be depended upon for teachers.

The younger girls have been a constant inspiration, such earnest, fervent, little disciples are they. Their Junior League meetings have been seasons of blessing and in their Saturday evening class-meetings they have obeyed the instruction—"Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another." Miss Allen has rendered valuable assistance, teaching the English class.

Orphanage. Mrs. Lacy in charge. She writes, "It has been a year of blessing, and yet never have the trials and disappointments been so great, the responsibilities so heavy." She put special emphasis upon a resident missionary to counsel with, and instruct matron and nurses, and train the little ones for His kingdom. Cholera Infantum, Bronchitis, Measles and Small-pox made anxious hearts and weary bodies for those who ministered—measles attacking each child, with one exception. Six have died, seven were received into the Orphanage.

There have been in the home during the year, thirty-six children. Mrs. Lacy says of all who were with us last year I have only a good report to give—they have grown and developed nicely. Six of them she formed into a kindergarten class. Mrs. Lacy besides devoting so much time to the Orphanage has paid many visits to homes where our babies were being nursed, it being thought unwise to receive into that institution more than thirty-six. In this work she has been assisted by her faithful Bible Woman and by Miss Rouse, who was obliged to leave Ku-Cheng for a season. Nine hundred and eighty-eight visits have been paid and 107 letters written to patrons.

She acknowledges herself greatly indebted to Miss Wilkinson, who was her mainstay and help while small-pox prevented her customary oversight, lest she should bring the contagion to her own children.

Medical Work. Dr. Lyon, very much improved in health by her rest vacation in Japan and Russia, returned to take the city work with Rossa, a recent graduate, as her assistant, while Dr. Masters and Dr. Carleton had the work outside the walls; Go-Hua, another graduate, assisting Dr. Carleton.

Three medical students graduated January 18th, one to practice with her husband in Hong-Kong; another to practice in Ming-Chiang Districts, and the third, as stated, to assist Dr. Lyon. Dr. Lyon under date of August 10th, reports that up to the time of general unrest and fears of riots the work with her was steadily advancing, and the interest the patients took in religious teaching was most encouraging. Again she says, "The medical work in *all* its branches is encouraging, and so in every other department of Christian work, and that is why Satan is so uneasy."

The medical work, by mutual agreement, was divided among the three doctors thus, Drs. Masters and Carleton were appointed to the work on Nau Tai and Dr. Lyon to the city.

The work for convenience sake was divided by them as follows: Each was to have every other ward patient in the hospital; Dr. Masters all dispensary work until June 1st, when Dr. Carleton was to take it for the remainder of the year.

From January until July Dr. Carleton was to superintend all work done by the students in the drug room. After that time Dr. Masters to have it until January, 1896. Dr. Masters to superintend the general work of the hospital and Dr. Carleton in charge of their private home—"Dr. Masters attends all the schools who employ us," says Dr. Carleton, "to look after the health of the students, and I to have the accounts, " making reports and ordering of drugs."

This division has been a great help in carrying the work. By the last Conference, Mrs. Smyth was appointed to do evangelistic work in the hospital, but owing to a multiplicity of other cares has not been able to give it any attention. She recommended for the service Miss Rouse, when she came from Ku-Cheng in the spring and she accepted it. "We have," says Dr. Carleton, "been gratified by knowing that every patient that entered the hospital has learned much of the truth, and many we trust have believed to the saving of their souls." She has made one itinerating trip, leaving for Ming-Chiang May 20th and returning June 23rd. Seven places were visited, dispensing in each place and most interesting meetings held in connection with these services.

This was her second visit to Ming-Chiang. Her first one everything was free of charge, but this time a small entrance fee, 10 cash (one cent), was charged. She found every one ready to pay. And a number said their conversion was to be traced to the Doctor's previous visit, or to the instruction given in Foochow Hospital. We cite an instance.

Soon after reaching Suk Du a dear old lady with a grandchild and much luggage came to the chapel. For a day or so but little attention could be given her, but one evening she told her story, which in substance was this. Some five years previous to this her daughter-in-law had gone to Foochow Hospital to have her foot healed, which Dr. Carleton accomplished most successfully. On her return home she spread the good tidings with the splendid result that her husband, mother and father-in-law had become Christians. She did not know of any church, but they had kept the Sabbath and had given up all idolatrous worship.

Some three years after her daughter's visit to the hospital, the present pastor of Suk Du was visiting in the neighborhood and was told there was a family who believed the Doctrine he was preaching. He hunted them up and now they are members of the Suk Du Church and the children in our schools. "When I heard," said the old woman, "you were coming I just packed up and came too, and I mean to stay as long as you do, and to-morrow my son is coming to greet you and thank you." The matron in Ming-Chiang Woman's School greeted the Doctor as an old friend, and well she might. Though she has heard the Truth for many years she had no interest in it beyond the gain she would derive

from renting part of her house for a chapel, but when the Doctor went there dispensing medicine, and Dr. Sites told who she was and why she had left her distant home, the old woman said, "I thought if a foreign lady could be so interested in me, it is time I, too, become interested in what is at the bottom of it all." Now she is a bright, helpful, delightful Christian woman. On this trip many testified that directly or indirectly their conversion was traceable to teachings and silent influences in the Foochow Hospital.

Women's and Children's Statistical Report. July, 1894 to July 1895: Hospital Dispensary patients, 2,387; prescriptions, 2,948; Hospital ward patients, 216; prescriptions, 648; visits paid in homes, patients, 1,373; prescriptions, 1,922; out Dispensary, 1,451; prescriptions, 1,885; patients seen in office, 172; total patients seen, 5,599; total prescriptions, 7,403.

Foochow Evangelistic Work. Miss Bosworth, who has charge of Bible Woman's work since January last says, "There are now three women regularly employed, one is in the city at our East Gate Chapel—a difficult field among a people peculiarly hard to reach and hold. But through the efforts of this woman and her son-in-law, the devoted pastor of the church, the gospel is surely gaining ground. Another is working in the neighborhood of Ku-Su-Liang Chapel, and though inexperienced is doing good work. The third woman is at Lu Loi, a village which for many years has been known as the hardest place on the island. The reports are most encouraging; increased attendance at church; more open doors and greater willingness to hear the Doctrine. The report in figures for the three women is: Visits, 362; listeners, 4,038. In addition to these women another has been making tri-weekly visits to the neighborhood of Cen Sing Dong where we have our large Ragged Sunday School. Her work—not easily described—includes a weekly prayer meeting in a once heathen home, and visits to homes where the blessed story has never been told before.

Kucheng and Iong Bing Districts. The new year seemed freighted with blessings as it opened: schools of all kinds were full: pupils diligent, and the hearts of our dear workers were made to rejoice not only in present prospects but over the "full corn in the ear." Women and girls had gone into the field—the great, needy field—as laborers together with Him. Miss Hartford, with depleted strength from long and trying service in conditions not suited to health, twice attempted a trip through the districts to examine the schools and do evangelical work, but was driven back to her home and her couch. In the villages and homes she visited, in the meetings held and the schools examined, she saw that her labor had not been in vain in the Lord. Miss Rouse,

rejoicing over a partial mastery of the language, was proving a valuable helper. All went well till the morning of August 1st, when the Vegetarians (rebels and robbers) brutally murdered nine English missionaries and wounded others who were enjoying a season of rest at Whasang, a mountain sanitarium, about 12 miles from Kucheng city. Miss Hartford, of our society, occupying a native house a little removed from the sanitarium, turned with superhuman strength the spear designed for her breast, and by the aid of a Christian servant escaped death, though felled to the ground and beaten by the murderer. Since these trying experiences Miss Hartford has returned home.

Kucheng. Nineteen day schools, 10 B. Women, Pupils in Woman's School, 20; Pupils in Girl's Day Schools, 285; in Girl's Boarding School, 38.

Long Bing. Day schools, 3; Pupils, 40.

Hok Chiang and Hai Tang Districts. Misses Trimble and Allen, missionaries.

Report for these districts seems but a repetition of those just presented. The one thing hard for these handmaidens to face was the open doors they could not enter, the voices hard to stifle, those begging for entrance to schools, for new schools and teachers, for women to tell them "how to get saved."

A reply to the question, "Are they really converted?" was given by Miss Trimble. In a little meeting with a few converts, recently born into the kingdom, all of them poor, some hungry, a collection was proposed. Said Miss Trimble: "I thought the preacher would do well if he got a dollar and to my amazement he got twelve."

By order of American Consul and advice of others all our missionaries from the districts are in Foochow to remain until quiet is restored.

Hok-Chiang. Twelve day schools, pupils, 240; 4 B. Women. Pupils in Woman's School, 20.

Hai Tang District. Day schools, 6; pupils, 80; Bible Woman, 1.

Hing-Hwa. Each heart-string is attuned to praise as we think of the glorious outpouring of the Spirit upon the workers and the work in this, as well as in other districts of the Foochow Conference.

Miss Wilson spent most of the time from January to July in the country engaged either in evangelistic or day school work. As she went from place to place the Bible Woman of the circuit—if they were so fortunate as to have one—accompanied her, and the meetings were held mostly with the women whose husbands were Christians. In one village was found a class of thirty men and thirty-three women, and after a day spent with the women in chapel, nineteen of them decided for Christ, and they would have done this before, she said, if

there had been anyone to invite them. What was true in this instance is the need all over the district—women to cry Come! "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world!"

In the summer, in Hing-Hwa city a school for day school teachers and Bible women was held for five weeks; thirty-five in attendance. They bore their own traveling expenses except boat hire and provided their own food. The school was an incalculable blessing to them.

Hamilton Girl's Boarding School. Mrs. Brewster in charge. Illness of one teacher and death of another occurred early in the year, and this fact together with Mrs. Brewster's inability to give the school so much of her personal attention as it required, resulted in a small insubordination among a few of the girls, which, however, was soon over. New and good teachers were provided; a fine Christian worker—a former Bible woman—was installed as matron, and the eighty-five girls controlled by wholesome fear and unqualified respect have since done well.

Good work done by good students is a gratifying item of Mrs. Brewster's report, but better than it was the religious revival. Convictions were deep, repentance genuine; faith intelligent, and conversions glorious. The school is divided into classes of from eight to twenty in each.

When the leaders had been quickened by the Holy Spirit their great concern was for the salvation of their girls. They held extra meetings with them, took them one by one to exhort, entreat and pray for them, and many were thus led to Christ.

Juliet Turner Memorial School. The fall term opened in September with twenty-five pupils, mostly *young* women.

There were so many calls to *new* places for women able to lead their sisters from idolatry to the living God that it was decided to pay especial attention to training this class of workers. The young women can teach but not go out as Bible women. So five women of suitable age were received and put in training. The term's work was successful. Mrs. Brewster says, "We were overwhelmed with applications for entrance when preparing for the spring term." The best they could do was to receive one from each circuit and turn the many away. Some of the pupils had gone during the vacation with their husbands to work, and found such opportunities that they could not return to school. One went with her husband, a student in the Biblical school, to an island where there were only one or two men inquiring the way, but soon found themselves so surrounded by hungry souls that neither of them could return to school. The last term thirty-five were enrolled. Not all will make *scholars*; more will make workers, but some, probably will let their light shine only in the narrow limits of home. There were a number of children with their mothers and these were formed into a kindergarten

class. The women were greatly blessed in the revival in May, fourteen or fifteen of them went out each a day in the week, for work in the homes and villages, some of them showing great aptitude for the work.

Evangelistic work has been done by two Bible women working from the city, and one from the leper village.

They have brought many women to the church services and divided those who were church members into classes and held service with them once a week. They have been helped in their work by the school women. The prospect is that the new church which at first seemed so large will, in the not distant future have to be made larger. Sunday afternoon meetings have been held in the East Gate village.

Work in the leper village has been carried by the widow of a former pastor. She has opened a school that is doing good work. One old blind woman is able to recite an entire book.

MRS. E. B. STEVENS,
Official Correspondent.

NORTH CHINA.

WOMAN'S WORK ORGANIZED 1871.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS A. B. SEARS,	MRS. C. M. JEWELL,	MISS A. E. STEERE,
MISS C. M. FREY,	MISS E. G. YOUNG,	MISS F. O. WILSON,
MISS E. E. GLOVER,	MISS R. R. BENN, M. D.,	MISS E. G. TERRY, M. D.,
MISS I. STEVENSON, M. D.,	MISS A. D. GLOSS, M. D.,	MRS. M. L. BURROWS, M. D.

MARRIED WOMEN IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. M. P. GAMEWELL, M. D.,	MRS. FRANCES I. VERITY.
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Peking. There is nothing monotonous in our *work* this year; unusual events, actual or anticipated, have kept our workers in a constant state of ferment.

Mrs. Jewell writes, "In spite of wars and rumors of war," we have given sixty-four of our flock a fair year in school. When the time came for re-opening the school such was the state of affairs, it was deemed unwise to bring the girls away from their homes, or of retaining those, who because their homes were distant had been taken to Tsun-Hwa for the Summer. Miss Young and Miss Steere returned from Tsun-Hwa to make ready for the opening of the school while Mrs. Jewell remained with the girls, awaiting events. A month later the concerted wisdom of the Conference was, that the Peking Boarding School should be suspended until more peaceful times. The girls were sent to their homes immediately,

under the escort of several native preachers. Misses Steere and Frey were both in miserable health, but on account of the urgency of the work had decided to remain another year, now were free to come home.

Miss Young with Mrs. Davis of the General Mission Society opened a Kindergarten for the little ones in the neighborhood. It was now December and many of the scattered school girls, on account of the poverty of their homes were suffering for necessary food, and it became evident that it would be safe to allow girls a short distance away to return to school.

The school buildings were put in order and the school opened the last of December. The needy girls at a distance were put into a local school, where partial support was given them.

The Kindergarten was already bearing such satisfactory fruits, that Mrs. Jewell says: "I could not bear to take Miss Young from it, and carried the school work, for a time, with the help of Miss Young one hour each day, while the larger girls were delighted to assist."

Miss Young writes, "Although the Kindergarten is not part of our regular work, it is such a glorious work we wish the home friends to know about it." And she sends a most interesting report telling how heartily these little "Chinese tots" entered into their work and play. Something interesting about every one of our forty little people,—some because they were pretty, bright and attractive: others because they were so forlorn and wretched.

The discipline of suffering has been with them, since a few days from the opening of the school-year, when the oldest girl was taken seriously ill and she has been a very great sufferer. When pain has not been racking her body she has gathered the girls about her and talked to them of the "more excellent way." In days of pain when inquiry was made she would reply, "I am not sick at all, it is only my body. Do you think it will be a long time before the Lord will come for me".

Honest cheerful work and steady progress is the record of nearly every pupil. The young teacher spoken of in last year's report is proving most satisfactory and as he teaches the secular branches, the missionaries can devote themselves to Christian teaching and such other work as *must* be done by them.

The new department of Kitchen service has been a great success. The advanced steps taken last spring regarding *self help* has worked well. Many of the girls have been growing in Christian experience. A class of eleven joined the Church during the winter. Some very desirable improvements have been made in the house which has increased the sanitary condition of the premises.

There has been no Training school since Mrs. Gamewell left: and

no country work has been attempted. Dr. Gloss has been *very* busy,—rendering assistance not only in her profession—which has been no light task, with much sickness and very poor accommodations. Her own severe illness in April filled all hearts with intense anxiety, and the most loving ministries were extended in this “time of need.” Miss Young took Mrs. Jewell’s place in the school and Miss Glover came to their relief, remaining until the crisis was past in Dr. Gloss’ case, and then returned to Tsun Hua.

Mrs. Jewell who went up to Tsun Hwa for her vacation had not been able on account of the *war* excitement to return to Peking, and while detained she gathered about twenty girls she found there and soon had them busy at work and kept them together until she left quite the last of December, returning to Peking taking up the school work there.

The *Day Schools* in Peking were in charge of Miss Sears up to the time of her leaving for the United States.

The Tartar City School had been in two divisions, but last winter they were consolidated under one teacher, an unusually proficient native woman, Mrs. Si. The school has been very prosperous. Premises a little removed from our compound, but so near as to make all safe, were leased for five years and there have been fine results from this change, as it locates the school in a neighborhood hitherto unreached. The large room thus secured has been quite well filled with children. Forty-three have been enrolled and very good work has been done. A small class graduated from this school and will enter the Boarding School at the beginning of the school year.

The Chinese City School has enrolled twenty-three pupils and has been taught by Sarah Wang. These day schools have now a regular “course of study” from which they graduate into the Boarding School, so that we are warranted in saying that our mission in North China has “graded schools”.

Dr. Terry has been pressed with work on every hand. The dangerous illness of Dr. Hopkins added greatly to her *care* and responsibility.

The Dispensary work began immediately upon her return, and the average attendance has been larger than ever before. The Hospital has been too small to accommodate the patients and some have been turned away for want of room. Many of the cases treated have been those suffering from the want and privation of the past year. This has been the hardest year within the memory of the people.

Dr. Terry says, “The wonder is, that any of the very poor have survived, as food has been so scarce and high. Plenty of food for a few weeks has made a wonderful change in the appearance of these women and children.”

The year has been an exceedingly trying one to Miss Glover, who was away for a little change and rest when "*war* clouds" were looming up and it was not deemed safe or right for her to return to Tsun Hwa, so she remained in Tientsin hoping to accomplish much in *study*, but did not meet her own anticipations, for she was obliged to give her time and attention to *rest* until early January, when she and Dr. Terry, who had just returned from Japan,—went up and commenced work. School was reopened, but was closed very soon, for orders came about the middle of February that the women and children must leave at once and both ladies went to Tientsin, remaining until May, when "Peace was declared" and they with "glad hearts" turned their faces toward their home in Tsun Hwa to resume the work so dear to them. Miss Glover opened her school "although it was vacation time",—that the girls near by might have *food*, which was so scarce in their own homes, that they were *suffering*.

The day school has been kept up a part of the year, and some evangelistic work has been done, just in the immediate neighborhood of the mission compound, resulting in securing an interest in listening to the gospel. Now many from that village attend service at the Church and the place is well represented in the day school.

CENTRAL CHINA.

Woman's Work organized in Kiukiang, 1874.

" " " " Chinkiang, 1884.

" " " " Nankiang, 1887.

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.

Nankiang.

MISS EMMA MITCHELL, MRS. A. C. DAVIS,
MISS ELLA SHAW, *MISS SARAH PETERS.

*Home on leave.

During the year Dr. Lucy Hoag and her associate, Miss M. C. Robinson, have been compelled to return home for a period of rest, after years of service in Chinkiang.

The eleventh year's report begins with the hottest season on record. According to the Customs' Records kept for 21 years nothing like the present heat in August and September had ever been reached. Our school children collapsed to such an extent that the first few weeks of the Autumn term had to be given to nursing and keeping alive the prostrated ones. Added to the sickness, other anxieties pressed upon us from living in the midst of a people humiliated by the conquests of the "Dwarfs". Soldiers hurrying to the front found Chinkiang the usual halting place, where not even the city magistrate had jurisdiction over them, while the native residents themselves were in mortal terror of their own countrymen of another province. Yet here God's protecting care was manifested by turning the hearts of the people to the stranger within their gates, and keeping us in perfect peace for the time being.

Notwithstanding hindrances over other years, when the examinations were held, it was found that all classes were well up in their studies; especially was this the case in the class of church history. Miss White has been wonderfully successful in bringing the school up to an appreciation of the hymns and music of the best authors. Temperance text books are now translated and additions made on foot binding and its evils, making them much more complete in their adaptation to Chinese needs. Advanced work in native classes is being done, and much attention has been given to the written character during the past

year. The children write every Sunday sermon, and much more time is given to the study of the Christian classics than to the native.

There have been eight baptisms in the family, and the spiritual life much quickened, and the testimonies have a truer ring, and the duty of telling the gospel is more apparent.

It is certainly a great support to us who are on the field to have the visits of such representative women as Mrs. Keen of last year, and now this year of Mrs. Mary C. Ninde, who, with their bright presence and inspiring words cheered us, with the fuller assurance that we are not alone in the knowledge of the peculiar needs of the work. Our women, girls, teachers and household were charmed with Mrs. Ninde, and their hearts touched with the thought of the love that brought her so far to greet her Chinese kindred in Christ. Then followed the comforting but all too brief visit of the Bishop and Mrs. Ninde, whose sympathetic interest in all departments of our work made our regret deeper that the war had deprived us of their longer stay. We wish more such choice Western youth could accompany their parents to the mission field as the Bishop's two sons. It was a positive delight to us to see them and it was a rare privilege for our Chinese friends, to whom they were objects of intense interest and admiration. Mrs. Baxter of London, and Mrs. Hudson Taylor are two others among the much prized visits that should be recorded. Much might be said of the reign of terror for good people, both native and foreign, and of the awful cholera scourge now going on during these closing days of our report year, but space forbids. We can only add the hope that it is in God's plan to continue to protect the work as He has so signally done in the past.

Medical Work.—During Dr. Hoag's absence in America the native Chinese girl Katie, trained by Dr. Hoag, has treated a large number of patients. The members of the China inland mission have most generously aided in providing help for the hospital in Dr. Hoag's absence. The hospital has been enlarged and now has five wards and a drug and waiting room, besides a few accessory rooms of smaller size. The record of '94 is as follows: Visits to dispensary, 3,799; in hospital, 79; visits to out-patients, 74; cases of poisoning, 11; difficult labor, 5; making a total of 3,968.

The Evangelistic Work.—In spite of the opposition of mandarin, priest and people the light of the Gospel is being disseminated by busy missionaries and Bible agents and by means of schools and medical work, and it is possible that in every crowd of a few hundreds in this vicinity there are those who have heard the foreign doctrine.

The patients in the hospital have daily instruction, and when able attend morning prayers and all the services of the Church.

They go away with a few concisely written books, some germs of truth, much kindly feeling towards the mission, and have certainly lost a pernicious amount of prejudice.

It would surprise one not living in China to see the superstitious fears of the people in regard to the Christian religion; their fear of eating food lest they should take it in as poison in their tea and rice, or of spending a night under a foreigner's roof, lest evil spirits should do them harm.

We are preparing the way for those who may follow and are looking for greater things even in our day.

MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE,

Official Correspondent.

WEST CHINA.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1882.

DISCONTINUED, 1885.

RE-OPENED, 1894.

DEACONESSES.

MISS CLARA COLLIER,
MISS HELEN GALLOWAY,

MISS S. E. KISSACK,
MISS FANNIE MEYER.

Rev. Spencer Lewis, when making his annual report from West China in 1894 to the General Missionary Society, wrote: "The news that money has been given for a deaconess' home and that several deaconesses are to be sent to us this autumn means more to us than most people at home can conceive. For eight long years we have been waiting for the Woman's Board to resume work in this field. Because of their failure to do so the work among women and girls has not been prosecuted to the extent we could wish. We trust we are entering upon a new era now."

Mr. and Mrs. Cady, with the three deaconesses sent out by this Society, sailed early in January from San Francisco for their distant home. The way was long, oftentimes exceedingly dangerous, but a kind Father watched over them as they journeyed and without sickness or accident they reached Chung King March twenty-fifth. At Kiu-kiang they were joined by Miss Collier, who had already been transferred by the General Society to our own Society.

Work on the home was begun very soon, the first soil being turned April eighteenth. At each of the four corners marked for the new building a missionary stood and at a given signal upturned the sod. One of them wrote: "I dug a good deep hole for we want the home

well founded." Tears ran down our faces, but they were tears of joy, and we sang the doxology, all the members of the mission uniting with us in praises and thanksgiving to God for His goodness in permitting us to see the beginning of what we earnestly pray may be a home from whence shall go out such blessed influences that God shall be glorified and many souls be won to His service.

Miss Collier writes that the girls who have been in the boarding school under Mrs. Lewis's faithful care show that the labor expended upon them has not been in vain. All but two of them have unbound feet. One of these is one of the most promising and trustworthy girls in the school, but she was betrothed in babyhood to a man who is now an opium smoker, and by the cruel customs of the country she is bound to this man. Let us pray that God may turn the hearts of the parents, and this girl who has learned of the better life for women, be released from the wretched future to which she now seems doomed.

The native Christians at Chung King are faithful and earnest. They have themselves opened a day school some miles from Chung King and regular Sunday services are maintained; in other places they have, with a little assistance, opened schools, and in one place have built unaided a house to serve as a place for school and chapel.

A few women come to the hospital where Miss Kissack, our trained nurse, is doing what she can to alleviate their sufferings. Many more would undoubtedly come for treatment if there was room, but the accommodations are so limited that the number is necessarily restricted. No opportunity is afforded for a Bible school with the women nor to train native women as nurses. One woman in the hospital gave Miss Kissack permission to unbind her feet, and so while Miss Kissack removed the bandages and nightly rubs the crippled feet to bring them into better shape and ease the pain, Mrs. Lewis tells her of Christ who suffered and died for her.

A woman begged one of our missionaries to take her little daughter, but she could not. Not long after she learned through a neighbor that the woman had drowned the child. This does not occur so frequently as in former years, for it is more profitable to sell the daughters. Possibly this poor woman preferred to take the life of the little one rather than see her sold into a life of shame and misery.

At Chentu five girls were in the boy's school, but plans were being made to open a school for girls with the promise of a good attendance. Of course the riot interrupted all the plans, but Mr. Cady hoped to return this fall and re-open the work. They have a most earnest, well-informed, devoted Bible woman who was educated years ago in Miss Wheeler's school. She returned to Chung King with Mr. and Mrs.

Cady, and is teaching the women at the dispensary and receiving some excellent training under Mrs. Lewis.

This report is necessarily meagre, for the work in West China is scarcely begun. We cannot appreciate the difficulties that confront the missionaries in opening up work in a comparatively new field, but another year with the language more at their command, we shall expect to hear of successful efforts to give the gospel to the women and children in West China. We are sure that a work begun in faith and prayer, as this has been, and which is so manifestly the work of God, will have his leadership and blessing.

That saintly woman, Mrs. Adeline Smith, made, by her generosity, the re-opening of our work in West China a reality.

MRS. F. P. CRANDON,

Official Correspondent.

JAPAN.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1874.

ORGANIZED AS A CONFERENCE, 1884.

CENTRAL JAPAN.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. A. SPENCER,
MISS L. IMHOFF,
MISS M. E. SIMONS,
MISS H. S. ALLING,

*MISS M. A. DANFORTH,
MISS B. GRIFFITHS,
MISS F. PHELPS,
*MISS E. BENDER,
MISS M. H. RUSSELL.

MISS R. WATSON,
MISS E. BLACKSTOCK,
MISS B. ALLEN,
MISS C. A. HEATON,

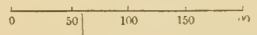
*Home on leave.

Thirteen missionaries are under appointment to Central Japan. Two have been home during the past year and three others have very recently returned. One has gone back and a new one has entered the field, while a fourteenth has returned to an appointment in the Northern District. Much of the work has been crippled more or less through the want of suitable accommodations; the earthquake of the preceding June necessitated rebuilding in Yokohama, Tsukiji and Aoyama; and none of these places are yet quite ready with their new buildings. New dormitories are urgently demanded in Aoyama to provide for the addition of the former Tsukiji school which was removed after the earthquake.



MISSIONS IN
JAPAN.

Scale of Miles



In Yokohama the Bible Woman's Training School has enrolled twenty-nine pupils, seven of whom graduated in June. These native women are very carefully trained in the Bible and only such studies as are helpful in their work. One who has been visiting in the district was married and went to her own home, but such was the power of her life and teachings, that the owner of a factory not himself a Christian, offered to provide a room and board if another could be sent in her place, as he desired to have his employees under christian influence. An Industrial School has been established, giving the very poor women an opportunity to learn something by which they can earn a living. One of the students of the Training Class works among the blind. The day schools and Evangelistic work under Miss Simons grows in importance as the schools become more and more crowded, and the ability to do more thorough work increases. One of the church members cares for 20 orphans in his home, demonstrating the power of Christ's love in his heart. Miss Simons pleads for means to employ more trained Japanese workers. In Tokyo the five day schools have had the most prosperous year of their existence, with an increase of 111 pupils in the twelve months. These schools numbering 645 scholars are situated in five widely separated districts and a new building is asked for the one in Asakusa. The night school for the little match box makers has 27 attendants who are well behaved and studious. Miss Lida, assistant to Miss Spencer, adds to her other duties effective temperance work. Two evangelistic country trips have been made and weekly or monthly meetings are held at different points in the city.

At Aoyama the total enrollment of the united schools was 102, though the graduating class numbered but four. More than the usual number of former graduates this year have married christian workers, and established homes that we trust will be testimonies of the power of faith in Christ. Miss Bender, the principal of the school, returns to America for a season of rest, leaving Miss Watson in charge, to be assisted by Miss Russell on her arrival from the Pacific Branch. One special need of this school is a thoroughly educated music teacher. Forty-two pupils have studied in the Industrial Department, more than half of them self supporting, and three have graduated. A deep religious spirit has prevailed and the native teachers have given satisfaction. Miss Blackstock returns home for a vacation on account of health, and is replaced by Miss Imhoff.

Miss Phelps also is home from Sendai for the same cause of recuperation, and Miss Allen has been appointed to take charge of the Evangelistic and Industrial work in that district.

Miss Otto and Miss Allen had a most trying year at Yonezawa, and as the men of the place failed to comply with the conditions promised two years ago, viz. ; to put up suitable and comfortable buildings for the school and residence of our missionaries, it was decided to withdraw from Yonezawa and appoint these ladies to other stations.

At Nagoya Miss Alling who was new in our work has charge of the school ; and although the year has not been without trials and embarrassing changes, progress has been made. Seventy-two pupils have entered and the school closed for the holidays with an attendance of 58, ten of whom were boarders. The Evangelistic work under Miss Heaton has employed five native Bible women some of whom are remarkably earnest and practical women. When possible they visit surrounding villages, as well as the neighborhood of their own churches, organize and teach in Sunday schools, hold women's meetings and visit church members.

In several places in Central Japan the native Christian women have employed themselves in making book-marks, to be sold in this country, and the funds applied to the erection of native churches. The women in the vicinity of Nagoya being regularly organized for this purpose, by one of the Bible Women, have exceeded in this benevolence, and have manufactured several thousand of these markers.

The work for the women in the churches in Japan has prospered under the care of several members of the General Society, who feel it a privilege to help their sisters into a better knowledge of the truth ; though no salaries are paid for this labor, our Society would like to be able to contribute more liberally towards the actual expense.

A new Japan is starting into life in the Kingdom of the Rising Sun. Shall it be an added wing to the army of the Lord of hosts, to penetrate into the enemy's legions so strongly intrenched to the West, or shall commerce and science alone build up a selfish Kingdom to stand as a menace to advancing armies of Christ ? It remains with the militant church of God to answer this question. The gospel plough has entered the furrow, but future effort will not be less difficult than the past. More skill will be needed to handle the word of God, as increased enlightenment brings new complications. Human life may not be so endangered but faith will find new foes. We are set for the defense of the faith, and faith is our defense. The sword of the Spirit which is the word of God, has not lost its keen edge to destroy falsehood, and the sandals of truth never lose their way, nor retreat, but march on till the isles shall declare God's glory among the Gentiles.

MRS. S. L. KEEN,
Official Correspondent.

NORTHERN JAPAN.

HAKODATE.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1878.

MISSIONARIES.

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

Caroline Wright Memorial School.—At the beginning of last year Miss Dickerson came home for a year of rest. Thus the burden of the school fell upon Miss Hampton. Miss Singer, the music teacher so long desired, has proved to be first a missionary, and then a music teacher. She has so blended the two, Miss Hampton writes, that she has added blessing and happiness and music to our home and hearts. Miss Singer had a brief illness during the autumn but is now in better health than for two or three years before leaving America. Aside from Miss Singer's illness and that of two girls there has been no sickness in the school. The teachers have all been prompt, helpful and faithful. Three men teachers, six lady teachers and four pupil teachers besides Miss Hampton and Miss Singer have constituted the working force.

The number of pupils has been limited as the end of comfortable accommodations is reached with a hundred pupils.

The first of last April each pupil received a certificate of promotion to the next grade—all having made steady advancement in Bible study, Chinese, Japanese, English language, etiquette, drawing, vocal and instrumental music, Japanese sewing and cooking. For promotion the average in all these studies, except music, is taken.

During the year the course has been extended two terms so that the graduation will be in April instead of June. Next April a class of thirteen will graduate, from which we expect many efficient workers.

The King's Daughters are an important factor in the school. There have been thirty-three members. On Sunday afternoon at two o'clock they conduct five children's meetings in the town, an Epworth League and a meeting for the small children in school. There are a few pupils working earnestly in the King's Daughters' circle who have never united with the church, having been opposed by their parents. When a change of mind and heart comes, their first step is to enter the circle and begin to do Christian work and teaching among the children. It has been a great help to the girls; a marked improvement can be seen in them when they begin to do for others. The members of the circle earn money in various ways to provide cards, tracts, prizes and Christ-

mas entertainment for their children. This year they are making books of pressed wild flowers from our mountain to send to the United States to sell. They have decorated the covers with their own sketches or paintings. This work has awakened a new interest in the varieties of wild flowers that grow on the mountain, and given all deeper thoughts and greater love for the Creator of all these bits of minute perfection.

The day school at Shirisawabe is taught by one of the graduates of the Caroline Wright Memorial School.

Miss Hampton says : " The greatest pleasure we have in our work is to have the girls, who have been with us so many years, earnest, careful and helpful, and to have perfect harmony among teachers and pupils. The spirit of Christ which pervades the school has made them quick to listen to reproof, quick to repent and do right. She says : The year closes with the peaceful assurance that God's everlasting love has crowned it with thousands of His mercies."

Miss Singer expresses herself as much pleased with the earnestness and diligence of the girls in their music. While in America she found it difficult to get pupils to practice. In Japan their enthusiasm makes it necessary to watch that they may not transgress on each other's time. Thirteen girls have received organ lessons during the year and the whole school has received vocal lessons. Four musicales have been given, besides the Christmas entertainment. All foreign and Japanese friends were invited. Every Sunday evening there has been a song service, each girl choosing a hymn which has helped her, thus making an experience meeting in song.

Miss Dickerson returned to Japan in time for Conference. Refreshed and invigorated she enters upon the new year's duties.

Evangelistic Work.—Miss Hampton's work in the school during the year has obliged her to put the outside work into the hands of native helpers.

Mrs. Takami, in Otaru, has made a deep impression on the women, and the work has never been in better condition.

Two of the graduates began work in Sapporo last autumn. In April one was needed for school work. The other worked on alone with much to encourage her and with much success.

The Yoichi work was stopped by the removal at conference of Mr. Ito and wife.

Hakodate lost its Bible woman in December. The death of her father and brother made her presence at home necessary.

HIROSAKI.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1889.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS GEORGIANA BAUCUS, *Principal*.

MISS IRENE E. LEE.

The year began with a ten days' visit from Mrs. Mary C. Ninde. A cordial welcome was given her at school, then invitations poured in upon her to give addresses in the church to Woman's Meetings, at the Boys' School, etc., until every day was filled with work. Miss Baucus would gladly have kept her to fill the vacant missionary chair in Hirosaki evidently thinking that "a remarkable ability for Christian work was a sufficient reason for deviating from the rule" regarding age.

Soon, however, Miss Lee arrived and has proved to be a sympathetic and helpful assistant in all branches of the work; and at the same time a diligent student of the language.

Early in the year the school prayer meeting was divided into four classes, each meeting with a different teacher. In this way the pupils have been brought into closer contact with their leader and made to feel more deeply individual responsibility.

At Christmas time the pupils did a little self denial work, and raised the money to purchase and then made a thousand bandgages for the use of the Red Cross Society.

The year closes with the baptism of three of the older pupils. All of them are from Christian homes, so no hindrance was placed in the way of their baptism. With one exception, all the girls from heathen homes have been denied baptism by their parents; and as soon as they leave school they are forbidden to go to church and Sunday School. Parents have an idea that if their daughters become Christians their prospects of early marriage, or even marriage at all, are seriously injured. They point to the ever increasing number of unmarried graduates of our Mission schools as an example of the total depravity inherent in Christianity.

The Nurse Girl's School has now two teachers and is prospering in their hands.

The Evangelistic Work in Hirosaki this year has been carried on with an insufficient force. However it has been a period of seed sowing and we may some day look for the harvest.

One of the best Bible women was married soon after conference and went with her husband as a missionary to the Kurile Island in the far north. Their home is on the Island of Shana which has a population of about five thousand. One-tenth of these are Ainus.

Mrs. Yamaka, the pastor's mother, has continued her efficient work in Hirosaki.

The Bible woman at Odate has done so well that the Odate church is often spoken of as the Woman's church. Here are many old women who did not know one character from another when they became Christians, but have now learned to read the hymns and are making melody in their hearts to the Lord.

At Aomori for the past few months we have had a Bible woman from Hakodate. In even this short time she has done a good work in encouraging Christian women and in interesting young women outside the church, in Christianity.

Through the help of two of the Hakodate girls a woman's and children's meeting has been continued at Fujisaki, and children's meeting at Yoshida. They have also reorganized the monthly meeting at Kuroiski.

Miss Baucus organized a Sunday School in a neighboring village.

Miss Baucus says: "The work stretches on and on and we look with longing eyes upon what shall be wrought in the future." Miss Baucus comes home at once for rest.

MRS. A. N. FISHER,
Official Correspondent.

SOUTHERN JAPAN.

KIUSHIU.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1879.

MISS E. RUSSELL,

MRS. C. VAN PETTEN,

MISS ANNA S. FRENCH,

MISS LEONORA SEEDS,

MISS LOLA M. KIDWELL,

MISS GRACE TUCKER,

*MISS ANNA L. BING,

*MISS JENNIE M. GHEER.

*Home on leave.

Less than sixteen years ago two missionaries began work for the W. F. M. S. in Japan with two pupils in Nagasaki. It has grown until now there are two districts, and work in every line of Christian effort, boarding and day schools, Sunday schools, evangelistic work, temperance work, medical work, training schools for Bible women as well as industrial classes. An interesting orphanage has grown up almost "without observation" that bids fair to be a factor in evangelizing Kiushiu. The year opened with "war" and much anxiety was felt lest the general disquiet would prevent the girls from returning to the schools. Added to this the cares and inconveniences caused by the absence of

rain—the drought of summer being continued through September and October, resulting in much sickness. But the rains came, and the girls came in greater number than ever before, the enrollment reaching one hundred and eighty-seven. Notwithstanding the new dormitories all the rooms are full. The department work in the schools has been exceptionally good, Miss French and Miss Kidwell each filling their places most efficiently. The music department has not progressed as though an advanced teacher had charge, but it has held its place. Art and industrial classes made a fine display at commencement, the sales amounting to 56 dollars. The wood carvers did excellent work on the chairs for the chapel platform as their contribution for the building. The war took carpenters, stonemasons and coolies, so that the additional buildings went up slowly, help being so hard to find. With much extra work the chapel was finished and dedicated by Bishop Walden, June 23rd. The fourteen city Sunday schools maintain a steady growth, two of them having become regular preaching places. The Sunday schools have been a living power in breaking down prejudice and winning friends for Christ in Nagasaki. In Kumamoto, where no foreigners could hold property, or live without interference of many kinds, some of the girls trained in Nagasaki are carrying on Bible Woman's work, and have an orphanage with thirteen girls rescued from starvation and from being sold for lives of sin. In connection with the work here there is also a rescue work, saving girls from such a fate, and they are being taught in the industrial school. The dispensary work has grown steadily, the little hospital opened a year ago was a great help in caring for them. Of the thirty-six in-patients twenty-nine were charity cases. Mrs. Van Petten has greatly helped Dr. Suganuma, having a class each week in the dispensary, and as a result they are all attending church, and a number of conversions were reported, some American sailors among the rest. The Sunday school connected with this work has over 100 on the roll, and as a result the girls attend the girl's school. From there they go out as Christian workers. Owing to the war the charity work has been large, 8,394 prescriptions have been given to the very poor and 274 visits made.

Evangelistic work in Kiushiu has been under the superintendence of Mrs. Van Petten. It consists of a training school for Bible women and the oversight of twelve Bible women. These latter were scattered all over the island in eight cities, besides the Loo Choo islands. Each of these workers were visited twice, and regular correspondence kept up in the intervals. A Bible institute was held in January, all the women present but one, and was a season of great upbuilding in spiritual things, as well as in plans for work. A

visit in March to Kogoshima was filled with discomfort on the way, and a further trip to the Loo Chou islands added thereto. But the hearty welcome and busy days of service more than compensated. In the latter place meetings were held daily. The Okinowa women, poor and heavily burdened, needed something bright and hopeful, and the King's messenger rejoiced to give it. There are three Sunday schools started and a weekly meeting for Japanese, and one for Okinowa women. This work was begun by the Japanese societies, gospel like, carrying light to the "regions beyond." "Mrs. Van Petten says Kagoshima is the center of a population of 2,000,000, with no workers but two native preachers and two Bible women. Oshima, two days' journey, numbers 130,000, and has no Protestant preaching. "Oh, if I could only emphasize the sore need of workers more strongly," Miss Russell says. "There is no doubt, I think, that better times are near in Japan, but there has been much to try the faith in the past two years. It seems to me to be like the darkness that preceded the great revival of 1883. I believe another is coming and pray that it may come soon." "And let all the people say amen."

FUKUOKA.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1886.

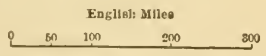
Fukuoka Girl's school has had a prosperous year, eighty students enrolled. The teachers remain the same. The "sewing room" has developed into an industrial department and goods amounting to 90 yen have been sold. There are six Sunday schools, four of which are under the care of this year's graduating class. Through these schools Bibles, hymn books and tracts have found their way into many a home in Fukuoka and Hakata. Five girls graduated in June, one will teach in Fukuoka, two will enter evangelistic work, one undertake independent work; all are Christians and promise to make shining lights for the Master. Miss Seeds says: "All praise is due Miss O. Tatsu San, the Japanese principal. It is largely through her management, Christian living and burden-bearing spirit, that Miss Tucker and I are able to count this a very happy year. We lift up grateful hearts to the Father for the many blessings and few trials he has given us." She also mentions the help received invariably from the pastor and presiding elder, Kurimura San. The effect of the war in Japan seems to have made the Japanese distrustful of foreigners, or rather to have a contempt for anything not Japanese, which in some places in Kiushiu has amounted to opposition that has reached persecution. In Fukuoka there has been none of this spirit.

MRS. E. T. COWEN,

Official Correspondent.



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MEXICO



MEXICO.

ORGANIZED AS A CONFERENCE, 1885.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1874.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS MARY HASTINGS,
 MISS HATTIE L. AYRES,
 MISS ANNA L. LUMBERGER,

MISS EFFIE DUNMORE,
 MISS MARY DE F. LOYD,
 *MISS THEDA A. PARKER,

MISS AMELIA VAN DORSTEN.

*Home on leave.

The record of the past year's work in Mexico has been most gratifying. In January, at the session of the Conference, under Bishop Joyce's ministrations, a gracious revival commenced and twenty-seven of the scholars in the orphanage united with the church and many others commenced to lead religious lives. Soon after Mr. Moody and Mr. Saukey opened religious services in Mexico City and many were brought to Christ, and all the stations have felt the reviving influence. Our own missionaries were refreshed and say they learned new skill in winning souls. The native preachers and teachers, the day scholars and boarders felt the influence, and confessing Christ, stood up for purer living and righteousness. This is the very best news that can come to us from any mission, that God should own the work and the people believe and be saved.

When Bishop Joyce returned from Mexico last spring he told us of the successful work of our missionaries and the loving harmony that prevailed among them. All our schools have increased in number, and it is the constant aim of the ladies in charge to augment their efficiency and give their pupils not only a scholastic education, but to develop a true Christian womanhood that shall prove an enlightenment and a blessing to generations in Mexico.

Miss Hastings writes from Pachuca that the 360 girls on her school lists this year are not yet safely and conveniently housed. The rebuilding of this school has proved a much more expensive and lengthy task than was provided for. When the second story came to be built upon the old walls it was found they would not bear the weight, but that they must come down and be rebuilt. The delay and additional cost is still an object for our patience and liberality, but we hope all may be comfortable before the heaviest winter storms set in.

The school in Mexico City, over which Miss Loyd and Miss Ayres preside, has taught the highest number yet reached in its history, 172 names having been upon its records, the attendance averaging from 106 to 118. Thirty of the classes are taught by the advanced pupils who thus receive practical preparation for future work.

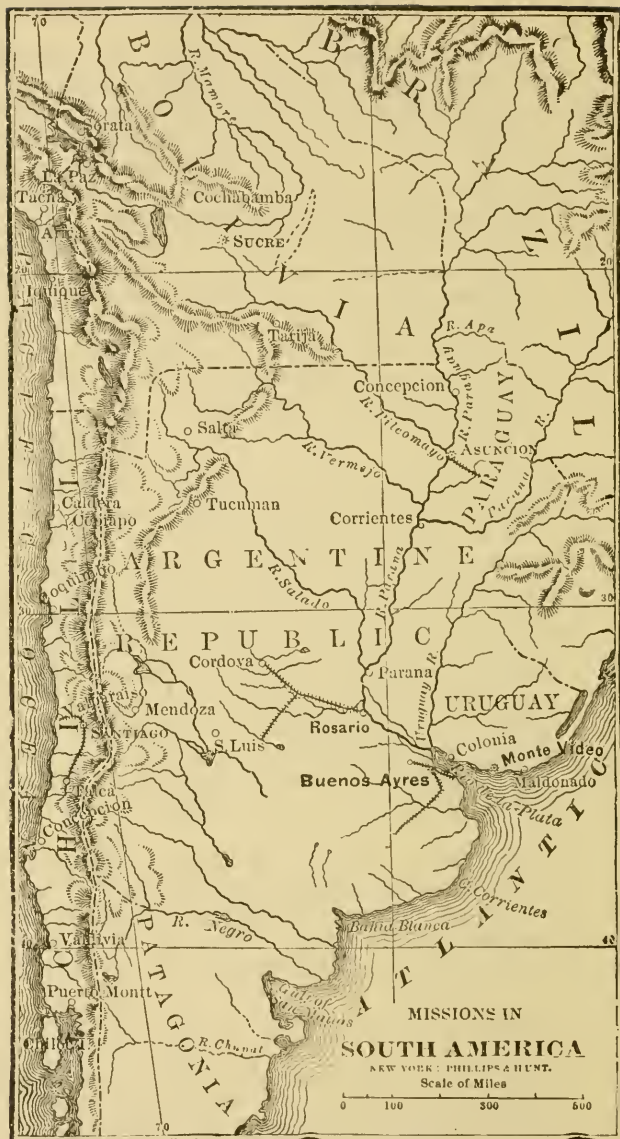
A Kindergarten department has been added this year and 27 pupils have been in attendance. No suitable place for these little ones being found in our own building, some outside friends and the missionaries supplied the funds to fit up a room adjoining our property and next to the audience room of the church. Now a light, well ventilated room with a capacity for sixty children is occupied and we are asked for only the salary of the teacher and supplies. A letter dated October 8th speaks of the continued revival influence in the school and congregation. On the previous Sabbath five more of the older scholars united with the church, 20 were present at the class for probationers and 170 were in attendance at the Sunday School.

Miss Parker's absence from Puebla was deeply felt and for the first three months Miss Limberger was sadly burdened. Miss Dunmore then came to her assistance and the school has had a year of fully equal prosperity and a larger number of pupils, numbering now 192. There has been a very deep religious influence in this institution. A noon prayer meeting started by the teachers has proved a great blessing to every one in the school. Some remarkable instances have occurred of fidelity to the Christian instruction given and of keeping the Sabbath by the day scholars. These had been educated to believe that attendance upon mass on Sunday morning was sufficient respect to be shown to religion and the rest of the day was to be spent in pleasure, but they have steadfastly refused to attend the theatre or bull fights or balls, and left their homes for the quiet of the schoolroom on Sabbath afternoons.

Guanajuato was rejoicing in a year of prosperity with an enrollment of 119 pupils, the largest in the record of the school, many of whom had found the Lord. Miss Van Dorsten's useful and successful labors have been interrupted, we trust for but a short season. She has been peremptorily ordered home by her physician as the only means of saving her health.

There have matriculated in the Girl's Schools in the Republic of Mexico during the year 1,361 girls.

The Epworth Leagues are doing a good work in Mexico. Organized as they are in all the larger stations, they are teaching and leading the young people into the practical use of their motto, "Look up, Lift up,"



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and certainly a new era of Christian work is dawning for our Mexican Christians.

A letter from Dr. Butler reports that there have been eighty-eight conversions reported among our own girls. He thinks the number is even greater, but five of the schools have sent no report. All but four of the thirty-four teachers were educated in our own schools, of these two are music teachers and the other two are Protestants, though educated in Government schools.

MRS. S. L. KEEN,

Official Correspondent.

SOUTH AMERICA.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1874.

MISSIONARIES,

MISS M. F. SWANEY,

MISS L. HEWETT,

MISS ELSIE WOOD,

MISS M. E. BOWEN,

MISS E. LE HURAY,

MISS R. J. HAMMOND,

MISS E. THOMPSON,

MISS E. S. GOODIN.

Rosario.—The school year closing in Dec., 1894, was an encouraging one. The enrollment in the schools was the largest for several years; one hundred and forty in the school at the Home, and numerous applications for admission to the lowest grade were refused as there was not seating room for more in that department. In the school in another part of the city one hundred and thirty-four were registered, but this number over-crowded the room and was unfavorable for the school, less than half of these were present at the close of the year, owing largely to prevailing sickness in that locality.

School results were very satisfactory at the Home. Attendance and punctuality were prominent features showing most conclusively the results of steady discipline. The standard of scholarship, too, is advancing each year.

In the family, among the girls in the house, Miss Swaney writes: "I note progress, more neatness in person, tidiness in rooms, a higher degree of fidelity to duty, an increased obedience to principle. Fewer girls go down under the discipline and disappoint us. A larger proportion come up, developing gradually the better traits of character, which may be due in part to the enforced weeding out of unsatisfactory cases, and the careful selection of new ones, a survival of the fittest in a certain sense."

Three of the teachers employed in the schools, were formerly pupils in the Home school, and have done very good work. What seems to be the great need in our work in the schools, is efficient, reliable, Protestant teachers, who have a genuine heart interest in the extension of every department of our work.

In February of the present year, three members of the family fell ill, including one of the teachers, which gave two months of nursing and anxiety, followed by the slow recovery of the three patients. The prevalence of cholera in the city gave much anxiety, and required strict sanitary regulations in the Home, and added much to the care of Miss Swaney. After a brief vacation spent in Buenos Ayres she returned to find the heat was so great that the physician advised that the opening of the school be postponed, his advice was accepted, which gave Miss Swaney the opportunity of attending the annual conference which opened the 7th of March. She returned home the middle of March and opened school, but on the same day, orders were received from the authorities of the province to close all schools on account of prevalence of cholera. April first, the school-work for the year was taken up, with the same members on the "roll" as last year. Miss Benton remains as assistant, but Miss Gillespie was married in June so that her place is *to be* filled. The school is well organized and with an addition of two more school rooms it would be in fine condition for the work in hand.

The San Luis school has been somewhat unfortunate. A change of teachers was deemed advisable for the good of the school, and resulted in reducing the numbers in attendance about one half. Miss Swaney has general supervision of this school, but cannot give as much time to it as she would be glad to on account of the pressure of other duties in the Home. The government course of study is followed in this school, all in Spanish—singing, sewing and fancy-work—while all receive regular teaching in the Scriptures. The new teacher is doing well, and although the work may seem to suffer for a time, results will be satisfactory.

Montevideo.— In some respects the year has been one of discouragement. Just at the close of the school year, or rather as the examinations were to take place, Miss Hewitt was taken suddenly and seriously ill. This was early in November and she was unable to do anything for several weeks. She says in referring to this, "How little we can tell what a day is to bring forth; I have not yet recovered from the surprise that fever gave me. I was apparently in perfect health and was enjoying the work with all my soul. . . . Although none of our missionaries were here I was kindly cared for. The Lord gave me kind friends, especially two ladies

from the Anglican church, one of whom stood by me during the illness and the long convalescence. She has been like a bit of sunshine on my life."

Very providentially Miss Bowen arrived in February, so that she was there to open the school at the usual time in March. Miss Hewett spent two months—after partial recovery—in Buenos Ayres, returning the last of May to resume her work, but it became apparent very soon that her strength was not sufficient.

The school is now in good working order, doing well on the different lines of work, Junior League, Missionary and Temperance.

At the beginning of the year the work was not very bright, owing to the cholera fright, changes that had to be made in the teaching force, and the health of Miss Hewitt; but the clouds have been dispersing and a very prosperous year being enjoyed by teachers and pupils.

Buenos Ayres. More work has been carried forward here than ever before. The large Day School with its one hundred and sixty in daily attendance, the boarding department for girls which has had twenty-two all the year and that for little boys numbering fourteen. The older girls have each their work assigned them at the beginning of the month, and with this arrangement the household work runs very smoothly. It may be asked, do you admit boys to your schools? Miss Le Huray says: "We had no thought last year of undertaking this special work, but our previous ideas have had to give way somewhat to the demand. I should myself, in many respects, prefer older girls and a higher grade of school work, but the demand is for a very large elementary school for both boys and girls at low prices, and these pupils are not lost, they come to take their places in the Sunday school and church and become workers, strong allies of Christianity. A normal class is also in training, consisting of five, who will be fitted to obtain positions in any of the Normal Schools in the Province. They are our very best girls in every sense of the word, members of the church, responsible and true. They belong to the weekly class of Dr. Thompson, held in the school, and give their testimony in a clear and satisfactory manner.

The Bible Woman visits from house to house, has a Sunday School in her own house of over seventy-five, never declares it is useless to look for more children or make more public the notices of her preaching services for she has no longer space to accommodate anyone. She is a patient, faithful Christian worker, doing her work heartily as unto the Lord.

Peru. We have two missionaries, eight assistants and seven schools with two hundred seventy-six scholars in all, but as most of the schools are mixed it is impossible to tell just how many really belong to us or the number of pupils supported. The funds are put together from the two societies and the most made of them for the promotion of the work.

Miss Wood has classes in nearly all the schools. Miss Goodin is having some classes, but is giving her time and attention principally to the language for the present.

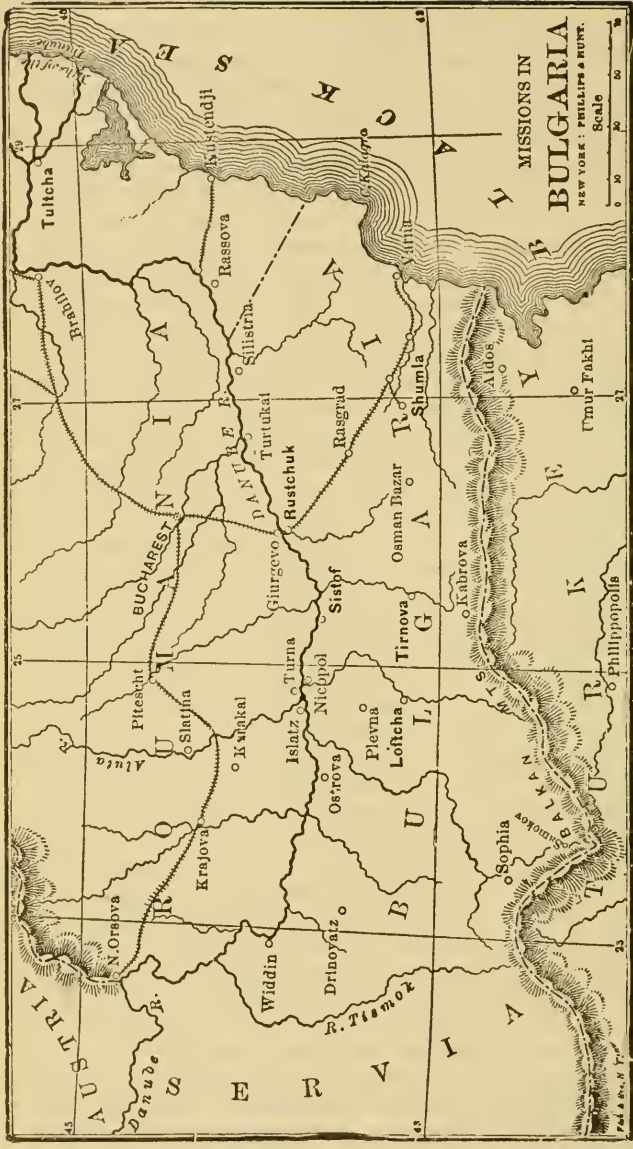
In March came the fighting in Lima, when for a whole week all business houses and schools were closed in Callao, no one daring to be seen on the streets. From changes in government positions and poverty caused by the revolution we lost many scholars. Then a priest who had kept a boy's school gave it up to an assistant and spent his whole time in fabricating falsehoods against the Protestants. The friars from a monastery in Lima came to the city and held services night after night, warning people against going to our meetings or allowing their children to attend our day or Sunday Schools. As the result of these combined persecutions and threatenings many were afraid to allow their children to remain in the day schools. But there have been some encouragements. Better rooms in more quiet streets have been found for some of the schools, thus relieving them from some of the indignities to which both teachers and scholars have been subjected. Not long since a gentleman from Lima, now a teacher in the University, who has done as much as any other one man for the Indians in the interior and all over Peru, sent word to our mission that he wished they would start in Lima just such a work as had been commenced by them in Callao, as these schools were the only agencies that had succeeded in waking the Peruvians up to the real need of doing something. More and more the day scholars venture to the Sunday schools. Children on the streets and in the drinking saloons are heard singing our hymns. Many of the older scholars are becoming interested in temperance. Miss Wood says "the mass of the people are poor, *poor*, POOR! They are brought up to lie, cheat, steal, drink, swear, live in wickedness and *dirt*. But the cause of Christ *is* advancing in Peru. Success on *one* line of mission work means progress for all lines." She closes her report with this request: "Pray for Peru! We are in the beginning of great things here and the next few years are sure to be hard ones, but if we can *hold on* only God can tell what the results will be."

Asuncion. Miss Hammond's work has become well organized and is winning increased confidence on the part of the public. We have never had so satisfactory work in Paraguay. Miss Kerh is developing fine abilities as a teacher and is a faithful, earnest, Christian worker. She is a graduate of the school in Montevideo.

A "ragged school" has been opened in one of the suburbs of Asuncion, carried as a work of faith for the past year or from the time of its opening. Miss Lehmann, who has the care of this work, is admirably adapted to meet its needs. MRS. L. A. ALDERMAN,

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WOMAN'S WORK ORGANIZED, 1884.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS KATE B. BLACKBURN,

MISS LYDIA DIEM.

ASSISTANTS.

MISS AMELIA DIEM,

MISS RAICHAVA.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society may praise God and be encouraged over the continued progress our work is making in Bulgaria. A higher standard of excellence is being maintained each year in the studies pursued. A greater improvement in the general character of the girls, while the spiritual fervor and religious activity as exhibited in their daily life exceeds that of any preceding year.

Excellent health has prevailed among the pupils though other schools have been closed on account of sickness. They have represented families of wealth and influence as well as the poorer and intermediate classes. Ten different cities and villages were represented in the school, seven girls coming from Tirnova, where is one of the best national schools for girls in Bulgaria. The total enrollment for the year was fifty. Nearly one-half of these were self-supporting. This is a fact worth noting, for three years ago only three girls paid their own expenses.

There were nineteen music pupils and with the receipts from this source another piano was bought and paid for. A class in German was taught by Miss Amelia Diem and seventy-five dollars added to our funds thereby.

The pupils are taught in addition to the elementary studies, sewing, drawing and singing by note, with French and English, while the advanced class is studying Algebra, Geometry, Physiology and Pedagogy. This class has also been studying the life of Christ, the Church Discipline and the articles of religion, general rules and the more important points in our church economy. While teaching the class about the office and work of the Holy Spirit, one of the girls asked: "If the Holy Spirit calls me and I refuse to obey, will it leave me and not return?" The question indicated very plainly the inward struggle that had been going on in her heart for some time. One pupil has been received into full membership in the church, and three as probationers. Others are truly converted but have not taken the decisive step. They

attend the church class-meetings with great faithfulness and take great delight in them ; also the Epworth League, one of them being its Secretary. Another is Secretary of the Sunday School, and still another of the auxiliary.

Several of them were appointed by the Quarterly Conference on the committee for distribution of tracts and did their work faithfully. They are being trained in the various departments of church work and fitted for usefulness in the church wherever they may be.

The Hotanza school has been prosperous notwithstanding some obstacles put in their way by the non-Protestant people. Miss Malchera during her six years of service as teacher in that village has won the esteem and confidence of all and established an excellent reputation for the school. She has now gone into a home of her own and a new teacher must be found.

At the last session of the Conference resolutions were passed thanking the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for the great work they were doing and earnestly requesting that a Deaconess be sent to the mission at an early date, one having a nurse's training being preferred. House to house visiting with personal instructions and Bible teaching is greatly needed and a woman who could give her time to this work would find an abundance of it at hand.

A conference organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was effected at Conference. Officers were elected and provision made for a circular letter to be sent to each charge in the mission setting forth the purpose of the Society, and urging the co-operation of all the women.

I cannot give you a better idea of the results of the careful religious training that these Bulgarian girls are receiving than to transfer one or two incidents from one of Miss Blackburn's letters. Some of you will remember Borka the daughter of an Orthodox priest, of whom Mrs. Newman told us a year ago. Miss Blackburn says : " Borka seems to have steadily grown in grace all this year. She is scarcely the same girl who came to us less than two years ago. She is so thoughtful and conscientious. She never misses a class meeting, nor fails to take part in prayer or testimony. A classmate of hers, a bright, impulsive girl, but the spoiled daughter of a lawyer in Tirnova, has always tried to appear utterly indifferent to spiritual things and maintained that she had no interest in them. She frequently sneered at Borka and once told her she never wanted her to pray for her, but recently she has come to the class meetings, and while she said nothing, her tearful eyes and earnest face indicated that she was not insensible to the teaching she had received. Another girl recently asked one of the teachers 'if it was

wrong to disobey one's parents.' The teacher replied, 'you know what the Bible says about it, but why do you ask?' After much hesitation she said: 'When I went home for the Christmas holidays my parents wanted me to kiss the pictures and cross myself. I told them I did not think it right to do so, but they said it was more wicked to disobey my parents and that I should not go to bed until I did it.' They sat with her until two o'clock in the morning, and then left her. Poor child, she is only fourteen years old." While there have been no unusual or special revival services, yet it is quite evident that there is a revival in many hearts, which manifests itself in many ways.

Miss Blackburn has accomplished much in the three years that she has been in Loftcha. The work has been difficult, the discouragements many, but we can certainly congratulate Miss Blackburn and thank God for the measure of success obtained. It is a matter of which we can be justly proud that in the discussions of Bulgaria in the last annual meeting of the General Missionary Society there was but one sentiment expressed concerning our Woman's Work, and that was of commendation. We believe there is a successful future for the Methodist Church in Bulgaria and that the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, is not the least important factor. ¶

MRS. F. P. CRANDON,

Official Correspondent.

ITALY.

ORGANIZED AS A CONFERENCE, 1881.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1886.

MISSIONARIES.

*MISS EMMA HALL,

MISS EDITH BANYE.

MISS ELLA VICKERY,

*Home on leave.

We cannot give a more satisfactory statement of the work in Italy than by presenting the report made by Miss Vickery to the Italian Conference.

"The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has two branches of work in Italy, Bible Women and the Girl's Institute in Rome. Having at present but two Bible women, a few words will suffice for the report of this branch of the work. Mrs. Mando, stationed at Rome, has labored with rare tact and zeal, and has been especially helpful to the new converts. Illness in her own family has interfered somewhat with her regular visiting, but when unable to leave her family she has held prayer meetings and taught the Bible in her own home. Once each week two of the girls from our school visit with her the poor and sick in the hospitals, consoling them with the words of the Great Physician, reading selections from the Gospels and distributing tracts.

Miss Biondi, having no household cares, devotes all her time to uplifting the women and girls in Pisa. Monday she visits from house to house, having on her visiting list forty-six Catholic and twenty Evangelical families. Tuesday she holds a night school for women who work during the day. On Wednesday and Thursday she has sewing classes for women and girls. Friday is devoted to Bible instruction, and Saturday to teaching Bible classes in the Methodist school at Pisa. The minister speaks well of her services in the Sunday school and in the Epworth League.

The Girl's Institute, founded in 1888, has nearly completed its seventh year. It gives a thorough education to its pupils, but its main object is to train them in Christian living, according to New Testament doctrines.

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Though the desired standard has not yet been reached considerable progress has been made during the past year. We have felt the absence of Miss Hall, who had directed the work for nine years, but this loss was partly compensated for by the permanent establishment of the school in its new home on Janiculum Hill. The excellent health of the girls—there having been no illness in the home—testifies to the hygienic benefits of the location. A new supply of desks, maps blackboards, etc., facilitates instruction and aids in the maintenance of order in the school room.

In August a circular was issued stating the object of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in establishing the school, the courses of instruction, and the rules of admission and government.

Courses in Bible history, music, French and English have been added to the regular government programme with satisfactory results. There are six classes in the school beginning with the first elementary and extending to the second normal preparatory. All instruction is given in Italian, with the exception, of course, of the English and French classes. Our assistants are earnest Christians, interested in the spiritual as well as the intellectual, development of the children.

Although a long distance from the church in Via Cavone, the girls have attended the church services and the Sunday school, and the Epworth League meetings. The special revival services awakened the desire for a more active spiritual life in many of the pupils. They offered to conduct prayer meetings and many testified to the power of Christ to forgive sins. Nine of the girls are church members and eleven more are probationers.

Our principal aim is the moral and intellectual education of the children entrusted to our care, but realizing the need of a social life, as well, we have had from time to time social gatherings in the home, with recitations and songs by the children. Although in a neighborhood of bigoted Catholics we have had no disturbances. Many of them came to the Christmas entertainment, and others attend the services held in the school room every Sunday afternoon. We owe the success of these meetings to the theological students and ministers of Rome, who kindly lend their services.

The year has been satisfactory also from a financial standpoint. Besides the regular appropriation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for the maintenance of the work several special gifts have been made to the institute. Five hundred dollars was received from Mrs. Bennett, of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hall, the mother of our own Miss Hall, bequeathed us two hundred and fifty dollars, and Rev. George C. Strowbridge, of New York, has by the gift of one thousand

dollars, endowed a scholarship, a memento of his lovely daughter, who died in Rome in 1894.

Examining past records we see from year to year a continued progress toward our ideal in the spiritual life of the children, in the studies, and in the general order of the household ; so, taking new courage for the future, we propose to labor with renewed energy and faith, trusting God to direct the work in Italy into such channels as will bring the greatest glory to His name."

The report was received with much enthusiasm by the Conference, and a hearty endorsement given to the school by a vote of the Conference, which vote was ordered to be recorded in the Annual Minutes.

"The opening of the new church has been a great event for Methodism. The children had a part in the services, singing several choruses. The large audience room of the church is filled at every service, and such are the numbers inquiring about our religion it is hoped that many souls will be saved in the new temple.

The school has opened with better promise than ever before. Out of the seventy or more applications for admission only the best were chosen. They are bright, intelligent girls, and will make useful workers for Christ.

Positions were made for four of the larger girls who had finished the course of study but who were not qualified for teachers. Two are dressmakers, the others are doing fine laundry work. They attend all the church services, and have been influential in bringing others into the church. Seven girls are attending the normal school, and in a few years will receive their license to teach.

A Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been organized, which has taken for its special work a day school for little children, and two of the larger girls of the institute are to take charge of it.

Of the ninety-eight children who have gone out from the school the whereabouts of all but four are known, and not one has gone back to Catholicism or leads an immoral life. Can any mission show a better record ? Why then is there so little interest manifested in the work ?

In a recent article on Methodism in Rome, published in a recent number of one of our church papers, the writer said : "The girls' school is one of the most fascinating resorts in Rome. The building, an old nunnery, has been thoroughly and charmingly adapted to its new uses, and we can easily conceive of the Pope, who, happily, is within easy distance, when in want of something to lift himself out of himself for a breath of the upper air, listening to the sweet voices of the blessed youngsters, who are made happy in the assurance of a truly

Christian love and tenderness, and who, out of their happiness, pour themselves out in song."

A copy of the Roman *Times*, just received, largely devoted to a description of our new church in Rome, recently dedicated, has a very pleasant allusion to our new school, styling it "That beautiful and most beneficent branch of the American Methodist Episcopal Society's work in Rome."

There surely is a better day dawning for the mission in Italy.

MRS. F. P. CRANDON,

Official Correspondent.

KOREA.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1885.

MISSIONARIES.

MRS. M. F. SCRANTON,
MISS MARY W. HARRIS,

MRS. L. C. ROTHWEILER,
MISS E. A. LEWIS,
MISS MARY M. CUTLER, M. D.

MISS JOSEPHINE E. PAINE,
MISS LULA E. FREY,

Medical Work.—Although there has not been a day during the past year when our hospital has been empty of in-patients, yet the regular work both of hospital and dispensary has been interrupted several times, owing to the illness of Missionaries and the Korean helpers.

Dr. Cutler writes: "I spent seven weeks in Chemulpo. Half of this time was given to the care of patients, both native and foreign, and the other half given to rest. The last interruption to the work was caused by the prevalence of cholera.

During Miss Lewis' illness, Dr Hall and Miss Rothweiler rendered invaluable service at the Dispensary. Our Dispensary was open only 161 days last year—We never have it open on Saturdays and Sundays. Largest number present in one day, 76. Average daily attendance, 21. Miss Lewis and the helpers were most faithful in putting up medicine for distribution during the cholera epidemic and I spent considerable of my time for three weeks at the temporized Government Cholera Hospital. Probably more than 75 or 100 prescriptions were given to people coming when the dispensary was closed. Cholera powders and disinfectants were dispensed, under our instructions, from the gate-room to whoever called for them, all during the epidemic. I have made numerous visits to sick girls at the Ewha Hak Tang but few have been recorded on the out-patients or any other list because the ailments were

usually trival and the visits frequent but chiefly because the school is in the same compound, and as I did not have to go outside the gate, it seemed like making a round in the hospital ward. The teachers' and especially Miss Harris' watchful care of the school girls has saved me many a trip to the institution and prevented cases of severe or at least protracted illness.

Miss Lewis has frequently taught in the native Sunday School and imparted Bible truths to the patients in the wards. My attempts at teaching the Bible to natives have been few and usually quite unintelligible so I have concluded that more good could be accomplished by calling in our Bible woman to do the teaching and exhorting to repentance whenever occasions develop.

The most important work done at our Hospital and Dispensary would remain unreported were I not to tell what has been done by Mrs. Mary Whang, our Bible woman and head nurse. As nurse she takes and keeps record of the temperatures of the hospital patients, sees to giving their medicine, and dresses their wounds. As Bible woman she has held daily morning prayers and Bible readings with the hospital helpers and patients in the wards. Every noon she went to the Dispensary waiting room, to pray with and to read and expound the scriptures to those coming for medicines, 1,786 persons were reached in the Sunday afternoon services she held in the same room. The largest number present on any one Sunday was 144, the average Sunday attendance being 34. Of the 3,302 who listened to the week day teaching, 241 could read, 146 were Protestants and 50 were Catholics. Mrs. Whang does not limit her Christian work to stated hours but loses no opportunity to do personal work with patients and visitors. She has sold 384 Christian books, tracts, and leaflets during the year and given away 10.

Mrs. Whang goes to the drug room to help put up prescriptions in the afternoon, and Miss Harris with Martha, an assistant nurse, continues the Bible teaching in the waiting-room while the patients, one by one, were being waited upon in the consulting room. Several of those who joined the church during the past year trace their first knowledge of Christ back to the teachings received in the waiting-room. An old woman of 59 years who was converted there last winter, deserves notice for she is untiring in carrying the gospel to her neighbors and in bringing them to the church service. She proved an efficient nurse at the Cholera Hospital, and was seen many a time both day and night kneeling among the patients in prayer to God. She improved every spare moment in trying to lead to Jesus the other nurses, the patients, and their friends who came with them. She had her testament, hymn book, catechism and other books with her to read and to loan to others to be read.

Mrs. Scranton reports a prosperous year for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Korea notwithstanding wars, rumors of wars and pestilence. It is true that the work has not kept pace with our earnest hopes or even our constant endeavor, yet as we take a look backward we rejoice in the fact that we are on advanced ground. All through the year some of our workers have been greatly overtaxed, and there have been one or two cases of severe illness, but the work has not had a break in any department. Mrs. S. says :—

"I told you one year ago of the commencement of work near the South Gate of the city. The interest in this neighborhood has had a steady growth during the year. Our membership has been more than quadrupled, and our church services are always attended by large numbers. At first I met the women by themselves, but for nearly a year we have gathered for our first service on the Sabbath, in a room adjoining that occupied by the male portion of the church, modestly remaining out of sight while permitted to listen to the same Gospel truths. At our second meeting we are again alone, with freedom of eye and speech, as well as ear. Last spring we quite outgrew our church accommodations ; there was not even standing room enough. We were in great perplexity to know how to provide a place for all who desired to come. A small temporary chapel was finally provided for us by a "Friend of Korea," which will seat about 350 persons. When this was secured, it was supposed it would be sufficiently large for two or three years at least, but we begin already to see signs of needing a larger one much sooner than that. One of our most active church members made the prophecy a short time ago, that it would not be long before the entire neighborhood would come in with us and said he had begun to pray for a church that would seat one thousand people.

Many of our meetings are deeply interesting. We hear at times humble confession of sin, and earnest inquiry as to the way to be rid of its burden. One most encouraging feature of the work at this point is the fact that *families* are gathered. When the men become truly interested in Christianity we begin to expect that we shall soon hear from others of the household. The same usually holds good when the wife is first brought in. We count, in some families, three generations, and in one, four. Our Christians seem to be determined to use every effort to bring others to Christ also. I asked a woman a few days ago who had given in her name as a probationer if her husband also came to church. She replied : "No, but he is learning the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer." We are quite confident he will soon follow the leading of his wife. A very few of our women are not so favor-

ably situated. They tell me of great opposition in the home and difficulty in getting the opportunity for attendance upon church services.

Possibly you may remember of my telling you last year of the happy conversion of a certain mother who for months previous to conversion had great anxiety on account of her two sons. They had forsaken the customs of their country and become Jesus'—doctrine—doing men, thereby proving themselves "crazy fools." This same woman came to me about one month ago, and with a bright, shining face and an air of triumph, presented her eldest daughter-in-law, who had at last, she said, decided to become a Christian too. Another mother who was so grieved, or angry, because her son had come in with us, that she threatened to kill herself, and did actually refuse food for a time, has also embraced the new faith and a short time ago when she was looking for a wife for her son, declared that none but a Christian girl, and one educated at our Iwha Hak Tang, would meet the requirements.

We are in the midst of a dense population and my heart is stirred within me as I see the crowds of little girls growing up in ignorance. It is my earnest desire to establish a day school here for the children of our Christians and such others as are willing their children should be taught Christianity. The text books to be employed are the Bible and Catechisms. Should their parents ever desire to have them study English and Chinese they will be sent on up to our Iwha Hak Tang.

Still another very interesting portion of my work during the past year has been that done in my own rooms. I have devoted a little time each week to the Training School department; have given lessons in the Harmony of the Gospels; heard recitations in Bible History and incident, as well as various grades of Catechisms. I am confident these lessons have been profitable. There has been also another class of work which has been most absorbing. I announced last September that I would receive daily in my room such persons as desired to learn about our Lord Jesus Christ. I expected a few inquirers and also some others who wish to simply see the foreigner's house. The attendance upon these meetings and the success which has crowned them has been far greater than I anticipated. Curious ones there have been, but the majority of visitors (of whom there have been about three thousand) have gladly listened to the gospel truth. Many days the women have sat for hours listening to the teaching, and then would not go away until we sent them. They have come, in some instances, many miles from the country as well as from all sections of the city. We can but believe that many have been benefited, although they may not as yet have given their names to the church. We have witnessed some most inter-

esting conversions. Two or three have come to us who had formerly been under Romish instruction; one of the latter is now most helpful to us in church work.

Chemulpo Circuit.—The two stations in which work has been opened are at Chemulpo and at Sirini on the island of Kang-wa. We cannot report many new accessions during the past year, but I rejoice to state the twelve full members who were reported last year at Chemulpo, have been faithful. At Sirini one woman was dropped from the church roll, and another woman added to our number so that we have the original number there. I have been unable to visit the work at Sirini during the year, but my helper Helen has made five trips and spent about ten weeks there in all, teaching the Christians and visiting other villages, seeking to lead others to Christ. She reports the work prospering.

Our report of the entire work is as follows: Full members, 13, and 16 probationers. A gain of 8 over last year.

The growth in grace in this little band of Christian women has been very perceptible. They have been regular in attendance at all services and a number of times when Helen and I were unable to attend the service, they asked Mr. Kim, Mr. Jones' helper, to lead the meeting. This shows a growth towards breaking down the partition which separates the men and the women of Korea. Two women who left at the beginning of the war last year, returned this spring. Cecelia while at Quelpart lost her only child, and on her return to Chemulpo found that her husband had died also, and she was left alone in the world. It is a great affliction but the Lord is sustaining her through it all. She is an invalid but what strength she has is devoted in the work for the Master. There has been much illness in our congregation this summer and Cecelia has spent days and often nights nursing the sick. The other woman Elizabeth, passed through the Fang Hak excitement in the South. At the risk of her life she kept her christian books and continued to worship God. For the past year and a half she has prayed unceasingly for the conversion of her husband. Her faith has been rewarded and she goes about rejoicing. Rachel is still praying for her husband who was formerly a promising Christian, but has since fallen from grace and done badly. A short time ago, when he was requested by the pastor to withdraw from the church, she came immediately to our house weeping as though her heart would break, saying she was praying for him daily. She thought she would be excluded from the services also. Through sickness and tribulation God has drawn this little band of Christians very near to him."

MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE,

Official Correspondent.

Report of Home Work.

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Our Branch Annual Meeting for 1894, held in Trinity Church, Worcester, Mass., was an occasion of unusual interest, one of the largest and best in our whole history, inspiring devout gratitude for all the way by which He had brought us hitherto, and leading to a more thorough consecration of all to Him for the future.

As we gathered in Providence for a review of the work for the year 1895 which had been radiant with a sense that the "Captain of the Lord's host" had been our leader and helper continually, we were cheered with larger delegations from some sections of the Branch than at any previous meeting, a sure indication of increasing interest, which we believe will prove to be like the leaven destined to permeate the whole mass of the womanhood and childhood of our church.

The year may be characterized as one of unprecedented activities along all lines. Our peerless, untiring devoted Home Secretary has gone up and down, in and out through the length and breadth of our territory, strengthening the weak organizations, encouraging the faint-hearted, organizing new societies and infusing by her magnetic presence and words, new life and energy to all who have come under her personal influence.

Dr. Christancy who has spent several months in the Branch, has done most excellent work, visiting some of the districts remote from the center, giving to many their very first opportunity of looking in the face of a "real live missionary," and hearing from her lips the nature of the work done and to be done in the "foreign field," which to some who have listened has been a new revelation, and they have opened their hearts in sympathy and interest. In one of our conferences, where the objection has been made over and over "our own conference is a needy mission field," she organized several new auxiliaries and Mite Box Circles. We are indebted to many others for service in filling appointments in the interest of our work. The pastors of the churches have been as a rule very cordial and helpful, welcoming us as co-workers.

Mrs. Harrison, our committee on children's work, has done very excellent work, entering most enthusiastically into the "open doors," especially in prosecuting the delightful work of enrolling members for the Light Bearers' Band in which she has been eminently successful. She has had some quite large orders for the undenominational cards.

Our Conference and District Secretaries have done very faithful work. One of our most faithful and efficient Conference Secretaries has had to give up the work, and another was removed by the "powers that be" to another part of the vineyard. Several districts too have changed secretaries, but we move "right on" filling the vacancies "in His name," bearing in mind who "orders the battle."

We are rejoicing over the very great improvement in the department of finances, through the appointment of conference treasurers, which has simplified greatly the work of the Branch Treasurer. As we look back to what were her duties previous to the arrangement, we

wonder at our heartlessness and stupidity in not arousing ourselves to this important matter long before.

Conference and camp meeting anniversaries have done much in stimulating the interest and zeal of the auxiliary members. Most of the districts are now organized into associations which give promise of strength and unity to the work.

Our department of supplies has been well patronized and has been a real benediction to those in remote sections of the Branch as well as to those in the immediate vicinity. Mite boxes are still very popular, specially in organizing in new localities.

With very great humiliation we record the fact that our Branch has fallen behind this year in subscriptions to the *Heathen Woman's Friend* 241 copies less than at last year's report, present number being 2,833. *Heathen Children's Friend* has 4,033, an increase of 823, and twenty-five of the German, or a decrease of eleven.

We have sent two new missionaries to the field, Miss Althea M. Todd to Foochow, designated to Kucheng, and Miss Miranda Croucher to Tsun Hwa. Miss Bowen after an absence of nearly two years from her work in Montevideo returned in February, while Miss Hartford after eight years of faithful service in the Foochow Conference has returned for much needed rest. Her wonderful deliverance from murderous hands calls for songs of praise and thanksgiving to Him who hath so signally spared her to us, and the work, as well.

While we rejoice over the successes of another, we mourn the removal from our ranks of some of our most efficient, best beloved co-workers to higher service in the upper sanctuary.

Mrs. Bullens, a most faithful indefatigable worker, Mrs. Eastman, active, earnest, *successful* in many branches of work for Him whom she delighted to honor, and Mrs. Steele whose promotion has made a very great vacancy in our ranks. Others too have been mustered out of service earthward, but gathered home.

MRS. M. P. ALDERMAN,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1894, General Fund.....	\$ 5,353.26
" " " " " " Special Fund.....	5,428.89
Receipts from all sources, Oct. 1, 1894, to Oct. 1, 1895.....	40,132.29
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	\$50,903.44
Disbursements.....	37,221.75
Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1895.....	13,681.65

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The twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the New York Branch, was held in Gouveneur October 17th to 18th, 1894, and all the surroundings were favorable. The pretty church, the warm hospitality, loving interest in the cause, which brought us together, and the prayerful, devotional spirit during the exercises, gave assurance that the blessed Holy Spirit was with us; and we believe the

baptism of power that came to many hearts in the love-feast has been the strength for labor, through the succeeding months.

The reports from Conference Secretaries are generally encouraging.

There has been no large increase in the number of auxiliaries or collections. No decrease in interest, however, is reported.

The District Meetings have increased in number and interest, and the work of the Branch is more thoroughly organized than formerly.

The Conference Treasurers have proved a valuable addition to our active working force.

The Conference Anniversaries and Camp-meetings have been full of interest. We are indebted to Dr. Foster of Clifton Springs, for the International Missionary Convention, held again this year in our Branch; and for the generous entertainment of our Missionaries in the Sanitarium.

The Ocean Grove anniversary under the direction of Dr. Stokes was increasingly interesting. The large audiences were deeply impressed with the experiences of a Missionary in Japan, as related by Miss Danforth. The other parts of the Branch have had the inspiration of meetings held at Round Lake, Mount Tabor, and Thousand Islands. As usual, we have been greatly helped by the returned Missionaries, and often we fear, in our zeal for the work, we forget they are home for health and much needed rest.

We have not reached the desired increase in subscribers to our Missionary Papers and the circulation of literature. These items, we deem essential to an intelligent growth in our membership.

We have sent, this year two new Missionaries to the foreign work, Miss Curts to India and Miss Wells to China. After a year at home Miss Wilson returned to Japan, and Miss Lawson to Bombay, India.

We are still using the old methods of work; sending out mite-boxes, Light Bearer's Cards, and organizing Children's Bands, Junior Leagues, and wherever we can, interesting the Epworth Circles in this foreign work.

Our German work has not increased this year, which we greatly regret. Miss Dreyer, the Superintendent of the German work reports: "In general, the work and interest is much the same as last year. Mrs. Edwards, the Corresponding Secretary, is doing all she can in visiting the Conference and Camp-meetings, always armed with all manner of literature and persuasive words. But if the majority of pastors antagonize work on this line, it is not strange that progress is slow."

We have not been without our discouragements and hindrances during the year, in this work for women, but with a strong conviction, that God has given us this work to do, and that His blessing attends our

efforts, we believe we shall yet have the desire of our hearts, an auxiliary in every church, and every woman an annual member.

We deeply regret to report that this year Miss Downey owing to illness was obliged to return to this country, to seek a more genial climate. She has given ten years of her life to our work in India:—And we ask the earnest prayers of our Christian Women in her behalf.

We are indebted to the Missionary Board for generously giving us free of rent the use of room 13, 150 Fifth avenue, our headquarters, and this kindness is greatly appreciated. This room has become a great centre for the meeting of Committees, and outgoing Missionaries.

MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE,

Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts for year ending October 1, 1895.....	\$48,848.83
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1894.....	348.96
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	\$49,197.79
Amount to cover this deficit was raised by special subscription at the Branch Annual Meeting Oct. 18, 1895.....	489.73
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Disbursements for year ending Oct. 1, 1885.	\$49,687.52

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During the year Philadelphia Branch has sent out two new Missionaries, both Medical. Dr. Hu, who for ten years in this country, was the object of our care and affection, arrived safely in her native place Foochow, China, on August 6th, just five days after the terrible massacre at Kucheng. She has given such promise of usefulness that we shall watch her future career with intense interest. Dr. Hodge sailed for Baroda, India, early in August in company with Dr. Ernsberger,

who a few years ago filled the same position, but is now appointed to another station. No other candidates from this Branch are ready as yet to enter the foreign field, though several are taking courses of preparation. There are some stations to be filled whose needs fill us with solicitude and we trust that speedily these vacancies may be supplied.

At the Branch Annual Meeting of 1894 we were confronted with a long list of vacancies in Branch officers that caused grave anxiety. We looked above for help and it was given. Help came from most unexpected quarters, giving us another beautiful lesson in the Master's infinite resources. The world's history is full of this lesson, yet whenever want or deficiency anywhere meet us we are appalled. When shall we fully learn that "in quietness and confidence shall be" our strength. The new officers that filled these positions have proved thoroughly competent, and with intelligence and enthusiasm have forwarded the work. Our Associate Secretary has lifted many burdens, and been a source of repeated thanksgiving. Conference officers have given themselves without stint, and the Home Department of this Branch was never more satisfactorily supplied.

The Treasurer's accounts show an increase of more than \$1,000 in gifts to the foreign work and the contingent fund of \$220. The Thank-offering fell somewhat short of the amount requested, but in some places the idea was received most heartily. One woman not rich in worldly goods impulsively said in a District meeting "I am so glad we have the opportunity for a thank offering." Though this may not be the spirit of all contributors, we believe that perseverance in this mode of worship will gradually commend itself to all devout hearts. The year has brought us \$2692.24 in bequests, and we received a Thank-offering donation of five dollars from our school girls in Chinking, China.

A large demand for mite boxes has raised the hope of a greater increase of revenue. There have been distributed through the year 2595, and many have reached country districts where it was not possible to organize an Auxiliary.

The Mission Box Committee increases in systematic and beneficent enterprise. The fixing of a certain time and place for the reception of all boxes has given relief to individual societies and considerably advances the quality and number of goods sent to mission fields. Last year there were shipped 47 separate boxes to 22 different stations, besides several belonging to returning missionaries.

The chairman of Committee of Literary Supplies has been abroad most of the year and though still absent the Committee have pushed the work with all their usual vigor. Their enterprise is delightful, not only do they keep all parts of the Branch properly supplied with literature

as demanded, but they are constantly offering new attractions. Last year it was the Missionary Game, which the more it is known the better it is liked; this year they present a new Calendar for 1896. The artistic work is good and the literary quotations helpful and inspiring. We desire to commend it to all the Branches and trust it may find equal favor with its predecessor of four years ago.

The Branch Annual Meeting though held in rather a remote quarter of our territory, was largely attended, 120 delegates and 244 visitors being enrolled as present. It proved to be such a blessed time of refreshing and waiting upon God, so full of earnest, loving discussion and instruction that a report of the year's doings would be a disappointment, without some mention of it. We can only ask that each successive gathering may be of like spirit.

Success demands the use of our utmost endeavor, never turning away from difficulties nor hinderances, but courageously facing them in faith and prayer. In one of the last addresses of Oliver Wendell Holmes he said, "That the joys of life is living to put out all one's powers as far as they will go, that the measure of power is obstacles overcome." With the last phrase let us associate the divine promise, "And he that overcometh and keepeth my words unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations." Let us notice that the "power" is endowed to him that overcomes and perseveres and is given that all nations may be brought to Christ. We are sure that going forth with this truth of Jesus in our hands and hearts, our weakness will not hinder the manifest effect of His strength, but that we "can do all things through Christ strengthening us."

MRS. S. L. KEEN,

Corresponding Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1894.....		\$ 6,538.47
Receipts from Oct. 1st, 1894, to Oct. 1st, 1895.....		28,088.92
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Total.....		\$34,627.39
Disbursements.....	\$27,899.81	
Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1895.....	6,727.58	
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MRS. T. H. WILSON,

Treasurer.

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

INCLUDES MARYLAND, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND VIRGINIA.

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CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF BANDS.

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Borrowing an expression from the Chinese, "We have gone out the gate." It has closed upon three hundred and sixty-five days of glorious opportunity to lay up for ourselves treasure in heaven; to turn many to righteousness, and to hasten the time when the world's Redeemer shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied. In so far as these opportunities have been improved; if we have toiled with the eye single to His glory, we know the work of our hands will be established. And we find satisfaction, too, in the reflection that all that is unworthy will be destroyed; that the wood, hay, and stubble will be consumed, and though the remainder may be small it will be pure gold and worthy to lie at His feet.

The "baptism of power" which Mrs. Winchell said came with the General Executive to her Branch in 1893, was not so wide spread in our Branch in 1894-95 as we had anticipated. That it brought blessing to the homes opened to receive the beloved of the Lord; that it was a means of grace rarely offered to those who attended its business sessions and other meetings we gratefully acknowledge, and have not ceased to regret the limited number that placed themselves under these influences. They neglected to "buy up the opportunity."

To the visitors and Missionaries who gave themselves so generously to our service then and in subsequent days, our kindest thoughts often revert. The names of Misses Danforth, Gallimore and Bonafield, of Bishop Thoburn, Rev. Dr. Rnudisill, and J. W. Waugh, D. D. who have

spoken at our Anniversaries, Conference, camp meetings and Branch meetings, we hold in grateful remembrance for their work's sake.

The Branch esteemed it a privilege to assist in opening the work in West China, an enterprise so dear to our lamented Miss Hart, by adding a nurse deaconess to the band of Missionaries that left in December for Chungking. Miss Gallimore with better mental equipment and a deeper knowledge of her riches in glory by Christ Jesus, is en route to India, her former field of labor and will cheerfully accept any appointment which the Conference may make for her. Miss Bender, after six years of service in Aoyama, Japan, has returned to her home for rest, which she shall have for the first three months.

Never have Branch and district officers labored more zealously or more wisely than through the past twelve months, but the success they aimed for has not been reached; we report a deficit the first time in the history of the Branch. The stringency of the money market has been by many felt more severely than in the previous year, and has required the withholding of even the pitiful sum of two cents per week. I suppose while the world stands there will be those who having put their hand to the plough look back, and some see the dollar they gave last year and conclude that with it they met their entire obligation to the heathen world. Still others have been allured to a Sister Society with a more attractive title, and "the heathen at home" have furnished excuse for saying, practically to the incoming kingdom, "Thus far and no farther." Had we received the residue (\$1,000) of Mrs. Lee's bequest, which we were justified in anticipating, the record would have been changed. But more mortifying still is the fact that notwithstanding urgent effort on the part of Branch and district officers to increase the circulation of our official organ, there is lamentable decrease.

Food can, to advantage, sometimes be forced into the physical system. We offer a premium to anyone who will successfully instruct us how to press the food—both intellectual and spiritual—which this periodical contains upon our constituency.

Three hundred and ninety Mite boxes have been distributed, and their value as a teacher in the home is increasingly recognized.

Fifteen Mission boxes, beside many packages, have been sent on their way to the foreign field, and will be exponents of the truth that "if God so loved the world, we ought also to love one another."

The children manifest increasing interest in their work, and at a recent mite-box opening, twelve dollars came from the box of one young girl—*her own earnings*. Miss Thomas' basket brought in \$276; the work chiefly of her own skillful hands.

We received from Jacksonville, Florida, two societies—senior and junior. These are interested especially in an afflicted girl who Miss Reed is training for work in India.

MRS. E. B. STEVENS,

Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance as per last annual report.....	\$ 957 27
Receipts from Oct. 1, 1894 to Oct. 1, 1895.....	10,878 75
Total.....	\$11,836 02
Disbursements.....	\$12,252 16
Deficit Oct. 10, 1895.....	416 14

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.

<i>Cincinnati Conf.,</i>	<i>East Ohio Conf.,</i>
MRS. J. F. LOYD, Delaware, Ohio.	MRS. J. R. MILLS, Geneva, Ohio.
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MRS. J. H. CREIGHTON, Lithopolis, Ohio.	MRS. C. E. JACKSON, Moundsville, West Virginia.
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MRS. J. MITCHELL, 206 Franklin Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.	MRS. I. W. JOYCE, Chattanooga, Tenn.
<i>Holston Conf.,</i>	<i>Central German Conf.,</i>
MRS. P. C. WILSON, Chattanooga, Tenn.	MISS ANNA BAUR, 28 Milton St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

"And the Lord went before them, by day as a pillar of cloud, to lead the way, and by night as a pillar of fire to give them light."

What the Shekinah was to the children of Israel, light, protection, guidance, so in this last decade of the nineteenth century, when the command comes to His people to go forward, we are assured our King goeth before, not visible to the eye as then, but by faith seeing him "who is invisible" we go forward, knowing that our leader walks among

the golden candlesticks as He did in the camp of Israel, and so long as we obediently follow, even though it leads us "through the sea and under the cloud," we can claim and will receive, courage and strength for every duty, and power to overcome even as He overcame. The work for the year just closed has tested the faith of the Cincinnati Branch workers in a peculiar way. For the first time in years, the general financial depression has affected the receipts. The work has been most actively pressed forward, but the money has not flowed as freely as heretofore, simply because the supply was diminished. The falling off has not been in membership, but much that came from outside sources has failed this year, and large gifts and bequests are also lacking. It is a source of gratitude that not one note of discouragement has been received. Conference and district officers are full of plans for enlargement of the work in the coming year, and there will be lengthening of cords and strengthening of stakes all over the Branch.

The spirit of organization has been manifest and many new auxiliaries will join the ranks this year. Young people's societies, bands and little Light Bearers have grown in numbers and efficiency. District conventions have been reported as enthusiastic and spiritual, and the various conference anniversaries unusually successful. An encouraging feature is the advance made in the use of the mite box, especially in those places where large organizations were impossible, and the faithful use of this little gleaner will largely increase the receipts, and show what can be done by "gathering up the fragments."

The Branch gratefully records the value of services of missionaries on home furlough, Misses Sullivan, Ernsberger, Bonafield, Ktring and Bing, have been in labors abundant, and the value of the work done will appear in the near future. Misses Frey and Jewell have rendered such services as their health would allow, and Mrs. Emma Moore Scott has also placed the Branch under obligations. The Annual Meeting, held at Zanesville, was large and enthusiastic, and the presence and addresses of our missionaries, inspiring and helpful. Dr. Donahue was sent to Hinghwa early in the year. Dr. Ernsberger has returned to India. Misses Sullivan, Hardie and Bonafield will shortly leave for their respective fields, the others must patiently bide their time. The circulation of the Friend has not increased, to our deep regret, but there is an upward tendency in the Children's paper that keeps us from being utterly humiliated. Our Thank Offering Day was very generally observed, the money going to the opening of our memorial mission in Bastar, India, the "Mary J. Clark mission," and the services held were touched with tender memories, and left a strong purpose to make the lives still left for service more earnest and hopeful than ever before.

The Cincinnati Branch rejoices to offer to the ranks six new missionaries this year, and as many more are preparing for future work in the foreign field. The reapers are ready and we are praying and believing that the money to send them will be forthcoming. Let this year be filled with joyful labor, hallowed and enriched by believing prayer and we can claim what we will, blessed faith, blessed leadership, blessed following, "His word will not return unto Him void," and neither sea nor cloud need affright for He hath gone before.

MRS. E. T. COWEN,

Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1894.....	\$ 3,794 39
Receipts from Oct. 1, 1894 to Oct. 1, 1895.....	37,625 76
Total.....	<u>\$41,330 15</u>
Disbursements.....	\$39,588 81
Balance on hand.....	<u>1,741 34</u>
Total.....	\$41,330 15

MRS. J. E. KUNZ,

MRS. OLIVER KINSEY,

Treasurers.

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

ILLINOIS, INDIANA, MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN.

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<i>Illinois,</i>	<i>Southern Illinois,</i>
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MISS ALICE DIXON, Indianapolis, Ind.	MRS. L. R. HARTMAN, Fort Wayne, Ind.
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<i>Central German (Fract'l),</i>	MRS. L. F. HALSTED, Baraboo, Wis.
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Terra Haute, Ind.	MRS. E. SCHUETTE, Charles City, Iowa.
<i>Chicago German (Fract'l),</i>	<i>St. Louis German (Fract'l),</i>
MISS JULIA ENDERIS, Milwaukee, Wis.	MRS. WM. SCHACKENBERG, Harper, Iowa.
<i>Switzerland,</i>	<i>South Germany,</i>
MISS ANNA SPOERIE, St. Gallen,	MRS. MAGDALENA MANN.
Switzerland.	Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany.
	<i>North Germany,</i>
MRS. L. WUNDERLICH, Schwarzenberg, Germany.	

CONFERENCE TREASURERS

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MRS. H. B. PRENTICE, Springfield, Ills.	MRS. JONATHAN SEAMAN, Greenville, Ills.

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<i>West Wisconsin,</i>	<i>Central German (Fract'd),</i>
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<i>Switzerland,</i>	<i>North Germany,</i>
MRS. LENA KIENAST, Zurich, Switzerland.	MRS. ADELHARDE HEMPEL, Leipzig, Germany.
	<i>South German,</i>
	MRS. DEBORAH GEBHARDT, Karlsruhe, Germany.

The remaining Conference Secretaries are also Conference Treasurers.

"Swifter than a weaver's shuttle" have the days sped since we were convened in our Nation's capitol to make report of the work of the year 1894. To-day, in this goodly city on the banks of this great river, "The Father of Waters," we are here to present the twenty-fifth annual report of the Northwestern Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. God has blessed us, and with grateful hearts we give glory to Him for all the way by which He has led us, and for the good work, which, through His grace, we have accomplished. It has been a year of planning, working, praying, perhaps a year of sacrificing on the part of some, a year of earnest consecrated toil, of sympathizing effort, of loving care, of prayerful solicitude, all crowned with the Master's approval. The record of the year's work seems but the echo of the one gone before, save that we believe that we can truthfully report the seed more widely sown, the fields more carefully tilled.

While there is a slight diminution in the number of our auxiliaries, there has been an increase in membership and interest. Still we are coveting that great company of women, who are absorbed in their own surroundings, or claiming that they do not believe in foreign missions, and under cover of this excuse doing nothing for the poor and the destitute of their own land, or yet for that large number all over this wide, wide world, who are waiting for the coming of the Redeemer.

Thank-Offering Day was observed by most of our auxiliaries. We believe this day faithfully kept is a means of grace to all who participate, while it brings many gifts of love into the treasury of the Lord. The receipts do not equal the "Silver Anniversary" offering of last year, yet our treasury was made richer by the sum of \$11,567.48 and we are sure that the hearts were cheered and the hands strengthened of those who look to us for support, and who are striving so earnestly to bring souls to Christ.

Nearly ten thousand mite boxes have been distributed, continuing their good work as reminders of daily and unnumbered blessings, and \$3,193.90 has found its way into the treasury from this source. Many of these boxes have been sent where no auxiliaries have as yet been established, and will, we are sure, awaken an interest and pave the way for an organization in the near future. The special gifts and bequests for the year aggregate \$6,027.70. Each year we have substantial proof that our cause is enthroned in the hearts of some of God's people, and though their earthly toil is ended, their voices hushed, they will be still proclaiming the "unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ."

From the sale of Branch Reports and Literature of various kinds, nearly \$300 has been received, and the Branch Contingent and Medical Funds have not been forgotten.

Not the least of the blessings that have come to us during the year, is the possession, through the courtesy of Cranston and Curts, of a room at 57 Washington St., Chicago. Here we have set up our altars and twice each month may be found a goodly company met together, to work, to pray, to welcome and to listen to the missionaries as they recount the history of their work, to bid Godspeed to those, who with consecrated hearts and purpose, are going as witnesses for Christ in heathen lands. Here too, are our leaflets, the pictures of our missionaries, and groups of bright eyed children and happy women who have found peace and joy in believing and learned the blessedness of service for the Master. We have also Miss Waterhouse to greet those who come for help or counsel. Notwithstanding the measure of success that has crowned our efforts this year, we have not realized all the fond hopes with which the year begun.

We had hoped to report a large advance in our subscription lists to the Friend. Although the value of this paper, and its excellence together with the necessity of increasing our subscriptions, have been emphasized over and over again, we are compelled to report a decrease in the number, though we trust that the better showing for the Children's Friend will compensate in part for our shortcomings.

Two missionaries have been sent out during the year. Miss Steere voluntarily surrendered a part of her furlough that she might return to Peking and relieve in some degree, those who with depleted forces were trying to maintain the work. Miss Liman, though now transferred to the New York Branch, was ours up to the day of her departure, and we gave her up with great reluctance. She will have charge of the orphanage in Foochow. A very delightful service was held for these young ladies in Room 59 on the eve of their departure. Many friends came to say "good-bye" and to pray that God's abiding presence might go with them in all their journeyings.

We recall with grateful hearts, God's goodness in restoring to health, Dr. Gloss of Peking. The attack of fever was so serious that it seemed almost certain that the next mail would bring tidings of her death. But God was better to us than all our fears, and the life of this devoted missionary is spared to minister to the suffering women and children of North China.

An unusual number of our missionaries have been compelled to relinquish their work because of impaired health. Early in the Spring, Dr. McGregor who had been in Bareilly but little more than one brief year, was prostrated by a serious illness, and the decision was that only a return to the home-land would save her life. Miss De Line made a persistent contest with disease, with alternations that sometimes encouraged the belief that she would recover, only to be followed by periods of great suffering and weakness. At last her physicians pronounced judgment in those words so dreaded by every true missionary, that the only hope of re-establishing her health, was her immediate return to this country. Miss Robinson after eleven years of constant service arrived in this country in June. The care of a skillful physician and a summer's rest, to which is to be added a winter in California, will, it is confidently hoped restore her, so that she may return to her work in the Spring.

Miss Hewitt was attacked with fever last November. Good medical treatment supplemented by the tender ministrations of loving friends, has failed to bring back health and strength; she finally decided to try the effects of a sea voyage, and is now in London. Being thus laid aside has been a sore trial. She writes, "The year of service here has been the happiest year of my life, and I was not conscious that I was doing too much." Dr. Drees says: "She has done most faithful and excellent work, and her permanent retirement would be most deeply regretted by all." Still later, Miss VanDorsten was made violently ill, so much so that her life was despaired of, through an error of the druggist in compounding a prescription. The result has been so serious that she too, has been ordered home, with the hope that the change of air and altitude will speedily restore her, and that she may be able to reopen the school after the Christmas holidays.

One beautiful episode in our Branch record for the year cannot be overlooked. The little son of Dr. Potts, Editor of the Michigan Advocate, was taken to be with the Saviour, April 24th, 1895. Soon after, Miss Baker conceived the idea of securing a memorial bell for the Louise Soules' School at Alijarh, giving to the boys and girls of Michigan the privilege of contributing the cost of it. A new firm, the American Bell Foundry Company, offered to send the first bell it should cast of suitable size and appropriately inscribed, provided the children should raise the

required amount. The appeal was quickly responded to. A thousand hearts and homes contributed in tender affection towards it. Precious, sacred offerings, many of them, for they were the little hoards of those who had gone to the better land. "A dollar in memory of sister Ruth who had gone to heaven, being the amount she had saved in her bank." A keepsake coin given by a now sainted minister, to a "Little Hattie" whom God had called home on her fourth birthday. "A fifty cent piece found in the pocket of brother Clarence who was drowned six years ago, and had been kept as something too precious to spend." "The silver keepsake of a daughter who died thirty-eight years ago." These and many more were love's offerings to this memorial. The bell was dedicated September 25th, Rev. Mr. Jacklin making the address of presentation and Miss Baker receiving it on behalf of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. It bears upon its surface this inscription: "*Memorial. Arthur Ninde Potts. Little children, keep yourself from idols. Fear God and give glory to Him.*"

Among the tender things said by Dr. Potts on this occasion was this: "As I stood in the door to-day and saw the memorial bell ringing. I could see that it was an instrument of power, though I could not hear it ring. I could, however, feel its vibrations, even as I now feel the power of Christian sympathy pervading this atmosphere. I shall never hear the peals of the bell, even as I never heard the voice of my child, but I expect by and by (and it won't be very long) to hear the voice of my boy, and I thank God from my heart for the faith which sustains, for the hope which cheers, for all the principles and sentiments which inspire to noble deeds in this life." The company generously returned the money to Miss Baker for missionary uses, saying that it was too sacred to turn into ordinary channels.

When this memorial bell shall have been placed in the beautiful building, itself a memorial of the devotion of Mrs. Louise Soules, to a holy cause, may it forever ring out in notes sweet and full, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols."

For the first time since the organization of our Branch the seat of our honored President was vacant at our Annual Meeting. Her long-continued service, often rendered under circumstances of difficulty and trial, attest most eloquently her devotion to our work and her interest in the Northwestern Branch. Circumstances have taken her for a time beyond the bonds of the Branch, but we beg to assure the Baltimore Branch to which she has gone, that while we rejoice that they have the benefit of her long experience, her rare judgment and wise counsels, that she is still ours, and is now our beloved President Emeritus.

"'Tis sweet as year by year we lose
 Friends out of sight, in faith to muse,
 How grows in Paradise our store."

In no single year has death taken from us so many of our honored members. Mrs. Philander Smith was one of the truest and most faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. She kept herself in touch with all the interests of our Church, and almost the whole of the ample fortune left to her by her husband was consecrated to the cause of God. India, China and Japan have many monuments of her love and devotion to the Master. Mrs. Danforth was one of the charter members of our Branch, and her name appears in many different relations on our official register. To this society her heart was always loving and loyal, her service, faithful and generous. Mrs. Mary T. Lathrop was for many years the efficient Secretary of the Michigan Conference, and worthily represented the Branch more than once in this Committee. Though in later years duty called her into a different line of Christian work, she did not surrender her interest in the work which first called forth her brilliant talents, and through whose graphic pictures of suffering women in India and China, and eloquent pleadings for help for these sad-faced women, many gladly responded and have been faithful workers in the Lord's vineyard. Mrs. E. W. Porter was another of our Conference officers, and to the society she gave herself without stint. The latching of her hospitable home was always out to the tired missionary, and here dear Phebe Rowe found generous welcome and loving care. Wearing by her faithful service upon earth, she has gone to the better country and to her eternal rest, and now realizes the faithful promise, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters."

These precious women, with others whom I cannot name, have entered into the joys of Paradise. We thank God for the benediction and the beauty of their lives, and pray that as God summons one after another of the reapers in His great harvest-field, others will press forward and help to garner the ripened sheaves.

And now we go forth to another year of work. The magnitude of it might well appall us, but for the fact that we serve under the command of a leader who is always able to carry His host to victory. When we realize that the larger part of our resources are gained from our "two cents a week," the amount seems small and utterly inadequate, but we remember that accompanying the two cents is the prayer, and we have the assurance that "It is not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

Sometimes the work seems hard, the spirit grows faint and weary, but hearing continually the cry, "Come over and help us," our hearts

are filled with holy courage, that we as His faithful followers are only accepting a task that He has given us, and that the work is like unto His own, accepting as

“The motto of our lives until we stand
In the great freedom of Eternity,
While we shall serve Him while we see His face,
Forever and forever, free to serve.”

MRS. F. P. CRANDON,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in Treasury October 1, 1894.....	\$13,223 85
Receipts from October 1, 1894, to October 1, 1895	66,404 42
	\$79,628 27
Total disbursements.....	\$67,975 92

MRS. B. D. YORK,
Treasurer.

DES MOINES BRANCH.

INCLUDES IOWA AND MISSOURI.

<i>President,</i>	MISS ELIZABETH PEARSON, Des Moines, Iowa.
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CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Iowa Conference.</i>	<i>Des Moines Conference.</i>
MRS. L. W. BYRKIT, Rose Hill, Iowa.	MRS. W. B. THOMPSON, Carroll, Iowa.
<i>Upper Iowa Conference.</i>	<i>Northwest Iowa Conference.</i>
MRS. E. P. FRITZ, Dubuque, Iowa.	MRS. A. G. CARTER, Rolfe, Iowa.
<i>St. Louis Conference.</i>	<i>Missouri Conference.</i>
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<i>Central Missouri Conference.</i>	
MRS. M. J. GIBSON, Malta Bend, Mo.	

GERMAN CONFERENCES.

<i>St. Louis Conference</i> —Secretary,	MRS. EMMA SCHNACKENBERG, Harper, Iowa.
<i>Northwest German Conference</i> —Secretary,	MISS JULIA SCHUETTE, Charles City, Iowa.
<i>West German Conference</i> —Secretary,	MRS. BERTHA KURTZ, Kramer, Neb.

It would seem that our workers this year—sat on the wrong side of the tapestry. We have seen all too plainly the knots and tangles, and discerned but dimly the beautiful design on the other side.

By the time Misses Allen, Otto, Meyer and Galloway had crossed the Pacific, and Misses Elicker, Lawson, Collins the Atlantic, and Miss Goodwin had traveled both oceans to reach her field in South America, we realized that, like some families where the quiver is full of arrows, we were rich in missionaries and poor in everything else. It has been a new and humbling experience to borrow money three quarters and end the year with almost no balance. A little less money than last year, an advance of only 935 in members, and an actual loss in subscriptions to the *Friend*, does not look like coming to our annual feast "with rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves." We have had the valuable services for many weeks of three most faithful missionaries, who have been unwearied in their labors in the home field—Misses Wilson, Ogborn and Trimble. We wonder to-day where we would have been but for their zeal in organizing and raising funds. Our Thank offering was about a half less than the Silver offering of the year before. Shall we, therefore, say with dear Mary Reed,

"No harvest songs have we to sing;
This sower's songs are tears."

No, thank God! We will take the lessons we have learned in deep humility, and go on into another year praising God that He has trusted

us as much as He has. We must thank and praise Him for that good woman, Mary Ashton, who by the labor of her hands helped us in time of sore need, and we must also thank Him for the devotion and faithfulness of our Conference and District Secretaries, and for the good conventions that have been a blessing to all who attended. The Holy Spirit was in every one, and interest never more manifest.

We bless Him that only one of our missionaries has failed in health and returned home—Miss Harriet Kemper, of Moradabad, and that Miss Lizzie Tryon could go to Cawnpore last month to assist Miss Lauck.

The Annual Meeting was held in Carthage, Mo., in the very southwest corner of the State. The attendance was small on account of the distance. Bishop Thoburn came and gave a most inspiring missionary address. Then our own missionary girls were there, and as they told in simple phrase the needs of heathenism as they had faced it, all hearts were touched and tears came fast. And the Holy Spirit came in power, and the devotional meetings were never better.

We are happy, indeed, in our *quarterly items*; in the use of six hundred General and two thousand Branch reports; in a well-conducted and profitable Bureau of Supplies, and a spirit of love and harmony in all our counsels. We will sing doxologies with all our sisters, and go on praising and praying, toiling and giving, knowing that in due time we shall reap if we faint not. But better still, there is coming up from all heathen lands, where, in the shadow of heathen temples they have learned to sing, "Unto Him that hath loved us," a great company of redeemed ones, who, we believe, have found their Lord, because we have tried to be faithful.

MRS. M. S. HUSTON,

Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance October 1, 1894	\$ 2,169 75
Receipts from October 1, 1894, to October 1, 1895.....	24,116 57
Total	\$26,386 32
Disbursements	25,923 48
Balance.....	462 84

MRS. E. K. STANLEY,

Treasurer.

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

INCLUDES MINNESOTA, NORTH DAKOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA.

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<i>President,</i>	MRS. M. H. TRIGGS, Spring Valley, Minn.
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CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Minnesota.</i>	<i>Northern Minnesota.</i>
MRS. MATTIE ATKINS, St. Paul, Minn.	MRS. FRANK DORAN, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>North Dakota.</i>	<i>South Dakota.</i>
MRS. M. V. B. KNOX, Wahpeton, N. D.	MRS. LOUISE P. HOUSER, Aberdeen, S. D.
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MRS. MAGGIE ZIMMERMAN, Minneapolis.	MRS. JULIA SCHUETTE, Charles City, Ia.

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BUREAU OF SUPPLIES.

MRS. JAMES SUYDAM, 420 Holly Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

SUPERINTENDENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

PROF. L. N. RICHARDSON, Northfield, Minn.

The year has been one of unceasing care and heavy responsibility for the Minneapolis Branch, but notwithstanding these apparent hindrances, we have abundant cause for gratitude and thanksgiving.

No great numerical increase gladdens our hearts, but quietly, faithfully, perseveringly have the workers been laboring, strengthening, if not enlarging, our boundaries, realizing more fully as each mile-stone is passed that the labor is not for time, but for eternity.

The kingdom of God cometh not with observation, only an enduring fidelity to the Christ, who should be the motive power of our inspiration and action, will enable us at last to overcome in His name.

Nearly all of the Conference Secretaries were present at the Annual meeting with full and complete reports.

North and South Dakota have made good advancement; the former, under the leadership of Mrs. Knox, is pushing its way through many difficulties, and reports an increase and an awakening among the auxiliaries, which means much in that large, undeveloped field, where the churches are so widely scattered.

In South Dakota, Mrs. Smart succeeded Mrs. Pattee, and has labored diligently to advance our interests in that State, meeting with most encouraging results, until a turn of the itinerary wheel changed Mrs. Smart's residence to her former home, Massachusetts, and South Dakota commences another year with a former District Secretary as Conference Secretary.

The Northwest German Conference has reported no additional auxiliaries, but the amount forwarded to the Branch Treasurer is nearly double that of last year.

The Young People's Societies remain about the same as on previous years, and are helping materially toward Miss Abram's support. The Bands are growing rapidly in numbers, and though they are not all conducted as when first organized, are not losing in influence or interest by being connected with Junior Leagues or Christian Endeavor Societies. The babies, who compose the company of Light Bearers, with tapers glimmering in tiny fingers, are marching on—not so large an army as we wish, but the number is increasing, and one hundred babies enrolled means twenty-five dollars that will support orphan or scholar in a Christian school, who will carry the "greater light" into the dense darkness beyond. The Thank Offering anniversary has been generally observed at some time during the year, but the money collected will not reach half of the amount realized at the Silver Anniversary of last year, which accounts largely for the falling off in our receipts the present year. *The Heathen Woman's Friend* has a meager list of subscribers compared with the members of the Society, but the *Heathen Children's Friend* reports nearly one thousand copies taken, an increase of nearly three hundred over last year. The *German Friend* has also largely increased the number of subscribers. Mite barrels are in use, and are still being distributed, and gather many dollars for our treasury. Measures are being adopted whereby they will have a wider circulation the coming year.

Seven boxes have been sent to gladden our workers far away, and to gladden also the hearts of those who have prepared them. "It is more blessed to give than to receive" has been repeatedly brought to the minds of those who have been so fortunate as to have had a part in this labor of love.

Miss Anna Lawson, from India, was present at our annual meeting one year ago, and rendered valuable service, but since that time until our meeting for this year no returned missionary or organizer has been within our borders, the work accomplished having been done wholly by our brave, true-hearted Conference and District Secretaries, ably seconded by the faithful members of the various auxiliaries.

Miss Abrams' plea for more workers in Bombay was answered by Miss Sterling, of Red Wing, Minn., who seemed specially called to engage in this almost boundless field for missionary toil and endeavor. Miss Abrams offered half of her salary to the one who would go to her relief, and the expense of Miss Sterling's outfit and passage were furnished by the kind generosity of friends, who deserve and have received the hearty thanks of the Branch for their generous and kindly co-operation. Miss Sterling sailed February 14th and arrived in Bombay March 16th. Miss Rouse, at Kucheng, has been in the midst of fightings and conflicts, but her bright, cheery letters show no indication of weakness or defeat. Miss Blackstock, of the Harrison Industrial School at Tokio, Japan, after more than five years of unremitting toil, asks for a furlough to visit the home land for rest and recuperation. The Macedonian cry is truly heard from all countries where we have missionaries. "Come over and help us."

Our treasury has been enriched this year by three hundred dollars, a gift from a friend of Mrs. Ninde, of Winona, Minn. This money was given in remembrance of a former kindness shown this sister by Mrs. Ninde, and was accompanied with the request that it should be applied toward the Mary C. Ninde Home in Singapore.

" Sow love, and taste its fruitage pure ;
 Sow peace and reap its harvest bright ;
 Sow sunbeams on the rock and moor,
 And reap a harvest home of light."

Another gift, though not as valuable, is worthy of mention. In answer to prayer that the liquor traffic might be stopped in a certain town in Minnesota, a lady gave a diamond ring, a gift from her dead husband, into our treasury, Brighter than the diamond shines the loving self-sacrifice which prompted the gift.

In April our Corresponding Secretary announced her departure for Europe, in company with her husband and daughter, for an absence of one year. Mrs. Winchell had so long been our leader and counselor that the announcement filled our managers with apprehension and dismay, which was only partially allayed by the election of an Associate Corresponding Secretary, who brought little with her in the way of fitness or training, but an ardent desire, kindled many years ago by the Divine Master, to work whenever or wherever the opportunity offered, for Him and the advancement of His kingdom.

At our twelfth annual meeting we were privileged to have with us Miss Hartford, of the Kucheng district, China; Miss Ogburn, of Central China, and Mrs Martha Day Abbott, of India, all of whom, by their

earnest words of experience and consecration, inspired their hearers to redoubled zeal and devotion for the coming year.

Mrs. Cyrus D. Foss, the wife of our former resident bishop, attended several of our business sessions, led a consecration service and contributed in no small degree to the success of the meeting.

With profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His guidance and help, we close this record of the Home work, praying that soon the living gospel may so permeate the hearts of the women of Methodism in Minnesota and the Dakotas that not only an overflowing treasury will be ours, but that scores of intelligent, devoted workers may be found ready to follow the King's command, and be His witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

MRS. M. C. LANDIS,

Associate Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1894.....	\$ 2,766 69
Receipts from October 1, 1894, to October 1, 1895.....	8,908 84
Total	<u>\$11,675 53</u>
Disbursements	<u>\$ 9,055 44</u>
Balance on hand	\$ 2,620 09

MRS. W. M. McDONALD,

Treasurer.

TOPEKA BRANCH.

INCLUDES KANSAS, NEBRASKA, COLORADO, WYOMING AND TEXAS.

OFFICERS.

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<i>Cor. Secretary,</i>	MISS MATHILDA WATSON, 1701 South 17th St., Lincoln, Neb.
<i>Rec. Secretary,</i>	MRS. M. M. TORRINGTON, 203 Clay St., Topeka, Kan.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	MRS. A. M. DAVIS, 1701 K St., Lincoln, Neb.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Kansas,</i>	<i>West Nebraska,</i>
MRS. A. S. FREEMAN, Kansas City, Kan.	MRS. E. D. BENEDICT, Kearney, Neb.
<i>South Kansas,</i>	<i>Northwest Nebraska,</i>
MISS E. F. BARTLEY, Chanute, Kan.	MRS. L. H. BLACKBURN, Atkinson, Neb.
<i>Southwest Kansas,</i>	<i>Colorado,</i>
MRS. A. V. LOOSE, Peabody, Kan.	MRS. MARY WILSON, Denver, Col.
<i>Northwest Kansas,</i>	<i>West German,</i>
MRS. F. D. BAKER, Concordia, Kan.	MRS. BERTHA KURTZ, Kramer, Neb.
<i>Nebraska,</i>	<i>Wyoming,</i>
MISS ELLA M. WATSON, 1701 South 17th St., Lincoln, Neb.	MRS. M. M. SIGHTS, Evanston, Wyo.
<i>North Nebraska,</i>	<i>Texas,</i>
MRS. IDA J. MOE, Fremont, Neb.	MRS. O. L. FISHER, Ft. Worth, Texas.

The year just closed has been one of tried faith, earnest prayer, united effort and conscious blessing to the Topeka Branch. We began it in the face of greater discouragements than we had ever known with a debt of several hundred dollars, financial depression widespread and our fields bare as a desert, that a few months before gave promise of a rich harvest. More than once we have drawn the last dollar from the treasury and found it insufficient for the needs, but just as often have we proven the surety of God's promise and realized that those who put their trust in Him are never brought to confusion.

While refreshing showers have been withheld from the earth, showers of grace have come upon our hearts in measures hitherto unknown.

Numerically we are less than one year ago, but we believe this does not indicate decreased interest, the falling off being in districts where the drouth was most severe and the people reduced to absolute poverty. With the return of better days the work will be resumed. We gave out one thousand Branch reports and all the free literature available and increased our mite boxes by fifteen hundred and these brought into the treasury many hundreds of dollars. The gifts from the thank-offering services held in March surpassed our expectations.

Only two of our twelve conferences were able to meet their apportionments, but by using one thousand dollars that we had in bank in Foochow, reserved for purchase of property in Kucheng, and fifteen hundred made by exchange in North India, we paid every dollar that was pledged. Truly our Father knoweth what things we have need of before we ask Him.

We were blessed by the presence and labors of two of our missionaries. Miss Imhof returned from Japan in February, and although eight months was the limit of her vacation, one-half of this time she gladly gave to aid the work at home. Dr. Stevenson reached this country last December, and October 22d, with renewed health and vigor took ship for China, hoping to give many years uninterrupted service for the women and girls of Tientsin.

One young woman has heard the call to the foreign field and we expect soon to send her forth.

Our annual meeting was held in Omaha and was to all who attended a most profitable one. Said one of the Conference Secretaries, "the best spiritually we ever held."

MISS M. WATSON,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts from October 1st, 1894, to October 1st, 1895 \$ 13,299 86
Disbursements 12,766 68

Balance \$ 533 18

MRS. A. M. DAVIS,
Treasurer.

PACIFIC BRANCH.

INCLUDES CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND ARIZONA.

OFFICERS.

<i>President,</i>	MRS. ALICE K. STALKER, Monrovia, Cal.
<i>Cor. Secretary,</i>	MRS. CHARLOTTE O'NEAL, Station A, Pasadena, Cal.
<i>Rec. Secretary,</i>	MRS. L. C. SPENCER, Mariposa, Cal.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	MRS. Z. L. PARMELEE, 401 S. Pearl St., Los Angeles, Cal.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>California.</i>	<i>Nevada.</i>
MRS. P. B. SEARLE, San Jose, Cal.	MRS. E. W. VAN DEVENTER, Reno, Nev.
<i>Southern California.</i>	<i>Arizona.</i>
MRS. M. F. WOODCOCK, Monrovia, Cal.	MRS. G. F. BOYARD, Los Angeles, Cal.

CALIFORNIA GERMAN.

MRS. F. MEYER, Los Angeles, Cal.

The year 1894-5 in Pacific Branch has brought the usual round of routine work, wrought in alternating hope and fear, yet delighting and surprising us with its happy and successful outcome.

Owing to an oversight our appropriations had to be largely increased at the end of our first quarter, and then arose the fear that we would not be able to support our new outgoing missionaries, but God most wonderfully opened the hearts of our people toward our special work, so that our added appropriation was soon all assumed by individuals who had never before paid more than one dollar a year, or by Epworth League^s that had never given anything before. Many of these applications came from such unexpected sources that we could but believe that they were moved by the Holy Ghost to do this work for God. So when midsummer came, and Dr. Taft and Miss Russell were ready to go to their respective fields, all needed funds were on hand, or in sight, for the demands of the hour.

It has been a delight to us to send out within a year three such women as Miss Celesta Easton, Dr. Gertrude Taft and Miss Mattie Russell, the first gentle, faithful and persistent; the second, strong, self-reliant, sensible and godly; the third, cultured and conscientious—each with noble qualities and endowments that we have no space to mention. We believe that the W. F. M. S. has been greatly enriched by our donation of missionaries. Another feature of the year's work has been the more satisfactory adjustment of our home work. With our admirable arrangement of Auxiliary, District, Conference and Branch work, the jurisdiction of each officer absolute in her own department, no one need be greatly overburdened if each officer does her duty.

The Corresponding Secretary has devoted much of her time in adjusting the work so that all the wheels would go round all the time, and has been rewarded in noting a marked improvement. The best year of our existence can be truthfully said of many Auxiliaries, and of nearly all our District and Conference officers we gladly report the best year's work we have ever had.

Time would fail us to name these noble women, so we will only mention the Southern California Conference Secretary, who has, in great physical suffering and weariness, toiled faithfully through the year, lifting all the burdens of that department off of the Branch Secretary, who has had a recompense for her labors in the grand advance Conference has made in all lines. Our beloved Mrs. Bovard, of Arizona Conference, comes, bringing the first sheaf from her field, an Auxiliary at Prescott, with promise of more to follow.

Our list of Auxiliaries has not been largely increased this year. Eight have been organized in the California Conference. Five of them are alive and full of vigor. The other good seed fell where there was no "depth of earth, and when the sun was up it withered away," despite the vigorous efforts of the sower to keep it alive. Nine have been organized in the Southern California Conference, four in California German, and one in Arizona—nineteen in all. Many Leagues have assumed special work.

Our financial condition has been comfortable throughout the year, and September 30 found us with a gain of almost \$900 over the previous year. Eight hundred dollars of this gain was made in Southern California Conference.

We have been glad to welcome to our borders Miss Lucy Sullivan, her sister, and Miss Phelps, and to have them with us in a few of our meetings. Miss Downey has been in Southern California for ten months, resting and recruiting. She spent five months in the charming home of Mrs. Crow, and is now with an aunt in San Diego.

For ten months Mrs. Lillian Hale Scott has been one of us, and has given us her services without stint. While regretting the conditions that exile her from her New England home, we have certainly been great gainers by her stay among us. We have been made debtors to our Presbyterian sisters also, for excellent service rendered.

So the year has been crowded so full of blessings that the petty trials have faded away like dreams, and there is no room in our hearts but grateful love to Him "whom we are and whom we serve."

P. S.—Since writing the above we have learned from Miss Mabel Hartford that the Christian women of Kucheng, the place made so famous by recent events, have organized themselves into a Pacific

Branch Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and have already raised more than \$40 in gold, which they desire to send to some needy field.

MRS. CHARLOTTE O'NEAL,

Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1894.....	\$ 933 19
Receipts from October 1, 1894, to October 1, 1895.....	5,938 17
Total cash.....	\$6,871 36
Balance in Treasury October 1, 1895.....	\$839 44
MRS. Z. L. PARMELEE,	
<i>Treasurer.</i>	

COLUMBIA RIVER BRANCH

INCLUDES WASHINGTON, IDAHO, MONTANA AND OREGON

OFFICERS.

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<i>Rec. Sec'y.</i>	MRS. A. J. HANSON, Snohomish, Wash.
<i>Treasurer.</i>	MRS. F. W. OSBURN, Eugene, Ore.
<i>Agent Depot Supplies—</i>	MISS ANNIE FARRELL, 231 West Park St., Portland, Ore.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Puget Sound.</i>	<i>North Montana Mission.</i>
MRS. A. J. HANSON, Snonomish, Wash. Idaho.	MRS. F. A. RIGGIN, Great Falls, Mont. Oregon.
MRS. M. E. REAL, 717 Fort St., Boise City, Idaho.	MRS. D. A. WATTERS, Forest Grove, Ore.
<i>Columbia River.</i>	<i>North Pacific Mission.</i>
MRS. HENRY BROWN, Lewiston, Idaho. Montana.	MISS AMALIA HARTUNG, 357 Sellwood St., Station B. Portland, Ore.
MRS. H. V. WHEELER, Helena, Mont.	

By those who fail in the reckoning to take into account the factor of an overruling Providence, the birth of the youngest of this sisterhood of missionary Branches might be deemed untimely, occurring as it did on the eve of the financial depression which still rests on the land. In three years of life the young child has not grown as tall as one would wish, nor thriven after the manner of her lusty beginning, yet through her advent, has been added to the Lord's treasury; and a closer bond has been woven between the full hearts at home and the hungry hearts afar that need the world's Christ.

Our work is prosecuted under difficulties peculiar to new and extensive regions, such as magnificent distances, expensiveness of travel, manifest needs in our home field, and fewness of laborers. Situated far from direct highways of travel from foreign fields, the visits of missionaries are rare and highly appreciated. Early in the year Miss Sullivan and Miss Downey tarried a day or two in Portland and made us debtors for increased interest in India. Later Mrs. Amy Wood Hazeltine came as a bride from Peru to a home within our territory, from which we hope occasionally to win her for addresses on conditions of priest-ridden lands. She was present at one Conference Anniversary and at the Branch annual meeting, making a host of friends for herself and the cause so vividly presented.

This year has been, like the preceding, filled with persistent effort on the part of officers and members, and although material advance in no department may be chronicled our confidence reaches to great things in the future, for we read, "I know the thoughts that we think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

MRS. A. N. FISHER,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1894.....	\$ 125 53
Receipts during the year.....	2,891 49
Total	\$3,017 02
Disbursements	2,728 36
Balance in treasury October 1, 1895.....	\$ 288 66

MRS. F. W. OSBURN,
Treasurer.

GERMAN WORK.

Failures are not always losses, but in a cause so sacred as the one we represent we all dread the confession: "We have not reached our goal." I do not attempt to mantle the humiliation it brings to myself, but justice to our German sisterhood, who have only myself to speak for them, demands that I briefly state some causes which may have contributed to our deficiency.

We *all* had to reckon with the general scarcity of means, and other *mutual* difficulties.

Taking myself into judgment, and sounding the work of my Conference officers, I admit that more might have been achieved had more aggressive effort been made, but of the sixteen women who have been my associates all but two are their own cooks, laundresses and all beside, for themselves and their loved ones, not to speak of their local duties, both in church and in social lines, while a number of them must also earn their own livelihood. When we consider this we can readily see how little time remains for them to thoroughly inform themselves, or to help others to the extent that would be desired.

When the reports of the first five Conferences came in, my heart was glad, for they showed an aggregate advance of seven per cent., but the following Conferences chronicled such heavy losses that the gain was changed to a deficit of more than ten per cent.

In the West German Conference the loss is due to the drouth, and not to a lack of interest. The ladies there have proved themselves heroines in every way, and the Conference Secretary, although it was her first year in this capacity, showed much tact in dealing with the existing circumstances. "Our crops have been a failure for two years, and we have little to hope for this year, but we are doing the best we can, though we cannot make an extra effort," wrote our Secretary from the midst of the drouth district of Kansas. Another little band in Nebraska, felt they must disband because they could not even pay their dues, but are now keeping up their monthly meetings for prayer, though a *very* few pay their dues.

The Secretary of our Conference became hopelessly ill; still another suffered much from the same cause. The St. Louis German Conference Secretary is holding her post at a great sacrifice to herself, until we can

find one capable and willing to take her place. When the Secretary of the Central German Conference saw how large the shortage was in her Conference, she wrote: "It just makes me sick;" but it was the first year of systematic work there for a period of years, and we could but expect the result of this former inefficiency: but the labor of this year, and the experience gained, will go far toward making the new year a success.

The special work taken by our societies in America is also doing good in arousing more interest. The letters of our three German missionaries are also a source of inspiration while the *Heiden Frauen Freund* so ably edited by Mrs. Achard, and the missionary leaflets are filling their mission by the dissemination of valuable missionary knowledge and enthusiasm. We are glad to note a small advance in the number of subscribers.

Switzerland and the two Conferences in Germany, the East German, Chicago German and the California German Conferences are steadily advancing, for which we thank God and take courage.

For the first time this work appears among the officially reported missions of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and this might be an argument for the change of name for our official organ, the *Heathen Woman's Friend*. Yet the sisters there would certainly object to the change, for they are conscious of the fact that their country is not pagan, and count themselves with our rank and file of home workers for the overthrow of heathenism, nevertheless I am very glad that our Society saw fit to grant them aid by supporting various Bible women.

In the Swiss Conference we have one each in Herisan, Zurich and Lausanne. The first is only partly supported, the other two costing us in all \$350 which is given by the Northwestern Branch.

In the conference of North Germany we support our Bible woman in Zujichau at the same cost as in Switzerland, \$150.00.

Their methods of work are much alike everywhere, bringing Christ to the people in such practical ways that the people may learn to know Him, as a loving friend, who saves from sin, not in sin, as their many false leaders would have it.

They have special charge of the work among the factory and working girls, visiting and befriending them in many ways, gathering them together in young women's societies which are conducted for development in general, intellectual and spiritual things. To this are added the classes for women, Sunday School work, industrial school, house to house visiting, nursing the sick, helping the poor in many ways. One cause which increases their work is the largeness of the circuit, as they have 36 societies to conduct and superintend and other like things.

I am glad our Society saw fit to help these Conferences in Europe by the support of some Bible women, who have all done excellent work. The people there in turn help our Asiatic work. The Bethany Deaconesses of Frankfort-on-the-Main have assumed the support of Jasma, a Bible woman in Darchula, India, and their acceptance was framed in words of the most tender sisterly love for their new sisters across the sea. A children's band in Karlsruhe, Baden, desired the privilege of supporting a child. One was assigned them in Bijour, India, which was a great joy to them. This band has had a number of conversions among its members, giving the whole a highly commendable character.

Humbly, yet trustingly, hopefully and with earnest prayer we face the responsibilities of a new year, aiming just a little higher than we did the past year.

MARGARETHA DREYER,
Superintendent.

German Work, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

OCTOBER 1, 1894, TO OCTOBER 1, 1895.

CONFERENCES.

	Organizations.	Members.	Life Members.	Mite Boxes.	Special Work.	Subscribers, Heiden Frauen Freund.	Subscribers, H. W. F.	Subscribers, H. C. F.	Receipts for all Purposes, 1895.	Receipts for all Purposes, 1894.
In Switzerland	27	927	..	24	..	148	..	..	\$ 359 04	\$ 338 43
In South Germany	22	755	..	30	2	162	..	..	200 67	186 69
In North Germany	18	618	..	27	..	80	..	..	138 19	107 46
East German	14	451	..	60	1	171	10	48	554 00	538 00
Central German	18	504	3	122	5	310	12	20	721 03	917 40
St. Louis German	17	447	..	19	5	204	10	..	458 70	830 37
California German	5	50	2	42	..	69	..	10	127 50	131 00
North Pacific German	2	32	..	8	..	14	..	..	31 00	48 00
West German	34	606	27	119	4	432	32	..	742 59	927 13
North German	29	689	31	128	3	378	5	33	991 71	1,119 17
Northwest German	19	418	2	76	7	265	1	..	506 87	552 10
Chicago German	7	238	1	2	..	110	1	70	414 50	341 30
Miscellaneous .....	..	..	..	..	..	493	..	..	.....	.....
Totals	212	5,825	66	657	27	2,925	71	181	\$ 5,254 89	\$ 5,935 51

MARGARETHA DREYER, *Superintendent.*

Summary Home Work for 1895.

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

BRANCHES.	SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.													
	Auxiliaries.	Members.	Y. L. Societies.	Members.	Bands.	Members.	Total Organizations.	Total Members.	Life Members.	Life Patrons.	Honorary Managers.	Conference Secretaries.	District Secretaries.	Mite Boxes.
New England	475	12,000	80	1,305	145	2,500	700	15,805	41	41	1	9	32	.....
New York.....	840	30,000	201	3,500	96	1,200	1,227	34,700	48	1	7	11	44	17,723
Philadelphia	378	10,738	72	2,145	80	2,245	530	15,128	993	11	45	6	30	.....
Baltimore	122	4,860	*	.....	30	910	152	5,770	.....	.....	.....	2	8	.....
Cincinnati.....	740	15,010	135	2,600	158	2,205	1,033	19,815	172	8	6	9	44	5,875
Northwestern.....	1,022	25,728	90	2,314	102	2,596	1,214	30,638	83	.....	.....	15	71	10,000
Des Moines	500	11,801	52	1,103	51	1,111	603	14,105	.....	13	46	10	35	.....
Minneapolis	143	2,783	14	400	48	1,000	205	3,893	25	2	2	6	13	.....
Topeka	255	5,300	20	450	25	800	300	6,550	.....	.....	.....	12	34	1,500
Pacific	88	1,874	15	595	25	568	128	2,947	43	1	22	5	9	.....
Columbia River.....	67	1,104	11	262	11	446	89	1,812	38	1	3	7	11	.....
Totals.....	4,630	121,288	780	14,584	771	15,581	6,181	151,163	1,443	78	132	92	331	19,098

*Included in Bands.

Report of Publication Committee.

Resolved, That the members of Committee on Publication gratefully recognize the merit of our periodicals, viz., the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, *Der Heiden-Frauen-Freund*, and the *Heathen Children's Friend*, commending them to the support of our people, and pledging our earnest efforts to increase their circulation.

Resolved, That we recommend the continuance of the editors, Miss Louise Manning Hodgkins, Mrs. Clement Achard, and Mrs. O. W. Scott.

Resolved, That we appreciate the labors of Miss Pauline J. Walden, agent of the publications of the Society, and recommend her continuance in office.

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 Miss Mary L. Ninde, be continued.

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

WHEREAS, The name of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* has become objectionable in the minds of many, both in this land and in foreign fields, therefore

Resolved, That a name in harmony with the expressed desire of our constituency be substituted.

Resolved, That the names of our periodicals be as follows: *Woman's Missionary Friend*; *Der Frauen-Missions-Freund*, and *Children's Missionary Friend*.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Executive Committee be reported in the December number of the *Friend*, excluding appropriations and unimportant details.

Resolved, That all advertisements published in the paper or its cover shall be under the supervision of the editor.

Resolved, That the agent of the paper shall furnish the recent publications of the periodicals and free leaflets of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the reading-room of the Chautauqua Assembly, and

to the National Conventions of Epworth League, Christian Endeavor, Student Volunteer, and other large Methodist assemblies, in numbers according to her discretion.

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

Resolved, That we recommend the issuing of a similar leaflet this year, and that the outline of study have place in the columns of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*.

WHEREAS, The Book for Mission Bands as prepared by the Literature Committee cannot be published at the price specified, therefore

Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Constitutional Publication Committee.

Resolved, That the Literature Committee be requested 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.

Resolved, That the minutes of the General Executive Committee be incorporated in the annual report, and that 5,500 be issued.

WHEREAS, There is a great demand for free leaflets, which in the past have been such a help in prosecuting the work, therefore

Resolved, That we request the issuing of eight free leaflets in addition to the condensed Annual Report, four of which shall be for the German work.

WHEREAS, We recognize more and more the need of special effort to enlist the young women of our church in the interests of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, therefore

Resolved, That Miss Ninde be requested to prepare a suitable leaflet for immediate use in our young women's societies, and also that Mrs. Scott be requested to prepare one for the children.

Resolved, That when the supply of the leaflets known as, "The Duties of Auxiliary Officers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," and "Helps to Auxiliary Officers," be exhausted, we request the Literature Committee to combine and add to these leaflets as their judgment may decide, making a free leaflet, and to publish in such numbers as will make it available for general and constant use.

Resolved, That the Literature Committee incorporate in the annual report leaflet a summary of the obligations of next year with suitable appeal, and publish 15,000 copies.

WHEREAS, There is a growing demand for literature for Junior Leagues and Mission Bands which we are not prepared to supply, thus

necessitating the patronage of the publications of other boards, therefore be it

Resolved, That Mrs. O. W. Scott be requested to have charge of the literature for children, and receive one hundred dollars as compensation for such service.

Resolved, That the catalogue of publications be revised, so as to contain a complete list of publications up to date, and issued in form suitable for free distribution.

Resolved, That the by-laws of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be amended as follows:—

Article 7.—Instead of *Heathen Woman's Friend*, read Publications of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

SECTION 1 of Article 7.—The papers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as, *Woman's Missionary Friend*, *Der Frauen-Missions-Freund*, and *Children's Missionary Friend*.

SECTION 2.—The editors and publisher of the papers shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee.

Article 8, SECTION 3.—The publisher of these papers shall give, etc., omitting the words, "and another six months thereafter."

SECTION 4.—A committee of five . . . to whom shall be intrusted the investment and control of the funds of these publications.

SECTION 5.—The publisher shall begin and close the financial year with October 1.

SECTION 6.—If the office of editor or publisher become vacant, etc.

SECTION 7.—The traveling expenses of the editors, publisher, and chairman of the Literature Committee, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of these publications.

SECTION 9.—In no case . . . be retained in the treasury of the Society's publications.

WHEREAS, It seems desirable that some changes be made in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take the matter into consideration, and report at the next General Executive Committee.

Resolved, That we sincerely thank Mr. A. J. Weed for his services as auditor of the accounts of the publisher, and request that he may continue to thus kindly aid us.

MRS. C. S. NUTTER, *Chairman*.

MRS. J. MITCHELL, *Secretary*.

Report of Committee on Missionary Candidates.

YOUR Committee has carefully considered the testimonials of the following candidates :—

Resolved, That after examination of credentials presented by Miss Eva M. Hardie of the Cincinnati Branch, and the unqualified recommendation of the Branch Corresponding Secretary, we recommend her acceptance.

Resolved, That in the case of Miss Mary Stone, who was presented by the Des Moines Branch, the committee having had a personal interview with her, we recommend her acceptance.

The case of Miss Ida Kahn, presented by the Northwestern Branch, having been considered, we recommend her acceptance. While Miss Stone and Miss Kahn are under the required age, in view of their qualifications and knowledge of the Chinese language we recommend them both.

Resolved, That after the examination of the testimonials of Miss Katharine A. Spear of the Philadelphia Branch, and finding them highly satisfactory, we recommend her acceptance.

Resolved, That in the case of Miss Flora M. Widdifield, presented by Cincinnati Branch, having found her papers good, and in view of her ability as a kindergarten worker and especial adaptability to evangelistic work, we recommend her acceptance.

Resolved, That having carefully examined the testimonials of Miss Fannie S. Fisher of the Northwestern Branch, we find said candidate has good educational qualifications with the exception of study in modern languages. Yet the study in English has been good, and in view of the quality of the testimonials presented, we recommend her acceptance.

Resolved, That in the case of Miss Mary Means, presented by the Cincinnati Branch, we have carefully examined the testimonials and find them highly satisfactory. Although Miss Means is under age, in view of her qualifications, we recommend her acceptance.

Resolved, That in the case of Miss Lillian N. Harris, presented by Cincinnati Branch, we find the testimonials exceptionally good. In addition to university work Miss Harris has had two years in Woman's Medical College in Philadelphia. We therefore recommend her.

Resolved, That in the case of Miss Emma Scott, M. D., presented by the Cincinnati Branch, we have carefully considered the testimonials and find them excellent. Miss Scott is also a medical student, and we recommend her acceptance.

Resolved, That in the case of Miss Della H. Leutes, whose testimonials were presented by Topeka Branch, we find her well qualified and recommendations good, and heartily recommend her acceptance.

Resolved, That in the case of Miss Ida C. Deaver, whose testimonials were presented by Philadelphia Branch, we find them very good. Having completed the course of study in Dickinson Seminary some years since, she continues her studies, and we recommend her acceptance.

Your committee find many applications were presented without proper statements that the testimonials had been approved by the Branch Candidate Committee, and that many applicants failed to send photographs; therefore

Resolved, That your committee request each Branch Candidate Committee to send with each application a statement that application has been accepted by said Committee, also to send photograph of applicant when applicant is absent.

MRS. Z. P. DENNLER, *Chairman.*

NETTIE B. PRATHER,

Secretary of Committee.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

WE, the undersigned Committee on Resolutions, desire to express the general gratification of this Executive Committee in its reception and entertainment in the city of St. Louis, therefore present the following :—

Resolved, That we appreciate the invitation of the Des Moines Branch to come within its borders, and recognize the efficient service rendered by the President in her relation to this body as the presiding officer.

That we are indebted to Mrs. H. H. Wagoner, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, and also Mrs. J. M. Parham, her associate, for the unwearied kindness and unfailing courtesy that has marked their attentions during this session, and to all other ladies of the St. Louis churches who have in any way contributed to the general pleasure and comfort of the visitors to this meeting.

Resolved, That we acknowledge our obligations to the pastor of the Union M. E. Church, Rev. Dr. Williams, and his official board, for the cheerful and generous proffer of their beautiful church for the entertainment of this body, and especially for the presence of Dr. Williams and his general care for our welfare ; and further

Resolved, That we have been gratified to have with us in this session Bishops Bowman and Newman, Dr. Oldham, and such other ministerial visitors as have from time to time been in attendance.

Recognizing the great advantage to this Society of any special attention given in papers of acknowledged influence ; therefore

Resolved, That we appreciate the generous notice we have received in the leading papers of the city, and we express our sincere thanks to the editor of the *Central Christian Advocate* and his colleagues for their pleasant introduction of our work in the issues of October 30th and November 7th, and their thoughtful provision of free copies for distribution to this body.

We would also remember the young ladies who have in the supply and arrangement of flowers, in the delivery of mail, and in the discharge of such other details as has fallen to their care, added good cheer to the meeting. Also to those who have furnished such inspiring music for the special meetings of this session.

Whereas, So much is due to direct influence, as well as exact information from the foreign field ; therefore

Resolved, That we recognize the valuable assistance rendered by our returned missionaries in the presentation of the great needs of their respective fields in eliciting greater sympathy than heretofore.

Resolved, That the continued services of Mrs. J. T. Gracey as secretary of this body from year to year prompts an expression of appreciation.

Whereas, The relaxation from business afforded by the delightful drive about the city was extremely grateful to the members of this committee ; therefore

Resolved, That we are thankful for the thoughtfulness which prompted it, as well as to those who kindly furnished the conveyances that made it possible.

Resolved, That we will hold in tender memory the graceful and lavish hospitality of the people of St. Louis, and pray that the blessing of God, which maketh rich and added no sorrow, may rest upon them and their homes.

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

(Signed)

MRS. L. H. OGG,

MRS. J. E. D. EASTER,

MRS. MARY WILSON.

Resolutions of Missionaries.

THE returned missionaries present at this General Executive Session, recognizing the profit they have received, and the spiritual uplift which has come to them from these meetings, the broadening of their outlook, and the intensifying of their interest in all the various fields of work, at the same time the deepening of their interest in and devotion to their own fields, are

Resolved, That they express to the General Executive Committee the joy they feel in this privilege of meeting with them, and they invoke upon all the choicest blessings of the heavenly Father, praying that their beloved Secretaries may be strengthened to bear the burdens of the work in its marvelous growth, and long be spared to guide by their wise counsels and rich experience.

Resolved, On behalf of the returned missionaries present at this General Executive session, to testify to their hearty appreciation of the cordial welcome which has been accorded them in the various homes which have been so freely opened to them. Coming, as they have, from lands so different, and from conditions and circumstances so diverse, it has been peculiarly delightful to be in these beautiful homes. For all the kindness, for all the generous hospitality received, they feel that any words are inadequate, and most heartily thank these friends for all, while they pray that the richest benedictions of the heavenly Father may rest upon them and their homes.

Resolved, That this simple expression of their thanks and their appreciation be published in the papers, following the resolutions of the Executive Committee.

In behalf of the missionaries.

EMMA D. HALL.

Resolutions of Finance Committee.

WHEREAS, The English School Building in Cawnpore is in a location that has been found to be unhealthy ; and

WHEREAS, The missionaries in charge could render service greatly needed elsewhere : therefore

Resolved, That we ask the Bishop of India and the Finance Committee of the Northwest India Conference to consider the advisability of disposing of the property and closing the school.

Resolved, That the New England Branch has permission to build the hospital asked for in Peking, as soon as the state of the country will warrant such enterprise.

WHEREAS, Our Mission in Chinkiang has been placed under great obligations to the members of the China Inland Mission, who have most generously aided in providing help for the hospital in the absence of Dr. Hoag ; therefore

Resolved, That the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society extend to these workers our recognition of services rendered with most grateful thanks.

Resolved, That we reiterate our former statement that the one hundred and fifty dollars, " incidental to work," is to be used for personal teacher, expenses to conference, and other requisites to the missionary's work, the same to be paid in gold.

Resolved, That Mrs. J. T. Gracey be requested to prepare the quadrennial report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for the General Conference of 1896.

Deaconesses. As the subject of employing deaconesses in our foreign work is brought before the Society, numbers wishing to go in this capacity, the following by-laws concerning deaconesses have been adopted :

1. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society may send deaconesses to the foreign field who will be subject to the same rules of selection and appointment, and who shall conform to the same regulations as all other missionaries sent out by the Society.

2. The support of a deaconess in the foreign field shall be arranged with the Branch sending her, a sufficient support being assured. Variation in the amount given may be made according to the locality, the

provision or not of a Deaconesses' Home, or the necessity on the part of the missionary to live by herself. Support to be met quarterly from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society treasury, and subject only to the same regulations of payment as given those of other missionaries of the Society.

The deaconesses shall consult with the authorities in the field concerning all important changes in the work of the deaconesses, as is required by all other missionaries of this Society, and shall conform to all the requirements of missionaries as directed by the by-laws of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Each deaconess shall correspond with the secretary of the Branch from which she receives her support, and report all her work to the official correspondent of that field.

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

MRS. E. T. COWEN, *Secretary*.

Appropriations for 1896.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

North India Conference.

<i>Naini Tal</i> , Assistant	\$ 250 00
Home Rent	75 00
Bhabar Schools.....	25 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Miss Tresham's Salary	300 00
Repairs	67 00
Conveyance	60 00
Scholarships.....	32 00
Medicines.....	100 00
<i>Bhot</i> , Dr. Sheldon.....	325 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Miss Dudley's Half Salary.....	150 00
Scholarships	600 00
1st Assistant.....	240 00
Matron.....	120 00
School Hospital.....	148 00
Repairs	133 00
12 City Schools.....	167 00
Inspectress.....	60 00
Conveyance	83 00
Bible Women	100 00
Mrs. Core's Itinerary.....	33 00
" " Munshi	20 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships	120 00
2d Assistant.....	200 00
City work	92 00
Village work.....	84 00
Conveyance and itinerating.	75 00
<i>Nagina</i> , Schools and Bible women	217 00
<i>Nurpur</i> , Schools and Bible women	40 00
<i>Mandawar</i> , School and Bible women	76 00
<i>Duanpur</i> , School and Bible women	60 00
<i>Sohara</i> , School and Bible women	68 00
<i>Sherkot</i> , School and Bible women	76 00
<i>Najibabad</i> , School and Bible women.....	83 00
<i>Kiratpur</i> , School and Bible women	24 00
<i>Sambhal District</i>	1,000 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Scholarships.....	240 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Salary of Miss Nichols.....	650 00
Two memorial scholarships..	60 00
Mrs. Parker's Itinerating ...	33 00
Total	\$ 6,296 00

Northwest India Conference.

<i>Multra</i> , Scholarships	\$200 00
Medicines	17 00
Watchman	16 00
Conveyance	65 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , 1st Assistant.....	200 00
Scholarships.....	216 00
Interest	50 00
<i>Meerut</i> , 1st Assistant.....	180 00
Total	\$ 944

South India Conference.

<i>Haiderabad</i> , City girls' schools \$	258 00
Building.....	150 00
Property	100 00
Scholarships.....	60 00
<i>Madras</i> , Salary of Miss D'Jor- don	223 00
Salary of Miss Young	155 00
Conveyance	60 00
Scholarships.....	192 00
Balance on property.....	250 00
<i>Bangalore</i> , Assistant	120 00
Rent	75 00
Total	\$ 1,643 00

Malaysia.

<i>Singapore</i> , Salary of Miss Nor- ris	180 00
Teluk Ayer, school rent.....	122 00
Scholarships.....	88 00
Penang	200 00
Total	\$ 590 00

Bengal-Burmah.

<i>Darjeeling</i> , Miss Knowles' sal- ary	650 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Scholarships	252 00
Total	902 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Half salary of Mrs. Scranton	300 00
Half incidentals and travel- ing expenses.....	87 00
Salary of Miss Paine.....	600 00
Incidentals of Miss Paine ..	150 00
Traveling expenses of Miss Paine	25 00
Native teacher.....	50 00

Man of all work	\$ 50 00
Fuel	175 00
Scholarships	576 00
"Scranton" Home at East Gate conditional.....	1,600 00
Total.....	\$3,613 00

Japan.

<i>Hakodati</i> , Literature teacher.....	240 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
Wall repairs.....	100 00
<i>Hirosaki</i> , Assistant.....	58 00
<i>Yonagati</i> , Bible women.....	68 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Science teacher.....	144 00
Scholarships	360 00

Aoyama—Industrial Department.

Scholarships	80 00
Drawing teacher.....	72 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , Rent.....	130 00
Matron	60 00
Sewing teacher	115 00
Chinese and Japanese teacher	115 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Insurance and taxes	120 00
Traveling and itinerating...	50 00
Salary of Mrs. Inagaki.....	192 00
Poor school	25 00
Pupils in training school....	320 00
Preparatory teacher.....	95 00
Rent of industrial school....	100 00
Yamabuckacho	400 00
Training school graduates..	100 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Lee's salary...	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss French's return,	200 00
Scholarships.....	280 00
Total.....	\$ 4,415 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Salary of Miss Young.....	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships.....	900 00
Tartar City school.....	75 00
Coolie	50 00
Chinese City day school	75 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.....	400 00
Incidentals	150 00
Boarding school.....	500 00
Day school.....	75 00
Drugs and instruments	100 00
Coolie.....	50 00
Matron.....	50 90
Traveling expenses.....	75 00
Hospital current expenses...	150 00
Watchman.....	50 00
Hospital conditional.....	10,000 00
Total.....	\$14,950 00

Central China.

<i>Nanking</i> , Scholarships	\$150 00
Day school teacher.....	30 00
Woman's school matron	30 00
Industrial work and books	35 00
Total.....	\$ 245 00

West China.

Miss Collier.....	\$ 300 00
Scholarships	50 00
Bible woman	30 00
Itinerating	17 00
Total	\$ 397 00

Foochow.

<i>Foochow</i> , Scholarships	\$ 240 00
Orphans	60 00
<i>Ku Cheng</i> , Miss Hartford's Home coming.....	300 00
Miss Hartford's home salary	350 00
Miss Todd.....	300 00
Woman's school	150 00
Hoi Tang day schools.....	220 00
Totals.....	\$ 1,620 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Loftha</i> , Scholarship.....	\$ 120 00
Matron and other service....	200 00
Total	\$ 320 00

Italy.

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

South America.

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Rent	\$ 200 00
Teachers	200 00
Scholarship.....	75 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Supply for teacher	200 00
Salary of Miss Bowen.....	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Teacher.....	260 00
School supplies	200 00
Gas and water supply.....	100 00
Property and municipality tax.....	160 00
Tax on loan.....	200 00
<i>Rosario</i> , Salary of assistant....	400 00
Scholarships	225 00
Repairs and taxes.....	200 00
Additional school-room	300 00
<i>Peru</i> , Assistants.....	400 00
Total.....	\$ 3,870 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> Scholarships	180 00
School supplies	200 00
Bible woman's 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.....	50 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Second assistant.....	320 00
Scholarships.....	180 00
Total.....	\$ 2,290 00

New England Appropriations.

North India.....	\$6,295 00
Northwest India.....	944 00
South India.....	1,643 00
Malaysia.....	590 00
Bengal.....	902 00
Korea.....	3,613 00
Japan.....	4,415 00
North China.....	14,950 00
Central China.....	245 00
West China.....	397 00
Poochow.....	1,620 00
Loftcha.....	320 00
Italy.....	300 00
Mexico.....	2,200 00
South America.....	3,870 00
Total.....	\$42,395 00
Contingent.....	1,605 00
Grand total.....	\$44,000 00

NEW YORK BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Dwarahat</i> , Scholarship.....	\$ 160 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Miss Budden.....	325 00
Miss Cummings.....	220 00
Miss Hayes.....	220 00
Scholarships.....	320 00
Bible Readers.....	96 00
Itinerating.....	33 00
Munshi.....	20 00
Accountant.....	24 00
Woman's Home.....	224 00
Conveyance.....	60 00
Home Scholarships.....	48 00
Munshi.....	20 00
<i>Chandag</i> , Miss Reed.....	80 00
<i>Pauri</i> , Scholarship.....	96 00
Teachers.....	80 00
Angeline Newman Bible Woman.....	50 00
Native Girl, Nora Gill.....	25 00
Third Assistant.....	162 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Scholarships.....	80 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships.....	40 00
<i>Aonla Circuit</i>	167 00
<i>Kakrauda</i>	100 00
<i>Benawan</i>	44 00
<i>Ujhaini</i>	100 00
<i>Bilsi</i>	88 00
<i>Sarawan</i>	48 00
<i>Bisauti</i>	133 00
<i>Datayang</i>	40 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Miss English.....	650 00
Miss Christensen.....	650 00
Girls' Orphanage.....	1,000 00

Second Assistant.....	\$240 00
Dr. Bryan.....	650 00
Medical Work.....	240 00
Scholarship, Training.....	60 00
City Work, Assistant.....	200 00
City Schools.....	133 00
Mohullah & Village Work.....	108 00
Bible Readers.....	83 00
Conveyances.....	133 00
Woman's School.....	108 00
<i>Fariyapur</i> , Schools and Bible Reader.....	60 00
<i>Khera Bajera</i> , Schools.....	44 00
<i>Katra</i> , Bible Reader.....	48 00
<i>East Shahjahanpur</i> , Bible Reader.....	48 00
Itinerating.....	17 00
Widows.....	40 00
Conveyance.....	20 00
Total.....	\$ 7,631 00

<i>Philbit District</i>	\$957 00
<i>Seclapur</i> , Scholarships.....	30 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible readers.....	133 00
Conveyance.....	80 00
Village Bible Women.....	80 00
<i>Shahabad</i> , Bible readers and schools.....	233 00
<i>Havdai</i> , Bible readers and schools.....	300 00
<i>Unas</i> , Bible readers and schools.....	200 00
<i>Hardoi</i> , Scholarships.....	72 90
<i>Ellenpur</i> , Zenana work.....	120 00
<i>Baraich</i> , Bible readers.....	173 00
Schools.....	44 00
Conveyance.....	53 00
City Schools.....	32 00
Total for North India.....	\$10,138 00

North West India.

<i>Multra</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 70 00
Hindustani Scholarships.....	250 00
Christian women.....	60 00
<i>Bindrabai</i> , Bible Readers.....	72 00
Miss Rowe's Itinerating.....	100 00
Caroline Richards.....	60 00
Georgiana Dempster.....	60 00
Lavinia Howard.....	40 00
Conveyance.....	94 00
<i>Bhadtpore and Gahardman</i> , Bible readers.....	60 00
<i>Agra</i> , Assistant.....	200 00
Bible Readers.....	124 00
Teachers.....	48 00
Conveyance.....	81 00
Itinerating.....	34 00
Contingencies.....	17 00
<i>Ferozabad</i> , Bible reader and teacher.....	40 00
<i>Bamcolli</i> , Bible reader and teacher.....	46 00
<i>Itmadpore</i> , Bible reader and Teacher.....	36 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Repairs.....	100 00
Teachers.....	100 00
Matron.....	48 00

Native Scholarships	\$200 00
Kuruna Dha	100 00
City and district Bible Readers	210 00
District Evangelistic work ..	40 00
High School	72 00
Interest on Loan	25 00
<i>Meerut</i> , Bible readers	
Delhi	32 00
Baghpat	36 00
Garmuktesar	40 00
Ghazabad	16 00
Total	\$ 2,611 00

Bengal Conference.

<i>Calcutta</i> , Miss Maxcy	\$ 325 00
Rent	350 00
Scholarships	504 00
Orphans	60 00
Zenana Teacher	80 00
Hindustani Assistant	80 00
Conveyance	150 00
Teacher	32 00
Rent, Pundit and Medicine ..	75 00
Pakur Orphans	40 00
Burmese School	100 00
Bolpur	80 00
Total	\$ 1,876 00

Bombay Conference.

<i>Bengal</i> , Miss Lawson	\$ 650 00
Mrs. Fritchley	240 00
Miss Taylor	200 00
Katija Sultanbeebe	40 00
Emily Bai Abraham	40 00
Conveyance	180 00
Taxes	56 00
Building	500 00
Total	\$1,906 00

South India.

<i>Madras</i> , Bible Readers	\$ 100 00
Conveyance	60 00
Scholarships	480 00
Matron	153 00
City and Village Schools	369 00
Miss Rogers' Teacher	104 00
Telegu Bible Reader	25 00
<i>Hyderabad</i> Property	100 00
Madras Property	500 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Scholarships	98 00
Widows	77 00
<i>Gulbarga</i> , Bible Readers	60 00
Scholarships	164 00
Mrs. Lindsdale	138 00
Conveyance	70 00
Munshi	35 00
Rent, Home	172 00
Shorepur Bible Reader	20 00
Medicine	42 00
<i>Secunderabad</i> Bible Reader and Rent	100 00
Total	\$2,807 00

North China.

<i>Pekin</i> , Mrs. C. Jewell	\$600 00
Incidental	150 00
Scholarships	600 00
Coolie	50 00
Roudout School	75 00
3 Bible Women	150 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Mrs. Barrows, M. D. ..	600 00
Incidental	150 00
Medical Work	200 00
Mrs. Wang	50 00
Industrial	50 00
<i>Tsun Hwa</i> , Scholarships	540 00
Coolie	50 00
Teacher Bible Woman	50 00
3 Bible Women	150 00
Total	\$3,465 00

Central China.

<i>Chinkiang</i> , L. H. Hoag, M. D. ..	\$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	200 00
Orphans	125 00
Fuel	30 00
Assistant	55 00
Seamstress	24 00
Nurse	24 00
Traveling Expenses	15 00
Drugs	180 00
<i>Kiukiang</i> , Miss A. Stanton	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Kindergarten Teacher	25 00
Day Schools	50 00
Rent	20 00
Bible Women	35 00
Books and Stationery	25 00
Scholarships	150 00
Total	\$2,458 00

Foochow Conference.

<i>Foochow</i> , Bible Women	\$110 00
Girls' Boarding Schools	150 00
Miss A. Linam	425 00
Orphans	240 00
<i>Ku Cheng</i> , Bible Women	160 00
Day Schools	150 00
Woman's School	110 00
Insurance	10 00
<i>Hing Hwa</i> , Miss Wells	500 00
Outfit and Passage	538 00
Total	\$2,393 00
<i>North China</i>	\$3,465 00
<i>Central China</i>	2,458 00
<i>Foochow Conference</i>	2,393 00

Total for China

\$8,316 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , Meta Day School	\$480 00
Bible Woman Mrs. Uetara	48 00
Bible Woman Mrs. Hasegawa ..	68 00
Tsukiji, Scholarships	200 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Insurance	120 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , Primary Teacher	96 00

Rent.....	\$130 00
Bible woman Toyahashi.....	86 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Miss Tucker.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Japanese Principal.....	180 00
Scholarships.....	280 00
Insurance.....	90 00
Watchman.....	40 00
Sewing Teacher.....	60 00
Bible woman Kawakubo.....	75 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Gheer.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Biblical-department Scholarships.....	180 00
Bible woman Omura.....	60 00
Bible woman Mrs. Hara.....	60 00
Boarding-school Scholarships.....	680 00
Assistants.....	326 00
Etiquette Teacher.....	60 00
Translation Teacher.....	96 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Miss Hampton.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Land Rent.....	85 00
Insurance.....	120 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	600 00
Chinese Teacher, Mr. Uo.....	288 00
Two Scholarship Teachers.....	80 00
Yoshi Sui.....	80 00
Rent.....	48 00
Bible Women.....	80 00
<i>Hirosaki</i> , Miss Mary Wilson.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Mrs. Yanaka.....	40 00
Assistant School.....	68 00
Yoshida Sunday School.....	18 00
Nurse Girls' Teacher.....	40 00
Sewing Teacher.....	68 00
Nchiyami Sumi.....	48 00
<i>Sendai</i> , Hirabashi Bible woman.....	48 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Training School.....	120 00
2 Poor Schools.....	50 00
Industrial School.....	160 00
	\$8,490 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Mrs. Scranton.....	\$375 00
Scholarships.....	574 00
Freight and Duties.....	100 00
Medicines and Instruments.....	200 00
Dr. Cutler.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
In-patients.....	88 00
Insurance and Repairs.....	85 00
Medical and Traveling Expenses.....	50 00
Mary Whang.....	50 00
Miss Kim.....	50 00
Helen Ni.....	50 00
Cecilia Kung.....	50 00
Kenison.....	50 00
Day School, Ta Secungo.....	50 00
Fuel.....	50 00
Dr. Carleton.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Total.....	\$3,322 00

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Mrs. Biondi.....	\$150 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Matron.....	170 00
Sewing Teacher.....	75 00
Building Property.....	500 00
Total.....	\$1,095 00

Bulgaria.

Scholarship.....	\$ 40 00
Bornona.....	150 00
Bible Women.....	50 00
Total.....	\$240 00

South America.

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Miss Le Huray.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss E. Thompson.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Rent of School and Home.....	600 00
Two Assistant Teachers.....	400 00
Repairs and Taxes.....	155 00
School Supplies.....	150 00
Bible women Mrs. Chiarella.....	100 00
<i>Montecideo</i> , Mrs. Newman's Bible women.....	50 00
<i>Peru</i> , Miss E. Wood.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Rent.....	300 00
Bible Woman.....	100 00
Total.....	\$4,105 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , City Scholarship.....	\$ 420 00
Insurance.....	40 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Miss Hastings.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	360 00
School Books.....	68 00
Miss Orty, Teacher.....	200 00
Sewing Teacher.....	112 00
Bible Woman.....	64 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Scholarships.....	400 00
Matron.....	180 00
Sewing Teacher.....	170 00
M. Tovar.....	150 00
Orizaba Bible Woman.....	80 00
Tezontepc Asst. Teacher.....	240 00
Total.....	\$3,234 00

Summary.

North India.....	\$10,138 00
North-West India.....	2,511 00
Bombay Conference.....	1,906 00
Bengal Conference.....	1,876 00
South India.....	2,837 00
North China.....	3,465 00
Central China.....	2,458 00
Foochow Conference.....	3,145 00
Japan.....	8,490 00
Korea.....	2,572 00
Bulgaria.....	240 00
Italy.....	1,095 00

South America	\$ 4,105 00
Mexico.....	3,234 00
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	47,990 00
Contingent,	2,010 00
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Total	\$50,000 00

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Bunglur</i> , Two Bible women..	\$ 24 00
Medicine and conveyance ..	12 00
<i>Lobha Ct.</i> , Two Bible women..	24 00
Medicine and conveyances..	8 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Scholarships....	120 00
Three Bible readers	48 00
<i>Paari</i> , Scholarships.....	240 00
First Assistant	240 00
Village schools.....	100 00
<i>Gudoli</i> , Medicines.....	50 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships	60 00
<i>Barcilly</i> , Scholarships.....	200 00
Matron.....	200 00
School for students' wives...	30 00
Kindergarten.....	40 00
Itinerating.....	33 00
Munshi.....	20 00
<i>Shahjahanpur</i> , Salary, Miss	
Haefer.....	650 00
Scholarships.....	60 00
New Dormitories	500 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , City Schools.....	159 00
<i>Gonda</i> , First assistant.....	200 00
Itinerating	33 00
<i>Balrampur</i> , Schools and Bible	
women	133 00
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Total.....	\$ 3,192 00

Northwest India.

<i>Itmadpore</i> , Bible reader and	
teacher	36 00
<i>Agra</i> , Salary, Miss Seymour...	240 00
Servants	100 00
Water and Wheel Tax	15 00
Conveyance and repairs.....	85 00
<i>Mutra</i> , Salary, Miss Matthews	
Bible Woman.....	30 00
Itinerating	17 00
<i>Hathras Ct.</i> , Mahabant Bible	
readers.....	44 00
Raya Bible readers.....	24 00
Kosi and Chattai Ct.....	38 00
Hathras Ct.....	44 00
<i>Allahabad</i> , Mrs. Clancey's	
work	350 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Scholarships in	
native school.....	170 00
Bible reader	100 00
Scholarships in English	
school	72 00
Interest on loan.....	25 00
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Total.....	\$ 1,390 00

Bombay Conference.

<i>Barodi</i> , Salary, Miss Hart.....	\$ 240 00
Two Boarding School Teach-	
ers.....	168 00
Matron.....	100 00
25 Scholarships	500 00
Rent for Home	342 00
Rent for School.....	158 00
Keeping Conveyances	24 00
Salary, Dr. Hodge.....	650 00
Medical Work.....	550 00
<i>Bombay</i> , Salary, Miss Robottom	
Gate Keeper	240 00
48 00	
<i>Baroda</i> , New Missionary	650 00
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Total.....	\$3,846 00

South India.

<i>Haiderabad</i> , Balance on Prop-	
erty	\$ 100 00
Bible Reader and Teacher....	52 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Village Schools	77 00
Scholarship	42 00
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Total	\$ 271 00

Bengal-Burmah.

<i>Calcutta</i> , Scholarship	\$ 84 00
Salary, Miss Oran	120 00
<i>Mazaffarpur</i> , Bible Woman....	40 00
Orphans	80 00
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Total.....	\$ 324 00

Malaysia.

<i>Singapore</i> , Salary, Miss Leices-	
ter	\$ 180 00
Salary, Mrs. Pierce	180 00
Contingencies.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	125 00
Rescue Home Teacher for	
Girls.....	58 00
Salary, Miss Capel	72 00
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Total.....	\$ 715 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 120 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Salary, Dr. R.R. Benn	
Incidentals	600 00
150 00	
Home Passage.....	350 00
Woman for Hospital Work..	50 00
House Gate Keeper	50 00
Watchman.....	50 00
Drugs and Instruments.....	200 00
Current Expenses for Hos-	
pital.....	100 00
Coolies	100 00
Hospital Gate Keeper.....	50 00
Chair Hire.....	50 00
New Building, West Gate	
Dispensary	600 00
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Total	\$ 2,470 00

Central China.

<i>Kiu Kiang</i> , Scholarship.....	\$ 120 00
Bible Women.....	50 00
Itinerating.....	50 00
Teachers for Day School.....	50 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Salary, Miss L. M. White.....	60 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	40 00
Teachers.....	110 00
Total.....	\$ 1,170 00

Foochow.

<i>Foochow</i> , Hospital Expenses.....	\$ 150 00
Medical Students.....	80 00
Night Watchman.....	24 00
Salary, Dr. Hu King Eug.....	450 00
Orphanage.....	90 00
Total.....	\$ 794 00

Japan.

<i>Hakodati</i> , Salary Miss A. Dick- erson.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Salary of Miss F. Singer.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Rent of land.....	65 00
Scholarships.....	360 00
Addition to building kinder- garten.....	500 00
Graduate teachers.....	174 00
<i>Otaru</i> , Bible woman Mrs. Takamie.....	40 00
<i>Tokyo</i> , Aoyama scholarships.....	320 00
Traveling expenses for Mrs. Wier.....	16 00
Day school Asakusa.....	400 00
Day school Kanda (partial).....	240 00
Day school visitor, Miss Iida.....	72 00
Bible woman, Mrs. Takas- hima.....	68 00
<i>Gunza</i> Bible woman, Miss Tukemonchi.....	48 00
Night school.....	24 00
Traveling.....	120 00
Insurance.....	32 00
Salary Miss M. A. Spencer.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Building at Aoyama.....	500 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , Nishio Bible woman rent and supplies.....	80 00
Gifu Bible women rent and supplies.....	80 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Mrs. Takamori.....	84 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	160 00
Scholarship in Bible depart- ment.....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 5,673 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 144 00
Hospital attendants.....	150 00
Bible woman Drusilla Ni.....	50 00
Tai Syengi Koung gateman.....	50 00
Total.....	\$ 394 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , Salary Amelia Diem.....	\$ 300 00
Second assistant, native teacher.....	200 00
<i>Hotanza</i> , Teacher.....	80 00
Bible woman.....	100 00
<i>Loftcha</i> , Scholarship.....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 720 00

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Scholarship.....	\$ 200 00
Debt on property.....	150 00
Total.....	\$ 350 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Salary Miss M. D. Loyd.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	300 00
Teacher Miss Luz Aguilar.....	200 00
Matron.....	200 00
Rent of Rooms in Gante.....	70 00
Treasurer's Expenses.....	30 00
<i>San Vincente</i> , Native Teacher.....	200 00
Rent and School Supplies.....	80 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , Native Teacher.....	200 00
Water Tax.....	40 00
Rent.....	200 00
Scholarships.....	120 00
Salary New Missionary.....	400 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Salary Miss Limberger.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Salary Miss Dunmore.....	60 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Bible Woman.....	130 00
Scholarships.....	180 00
<i>Teletla</i> , Assistant.....	200 00
Total.....	\$4,950 00

South America.

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Teacher.....	200 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Repairs and Taxes.....	100 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Salary, Assistant Teacher.....	150 00
Scholarship.....	100 00
Interest.....	50 00
<i>Peru</i> , Rent.....	150 00
Bible Women.....	100 00
Total.....	\$1,000 00

Summary.

North India.....	\$3,192 00
North West India.....	1,690 00
Bombay.....	3,846 00
South India.....	271 00
Bengal, Burma.....	324 00
Malaysia.....	643 00

North China.....	\$ 2,470 00
Central China.....	1,170 00
Foochow.....	794 00
Japan.....	5,073 00
Korea.....	394 00
Bulgaria.....	720 00
Italy.....	350 00
Mexico.....	4,950 00
South America.....	1,000 00
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New missionaries.....	\$27,559 00
Conditional.....	2,500 00
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Grand Total.....	\$31,000 00

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

North India.

Naini Tal, Rent for school houses.....	41 00
Matron.....	20 00
Munshi.....	20 00
Scholarships.....	210 00
Traveling and Evangelistic.....	92 00
Rent for home.....	50 00
Bhabar Schools.....	25 00
Deerachat, Bible women.....	64 00
Conveyance.....	33 00
Pithoragarh, Scholarship in home.....	16 00
Chanday, Miss Reed's salary, (partial) and work.....	430 00
Moradabad, Scholarships.....	120 00
2nd assistant.....	220 00
Miss Gallimore's Salary.....	650 00
Bareilly, Orphanage.....	120 00
3d Assistant.....	220 00
Lucknow, Scholarship (I. Hart).....	26 00
Matron.....	49 00
Scholarships.....	100 00
Munshi.....	20 00
Coloncljanj, Bible women and teachers.....	90 00
Nauabganj, Bible women and teachers.....	71 00
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Total.....	\$ 2,743 00

Northwest India.

Muttra, Maulvi and Teacher.....	\$ 68 00
Bible Woman Itinerating.....	64 00
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Total.....	\$132 00

Bombay.

Bombay, Scholarship.....	60 00
Unpaid Building Fund.....	112 00
Poona, Schools.....	90 00
Medicines.....	75 00
Bible Woman.....	40 00
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Total.....	\$ 377 00

South India.

Haiderabad, Balance on property.....	\$ 100 00
Miss Ross' salary.....	206 00
Scholarships in Miss Wood's school.....	50 00
Building and Repairs.....	300 00
Kopbal, Bible women and conveyance.....	100 00
Madras, Balance on property.....	250 00
Miss Stephens' salary.....	300 00
Bible woman.....	30 00
Evangelist (Elizabeth).....	42 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
Guilford school.....	17 00
Bangalore, Mrs. Walker's assistant.....	120 00
Rent.....	12 00
Kolar, Miss Chatterton's Salary.....	189 00
Miss Chatterton's Munshi.....	13 00
Scholarships and orphans.....	210 00
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Total.....	\$2,179 00

Korea.

Seoul, Scholarships.....	336 00
Matron.....	50 00
Miss Lewis' Salary.....	600 00
Incidentals to work.....	150 00
Hospital, in patients.....	87 00
Repairs.....	25 00
Traveling expenses.....	25 00
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Total.....	\$1,273 00

Japan.

Hakodati, Scholarship.....	\$ 80 00
Hirosaki, Teachers (1st and 2nd grade).....	68 00
Aomori, Travel and supplies for Suzuki San.....	25 00
Suzuki San's support.....	78 00
Kodate Katsu's support.....	30 00
Kodate Katsu, travel and supplies.....	20 00
Tokyo Aoyama, Miss Bender's home salary.....	350 00
Penmanship teacher.....	100 00
Scholarship.....	120 00
Industrial department.....	
Scholarships.....	40 00
Embroidery teacher.....	60 00
Tsukiji, Scholarships.....	120 00
Kanda Day school.....	240 00
Yokohama, Miss Simon's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals to work.....	150 00
Bible woman.....	80 00
Nagasaki, Scholarship.....	160 00
Japanese literature teacher.....	172 00
Kumamoto, Bible woman's support and travel.....	80 00
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Total.....	\$ 2,573 00

North China.

Peking, Scholarships.....	\$ 120 00
Tartar City day school.....	75 00

<i>Tientsin</i> , Hospital matron.....	\$ 50 00
Dispensary assistant.....	50 00
<i>Tsun-Hwa</i> , Day schools.....	45 00
Fuel.....	15 00

Total..... \$ 355 00

Central China.

<i>Chinkiang</i> , Orphans.....	\$ 40 00
Bedding and clothing.....	40 00
Books and stationery.....	20 00
<i>Kinkiang</i> , Scholarships.....	100 00
Gateman.....	37 00
Fuel.....	15 00

Total..... \$ 252 00

Foochow Conference.

<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Sites' return expenses.....	\$ 300 00
Miss Sites' home salary.....	300 00
Scholarship.....	225 00
Medical students.....	80 00
Hospital Bible woman.....	20 00
Repairs.....	35 00
City Hospital Expenses.....	230 00
" " assistant.....	50 00
" " watchman.....	24 00
Orphans.....	240 00
Land for orphanage (conditional).....	150 00
<i>Mingchiang</i> , Woman's school.....	275 00
<i>Kucheng</i> , Day schools.....	400 00
<i>Hinghwa</i> , Juliet Turner, memorial school.....	330 00
Juliet Turner, scholarship.....	20 00
Enlarging.....	300 00
Official expenses.....	20 00

Total..... \$ 2,931 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , orphans.....	\$ 120 00
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Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Bible woman.....	150 00
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Total..... \$ 270 00

Contingent.

<i>Foochow</i> land for orphanage..	150 00
<i>Chinkiang</i> school building....	1,300 00

Total..... \$ 1,450 00

Summary.

North India.....	\$ 2,711 00
North West India.....	132 00
Bombay.....	377 00
South India.....	2,173 00
Korea.....	1,273 00
Japan.....	2,573 00
North China.....	355 00
Central China.....	252 00
<i>Foochow</i>	2,931 00
Mexico.....	120 00
Italy.....	150 00

Total..... \$13,073 00

Contingent..... 1,450 00

Grand total..... \$14,523 00

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Chandag</i> , Miss Reed.....	\$ 573 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Scholarships.....	100 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships (\$100) medicines (\$20).....	120 00
<i>Budaon</i> , 1st Assistant.....	200 00
<i>Sambhal</i> , Scholarships.....	100 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage.....	200 00
<i>Shahjahanpore</i> , Scholarships.....	750 00
School, teachers, repairs, &c. City work, Bible readers, day schools and conveyances.....	650 00
<i>Tilhar</i> , Bible readers and schools.....	80 00
<i>Pawayan</i> , Bible readers and schools.....	80 00
<i>Jalalabad</i>	110 00
<i>Seclapra</i> , Boarding school, scholarships.....	500 00
Assistants, teachers, matron, &c.....	650 00
Zenana work, assistants, Bible women, conveyances.....	650 00
Interest on rent.....	100 00
District work.....	250 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Misses Thoburn & Hoge.....	650 00
2d Assistant.....	240 00
Persian teacher.....	120 00
Miss Eva M. Hardie.....	300 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
Repairs.....	60 00
Deaconess' Home (conditional).....	600 00
Repairs.....	60 00
Home for Homeless--Matron and teachers.....	200 00
New roof (conditional).....	600 00
<i>Barabanka</i> , Schools and Bible readers.....	300 00
<i>Gondah</i> , Miss Scott.....	325 00
2d Assistant.....	140 00
Repairs.....	70 00
Scholarships.....	100 00
Medicines.....	30 00

Total..... \$ 9,635 00

Northwest India.

<i>Agra</i> , Repairs and conveyance.....	\$ 85 00
<i>Aligarh</i> , Sending missionary..	550 00
<i>Muttra</i> , Scholarships.....	130 00
Medical missionary.....	550 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Munshi.....	40 00
Assistant.....	200 00
Interest on tax.....	75 00

Total..... \$ 1,630 00

Bombay.

Property.....	236 00
<i>Poona</i> , B. readers and schools.....	800 00
Medical work.....	100 00

Total..... \$1,136 00

South India.

<i>Hyderabad</i> , Last payment on property	\$ 150 00
Miss Thomas	155 00
Munshi	30 00
<i>Bastar Province</i> , Dr. Ernsberger	650 00
Traveling expenses	40 00
Medical Bible women	80 00
Rent	275 00
Building home	2,000 00
<i>Vikarabad</i> , Teacher and B. women	125 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Scholarship	180 00
Conveyance	80 00
Two munshies	25 00
<i>Bungalore</i> , Rent	80 00
Schools	80 00
Total	\$3,940 00

Bengal Conference.

<i>Calcutta</i> , Rent	100 00
Conveyance	100 00
Probation Deaconess	120 00
Scholarship	84 00
Miss Blair, passage and home salary	580 00
<i>Pakur</i> , Orphans	200 00
Bible women	100 00
Dispensary	100 00
Bengal work in Calcutta	700 00
<i>Rangoon</i> , Miss Keeler	325 00
Scholarships	200 00
Miss Wisner's home salary and passage	675 00
Contingent	120 00
Total	\$3,404 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Miss Ayres	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Orphans	300 00
Porter	160 00
Prof. Ramirez	320 00
Repairs and Incidentals	160 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Miss A. Palcios	320 00
Porter	140 00
School Supplies	180 00
Taxes	240 00
Repairs	180 00
Music teacher	120 00
Scholarship	180 00
<i>Orizaba</i> , Miss Valasquez	200 00
Rent	200 00
Porter	80 00
School Supplies	80 00
<i>Tzontepac</i>	125 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , Porter	70 00
Total	\$3,805 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Scholarships	\$ 450 00
Matron	50 00
Cook	50 00
Native teacher	100 00

Repairs	\$ 100 00
Sending missionary	550 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Repairs	100 00
<i>Tsun-Hwa</i> , Scholarships	100 00
Country schools	75 00
Repairs	75 00
Miss Sears, home salary	250 00
Total	\$ 1,900 00

Foochow.

<i>Foochow</i> , Woman's school	110 00
Scholarships	200 00
Gateman	20 00
Repairs	60 00
Medical student	80 00
Miss Bonafield's return passage	325 00
Miss Bonafield's salary	600 00
Incidental	150 00
<i>Hing Hwa</i> , Day schools	680 00
Bible readers	410 00
Dr. Donahue	550 00
Medical assistants, Bible Women and medicines	250 00
<i>Sewingin</i> , Woman's school	275 00
Conference expenses	20 00
Total	\$3,730 00
Total for China	\$5,630 00

Japan.

<i>Hokodati</i> , Scholarships	160 00
Repairs on wall	75 00
Water tax	20 00
<i>Sendai</i> , Miss Allen	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Rent of house	75 00
Tracts for S. S.	15 00
Industrial school	180 00
<i>Tokyo</i> , Miss Miya, Mrs. Chappelles, Bible woman	100 00
Scholarships	160 00
Matron	65 00
Sunday school work	50 00
Tracts for Sunday school East Tokyo	50 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Scholarships	80 00
<i>Nagayo</i> , Teacher of mathematics	150 00
Total	\$ 1,930 00

Nagasaki.

Miss Russell	\$ 600 00
Incidental	150 00
Miss Kidwell	600 00
Incidental	150 00
Music teacher	550 00
Water rent	50 00
Scholarships	50 00
Ground rent	260 00
Repairs	160 00
Science teacher	570 00
Assistants	360 00
Chinese teacher	100 00
Primary	80 00

Preparatory.....	\$ 130 00
Industrial.....	190 00
Dispensary and city work...	350 00
<i>Kumomata</i>	400 00
Miss Omura Sin.....	60 00
Miss Mishimura.....	80 00
Mrs. Sarata.....	80 00
Total.....	\$ 5,420 00

Fukuoka.

Miss Seeds.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Repair.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	160 00
Science teacher.....	300 00
Teacher of mathematics.....	130 00
Chinese teacher.....	140 00
Intermediate.....	130 00
Matron.....	30 00
Sunday schools.....	25 00

Total.....	\$ 1,765 00
Total for Japan.....	\$9,115 00

Italy.

Rome, Scholarships.....	100 00
Mothers' Meetings.....	50 00
New Building.....	250 00
Crèche.....	100 00

Total.....	\$500 00
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South America.

<i>Paraguay</i> , Miss Hammond.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Kehr.....	360 00
Assistant Teachers.....	480 00
School Supplies.....	100 00
Rent.....	700 00
<i>Rosario</i> , Matron.....	300 00
Scholarships.....	75 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Interest.....	150 00

Total.....	\$2,915 00
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Korra.

Miss Rothweiler.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Harris.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Frey.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Stationery.....	50 00
Gateman.....	50 00
Fuel.....	175 00
Evangelistic work.....	100 00
Itinerating.....	150 00
Traveling Expenses.....	75 00
Medicines and instruments.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	300 00

Total.....	\$3,250 00
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Malaysia.

Bible woman for Mrs. Munson.....	72 00
Interest.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	88 00
Penang.....	100 00
Total.....	\$330 00

Summary.

North India.....	\$9,630 00
Northwest India.....	1,630 00
Bombay Conference.....	1,136 00
South India Conference.....	3,950 00
Bengal Conference.....	3,404 00
North China.....	1,900 00
Poochow Conference.....	3,730 00
Japan.....	9,115 00
Korea.....	3,250 00
Mexico.....	3,805 00
South America.....	2,915 00
Malaysa.....	360 00
Italy.....	500 00

Total.....	\$45,325 00
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NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

North India Conference.

<i>Dwarahat</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 240 00
Teachers.....	48 00
Medicines.....	33 00
Repairs.....	33 00
<i>Pilhoragarh</i> , Scholarships.....	224 00
Hospital.....	333 00
<i>Bhol</i> , Native deaconesses.....	56 00
Girls.....	80 00
Schools.....	48 00
Bible readers.....	60 00
Medicines.....	33 00
Itinerating and conveyance.....	93 00
Pundit.....	20 00
Expenses to conference.....	25 00
<i>Pauri</i> , Scholarships.....	80 00
Second assistant.....	240 00
School servants.....	40 00
Bible woman.....	80 00
Itinerating.....	80 00
<i>Kinaur</i>	72 00
<i>Lansdowne</i>	60 00
<i>Kotliwara</i>	33 00
<i>Srinagar</i>	17 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Scholarships.....	180 00
Training school teacher.....	33 60
Village work.....	197 00
<i>Chandausi</i>	160 00
<i>Kundarki</i>	167 00
<i>Thakurdwara</i>	60 00
<i>Kauth</i>	30 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships.....	220 00
First assistant.....	240 00
Matron.....	40 00
Munshi.....	20 00
Conveyance and itinerating.....	75 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Miss Wilson.....	325 00
Second assistant.....	200 00
Mrs. Thomas itinerating.....	33 00
City schools and zenanas.....	167 00
Village work.....	207 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
Itinerating.....	33 00
Munshi.....	17 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Scholarships.....	160 00
Medical work.....	240 00
Dr. Dart.....	650 00
Traveling expenses.....	300 00
Medical outfit.....	50 00
<i>Panahpur</i>	83 00

Mahamb,	\$ 67 00
Lucknow, Third assistant.....	220 00
Blindow scholarships.....	75 00
Blind Women.....	8 00
Mrs. Ledlie.....	160 00
Mrs. Mansell's itinerating.....	17 00
Conveyance.....	80 00
Tower and clock, Lucknow College.....	1,000 00
Endowment of professorship in Lucknow College (con- ditional).....	2,000 00
Gonda, Assistant.....	220 00
Total	\$ 9,934 00

Northwest India,

Aliyarb, Miss Greene.....	\$ 650 00
Miss Davis.....	220 00
Miss Bannejee.....	180 00
Munshi.....	24 00
Teacher.....	24 00
Scholarship.....	400 00
Medicines.....	13 00
Repairs.....	34 00
Rent.....	267 00
For Bell.....	200 00
Muttra, Miss Rowe.....	325 00
Miss Boyd.....	240 00
Miss Wright.....	325 00
Outfit and traveling expen- ses.....	550 00
English scholarship.....	180 00
Native scholarship.....	100 00
Boarding school matron.....	40 00
Zenana assistant.....	240 00
Land tax.....	25 00
Cawnpore, Mrs. Worthington, Scholarships.....	300 00
Village and mohalla work.....	150 00
Taxes.....	140 00
Conveyance and itinerating.....	52 00
Interest.....	96 00
25 00	
Bulandshahr, Bible women, schools and itinerating.....	50 00
Total	\$ 5,300 00

South India,

Haidrabad, Payment on prop- erty.....	\$ 150 00
Madras, Miss Chatterton.....	223 00
Miss Heard.....	189 00
Scholarship.....	25 00
Conveyance.....	52 00
Munshi.....	28 00
Property.....	500 00
Kolar, Scholarship.....	84 00
Matron and teacher.....	189 00
Total	\$ 1,440 00

Bombay,

Bombay, Miss Carroll.....	\$ 650 00
Traveling expenses.....	350 00
Miss Thomas.....	240 00
Miss DeLine, home salary.....	30 00
Conveyances.....	160 00

Pundit.....	\$ 34 00
Bible women.....	84 00
Day schools.....	131 00
Scholarship.....	100 00
Taxes.....	100 00
Building fund.....	800 00
Poona, Rent.....	500 00
Two missionaries.....	650 00
Out fit and traveling expenses	1000 00
Jubbulpore, Building.....	1000 00
Total.....	\$6,103 00

Bengal,

Asansol, Scholarships.....	200 00
Teachers.....	160 00
Native teachers.....	32 00
Medicines.....	32 00
Building grant.....	276 00
Calcutta, Miss Daily, one quarter's salary.....	162 00
Traveling expenses.....	300 00
Home salary.....	262 00
Miss Stahl.....	400 00
Miss Kirschner.....	162 00
Scholarships.....	504 00
Rent.....	370 00
Mazefarpur, Bible women and girl's school.....	80 00
Doctor's and assistants salary	60 00
Servants.....	20 00
Medicine and dispensary.....	120 00
Balance on dispensary.....	72 00
Orphans.....	80 00
Matron.....	60 00
Total.....	\$3,332 00

Malaysia,

Singapore, Chinese Matron	\$ 108 00
Scholarships.....	66 00
Contingencies.....	100 00
Interest.....	220 00
Payment on property.....	150 00
Rent of Rescue Home.....	216 00
Total.....	\$ 860 00

North China,

Peking, Dr. Gloss.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	50 00
Drugs.....	300 00
Hospital expenses.....	200 00
Scholarships.....	360 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Matron.....	50 00
Miss Steere.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Traveling expenses.....	350 00
Tientsin, West Gate dispen- sary.....	200 00
Tsun Hua, Woman's training school.....	350 00
Total.....	\$3,460 00

Central China.

<i>Kinkiang</i> , Miss Howe.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Ida Kahn's traveling expenses.....	300 00
Outfit.....	200 00
Scholarships.....	100 00
Women's school.....	150 00
Teachers.....	105 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Rent and keeper of bungalow.....	36 00
New Missionary.....	1,000 00
<i>Chinkiang</i> , Miss Robinson.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Traveling expenses.....	300 00
Scholarships.....	60 00
Cook and Matron.....	48 00
Repairs and taxes.....	90 00
Enlarging school building.....	1,500 00
<i>Nanking</i> , Mrs. Davis.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Shaw.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Peters' home salary.....	60 00
Traveling expenses.....	300 00
Repairs.....	75 00
Itinerating.....	25 00
Boarding school teacher.....	75 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Women's schools.....	150 00
Teachers.....	40 06
Rent.....	24 00
Matron, cook and gateman.....	86 00
Bible woman.....	32 00
Teacher.....	32 00
Total.....	\$8,038 00

West China.

<i>Chungking</i> , Medical work.....	\$ 250 00
Boarding School.....	250 00
Day school.....	50 00
<i>Chentu</i> , Day school.....	62 00
Bible woman.....	30 00
Total.....	\$ 642 00

Foochow.

<i>Foochow</i> , day schools and traveling.....	\$ 275 00
Boarding school scholarships.....	90 00
Hospital expenses.....	450 00
Matron and gateman.....	54 00
Insurance on School and hospital.....	35 00
Orphans.....	210 00
City hospital expenses.....	225 00
City hospital assistant.....	50 00
Matron.....	24 00
Dr. Lyon.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Dr. Masters.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Orphans.....	210 00
<i>Mingchiang</i> , Miss Peters.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Day schools.....	220 00
Bible women.....	100 00

Tongking, Day schools and traveling.....

Women's classes.....	\$ 150 00
Bible woman.....	36 00
<i>Hing Hua</i> , Miss Wilson.....	425 00
Hospital expenses.....	100 00
Home.....	500 00
<i>Ing Chung</i> , Day schools.....	175 00
Bible women.....	27 00
Women and girls' boarding schools.....	300 00
Gateman.....	22 00
Conference expenses.....	20 00
Total.....	\$ 6,168 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 240 00
Insurance.....	65 00
Repairs.....	250 00
Fuel.....	175 00
Chairman.....	50 00
Total.....	\$ 780 00

Japan.

<i>Hakodati</i> , Scholarship teacher.....	\$ 40 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
Mathematics teacher.....	240 00
<i>Kabato</i> , Bible woman.....	80 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Miss Locke.....	500 00
Kindergarten teacher.....	144 00
Primary teacher.....	100 00
Music teacher.....	132 00
Chinese teacher.....	288 00
Translation teacher.....	116 00
Japanese literature teacher.....	108 00
Scholarships.....	600 00
Ground rent.....	228 00
<i>Tsukiji</i> , Day school.....	400 00
<i>Fukagawa</i> , Day school.....	400 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Bible training school.....	280 00
Bible teacher.....	120 00
Music teachers.....	110 00
Books and tracts.....	100 00
Fuel and lights.....	120 00
Furniture and repairs.....	100 00
Traveling and itinerating.....	50 00
<i>Aizawa</i> , Day school.....	200 00
<i>Tobi</i> , Day school.....	250 00
<i>Kanagawa</i> , Day school.....	250 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , Miss Alling.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Heaton.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Translation teacher.....	240 00
Science teacher.....	180 00
Drawing teacher.....	40 00
Traveling expenses.....	50 00
Repairs.....	20 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Mrs. Van Pelt.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Scholarships in training school.....	160 00
Mathematics teacher.....	326 00

<i>Kagoshima</i> , Bible women.....	\$ 106 00
Rent.....	40 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Scholarships.....	200 00
Bible woman, Mrs. Shibata..	84 00

\$9,092 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico</i> , Scholarships.....	360 00
Assistant.....	400 00
Physician and medicines.....	50 00
Water and street tax.....	50 00
<i>Miatafores</i> , Sewing teacher.....	80 00
School supplies.....	125 00
Rent.....	40 00
Furniture.....	50 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Music teacher.....	192 00
Primary teacher.....	200 00
School supplies.....	200 00
Repairs and furniture.....	200 00
Porter.....	124 00
Miss Van Dorsten.....	60 00
<i>Guanaajuata</i> , Incidentals.....	150 00
Kindergarten teacher.....	200 00
Scholarships.....	160 00
School supplies.....	70 00
Rent.....	240 00
Porter.....	100 00
New Building.....	3,000 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Kindergarten teacher.....	240 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
New room and supplies.....	180 00
<i>Ayizaco</i> , Misses Rodriguez.....	320 00
Rent.....	120 00
School supplies.....	40 00
Porter and cleaning.....	25 00
<i>Tetela</i> , Rent.....	150 00
Teacher.....	240 00
School supplies.....	70 00
Water.....	10 00
<i>Canada</i> , Teacher.....	200 00
Rent for school and teacher.....	90 00

Total..... \$ 8,516 00

South America.

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 150 00
Rent.....	400 00
Repairs.....	100 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Miss Hewett.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Assistant teachers.....	740 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Porter.....	120 00
Repairs.....	200 00
Taxes.....	100 00
Interest on loan.....	350 00
Insurance.....	35 00
Supply (conditional).....	300 00
<i>Rosario</i> , Miss Porter.....	400 00
Matron.....	300 00
Furniture.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	525 00
Payment on property.....	1,000 00

Total..... \$ 5,770 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Lofcha</i> , Miss Blackburn.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Diem.....	600 00

Incidentals.....	\$ 150 00
Miss Raicharn.....	300 00
Scholarships.....	280 00
Incidentals.....	100 00
Books and apparatus.....	100 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Traveling expenses.....	100 00

Total..... \$ 2,480 00

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Miss Vickery.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Basye.....	400 00
Scholarships.....	300 00
Teachers.....	340 00
Taxes and insurance.....	100 00
Contingent Fund.....	200 00
Payment on property.....	1,000 00
High School.....	1,800 00
Miss Hall, home salary.....	225 00

\$ 5,115 00

North Germany.

<i>Zwickau</i> , Bible work.....	100 00
<i>Schneeberg</i> , Bible work.....	50 00

Total..... \$ 150 00

Switzerland.

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

Total..... \$ 350 00

Summary.

North India.....	\$9,934 00
North West India.....	5,100 00
South India.....	1,440 00
Bombay.....	6,103 00
Bengal-Burma.....	3,332 00
Malaysia.....	860 00
North China.....	3,460 00
Central China.....	8,038 00
West China.....	642 00
Foochow.....	6,168 00
Korea.....	780 00
Japan.....	9,092 00
Mexico.....	8,516 00
South America.....	5,770 00
Bulgaria.....	2,480 00
Italy.....	5,115 00
North Germany.....	150 00
Switzerland.....	350 00

Grand Total..... \$77,530 00

DES MOINES BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Orphans and widows.....	\$ 448 00
Women.....	24 00
<i>Pauri</i> , Orphans.....	272 00
Repairs.....	67 00

<i>Moratalabad</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 80 00
Miss Kemper, home salary.....	300 00
Miss Fredrick.....	200 00
Teachers.....	80 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships.....	30 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Scholarships.....	300 00
Repairs.....	67 00
Medicine.....	17 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphans.....	200 00
Training class.....	40 00
<i>Shahjahanpur</i> , Bidwell school.....	130 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Mrs. J. C. Hunt.....	300 00
Miss L. Singh, A. M.....	300 00
Miss Ituth Collins.....	650 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Bible women.....	190 00
Conveyance.....	67 00
Medicine.....	12 00
Total.....	\$ 3,744 00

North West India.

<i>Aligarh</i> , Bible women.....	\$ 150 00
Conveyance.....	67 00
Itinerating.....	34 00
<i>Multra</i> , Scholarship, boarding school.....	25 00
<i>Mecrut</i> , Miss A. E. Lawson.....	650 00
Scholarships.....	250 00
Second assistant.....	194 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Scholarships.....	108 00
Miss Ada Lauek.....	425 00
Miss Lizzie Tryon.....	425 00
<i>Kasganj District</i> , Women's schools.....	78 00
Bible readers and teachers.....	644 00
Itinerating.....	34 00
Total.....	\$ 3,084 00

Bombay.

<i>Bombay</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 160 00
Native teachers.....	142 00
<i>Jabalpore</i> , Assistant.....	240 00
Scholarships.....	800 00
Teachers.....	80 00
Matron.....	40 00
Conveyance.....	80 00
Repairs.....	66 00
Bible women.....	50 00
Miss Anna Elicker.....	650 00
Dormitories.....	1,500 00
<i>Khandwa</i> , Scholarships.....	240 00
Training class.....	90 00
Miss Myatt.....	180 00
Matron, rent, etc.....	190 00
Total.....	\$ 4,508 00

South India.

<i>Haidarabad</i> , Miss Catharine Wood.....	325 00
Munshi.....	30 00
Horse and conveyance.....	172 00
House expenses.....	60 00
Miss Alice Evans.....	325 00
Outgoing expenses.....	325 00
House Expenses.....	60 00
Mrs. Emily Jones.....	223 00

<i>Bangalore</i> , Bible women.....	\$ 50 00
Schools.....	72 00
Mrs. Walker, Conveyance.....	86 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Miss Maskell.....	220 00
Bible woman.....	60 00
Scholarships.....	112 00

Total..... \$ 2,120 00

Bengal-Burma.

<i>Rangoon</i> , Miss Fannie Perkins.....	325 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
<i>Pakur</i> , Orphans.....	200 00

Total..... \$ 765 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 340 00
<i>Han Tsun</i> (conditional).....	100 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Miss Wilson.....	600 00
Incidentals to work.....	150 00
Bible woman.....	50 00

Total..... \$ 1,200 00

West China.

<i>Chung-King</i> , Miss Helen Gallo-way.....	\$ 300 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Fannie Meyer.....	300 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	50 00
Day school.....	24 00

Total..... \$ 974 00

Central China.

<i>Kiukiang</i> , Miss Ogborn.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Mary Stone, support.....	300 00
Mary Stone, return.....	325 00
Outfit, medical and personal.....	200 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Books and stationery.....	25 00
Matron.....	25 00
Cook.....	25 00
Business man.....	25 00
Doctor and medicines.....	50 00
Total.....	\$ 1,875 00

Foochow.

Miss Wilkinson.....	\$ 450 00
Scholarships.....	340 00
Orphans.....	60 00

<i>Hok Chiang</i> , Twelve day schools.....	550 00
Bible women.....	96 00
Woman's school.....	300 00
Girls' boarding school.....	450 00
Gateman.....	24 00
Cistern, drain, &c.....	80 00
Furnishing.....	200 00
Native doctor.....	50 00
Miss Trimble, home salary.....	350 00
Miss Trimble's return.....	350 00
Miss Allen.....	450 00

Total..... \$ 3,750 00

Japan.

<i>Hakodati</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 160 00
Graduate teachers.....	174 00
Scholarship teachers.....	40 00
<i>Hirosaki</i> , Miss Alice Otto.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher, 7th and 8th grade ..	144 00
Books and supplies.....	20 00
<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships.....	240 00
Mathematics.....	240 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Miss Mary Griffiths	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	160 00
Total.....	\$ 2,678 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarships....	\$ 240 00
Teacher, Mrs. Perez.....	200 00
Lights.....	100 00
<i>Ayapango</i> , Teacher.....	240 00
School supplies.....	40 00
Rent.....	40 00
<i>Tecontepee</i> , Native teacher ..	200 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Scholarships.....	240 00
Total.....	\$ 1,300 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Loficha</i> , Third assistant.....	\$ 180 00
Scholarships.....	80 00
Total.....	\$ 260 00

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 150 00
Property debt.....	150 00
Total.....	\$ 300 00

South America.

Miss E. S. Goodin.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Rent.....	180 00
Total.....	\$ 930 00

Summary.

India.....	\$14,221 00
China.....	7,799 00
Japan.....	2,678 00
Mexico.....	1,300 00
Bulgaria.....	260 00
Italy.....	300 00
South America.....	930 00
Contingent.....	2,512 00
Total.....	\$30,000 00

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , 13 Scholarships..	208 00
Matron.....	24 00
Teachers.....	75 00

<i>Pauri</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 192 00
<i>Badaon</i> , Scholarships.....	180 00
<i>Bramora</i> , Bible women.....	20 00
<i>Barcilly</i> , Scholarships.....	50 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Scholarships.....	170 00
Teacher.....	32 00
Total.....	\$961 00

Northwest India.

<i>Muttra</i> , Eva Brown, asst. miss.	\$ 300 00
Training school teacher ..	60 00
Scholarships.....	70 00
Conveyances.....	65 00
<i>Ajmere</i> , Teachers.....	40 00
Scholarships.....	100 00
<i>Munshi</i>	40 00

Musoorie District.

Mrs. Munsell's itinerating....	34 00
Bible reader and teacher....	67 00
<i>Rajpore</i> , Bible reader and	
teacher.....	34 00
Mrs. Osborne's itinerating... ..	10 00
<i>Lahore</i> , Bible readers.....	100 00
Mrs. Tindale's itinerating	
and conveyance.....	34 00
<i>Patiola</i> , Bible readers.....	42 00
<i>Droband</i> , Bible readers.....	40 00
<i>Rooke</i> , Bible reader and	
teacher.....	40 00
Christian day schools.....	48 00
Evangelistic work.....	19 00
Bible reader, Lois Ludd.....	32 00
Total.....	\$ 1,175 00

South India.

<i>Bastar</i> , Bible women.....	35 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Bible women.....	40 00
Scholarships.....	56 00
Total.....	\$ 131 00

Bengal Conference.

<i>Rangoon</i> , Orphans.....	128 00
Total.....	\$ 128 00

Bombay.

<i>Bombay</i> , 2 day schools.....	\$ 135 00
Scholars.....	180 00
Two training school scholar-	
ships.....	40 00
Matron.....	100 00
Conveyance.....	160 00
Taxes and Insurance.....	30 00
Miss Abram's Salary.....	325 00
Miss Sterling's salary.....	325 00
Assistant.....	240 00
Building Fund.....	500 00
<i>Harda</i> , Bible readers.....	35 00
Total.....	\$2,070 00

Malaysia.

<i>Singapore</i> , Miss Blackmore ..	\$ 425 00
Mrs. Lewis ..	180 00
Mrs. Lewis, extra allowance ..	72 00
Mrs. Jones, salary ..	144 00
Mrs. Collick ..	72 00
Scholarships ..	138 00
Conveyance for evangelistic work ..	180 00
Assistant teacher for Mrs. Lewis ..	108 00
Interest on home ..	210 00
<i>Penang</i> Women's work ..	400 00
Mary C. Ninde ..	500 00
Total ..	\$2,429 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Lofcha</i> , Two scholarships ..	80 00
Total ..	\$ 80 00

China.

<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Willma H. Rouse ..	550 00
Scholarships ..	150 00
Rent for woman's school ..	100 00
<i>Kuching</i> , Scholarships ..	200 00
Total ..	\$ 1,000 00

Japan.

<i>Tokyo</i> , Miss Blackstock ..	600 00
Insurance ..	40 00
Repairs and fencing ..	100 00
Scholarships ..	400 00
Matron ..	70 00
Japanese teacher ..	50 00
Translation teacher ..	50 00
Penmanship teacher ..	50 00
Pupil Emb. teacher ..	40 00
Pupil sewing teacher ..	40 00
Etiquette and cooking ..	50 00
Total ..	\$1,490 00

Northern Japan.

<i>Hakodati</i> , Scholarships ..	\$ 160 00
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Central Japan.

<i>Morioka</i> , Bible woman ..	80 00
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Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarship ..	\$ 60 00
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Summary.

Bengal ..	\$ 128 00
Bombay ..	2,070 00
Bulgaria ..	80 00
China ..	1,000 00
Japan ..	1,730 00
Malaysia ..	2,429 00
Mexico ..	60 00
North India ..	961 00
Northwest India ..	1,175 00
South India ..	131 00
Total ..	\$ 9,764 00
Contingent ..	236 00
Grand total ..	\$ 10,000 00

TOPEKA BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Pauri</i> , Scholarships ..	\$ 339 00
Bible women ..	50 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Scholarships ..	96 00
Bible women ..	30 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships ..	50 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Scholarships ..	200 00
Bible women ..	25 00
<i>Barilly</i> , Orphanage ..	150 00
<i>Seelampur</i> , Scholarships ..	50 00
Bible women ..	80 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible woman ..	30 00
Miss Fuller, Home Salary ..	300 00
Total ..	\$1,400 00

Northwest India.

<i>Ajmer</i> , Scholarships ..	\$ 300 00
Medicines ..	17 00
Rethatching Home ..	100 00
Water-wheel and ground taxes ..	34 00
Bible readers ..	40 00
Conveyances ..	50 00
Itinerating ..	34 00
Five Bible readers, three schools ..	117 00
Itinerating ..	17 00
District evangelistic work ..	40 00
Debt on property ..	1,000 00
<i>Meerut Howard Plesed School</i> , Property ..	1,500 00
Scholarships ..	300 00
Teachers ..	120 00
Matron ..	40 00
Medicines ..	50 00
Repairs ..	30 00
<i>Mrs. Buck's Work</i> , Teacher ..	28 00
Conveyance ..	32 00
Itinerating ..	30 00
District evangelistic work ..	50 00
Bible readers ..	36 00
<i>Napur</i> , Bible readers ..	40 00
<i>Mauana</i> , Bible readers ..	44 00
<i>Miranpore</i> , Bible readers ..	24 00
<i>Sonepul</i> , Bible readers ..	36 00
<i>Kasganj</i> , six Bible readers ..	100 00
Teachers ..	41 00
Total ..	\$1,250 00

South India.

<i>Siroucha</i> , Miss Blackmar's salary ..	\$ 650 00
Furniture ..	150 00
Traveling ..	40 00
Keeping horse ..	80 00
<i>Kophal</i> , Bible woman ..	30 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Orphans ..	70 00
Total ..	\$ 1,020 00

Bengal.

<i>Palsur</i> , Boarding school ..	\$ 100 00
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Japan.

Tokyo, Miss Watson, salary....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Imhof, salary	600 00
" Incidentals	150 00
New building	250 00
Scholarships	120 00
Yokohama, Bible women.....	120 00
Hakodati, Scholarships	200 00
Shirisanabc, Day school.....	30 00
Yamasetomari, Sunday school.	15 00
Main Street Sunday school....	15 00
Sappora, Bible woman.....	70 00
Hirosaki, Teacher.....	50 00
Total.....	\$ 2,370 00

North China.

Peking, Boarding school.....	\$ 150 00
Tientsin, Dr. Stevenson, salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Dr. Stevenson, teacher.....	100 00
Hospital Current expenses..	100 00
Drugs and instruments.....	100 00
Tsun Hwa, Boarding school....	210 00
Teacher	40 00
Total.....	\$ 1,450 00

Central China.

Chinkiang, Scholarships.....	\$ 120 00
Kiukiang, Scholarships.....	180 00
Total.....	\$ 300 00

Foochow.

Foochow, Boarding School....	\$ 75 00
Hing Hwa, Hamilton school...	800 00
Ku Cheng, Boarding school...	350 00
Totals.....	\$ 1,225 00

South America.

Rosario, Miss Swaney, salary..	\$ 600 00
Miss Swaney, incidentals.....	150 00
Assistants.....	700 00
Scholarships	300 00
Repairs and taxes.....	200 00
Cook	120 00
Building school room	300 00
Total.....	\$ 2,370 00
Contingent.....	515 00
Grand total.....	\$15,000 00

Summary.

India	\$ 6,770 00
Japan	2,370 00
China.....	2,975 00
South America.....	2,370 00
Contingent.....	515 00
Total.....	\$15,000 00

PACIFIC BRANCH.

North India.

Silapur, Miss Celesta Easton,	
salary	\$ 650 00
Two scholars	20 00
Pauni, Miss Marks, salary	650 00
Third assistant.....	35 00
Scholarships	192 00
Medicine	33 00
Bhabar, Bible readers.....	73 00
Barcilly, Scholarships.....	30 00
Budaon, Scholarships.....	150 00
Bijnour, Scholarships	40 00
Dwarahat, Scholarships.....	32 00
Pithoragarh, Scholarships.....	192 00
Gonda, Scholarships.....	130 00
Lucknow, Inspectress.....	18 00
Total.....	\$ 2,275 00

Northwest India.

Cawnpore, Scholarships.....	170 00
Ujmere, Scholarships.....	100 00
Matron	40 00
City work assistant.....	100 00
Mohulla Schools.....	25 00
Christian women's schools ..	60 00
Bir, Bible readers.....	60 00
Kishangarh and Pashkar, Bible	
readers	100 00
Nawa, Circuit and schools ..	140 00
Mrs. Lyon's intinerating.....	30 00
Bible readers.....	140 00
Meerut, Muzaffarnagar bible	
readers	95 00
Mrs. Whitby's salary, (½)....	140 00
Total	\$1,200 00

Bombay.

Kampti, School work.....	300 00
Mrs. Butterfield's salary....	200 00
Training class teacher.....	50 00
Bible women.....	60 00
Conveyance.....	80 00
Pundit	60 00
Total.....	\$750 00

South India.

Madras, Orphans.....	84 00
Bangalore, Bible women.....	20 00
Total.....	\$104 00

Bengal-Burma.

Rangoon, Orphans	90 00
Scholarships.....	300 00
Interest.....	120 00
Burmese school.....	50 00
Pakur, Orphans	280 00
Calcutta, Scholarships.....	84 00
Total	\$924 00

Japan.

<i>Aoyama</i> , Miss Russell's salary.	\$ 550 00
<i>Nagaya</i> , Bible women.....	80 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships	80 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Scholarships	40 00
Total.....	\$750 00

Central China.

<i>Chinkiang</i> , Dr. Taft's salary....	750 00
Total.....	\$750 00

Foochow.

<i>Hing Hua</i> , Scholarships.....	90 00
Total.....	\$90 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i>	60 00
Total.....	\$60 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Scholarships.....	96 00
Total.....	\$96 00

Summary.

North India.....	\$ 2,275 00
Northwest India.....	1,200 00
Bombay	750 00
Bengal-Burmah.....	924 00
South India.....	104 00
Japan	750 00
Central China.....	750 00
Foochow.....	90 00
North China	60 00
Korea.....	96 00
Total.....	\$ 6,999 00

COLUMBIA RIVER BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Dwarahat</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 48 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Scholarships....	80 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Scholarships.....	70 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Scholarships	30 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Zenana work, Mrs. Ward.....	160 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Scholarships.....	30 00
Native teachers.....	32 00
Total.....	\$ 450 00

Northwest India.

<i>Muttra</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 30 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Scholarships	50 00
<i>Meerut</i> , Scholarships.....	300 00
<i>Munshi</i>	20 00
Total.....	\$ 400 00

Bombay Conference.

<i>Bombay</i> , Native teachers in girls' school.....	\$ 142 00
Five scholars	100 00
<i>Thana</i> , Bible woman.....	24 00
<i>Nursinghpore</i> , Evangelistic work.....	100 00
Total.....	\$ 366 00

Bengal-Burmah Conference.

<i>Calcutta</i> , Scholarship.....	\$ 84 00
<i>Rangoon</i> , Orphans	78 00
Total.....	\$ 162 00

Malaysia.

Miss Ferris.....	\$ 425 00
Miss Foster	425 00
Teacher	114 00
Conveyance	180 00
Miss DeFoe	72 00
Scholarships.....	110 00
Interest.....	146 00
Repairs.....	120 00
Total.....	\$ 1,592 00

China.

<i>Foochow</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 30 00
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Japan.

<i>Hakodate</i> , Scholarships	\$ 120 00
Repairs.....	25 00
<i>Tokio</i> , Scholarships in industrial school	160 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Scholarships	80 00
Total.....	\$ 385 00

Summary.

North India.....	\$ 450 00
Northwest India	400 00
Bombay.....	366 00
Bengal-Burmah.....	162 00
Malaysia	1,592 00
China	30 00
Japan	385 00
Contingent	15 00
Total.....	\$ 3,400 00

Summary of Appropriations for 1895.

India.	BY COUNTRIES.	
North India Conference.....		\$ 50,731 00
Northwest India Conference.....		22,116 00
South India Conference.....		15,695 00
Bombay Conference.....		21,062 00
Bengal-Burmah Conference.....		11,917 00
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Total for India.....		\$121,521 00
Malaysia.....		\$ 6,474 00
China.		
North China.....		\$ 20,310 00
Central China.....		15,088 00
West China.....		2,265 00
Foochow.....		24,436 00
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Total for China.....		\$ 71,099 00
Japan.....		\$ 47,271 00
Korea.....		11,978 00
Mexico.....		24,271 00
Italy.....		7,810 00
Bulgaria.....		4,100 00
South America.....		20,960 00
Germany.....		150 00
Switzerland.....		350 00
Contingent.....		\$ 10,584 00
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Grand Total.....		\$326,568 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

AMOUNT OF MONEY COLLECTED FROM OCT. 1, 1894, TO OCT. 1, 1895,
BY BRANCHES AS FOLLOWS:—

New England Branch.....	\$ 40,121 00
New York Branch.....	50,000 00
Philadelphia Branch.....	28,089 00
Baltimore Branch.....	11,836 00
Cincinnati Branch.....	37,625 00
Northwestern Branch.....	66,404 00
Des Moines Branch.....	24,116 00
Minneapolis Branch.....	8,908 00
Topeka Branch.....	13,299 00
Pacific Branch.....	5,938 00
Columbia River Branch.....	2,891 00
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Total.....	\$289,227 00

Receipts of Society Since Organization.

From March, 1869, to April	1870.....	\$ 4,546	86
“ April 1, 1870, to “	1871.....	22,397	99
“ “ 1871, to “	1872.....	44,477	46
“ “ 1872, to “	1873.....	54,834	87
“ “ 1873, to “	1874.....	64,309	25
“ “ 1874, to “	1875.....	61,402	19
“ “ 1875, to Feb. 10, 1876	1876.....	55,276	06
“ Feb. 10, 1876, to “	1877.....	72,464	30
“ “ 1877, to “	1878.....	68,063	52
“ “ 1878, to “	1879.....	66,843	69
“ “ 1879, to “	1880.....	76,276	43
“ “ 1880, to “	1881.....	107,932	45
“ “ 1881, to Oct. 1,	1882.....	195,678	50
“ Oct. 1, 1882, to “	1883.....	126,823	33
“ “ 1883, to “	1884.....	143,199	14
“ “ 1884, to “	1885.....	157,442	66
“ “ 1885, to “	1886.....	167,098	85
“ “ 1886, to “	1887.....	191,158	13
“ “ 1887, to “	1888.....	206,308	69
“ “ 1888, to “	1889.....	226,496	15
“ “ 1889, to “	1890.....	220,329	96
“ “ 1890, to “	1891.....	263,660	69
“ “ 1891, to “	1892.....	265,342	15
“ “ 1892, to “	1893.....	277,393	79
“ “ 1893, to “	1894.....	311,925	96
“ “ 1894, to “	1895.....	289,227	00
Total since organization.....		\$3,740,910	27

Report of Publisher.

Pauline J. Walden, Publisher, in Account with Woman's Foreign Missionary Society from Oct. 1, 1894, to Oct. 1895.

To Cash on hand.....		\$657.65
" Received from Subscriptions to H. W. F....	\$9,951.41	
" " " " H. C. F....	1,879.38	
" " " " H. F. F....	778.97	\$12,609.76
" " " " The Study	\$ 432.55	
" " " Literature.....	1,168.31	\$1,600.86
" " " Advertising....	\$ 188.05	
" " " Int. on loans and deposits.	180.97	
" " " Sale of plates and cuts...		\$369.02 116.50
		<hr/> \$15,353.79
By Cash paid for Printing H. W. Friend.....	\$5,485.75	
" " Mailing and postage.....	1,280.22	
" " Engravings.....	65.99	
" " Editor's salary and incidentals...	732.83	\$7,564.79
" " Printing H. C. Friend..	\$1,333.07	
" " Mailing and postage.....	377.50	
" " Engravings.....	62.15	
" " Editor's salary and incidentals...	263.46	\$2,036.18
" " Printing H. F. Freund.....	\$515.85	
" " Mailing and postage.....	114.15	
" " Engravings.....	5.00	
" " Editor's salary and incidentals...	252.75	\$ 887.75
" " Literature expenses.....		2,422.85
" " Publisher's salary.....	\$700.00	
" " Office expenses.....	555.82	
" " Insurance.....	32.40	
" " Interest on loan.....	16.50	
" " Incidentals.....	77.80	\$1,332.52
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<i>Advanced by Order of General Executive Committee as follows:</i>		
By Traveling Expenses of Editors and Publisher to Washington, D. C.....	\$69.39	
By Life membership certificates.....	64.17	
" Contracts, etc.....	17.25	\$150.81
" Cash on hand.....		958.89
		<hr/> \$15,353.79

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Publisher.* \$15,353.79
 Examined and approved, October 1, 1895.
 A. S. WEED, *Auditor.*

Annual Report of Literature Committee.

At the General Executive Committee held in Washington, the Literature Committee had several sessions, all the members being present except Miss Ninde. Every thing pertaining to the development of the literature was fully and freely discussed, but as the duties of the General Executive Committee were absorbing, we could not lay out the work for the year, and decided to call a semi-annual meeting in the spring, so as to give more time to this most important work. We endeavored however to carry out the instructions of the General Executive Committee as far as practicable.

First, in issuing 11,000 copies, or 176,000 pages of the Summary of the year's work as presented by the secretary, in leaflet form for free distribution.

Second. We also published 20,000 copies of a leaflet for children, called "Polly's Potato Money," prepared by Mrs. Scott. This has been a very acceptable leaflet among the young people, and has been the only free leaflet issued excepting the Annual Report and Calendar.

Third. The Annual Report was somewhat reduced in size notwithstanding our rapidly growing work. It contained only 172 pages against 180 the previous year. Some little improvement has been made each year in this report, making it a valuable and necessary book for reference to our workers. Owing to the financial stress last year, only 4,500 copies were issued, two thousand less than the year before, not enough to supply one to each auxiliary, nor sufficient to send one to each missionary. Where there were two or three missionaries in a station, only one copy was sent.

The list of new leaflets published is as follows: Our Work in Italy; The Master Wants You; Leaflet Report; Calendars; Dorothy's Nero; Story of Kiteja; Polly's Potato Money.

These represent 54,500 copies of new leaflets, or 1,134,000 pages, but adding the Supplements for November and December, the Monthly Study, and the Annual Report in German, we have 334,500 copies or 2,214,000 pages.

Some thirty thousand copies of old leaflets, representing 168,000 pages, were re-printed.

Uniform Studies.—The Uniform Studies for the year covered the following subjects:

January.—Review of the Year. *February.*—China. Present Conditions. *March.*—Present State of Religious Thought in Japan. *April.*—The Opium and Liquor Traffic as Hindrances to Mission Work. *May.*—New Work. Sumatra. Paraguay, Thibet. *June.*—The Missionary Idea in Modern Education. *July.*—Moravian Missions. *August.*—Missionary Ships. *September.*—The Feast of Ingathering. *October.*—Forms of Heathen Worship. *November.*—Mexico and Italy. *December.*—Translations of the Bible.

In January we commenced the publication of the "Study" in leaflet form, at a subscription price of 30 cents a year for a dozen copies a month as directed. It was something of an experiment, as all such modifications are, for so many had learned to depend on the *Friend* for the study, but the subscription list has gone far beyond our expectations, as 17,984 copies are regularly subscribed for, while 19,000 are issued, and for December, twenty thousand are ordered. The Outline with the References has been published monthly in the *Friend*.

The book of songs, exercises and recitations for mission bands ordered by the committee has been prepared by Mrs. Knowles, involving a large amount of labor. The copy is ready for the printer, and has been since July, but as the book as prepared could not be printed without exceeding the price of 25 cents as specified by the action of the General Executive Committee we await instructions regarding it. We regret the delay, but under the circumstances it was unavoidable.

The committee met in New York the last week in April for its semi-annual meeting in Room 13, the headquarters of the New York Branch. All the members were present at this meeting except Miss Ninde. We were in session for three days, and gave careful consideration to all the subjects coming under our supervision. At that time Mrs. Knowles submitted the manuscript of her book, and we carefully looked over it, and approved her plan.

We arranged for some leaflets for children on the various countries, which will soon be ready, also short historical sketches of the beginning of work, such as boarding schools, Zenana work, etc., in the different fields. These of course are to be paid leaflets.

We also arranged the plan of study for 1896 as follows :

Studies for the Year 1896.—*January*—Review of Year. *February*—Missionary Conventions of the Year. *March*—Women of Bible Lands. *April*—Present Outlook for Japanese Women. *May*—Social life Among African Women. *June*—Girl Life in the Orient. *July*—High Caste Women in India. *August*—Low Caste Women in India. *September*—The Feast of Ingathering. *October*—Medical Work Among Women in China. *November*—Educational Work in China. *December*—Missionary News from all Lands.

German Work.—In the beginning of the year, the Annual Report was translated into German by Mrs. Achard and 3,000 copies printed.

"Words of cheer from Peking", and "Not in Vain" were also translated and printed. Six hundred copies of "Not in Vain" and 400 of "Words of Cheer." These were sold together for 7 cts., and they have helped to increase the interest.

A record of the year work is before you. We have tried to meet the demands. The Literature Committee realizes, as we trust you all do, that there is no more important work connected with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society than supplying the constituency with good reliable information, concerning the world wide work in which we are engaged.

Signed, LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1894 TO OCTOBER 1, 1895.

By Cash paid for the Study,.....		\$ 420 07
" " " " Paid Leaflets.....	\$ 53 00	
" " " " Reprints.....	55 00	
" " " " Annual Reports.....	486 62	
" " " " Leaflets from Other Boards.....	79 09	
" " " " Helps, Dialogues, etc.....	123 53	
		797 24
" " " " Free Literature, such as Leaflets, Reports, etc.....		279 23
" " " " Editor's Salary and Incidentals..	441 85	
" " " " Express and Postage on Litera- ture.....	149 23	
" " " " Office Help.....	270 00	
" " " " Expenses of Committee.....	56 23	917 31
		2,422 85
To Cash Received from the Study.....	432 55	
" " " " Literature.....	731 31	
" " " " Maps.....	36 00	
" " " " Annual Reports.....	401 00	1,600 86
		821 99
Assets in Literature on hand.....		625 00
		196 99

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Treasurer.*

Subscriptions to Publications.

	Heathen Woman's Friend.	Heathen Children's Friend.	Heiden Frauen Freund.	Monthly Study.
New England Branch.....	2,833	4,033	25	2,360
New York Branch.....	2,022	2,499	100	2,050
Philadelphia	2,040	1,767	28	1,700
Baltimore	720	355	60	500
Cincinnati.....	2,621	2,139	226	2,240
Northwestern	5,034	3,240	688	4,150
Des Moines	1,815	1,559	420	2,172
Minneapolis.....	486	917	468	550
Topeka	946	1,013	376	1,540
Pacific	454	233	71	408
Columbia River	199	197	23	264
Scattering.....	113	135	25	50
Foreign	228	121	415
	20,411	18,208	2,025	19,984

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Malaysia: Mrs. Winchell.

Northwest India: Miss Watson.

Bengal-Burmah Conference: Mrs. O'Neal.

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Northwest India: Miss Anna E. Lawson, Meerut, India.

Bombay: Miss M. E. Carroll, 45 Mazagon Road, Bombay, India.

South India: Miss Catharine Wood, Haiderabad Deccan, India.

Bengal: Miss Elizabeth Maxey, 64 Dharamtala Street, Calcutta, India.

Singapore: Miss Emma E. Ferris, Singapore Straits Settlements.

North China: Mrs. C. M. Jewell, Peking, China.

Central China: Miss Kate L. Ogborn, Kui Kiang, China.

West China: Miss Hellen Galloway, Chung King, China.

Foochow: Mrs. Alice B. Smythe, Foochow, China.

Korea: Mrs. Mary F. Scranton, Seoul, Korea.

North Japan: Miss M. S. Hampton, Hakodate, Japan.

Central Japan: Miss M. A. Spencer, Tokyo, Japan.

Southern Japan: Mrs. C. Van Petten, Negasaki, Japan.

Italy: Miss M. E. Vickery, 38 Via Garibaldi, Rome, Italy.

Bulgaria: Miss Kate B. Blackburn, Loftcha, Bulgaria.

Buenos Ayres and Rosario: Mrs. Ada M. C. Drees, 718 Calle de Corientes, Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, S. A.

Montevideo: Miss Mary E. Bowen, 257 Calle San Jose, Montevideo, S. A.

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

Switzerland Conference: Mrs. Anna Spoerri, 21 Waesergasse, St. Gallen, Switzerland.

North German Conference: Mrs. Wunderlich, Schwarzenberg, Saxony, Germany.

Peru: Miss Elsie Wood, Callao, Peru, South America.

Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1860.....	*Miss Clara A. Swain, M.D.....	Khetri Rajputana, India.....	.....	Castile, N. Y.
1869.....	Isabella Thoburn.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Delaware, O.
1870.....	" Fannie J. Sparkes.....	Home on Leave.....	New York.....	Binghamton, N. Y.
1872.....	Gertrude Howe.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Northwestern.....	Lansing, Mich.
1872.....	" Lucy A. Hoag, M. D.....	Chin Kiang, China.....	New York.....	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1872.....	" Louise E. Blackmar.....	Haidarabad, India.....	Topeka.....	W. Springfield, Pa.
1874.....	" Mary Hastings.....	Pachuca, Mexico.....	New York.....	Chelsea, Mass.
1874.....	" Jennie M. Chapin.....	Home on Leave.....	New England.....	Chicopee, Mass.
1874.....	" Lou B. Denning.....	Home on Leave.....	Northwestern.....	Normal, Ill.
1878.....	" S. A. Easton.....	Naim' Tal, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Washington, D. C.
1878.....	" Matilda A. Spencer.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Philadelphia.....	Germantown, Pa.
1879.....	" Elizabeth Russell.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Keyser, W. Va.
1879.....	" Jennie M. Gheer.....	Home on Leave.....	New York.....	Bellewood, Pa.
1880.....	" Anna B. Sears.....	Home on Leave.....	Cincinnati.....	Bucyrus, O.
1880.....	" Anna Budden.....	Pithoragarh, India.....	New York.....	Almorah, Indiana.
1881.....	" Minnie S. Hampton.....	Hakodate, Japan.....*	New York.....	New York, N. Y.
1881.....	Mrs. Carrie Van Petten.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Northwestern.....	Newponset, Ill.
1881.....	Miss Emma S. 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.....	" Mary Christianity, M. D.....	Home on Leave.....	New England.....	Washington, D. C.

* 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 Fannie M. English	Bareilly, India	New York	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
1884	" Clara A. Downey	Home on Leave	New York	Rome, 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
1884	" Carrie I. Jewell	Home on leave	New York	Harmar, O.
1884	" Eleanor LeHurray	Buenos Ayres, S. A.	Philadelphia	Summit, N. J.
1885	" 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. Kvie	Home on Leave	Philadelphia	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
1885	" Emma D. Hall	Home on Leave	Northwestern	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1885	" Julia Wisner	Rangoon, Burmah	Cincinnati	Berea, O.
1886	" Lizzie Hewett	Montevideo, S. America	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	" Elja C. Shaw	Nanking, China	Northwestern	Moore's Hill, Ind.
1887	" Minnie F. Abrams	Bombay, India	Minneapolis	Mapleton, Minn.
1887	" Mabel C. Hartford	Home on Leave	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	" Mary Atkinson	Home on Leave	New York	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1888	" Belle J. Allen	Sendai, Japan	Cincinnati	Bellefontaine, O.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1888.	Miss Annie L. Bing.	Home on Leave.	Cincinnati	Delaware, O.
1888.	" Julia Bonafield.	Foochow, China.	Cincinnati	Funnelton, W. Va.
1888.	" Kate A. Blair.	Calcutta, India.	Cincinnati	Toledo, 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.
1888.	" Augusta Dickerson.	Hakodati, Japan.	Philadelphia.	Philadelphia, Pa.
1888.	" I. Ernsberger, M. D.	Haiderabad, Deccan, India.	Cincinnati	Delphus, O.
1888.	" Estella M. Files.	Home on Leave.	New York.	Brockport, N. Y.
1888.	" Mary Ketting.	Home on Leave.	Cincinnati	Napoleon, O.
1888.	" Elizabeth Maxey.	Calcutta, India.	New York.	London, O.
1888.	" Emma Mitchell.	Home on Leave.	New York.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1888.	" Sarah Peters.	Home on Leave.	Northwestern.	Princeville, Ill.
1888.	" Lucy W. Sullivan.	Lucknow, 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.	Lincoln, Neb.
1889.	" Mary E. Wilson.	Hirosaki, Japan.	New York.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1889.	" Elsie Wood.	Callao, South America.	New York.	South America.
1889.	" Maude F. Simons.	Yokohama, Japan.	Baltimore.	Fredericktown, O.
1889.	" Mary B. Griffiths.	Yokohama, Japan.	Des Moines.	Marathon, Ia.
1889.	" Frances E. Phelps.	Home on Leave.	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.	Naini Tal, India.	Cincinnati.	New Matamoras, O.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1889.	Miss Lydia A. Trimble	Home on Leave	Cincinnati	Galva, Ia.
1889.	" Ellen Blackstock	Home on Leave	Des Moines	Shadeland, Ind.
1889.	" Georgiana Baucus	Home on Leave	Indianapolis	Ithaca, N. Y.
1889.	" Amelia Van Dorsten	Guajuato, Mexico.	New York	Wisconsin.
1890.	" Rachel R. Benn, M. D.	Tientsin, China	Northwestern	Edinboro, Pa.
1890.	" Ida Stevenson, M. D.	Tientsin, China	Philadelphia	Chicago.
1890.	" Ella Lyon, M. D.	Foochow, China	Topeka	Spencer Creek, Mich.
1890.	" Ruth M. Sites	Home on Leave	Northwestern	Washington, D. C.
1890.	" Grace Tucker	Fukuoka, Japan	Baltimore	Rochester, N. Y.
1890.	" Leonora H. Seeds	Fukuoka, Japan	New York	Delaware, O.
1890.	" Rebecca Dailey	Calcutta, India	Cincinnati	Greenburg, Ind.
1890.	" Fannie A. Perkins	Rangoon, Burmah	Northwestern	Indianola, Ia.
1891.	" M. E. Vickery	Rome, Italy	Des Moines	Evansville, Ind.
1891.	" Mary F. Swaney	Rosario, S. A.	Northwestern	Manhattan, Kas.
1891.	" Cecilia M. Frey	Home on Leave	Topeka	Willoughby, O.
1891.	" Anna R. Limberger	Puebla, Mexico	Cincinnati	Danville, Pa.
1891.	" Kate L. Ogburn	Kiu Kiang, China	Philadelphia	Union Mills, Ia.
1891.	" Jennie Locke (assistant)	Tokyo, Japan	Des Moines	Japan.
1891.	" Laura M. White	Chin Kiang, China		Philadelphia.
1891.	" Ella A. Lewis	Seoul, Korea	Philadelphia	New York City.
1891.	" Louisa Haefer	Shahjahanpore, India	New York	Philadelphia.
1891.	" Harriet Kemper	Home on Leave	Philadelphia	Stuart, Ia.
1891.	" Mary Bryan, M. D.	Bareilly, India	Des Moines	Ogdensburg, N. Y.
1892.	" Effie Dunmore	Puebla, Mexico	New York	Auburn Corners, Pa.
1892.	" Rebecca J. Hammond	Asuncion, S. A.	Philadelphia	Blue Ball, O.
1892.	" Josephine O. Payne	Seoul, Korea	New England	Boston, Mass.
1892.	" Effie G. Young	Peking, China	New England	Waltham, Mass.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1802	Miss Luella Masters, M. D.	Foochow, China.	Northwestern	Thorntown, Ind.
1802	Elizabeth Hoge	Lucknow, India.	Cincinnati	Bellaire, O.
1802	Anna C. Keeler	Rangoon, Burmah.	Cincinnati	Hubbard, O.
1802	Kate A. Blackburn	Lofcha, Bulgaria.	Northwestern	Jacksonville, Ill.
1802	Catharine Wood	Haiderabad, India.	Des Moines	Humeston, Ia.
1802	Ada J. Lauck	Cawnpore, India.	Des Moines	Indianola, Ia.
1802	Frances Craig	Calcutta, India.	Northwestern	Evanston, Ill.
1802	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.	Minneapolis	Athens, Ore.
1802	Lydia J. 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 L. Davis	Naukiang, China.	Northwestern	Oak Park, Ill.
1803	Miss Nellie Harris	Calcutta, India.	Cincinnati	Berea, O.
1803	Mary W. Harris	Seoul, Korea.	Cincinnati	Delaware, O.
1803	Lulu E. Frey	Seoul, Korea.	Cincinnati	Bellefontaine, O.
1803	Eva M. Foster	Singapore.	Columbia River	Portland, Ore.
1803	Carrie A. Heaton	Nagoya, Japan.	Northwestern	Seymour, Ind.
1803	Lydia Diem	Lofcha, 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	Hing Hwa, China.	Northwestern	Shelbyville, Ind.
1804	Lillian E. Marks	Cawnpore, India.	Pacific	San Francisco, Cal.
1804	Wilma H. Rouse	Hok Chiang, China.	Minneapolis	Lakefield, Minn.
1804	Anna Flicker	Jabalpore, India.	Des Moines	Muscataine, Ia.

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MISSIONARIES.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1894	Miss Mabel Allen	Foochow, China	Des Moines	
1894	" Mary Peters	Foochow, China	Northwestern	Princeville, Ill.
1894	" Florence Nichols	Lucknow, India	New England	Boston, Mass.
1894	" Lola May Kidwell	Nagasaki, Japan	Cincinnati	
1894	" Alice M. Otto	Hiroaki, Japan	Des Moines	Delaware, O
1894	" Irene Lee	Nagasaki, Japan	New England	Burlington, Vt.
1894	" Julia M. Donahue, M. D.	Hing Hwa, China	Cincinnati	Fremont, O.
1894	" Celesta Easton	Seetapore, India	Pacific	Riverside, Cal.
1894	" Christina Christiansen	Bareilly, India	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1894	" Lily D. Green	Alligath, India	Northwestern	Green Castle, Ind.
1894	" Anna Butcher	Calcutta, India	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1894	" Mary E. Wilson	Budoan, India	Northwestern	India.
1894	" Helen Galloway	Chung King, China	Des Moines	Mt. Ayr, Iowa.
1894	" Fannie E. Meyer	Chung King, China	Des Moines	Elm Grove, Mo.
1894	" Ruth A. Collins	Lucknow, India	Des Moines	Albion, Iowa.
1895	" Elizabeth S. Goodin	Callao, Peru	Des Moines	Des Moines, Ia.
1895	" M. A. Russell	Aoyama, Japan	Pacific	Napa, Cal.
1895	" Gertrude Taft, M. D.	Chinkiang, China	Pacific	
1895	" Elizabeth V. Tryon	Cawnpore, India	Des Moines	
1895	" Jennie M. Dart, M. D.	Bareilly, India	Northwestern	
1895	" Clara J. Collier	Chungking, China	New England	
1895	" Florence Sterling	Bombay, India	Minneapolis	Red Wing, Minn.
1895	" Phebe Wells	Hing Hwa, China	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1895	" Alice Linam	Foochow, China	New York	Leesburg, Ind.
1895	" Kate O. Curtis	Naimi Tal, India	New York	New York City.
1895	" Emma Hodge, M. D.	Baroda, India	Philadelphia	Greenville, Pa.
1895	" Mrs. Mary L. Barrows, M. D.	Tientsin, China	New York	Chattanooga, Tenn.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1895	Miss Laura S. Wright.	Muttra, India.	Northwestern	Washington, Ind.
1895	" Althea Todd.	Foochow, China.	New England	Boston, Mass.
1895	" Alice A. Evans.	Haidarabad, India.	Des Moines	Russell, Ia.
1895	" Miranda Croucher	Tsun Hwa, China.	New England	
1895	" Hu King Eng.	Foochow, China.	Philadelphia	Foochow, China.
1895	" Eva M. Hardie.	Lucknow, India.	Cincinnati	New York.

ACCEPTED CANDIDATES.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
	Miss Emma Scott, M. D.	Muttra, India.	Cincinnati	Columbus, Ohio.
"	Mary Means.	North India	Cincinnati	Akron, Ohio.
"	Flora M. Widdifield.	Aligarh, India.	Cincinnati	Cleveland, Ohio.
"	Mary Shockley	Peking, China.	Cincinnati	Columbus, Ohio.
"	Lillian Harris.	Korea.	Cincinnati	Columbus, Ohio.
"	Katherine A. Spear	Korea.	Philadelphia	Delaware, Ohio.
"	Della H. Lutes.	Ajmere, India	Topeka	Osage, Kansas.
"	Gertrude Gilman		New England	Springfield, N. H.
"	Genevieve Gates		Northwestern	Dansville, Ill.
"	Fannie S. Fisher	Poona, India.	Philadelphia	
"	Ida C. Deaver		Northwestern	
"	Ida Khan.	Kiu Kiang, China.	Northwestern	Kiu Kiang, China.
"	Mary Stone.	Kiu Kiang, China.	Des Moines	Kiu Kiang, China.

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RETIRED AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEAR'S SERVICE.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	BRANCHES.	PRESENT ADDRESS.
	Miss Sarah Woolston.....	Foochow, China.....	.....	Mt. Holley, N. J.

ENTERED INTO REST.

MISSIONARIES.

APPOINT

1875.....	Miss Letitia A. Campbell.....	Peking, China.....	.....	Died May 18, 1878.
1878.....	" Susan B. Higgins.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	.....	" July 3, 1879.
1876.....	" L. H. Green, M. D. (Mrs. Cheney.)	Bareilly, India.....	.....	" Sept. 30, 1878.
1881.....	" Emma Michener.....	Africa.....	.....	" Dec. 11, 1881.
1884.....	" Ella Gilchrist, M. D.....	Kiu Kiang.....	.....	" April 23, 1884.
1871.....	" Beulah Woolston.....	Foochow, China.....	.....	" Oct. 24, 1886.
1880.....	" Cecilia Guelfi.....	Montevideo, S. A.....	.....	" 1886.
1881.....	" Harriett Kerr.....	Bareilly, India.....	.....	" Dec. 11, 1886.
1880.....	" Florence Nickerson.....	Lucknow, India.....	.....	" Jan. 31, 1887.
1878.....	" Elizabeth M. Pultz.....	Moradabad, India.....	.....	" Nov. 5, 1887.
1872.....	" Emma J. Everding.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	.....	" Jan. 13, 1892.
1883.....	" M. E. Layton.....	Cawnpore, India.....	.....	" April 22, 1892.
1878.....	" M. E. V. Pardoe.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	.....	" Aug. 31, 1892.
1888.....	" Mary A. Vance (Mrs. Belknap).....	Tokyo, Japan.....	.....	" Sept. 27, 1892.

Constitution

OF

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female missionaries to 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 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 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 appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch, to have charge of the Missionary paper of this Society, and to arrange for the publication of an Annual Report of the work of the Society.

3. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

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, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.....	Minneapolis
IX.	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming.....	Topeka
X.	California, Nevada and Arizona.....	Los Angeles
XI.	North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.....	Atlanta
XII.	Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.....	New Orleans

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an 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 notify all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its Auxiliary Societies (hereafter mentioned,) and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursements of the funds required for that work, provide for all the wants, and receive all the reports of the Missionaries, Bible women and Teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work, or undertake the support of new missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make its own By-Laws regulating its meetings, and those of the Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute not less than ten dollars annually may form a society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.—RELATING TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SEC. 1. This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the 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 Conferences of Missions of the Church in which they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other Missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conferences or Missions, and their committees, in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder having the same relation to the work and the person in charge that he would have were it in the charge of any 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 meeting of said Committee and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

IV. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet at least one day before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee for the purpose of nominating the members of the Standing Committees, and planning work for its session, and report the same at the opening of said Committee.

V. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within the bounds of which the Committee convenes shall preside over its meetings until a permanent organization is effected.

VI. The order of business shall be as follows :

1. Calling the roll.
2. Election of President and Secretary.
3. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.*, Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.
4. Reception of Estimates, Memorials and Petitions.
5. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
6. Reports of Committee of Reference.
7. Report of Constitutional Publication Committee.
8. Report of official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.
9. Fixing place of next meeting.
10. Notice of Constitutional amendments.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Reports of Standing Committees daily, immediately after reading minutes.

VII. The rules of order shall be as follows :

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.

3. All women speaking shall rise when they address the chair.
4. No member shall be granted leave of absence except by a vote of the entire body.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of the General Executive Committee to forward to our foreign treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment, a copy of the appropriations for each Mission.

IX. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings, and enter them upon a suitable book of record, which shall be deposited in the safe of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and shall be transmitted to the next meeting of the General Executive Committee by the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch.

By-laws

OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.—BRANCH CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

1. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall superintend all the interests of their respective Branches ; conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries ; be present at all Branch quarterly meetings, and present a quarterly report of the work of the Branch, and give to the public, or direct to be given, all communications and plans of the business of their respective Branches.

2. Each Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report to the General Executive Committee the following items : Number of Auxiliary Societies, members, life members, honorary patrons and managers, subscribers to the *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 each month in the *Woman's Missionary Friend* their report on 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, as nearly as possible.

3. The money received from annual memberships shall not be used to make Life Members, Honorary Managers or Honorary Patrons. Life membership shall be made by the payment of twenty dollars, given specifically for that purpose. If in installments, the final payment shall be made as soon as practicable, and the membership reported as complete only when that has been done; all the installments to be credited on the Treasurer's Book, and acknowledged in the *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, to the chairman of Committee of Reference on or before October 1st, that she may have them copied and put in the hands of the Corresponding Secretaries on or before the session of General Executive Committee.

2. The Treasurers in the foreign field are instructed to forward receipts for remittances and a statement of balance in hand, quarterly, to the Branch Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers and a full financial statement annually to the Official Correspondent of the specific mission field in time to insure its arriving before October 1st of each year.

3. The appropriations for the foreign fields shall be paid on the basis of the currency of the country, the exchange therefrom accruing to our treasury, with the exception of the salaries of the missionaries, which shall be paid on the basis of American gold.

4. The funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for the purposes designated by that Committee. Our Missionaries shall not exceed in expenditure the amount appropriated by the General Executive Committee. Emergencies arising during the year can be met only by application, properly endorsed by the Missionary authorities to the Committee of Reference.

5. If any surplus funds remain in the Foreign Treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must report to the Branches from whose moneys they accrue.

IV.—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall correspond with the Missionaries so as to be able to present a full report of the work in each Mission, such information to be presented to the General Executive Committee, the fields assigned to the several Secretaries to be arranged by themselves.

V.—THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

1. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, and organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. All cases of emergency that would come before the General Executive Committee, arising in the interim of its sessions, shall be submitted to this Committee, and decided by a majority vote.

4. The Chairman shall send each resolution that is submitted to the committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, she shall declare the result and order the Secretary to record both 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 annual and quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through that Secretary or the correspondent appointed for their field by said committee, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

4. They, with the wives of Missionaries who labor in the 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; such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in her medical work; any surplus being remitted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

9. If there prove to be a manifest unfitness for Missionary labor, the General Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a Missionary whom it has appointed, three months notice having been given to such appointee by the Committee of Reference, return passage to be paid by the Society, provided she return at the expiration of the three months.

10. A lady Missionary desiring her expenses paid by the Society for a return home from any other cause than that of ill health, must secure permission from the General Executive Committee or Committee of Reference, through the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch supporting her.

11. All rules pertaining to the relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with its Missionaries shall be published in the General Annual Report.

12. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch by which any Missionary is sent shall be required to sign the following contract : 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 :

OFFICIAL RELATIONS OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

1. Definition of relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as given by the Bishops, in May, 1881 :

" To the Ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society ;

" To your questions we respectfully reply as follows :

" 1st. We take the liberty to refer you to our action bearing date November 22, 1877, a copy of which is as follows :

'TEACHERS IN MISSION SCHOOLS.'

"In the judgment of the Bishops it is not within the right of the superintendent of a mission to remove lay teachers from the schools to which they have been appointed, nor to interfere authoritatively with the internal arrangements of the schools, unless such right be expressly granted by the missionary authorities at New York.

"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."

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 department of work, after free consultation with the superintendent or presiding elder.

3. The lady missionary in charge of work has full liberty to do the work assigned her in her own way, and to carry out the internal arrangement of her department in the manner which she deems best adapted to secure success.

4. The relation of the Superintendent or Presiding elder to the work under the charge of a lady is the same as it would be were it under the charge of a member of conference—he having a general advisory

supervision, auditing the accounts, (when not done by trustees), making suggestions, etc., exactly as with all the other work of his district.

5. Lady Missionaries in charge of work, and all Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are appointed by the President of Conference, at the same time and in the same manner that the appointments of Conference are made. Should, however, a President of Conference at any time decline so to appoint, the Superintendent or Presiding 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.

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, nor more than thirty. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for christian work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

6. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaption 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 required to sign the following contract:

"I, _____, agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money."

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 papers 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.

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 five 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, 1843, 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. Denmler, Sarah K. Cornell, Annie A. Harris, Ordelia M. Hillman and Susan A. Sayre.

That the place of business or principal office of said Society shall be in the City and County of New York, in the State of New York.

Witness our 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, }
CITY OF BROOKLYN, } ss.

On the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1884 before me came Susan A. Sayre, to me known, and known to me to be one of the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

[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 acknowledgement of the annexed instrument, and thereon written, was at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgement, 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.

ARM. R. LAWRENCE, *J. S. C.*

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
 CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

I, James A. Flack, Clerk of the said City and County, and Clerk of the Supreme Court of said State for said County, do certify that I have compared the preceding with the original Certificate of Incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original. Endorsed, filed and recorded, Dec. 27th, 1884, 1 hour, 25 minutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my official seal, this 12th day of November, 1888.

[SEAL]

JAMES A. FLACK, *Clerk.*

FORMS FOR WILL AND DEVISE.

Special attention is called to the following form of Bequest and Devise required by the incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York..... Dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be sufficient acquittance to my executors 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 56th 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.

LUCY A. ALDERMAN,
 HARRIET B. SKIDMORE,
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 ELLEN T. COWEN,

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 MARY S. HUSTON,
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 ELIZABETH M. CROW.

LIST OF REAL ESTATE

Belonging to WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, M. E. CHURCH.

India.			
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	10,000 00
" Hospital	9,000 00	Yokahama.....	8,500 00
" Orphanage.....	3,000 00	Nagoya	3,000 00
Bijnour, School	3,000 00	Total	\$63,000 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.	
" Home	7,360 00	Mexico City, Orphanage.....	\$32,000 00
" Boarding Halls.....	4,000 00	Pachuca, Home School.....	11,000 00
" Home for Friendless	4,500 00	Puebla. " ".....	26,000 00
Moradabad, School Building....	2,000 00	Total.....	\$69,000 00
" Home.....	3,500 00	South America.	
Naini Tal, Boarding School....	13,000 00	Montivideo, School and Home	\$21,000 00
Pauri, Orphanage.....	3,000 00	Rosario " " ".....	10,000 00
Pithoragarh, Adeline Newman		Total.....	\$31,000 00
Home for Friendless Women	4,000 00	Bulgaria.	
Seetapore, Boarding School. .	4,000 00	Loftcha, Home and School...\$	6,500 00
Bidwell Boarding School, Shah-		Italy.	
jahanpore.....	4,000 00	Rome, School Property.....	\$15,000 00
Hyderabad, Home and School	10,000 00	Zenana Paper Fund, invested	
Aligarh	5,000 00	in this Country.....	\$25,000 00
Ajmere.....	5,000 00	Summary.	
Meerut.....	5,000 00	India	\$139,360 00
Total	\$154,360 00	China.....	77,800 00
China.		Japan.....	63,000 00
Chinkiang, Home and Hospital \$	5,000 00	Korea.....	7,000 00
Foochow, Orphanage.....	4,000 00	Mexico.....	69,000 00
" Girls' Board'g School	13,000 00	South America.....	31,000 00
" Two Hospitals.....	7,000 00	Bulgaria.....	6,500 00
Kiu Kiang.....	7,000 00	Italy.....	15,000 00
Nanking, School	4,000 00	Total.....	\$408,660 00
Peking, Home and School.....	14,300 00	Adding Zenana Paper Fund..	25,000 00
Tientsin, Hospital.....	12,100 00	Grand Total.....	\$433,660 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		
Tsukiji.....	10,000 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 constitutes a person a life member.

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

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

Twenty-five dollars supports an orphan in India.

Forty dollars supports an orphan in Japan.

Seventy dollars supports an orphan in Mexico.

Sixty dollars supports a Bible reader in India.

Missionaries and Their Stations.

- Asuncion, S. A.**
Hammond, Rebecca I.
- Aligarh, India.**
Green, Lilly D.
- Aoyama, Japan.**
Russell, M. H.
- Barcilly, India.**
Bryan, Mary, M. D.
Christiansen, Christina
English, Fannie M.
Lawson, Christine
- Baroda, India.**
Hodge, Emma, M. D.
- Bombay, India.**
Abrams, Minnie F.
Carroll, Mary E.
Sterling, Florence
- Budaon, India.**
Wilson, May
- Buenos Ayres, S. A.**
Le Huray, Eleanora
Thompson, E.
- Calcutta, India.**
Blair, Kate
Craig, Frances
Dailey, Rebecca
Harris, Nellie
Hutcher, Anna
Maxey, Elizabeth
Stahl, Josephine
- Cawnpore, India.**
Lauck, Ada J.
Marks, Lillian
Tryon, E. V.
- Callao, Peru.**
Wood, Elsie
Goodin, E. G.
- Chinkiang, China.**
Hoag, Luex, M. D.
Robinson, Mary C.
White, Laura M.
Taft, Gertrude, M. D.
- Chung-King, China.**
Galloway, Helen
Meyer, Fannie E.
Collier, Clara J.
- Daijeeling.**
Knowles, Emma S.
- Foochow, China.**
Allen, Mabel
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
Hu King Eng, M. D.
- Fukuoka, Japan.**
Tucker, Grace
- Gonda, India.**
Scott, Fannie
- Guanajuato, Mexico.**
Van Dorsten, A.
- Hakodate, Japan.**
Dickerson, Augusta
Hampton, Minnie S.
Singer, Florence E.
- Haiderabad, India.**
Blackmar, Louise E.
Wood, Catherine
- Hirosaki, Japan.**
Wilson, Mary E.
Otto, Alice M.
- Hinghwa, China.**
Donahue, Julia M., M. D.
Wells, Phebe
- Jubbulpore, India.**
Ellicker, Anna
- Khetri, Rajputana, India.**
Swain, Clara, M. D.
- Kinkiang, China.**
Howe, Gertrude
Ogborn, Kate L.
Stanton, Alice M.
- Lotcha, Bulgaria.**
Blackburn, Kate B.
Diem, Lydia
- Lucknow, India.**
Thoburn, Isabella
Hoge, Elizabeth
Nichols, Florence
Gallimore, Anna
Collins, Ruth A.
Hardie, Eva M.
- Madras, India.**
Stephens, Grace
- Moradabad, India.**
Kemper, Harriet
- Montevideo, S. A.**
Hewitt, Elizabeth
Bowen, Mary E.
- Muttra, India.**
Rowe, Phebe
Lawson, Anna
Wright, Laura S.
Sullivan, Lucy
- Mexico City.**
Dunmore, Ellic
Loyd, Mary F.
Ayres, H. L.
- Naini Tat, India.**
Easton, S. A.
Sellers, Ruth
Curts, Kate O.
- Nanking, China.**
Davis, Mrs. Anna L.
Peters, Sarah
Shaw, Ella C.
- Nagasaki, Japan.**
Russell, E.
VanPetten, Mrs. C.
Kidwell, Lola M.
Lee, Irene
- Nagoya, Japan.**
Alling, H. S.
Heaton, Currie A.

Peking, China.

Frey, C. M.
Gloss, Anna, M. D.
Jewell, Mrs. Charlotte
Sears, Annie B.
Steere, Anna
Wilson, Frances O.
Young, Effie G.

Puebla, Mexico.

Limberger, Anna R.
Parker, Theda

Pachuca, Mexico.

Hastings, Mary L.

Pithoragarh, India.

Budden, Annie
Sheldon, Martha, M. D.
Reed, Mary

Rome, Italy.

Vickery, Ella

Rangoon, Burmah.

Keeler, Anna
Perkins, Fannie
Wisner, Julia A.

Rosario, S. A.

Swaney, Mary F.

Seoul, Korea.

Seranton, 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.
Poster, Eva M.

Seetapore India.

Easton, Celesta

Shahjahanpore, India.

Haefel, Louise

Sendai, Japan.

Allen, Belle J.
Sironcha, India.
Ernsberger, I., M. D.

Tientsin (Tsunhwa), China.

Benn, Rachel R., M. D.
Glover, Ella E.
Stevenson, Ida B., 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.
Inhoff, Louise

Yokohama, Japan.

Griffiths, Mary B.
Simons, 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. | <i>m</i> Carey, Mary F. | Dunmore, Effie |
| Atkinson, Anna P. | <i>d</i> Campbell, L. A. | Diem, Lydia |
| Atkinson, Mary | Chapin, Jennie M. | Davis, Anna C. (Mrs.) |
| Ayres, Harriet L. | <i>m</i> Coombs, L., M. D. | Donahue, Julia M., M. D. |
| Abrams, Minnie F. | Cushman, Clara | Dart, Jennie M., M. D. |
| Allen, Belle J. | <i>r</i> Clemens, Mrs. E. J. | |
| Alling, H. S. | <i>m</i> Corey, Catherine, M. D. | |
| Allen, Mabel | Christianey, Mary F., M. D. | Easton, S. A. |
| <i>m</i> Brown, Maria | Carleton, May E., M. D. | <i>m</i> Elliot, Mary J. |
| Blackmar, Lou E. | Carroll, Mary E. | <i>d</i> Everding, Emma J. |
| <i>r</i> Bushnell, Kate C., M. D. | <i>r</i> Crosthwaite, Isabella | English, Fannie M. |
| Budden, Annie | <i>r</i> Craig, Frances | <i>m</i> Elliot, Mary C. |
| <i>m</i> Benton, Emma | Cutler, Mary F., M. D. | Ernsberger, I., M. D. |
| Bonafield, Julia A. | Christiansen, Christina | Elicker, Anna |
| Blackmore, Sophia | Collins, Ruth A. | Easton, Celesta |
| Bing, Anna L. | Croucher, Miranda | Evans, Alice A. |
| Blair, Kate A. | Curts, Kate O. | |
| <i>r</i> Black, Lillian R. | Collier, Clara J. | |
| Bowen, Mary E. | | <i>m</i> Fisher, Elizabeth |
| Bender, Elizabeth A. | <i>r</i> Denning, Lou B. | Fuller, Delia A. |
| Blackstock, Ella | <i>m</i> Devine, Esther J. | <i>r</i> Field, Nella H. |
| Baucus, Georgiana | Downey, Clara A. | <i>r</i> Fincham, Ella B. |
| Benn, Rachel, M. D. | De Line, Sarah M. | Files, Estella M. |
| <i>m</i> Bengel, Margaret | Danforth, Mary A. | <i>m</i> Forbes, Ella R. |
| Bryan, Mary E., M. D. | Dickerson, Augusta | French, Anna S. |
| Blackburn, Kate A. | <i>m</i> Day, Martha E. | Frey, Celia M. |
| Butecher, Annie | Daily, Rebecca | Ferris, Emma E. |
| Barrows, Mrs. Mary L., M. D. | <i>r</i> Dudley, Hannah | Frey, Lu u E. |
| | <i>r</i> De Motte, Mary | Foster, Eva M. |

<i>d</i>	Green, Lucilia H., M. D.	<i>m</i>	Lore, Julia A., M. D.		Swaney, Mary F.
<i>r</i>	Gibson, Eugenia	<i>d</i>	Layton, M. E.	<i>m</i>	Sparr, Julia A., M. D.
	Gheer, Jennie M.	<i>m</i>	Leming, Sarah	<i>r</i>	Sharpe, Mary
<i>m</i>	Goodenough, Julia E.		Le Huray, Eleanor	<i>m</i>	Spence, Mattie B.
<i>d</i>	Güchrest, Ella, M. D.		Loyd, Mary DeF.	<i>r</i>	Sears, Anna B.
<i>d</i>	Guelh, Cecilia	<i>r</i>	Latimer, Laura	<i>r</i>	Schenck, Linna M.
	Green, Nellie R.	<i>r</i>	Lauck, Anna J.		Scranton, Mrs. M. F.
	Gloss, Anna M., M. D.		Lawson, Anna E.	<i>r</i>	Smith, Lida B.
	Gallimore, Anna		Lyon, Ella, M. D.		Shaw, Ella C.
	Griffiths, Mary B.		Lewis, Ella A.		Sulliyan, Lucy W.
	Glover, Ella E.		Limberger, Anna R.		Sheldon, Martha A., M. D.
	Greene, Lily D.		Lawson, Christine H.		Simons, Maude E.
	Galloway, Helen		Lauck, Ada J.		Steele, Anna E.
	Goodin, E. S.		Lee, Irene		Scott, Fannie A.
			Locke, Jennie		Sellers, Ruth E.
			Lnam, Alice		Stevenson, Ida B., M. D.
	Harvey, Emily L.				Sites, Ruth M.
<i>m</i>	Hedrick, M. C.	<i>m</i>	Monelle, Nancy, M. D.		Sherwood, R., M. D.
<i>r</i>	Hamisfar, F. N., M. D.	<i>m</i>	Mason, Letitia, M. D.	<i>m</i>	Seeds, Leonora H.
	Howe, Gertrude	<i>r</i>	Mulliner, Clara		Stephens, Grace
<i>r</i>	Howe, Delia A.	<i>m</i>	McMillan, Carrie		Stahl, Josephine
	Hoag, L. H., M. D.	<i>d</i>	Michenor, Emma		Stanton, Alice M.
	Hastings, Mary	<i>m</i>	McKesson, Mary		Singer, Florence E.
<i>m</i>	Howard, Leonora, M. D.	<i>m</i>	Mausell, Henrietta		Sterling, Florence
<i>m</i>	Holbrook, Myr A.	<i>r</i>	Miller, Oriel		
<i>d</i>	Higgins, Susan B.	<i>r</i>	McDowell, Kate, M. D.		Thoburn, Isabella
	Hampton, Minnie S.		Maxey, Elizabeth		Trask, Sigourney, M. D.
<i>m</i>	Hoy, Ella J.	<i>m</i>	McBurnie, Susan	<i>m</i>	Tinsley, Jennie M.
<i>m</i>	Hugboom, Marion		Mitchell, Emma L.	<i>m</i>	Terry, Edna G., M. D.
<i>m</i>	Hyde, Laura, M. D.		Masters, Luella, M. D.	<i>m</i>	Taylor, Martha E.
<i>m</i>	Hughes, Mary	<i>m</i>	McGregor, Kate, M. D.	<i>m</i>	Trimble, Lydia A.
	Hewett, Lizzie		Marks, Lillian E.		Thompson, Anna
<i>r</i>	Hewett, Ella J.		Meyer, Fannie	<i>m</i>	Tucker, Grace
	Hall, Emma D.				Thompson, E.
<i>r</i>	Howard, Meta, M. D.	<i>d</i>	Nickerson, Florence		Todd, Althea
	Hartford, Mabel C.	<i>r</i>	Neiger, Lilhan		Tryon, Elizabeth V.
<i>m</i>	Hale, Lillian G.		Nichols, Florence		Taft, Gertrude, M. D.
<i>m</i>	Hyde, Minnie J.	<i>r</i>	Ogden, Nettie C.	<i>d</i>	Van Petten, Mrs. Carrie
	Haefer, Louisa		Ogborn, Kate L.		Vance, Mary A.
	Hammond, Rebecca J.		Otto, Alice M.		Van Dorsten, Amelia
<i>r</i>	Hoge, Elizabeth	<i>m</i>	Porter, Mary Q.		Vickery, Ella M.
	Hartzell, Ada C.	<i>d</i>	Pultz, Elizabeth M.	<i>d</i>	Woolston, Beulah
<i>m</i>	Harrington, Susan	<i>r</i>	Priest, Mary	<i>r</i>	Woolston, Sarah H.
<i>m</i>	Helinger, Josephine	<i>r</i>	Pray, Susan, M. D.	<i>m</i>	Warner, Susan M.
	Harris, Mary W.	<i>m</i>	Perrine, Florence	<i>m</i>	Whiting, Olive
	Heaton, Carrie A.	<i>d</i>	Peters, Sarah	<i>d</i>	Woolston, Henrietta, M. D.
	Harris, Nellie		Pardoe, Mary E. V.	<i>m</i>	Woodworth, Kate
	Hardie, Eva M.		Phelps, Frances E.	<i>m</i>	Warner, Ellen H.
	Hu King, Eng., M. D.		Parker, Theda A.	<i>m</i>	Wheeler, Frances J.
	Hodge, Emma, M. D.		Perkins, Fannie A.	<i>m</i>	Watson, Rebecca J.
			Paine, Josephine O.		Wisner, Julia E.
	Imhoff, Louisa		Peters, Mary		Wood, Elsie
					Wilson, May
	Jewell, Mrs. C. M.		Russell, Elizabeth		Wilson, Frances O.
	Jewell, Carrie I.		Rowe, Phoebe	<i>m</i>	Walton, Ida B.
<i>m</i>	Johnson, Ella		Reed, Mary		White, Laura M.
<i>r</i>	Johnson, Anna		Robinson, Mary C.		Wilson, Mary E.
			Rulofson, G. M.		Wood, Catherine A.
	Knowles, Emma L.		Rothweiler, Louisa C.		Wilkinson, Lydia J.
<i>d</i>	Kerr, Hattie A.	<i>m</i>	Rogers, Anna M.		Wilson, Mary
	Kyle, Theresa J.		Rouse, Wilma H.		Wright, Laura S.
<i>r</i>	Kelly, Luella	<i>m</i>	Russell, M. H.		Wells, Phebe
<i>m</i>	Kaulbaek, Anna L.			<i>r</i>	Yates, Elizabeth F.
	Ketring, Mary		Swain, Clara A., M. D.		Young, Ellic G.
	Kemper, Harriet		Sparkes, Fannie J.		
<i>m</i>	Kennedy, Mary E.	<i>m</i>	Schoonmaker, Dora		
	Keeler, Anna C.		Spencer, Matilda A.		
<i>m</i>	Kidwell, Lola M.				
<i>m</i>	Kissick, S. E.				

Missionaries	272
Medical	39
Deceased	15
Married	57
Retired	32

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 of this year are pronounced, as nearly as they can be spelled, as follows :

Kamá on	Kamáw an	Badá ou	Badown
Naini Tal	Nyuee Táll	Bilsí	Bilsee
Bhábar	Bhaw-bar	Kakraulí	Kukroulee
Dwára Háth	Dwara Haut	Ghotà	Ghota
Garhwál	Gurbwall	Bissoulí	Bissoulee
Srinagar	Sree-nuggur	Saiswán	Sicewan
Pithoragarh	Pithora Gurh	Ujainí	Ujiney
Rohilcund	Rohilcund	Data Ganj	Data Gugje
Bijnúr	Bijnour	Oudh	Ou as in Our
Morádabád	Morad'abad'	Laknau	Lucknow
Chandousí	Chandowseé	Kánpur	Cawnpoor
Amroha	Umroha	Ráí Barelí	Roy Barailly
Sambhal	Sumbhul	Bárabankí	Bara-bunkee
Barelí	Barailly	Sítápúr	Setapoor
Philibít	Philibeet	Hardú'í	Hur-doo-dee
Aunla	Ounla	Gonda	Goanda
Fathganj	Futhagunje	Nawábganj	Nowáb-gunje
Kbera Bajhera	Khaira Bajhaira	Baraich	Baraich
Sháh-jahánpúr	Shah'-jehan'-poor		

RULES FOR PRONOUNCING WORDS IN THE FOOCHOW DIALECT, FURNISHED BY
MRS. DR. BALDWIN.

a has the sound of a in fur.	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'âne.
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	Li Chá Mi	Lee Chá Me
Tiong-lók	Teong-loek	Kiu-Kiang	Kew Keang
Hü Pá Mi	Hü Paw Me	Wong Ting Ai	Wong Ting Eye
Li Yu Mi	Lee 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	Qú-shoo
Tsukiji*	Skee-gee	Liu Kiu	Loo-choo
Tsurunga	Suroong'-gü	Yezo	Yes'so
Shikoku	She-ko-ku	Dai	Dye
Kawatsei Sui (Quassui) Jo Gokke.	Name of Nagasaki School.		
* "Ts" has German "Z" sound.	Fu-ku-o-ka		

PRONUNCIATION OF SPANISH NAMES FURNISHED BY MRS. REV. D. KEMBLE.

Puebla	Pwablä	Rosario	Ro-sar-io
Leon	Layon	Montevideo	Monta-vid-a-o
Miraflores	Mee-rahflór-es	Buenos Ayres	Bwn-nos-ayres
Queretaro	Ker é tar-o	Orizaba	Ori-za-va
Real	Rá-ii	Pachuca	Pa-choo-ka
Del Monte	Del Môn-ta	Silao	Se la o
Ayapango	Ay a pán go	San Juan	Sau-hwan.
Guanajuato	G wan-a-hwáto		

Seoul, the capital of Korea, is pronounced as if it were spelled Say-ole.

REPORT OF ZENANA PAPER

For 1894-95.

Balance on hand Oct. 1st, '94.....	\$ 174.82
New England Branch, interest on investments.....	169.00
Des Moines.....	42.00
Baltimore.....	140.00
Topeka.....	38.50
Northwestern.....	42.00
New York.....	8.19
Philadelphia, New York, Northwestern, Cincinnati and Minneapolis, united.....	752.62
Philadelphia for Marathi edition.....	250.00

Total..... \$1,617.13

SENT TO MRS. E. W. PARKER, INDIA.

April 1, 1894.....	600.00
Sept. 1, 1895.....	600.00
Marathi Edition.....	250.00
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	\$1,450.00

Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1895..... \$167.13

H. B. SKIDMORE, *Treasurer.*

FOREIGN STATISTICS.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society supports 151 Missionaries, 14 of whom are medical, 750 Bible Readers, assistants and teachers, also 390 Day Schools with about 10,000 pupils, 50 Boarding Schools with about 4,000 pupils, 11 Orphanages with 450 orphans, 10 Training Schools with 200 pupils. It has also 13 Hospitals and Dispensaries and administers to about 60,000 women annually.

GIFTS OF MRS. BISHOP NEWMAN.

I hereby give to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be used as suggested in the article of agreement known as the "Ev-angel-ine Perpetual Fund, Systematized," and upon the express promise and agreement of the said Society to appropriate the annual interest or income of the said gift toward the support of a Native Woman Bible Reader, who shall devote at least three hours in each day to reading aloud the Scriptures to others, for the one object of leading souls to Christ, and preparing the women who hear and are instructed for usefulness in life on earth, and for enjoyment of a happy home with Jesus in Heaven when the life's probation is ended.

EVE-ANGELINE E. NEWMAN.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

TWENTY-SIXTH 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-sixth Annual Session in Union Methodist Episcopal Church, St. Louis, Mo., Monday morning, October 28th, 1895, at nine o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. M. S. Huston, Corresponding Secretary of the Des Moines Branch.

The 254th hymn was sung, after which Mrs. H. B. Skidmore of New York led in prayer. Mrs. Huston read the Scripture lesson found in Eph. 4th, at the close of which the congregation united in singing the doxology.

Welcome and Introductions.

An address of welcome was delivered by Dr. Williams on behalf of Union Church; by Dr. Stewart, the Presiding Elder of the St. Louis District, on behalf of St. Louis Methodism, and words of greeting were also extended by Bishop Bowman. Mrs. Parham, President of the District Association, extended a welcome on behalf of the Auxiliary Societies of the District, to all of which words Mrs. Keen of Philadelphia responded.

Bishop and Mrs. Newman were introduced to the Committee, and the Bishop in a few words referred to the success of the Society's work both at home and abroad.

The following Ministers were introduced to the Committee, Rev. M. Campbell of Maple Avenue Church, Rev. F. Lenning of Clifton Heights, Rev. Mr. Harris, assistant pastor of Union Church, Rev. Dr. Cranston of Cincinnati, Rev. Dr. Young, editor of the Central Christian Advocate, Rev. Mr. Achard of the German Church, Rev. Mr. Oldham, formerly Missionary at Singapore, Rev. Dr. Hagerty, Superintendent of St. Louis City Missions, and Rev. Mr. Fullerton of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

Permanent Organization.

Miss E. Pierson of Des Moines, Iowa, was elected President, and Mrs. J. T. Gracey of Rochester N. Y., Secretary.

The roll was called by the secretary and the following delegates responded to their names.

New England Branch.—Miss L. A. Alderman, Mrs. C. S. Nutter, Miss Josephine Carr.

New York Branch.—Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, Mrs. Z. P. Dennler, Mrs. J. E. D. Easter.

Philadelphia Branch.—Mrs. S. L. Keen, Mrs. J. L. Darlington, Mrs. W. B. Hazeltine.

Baltimore Branch.—Mrs. E. B. Stevens, Mrs. T. H. Martin, Mrs. H. C. Tudor.

Cincinnati Branch.—Mrs. B. R. Cowen, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mrs. E. D. Whitlock.

Northwestern Branch.—Mrs. F. P. Crandon, Mrs. W. X. Ninde, Mrs. L. H. Ogg.

Des Moines Branch.—Mrs. M. S. Huston, Mrs. M. T. Thompson, Miss Nettie Prather.

Minneapolis Branch.—Mrs. M. C. Landis, Mrs. E. N. Winship, Mrs. M. H. Triggs.

Topeka Branch.—Miss M. Watson, Mrs. Mary Wilson, Mrs. Mary Phillipi.

Pacific Branch.—Mrs. C. O'Neal.

Columbia River Branch.—Mrs. A. N. Fisher.

The following committees were nominated and confirmed :

Committee on Finance.—Mrs. L. A. Alderman, H. B. Skidmore, S. L. Keen, E. B. Stevens, B. R. Cowen, F. P. Crandon, M. S. Huston, M. C. Landis, Miss M. Watson, Mrs. C. O'Neal, Mrs. A. N. Fisher.

Committee on Publication.—Mrs. C. S. Nutter, J. E. D. Easter, J. L. Darlington, H. C. Tudor, J. Mitchell, L. H. Ogg, M. T. Thompson, E. N. Winship, Mary Wilson.

Committee on Missionary Candidates.—Miss J. Carr, Mrs. Z. P. Dennier, W. B. Hazeltine, T. H. Martin, E. D. Whitlock, W. X. Ninde, Miss Nettie Prather, Mrs. M. H. Triggs, Mrs. Mary Phillipi.

Committee on By-Laws.—Committee of the Whole.

The Des Moines Branch asked the privilege of having the following persons seated with their delegation: Misses Phelps, Trimble, Ogborn, Stone, and Mrs. Stanley. The Cincinnati Branch asked the same for Miss Sullivan, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Rockey, Miss Bonafield and Miss Jewell; Northwestern Branch for Misses DeLine, Hall, Robinson, Kahn, Wright, Mrs. Craven, and Dr. Dart; New England Branch for Misses Hartford, Walden and Hodgkins; Baltimore Branch for Miss Bender; Topeka Branch for Mrs. Bishop and Newman, and New York Branch for Dr. Hoag. These requests were granted.

Home Reports.

The reports of Home Work were taken up and presented in order of the Branches by the Corresponding Secretaries. These reports showed a total of 6,181 organizations, and total membership of 151,163. (See statistical table.)

The Treasurers' reports were presented as follows: Amounts received from October 1, 1894 to October 1, 1895.

New England Branch.....	\$ 40,121
New York Branch.....	50,000
Philadelphia Branch.....	28,089
Baltimore Branch.....	11,836
Cincinnati Branch.....	37,625
Northwestern Branch.....	66,404
Des Moines Branch.....	24,116
Minneapolis Branch.....	8,908
Topeka Branch.....	13,299
Pacific Branch.....	5,938
Columbia River Branch.....	2,891

The reports were accepted.

\$289,227

Announcements were made for the meeting of committees and the committee adjourned with the benediction by the Presiding Elder, Rev. Dr. Stewart.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29.

The General Executive Committee convened Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. The devotional exercises were in charge of Mrs. Triggs, of the Minneapolis Branch. Prayer was offered by Bishop Bowman. At the close of the devotional exercises the President called the meeting to order. With one exception every delegate responded to her name. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Reference Committee's Report.

Report of the Reference Committee was called for and presented by the Secretary, Mrs. Cowen. She reported the following missionary candidates as having been accepted and sent out during the year: Misses Florence Sterling, Martha H. Russell, Dr. Emma Hodge, Phebe Wells, Dr. Hu King Eng, Laura S. Wright, Althea Todd, Alice Linam, Kate O. Curts, Dr. Gertrude Taft.

Dr. Mary L. Barrows of the North China Mission, Miss Clara Collier of Kiu Kiang, were transferred to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society from the General Missionary Society, the former appointed to Tientsin, the latter to West China. Arrangements were made in connection with purchase and repairs on property in various fields.

The report was adopted.

Mrs. Cowen asked the privilege of presenting a supplementary report of the Reference Committee, which was granted. The report had reference to Deaconesses and their relation to the work. After a discussion it was moved and carried to refer the matter back to the committee for further modifications.

German Work.

The German work was reported by Miss Dryer. Total organizations in this country and Europe, 212; members, 5,825; subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, 71; to the *Heathen Children's Friend*, 181; to the *Heiden Frauen Freund*, 2,925; and receipts from all sources for the year, \$5,289.

The report was accepted.

Constitutional Publishing Committee.

Mrs. Keen presented a report of the Constitutional Publication Committee. The committee met in Washington, D. C., November 2nd, 1894, and re-organized by the election of Mrs. M. P. Alderman as Chairman, and Mrs. S. L. Keen as Secretary. The committee met in Cincinnati May 6th, '95. Two orders were sent for money to be paid by the Committee of Publication for the four editions of the *Woman's Friend* in India, one on February 26th, '95, for \$600, and one on September 5th, '95, for \$600. The committee met in Union M. E. Church, St. Louis, October 23d, 1895. The secretary was instructed to report that the items of business considered by them would reach the General Executive Committee through other committees during the session. A resolution relating to advertisements in the *Heathen Woman's Friend* and supplying the society's literature to Methodist assemblies was referred to the standing Publication Committee.

The report was adopted and referred to Committee on Publication. (See report.)

Periodical Report.

The report of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* presented by the agent, Miss P. J. Walden, was accepted and referred to Committee on Publication.

Miss Hodgkins, editor of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, was introduced to the committee.

The report of the *Heathen Children's Friend*, in the absence of the editor, Mrs. Scott, was given by Miss Walden. It showed an increase of 3,690 subscribers for the year.

The report was accepted and referred to the Publication Committee.

Mrs. Achard, editor of the *Heiden Frauen Freund*, presented a report of that paper. Accepted and referred to Committee on Publication.

The report of the Zenana paper was given by Mrs. Keen. Total amount from investments with balance, \$1,617.13; sent to India, \$1,450, leaving a balance on hand of \$167. See detailed report.

Missionary Candidates.

The Committee on Missionary Candidates presented a partial report as follows:

WHEREAS, Your committee has carefully considered the testimonials of the following candidate, therefore

Resolved, That after examination of credentials presented by Miss Eva M. Hardie, of Cincinnati Branch, and the unqualified recommendation of the Branch Corresponding Secretary, we recommend her acceptance.

(Signed,)

MRS. Z. P. DENNLER, *Chairman*.

NETTIE B. PRATHER, *Secretary*.

The report was adopted.

Missionaries Introduced.

The following returned missionaries were introduced to the committee: Misses Trimble, Hartford, Jewell, Ogborn, Robinson, Bonafield and Peters, of China; Misses Bender, Danforth and Phelps, of Japan; Misses Sullivan, DeLine and Kemper, of India, and Miss Hall, of Italy. The following accepted missionaries were also introduced: Dr. Dart, under appointment to Bareilly, India, Miss Laura S. Wright to Muttra, India, Miss Mary Stone and Ida Kahn, medical students at Ann Arbor, of Kiu-kiang, China.

Mrs. Rockey and Mrs. Craven of the General Missionary Society in India were also presented to the committee, after which the committee united in singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

Foreign Reports.

The official correspondence was then taken up and a communication was read by Mrs. Skidmore, from Miss Thoburn, the Official Correspondent of the North India Conference. The report of the Northwest India Conference was given by Miss Watson. Mrs. Emma Moore Scott of Muttra in the territory of the Northwest India Conference supplemented the report and spoke of the great need for workers.

Mrs. Huston reported for the Bombay Conference and Mrs. Stevens for the South India. See reports.

These various reports were accepted. After announcements were made the committee adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Hagerty.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1895.

The General Executive Committee convened at the usual hour. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Hazeltine of the Philadelphia Branch. After calling of the roll the minutes were read, corrected and approved. Mrs. Lucy Prescott Vane, of Evanston, formerly one of the Corresponding Secretaries, was introduced to the committee.

Report of Literature Committee.

The report of the Literature Committee was called and presented by the Chairman, Mrs. Gracey. The report showed that 334,500 copies of Leaflets, or 2,214,000 pages, had been issued

during the year ; and thirty thousand copies of Old Leaflets printed, also 4,500 annual reports, besides much miscellaneous literature.

Referred to Publication Committee.

Proposed Change of Constitution.

A memorial was presented from the Northwestern Branch asking the General Executive Committee to make such changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society as are necessary to recognize the office of Home Secretary, and that the Home Secretary be made a member of the General Executive Committee by virtue of her office, notice having been given one year ago of this proposed amendment.

Mrs. Keen stated that one year ago she had made a motion to the effect that if Home Secretaries be made members of the General Executive Committee, Branch Treasurers should also be admitted as members.

Mrs. Nutter said that if the proposition was in that form she moved that it be divided, and a separate vote taken. The motion was lost.

A vote was then taken on the constitutional changes, as proposed by the Northwestern Branch delegates, and the amendment did not prevail.

Mrs. Ogg objected to the action, as no record of Mrs. Keen's motion could be found, which prevented the matter from being presented in a legitimate manner. Mrs. Mitchell raised the point of order, which was sustained by the chair, that there was no motion before the committee.

Change of Title of Heathen Woman's Friend.

Miss Watson, of the Topeka Branch, offered the following :

WHEREAS, Missionaries and other friends of our Society have objected to the name of our paper, the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, as being a misnomer, and have often found it a hindrance in their work and in their efforts to increase its circulation ; therefore

Resolved, That we request the Publication Committee to consider a change of name by which the term "Heathen" shall be eliminated.

Referred to Committee on Publication.

Mrs. Mitchell presented the following action had by the Cincinnati Branch :

" WHEREAS, There is an effort being made to change the name of our official organ, the *Heathen Woman's Friend*; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Branch is opposed to any such change and earnestly request the General Executive Committee to leave us the name that expresses so much, and which is freighted with such sacred associations.

Referred to Publication Committee.

Mrs. Nutter presented the following action of the New England Branch :

WHEREAS, Our missionaries and other friends of our Society have objected to the name of our paper, the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, as being a misnomer, and have often found it a hindrance in their work and in their efforts to increase its circulation; therefore

Resolved, That we request of the General Executive Committee to consider the possibility of changing the name to one from which the term heathen be eliminated.

Referred to Publication Committee.

Mrs. O'Neal, of the Pacific Branch, presented the following action of the Pacific Branch :

WHEREAS, We are informed of the movement to change the name of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*; therefore be it

Resolved, That we hereby express our disapproval of such action. In our opinion it would be unwise and work injury to the cause.

Referred to Publication Committee.

Arkansas Assigned.

Mrs. Thompson presented the following action of the Des Moines Branch :

WHEREAS, The State of Arkansas lies contiguous to the territory of the Des Moines Branch and has no official supervision in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; therefore

Resolved, That we, the representatives of Des Moines Branch, ask the General Executive Committee to add this State to our territory.

On motion this petition was granted.

Reports from North India.

The official correspondence was taken up and Mrs. Cowen gave a report of the work in the North India Conference. Reference was made to the improved condition of Mary Reed's health.

Mrs. Rockey and Mrs. Gracey made a few remarks concerning the development of the work in the territory of the North India Conference. Mrs. Emma Moore Scott gave some statistics comparing the number of workers of the North India and North West India Conferences, and urged sending more to North West India, which was in such great need, especially a physician to Brindaban, that great center of heathenism.

Introductions.

Miss Carroll of Bombay and Dr. Hoag of Central China were introduced. Dr. Hoag represented the medical work in Chinkiang.

Dr. Young, editor of the Central Christian Advocate, made a statement in regard to that paper and generously donated a number of copies to the committee. Dr. Mitchell of the Central Pennsylvania Conference was introduced.

Foreign Reports Resumed.

The report of Malaysia was given by Mrs. Landis of the Minneapolis Branch, after which the Rev. Mr. Oldham gave a short history of the work in Singapore, and urged that something be done in Penang.

The report of the Bengal-Burmah Conference was presented by Mrs. O'Neal. The report of Bulgaria was given by Mrs. Crandon. See reports.

Announcements were made and the committee adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Mitchell.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST.

The General Executive Committee convened at the usual hour. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs A. N. Fisher of the Columbia River Branch. After calling the roll the minutes were read and approved.

South America.

The reports of Foreign Work were taken up, and the report of South America, prepared by Mrs. Alderman, was read by the Secretary.

Heathen Woman's Friend.

After the reading of this report the Committee on Publication offered a partial report through the Secretary, Mrs. Mitchell, reaffirming the action of the Constitutional Publication Committee, recommending that all advertisements in the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall be under the supervision of the editor. This item was adopted.

The second instructed Miss Walden to furnish the publications of the society to the reading room at Chautauqua and other Methodist Assemblies. The resolution was amended by the phrase, "recent publications of our periodicals and annual reports," and the word "national" substituted for "general," and the article adopted as amended.

The following was also presented:

WHEREAS, Memorials have been presented both for and against retaining the name of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, therefore
Resolved, That the present name be retained.

A minority report was presented as a substitute, signed by Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Nutter, as follows:

WHEREAS, The name, "Heathen Woman's Friend," has become objectionable in the minds of many, both in this land and in our foreign fields, therefore

1. *Resolved*, That a name more in harmony with the expressed desire of our constituency be substituted.

2. *Resolved*, That the name thus substituted be "The Light Bearer."

3. *Resolved*, That the German paper be entitled "Der Licht Fraeger."

4. *Resolved*, That the paper for children be called "The Little Light Bearers."

The report was accepted and a motion to consider, item by item, prevailed. The first item was read and a motion to lay on the table was lost.

Miss Hodgkins, the editor of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, was invited to speak and gave the history of the movement together with several reasons for making a change of name.

Mrs. Cowen desired to know the feeling of the Missionaries and asked if the word "*heathen*" was especially objectionable. The following Missionaries were called: Misses De Line, Hall, Robinson, Peters, Hartford, Trimble, Phelps, Scott, Sullivan, Jewell, Hoag, Bender, Ogborn, Mrs. Rockey and Mrs. Craven. These stated that in the fields they represented the name had not been specially objectionable, save in Japan and India, where the matter had been mentioned.

Vote.

A discussion followed, when the vote was called for and resulted in fifteen in favor of the resolution and fourteen opposed, two delegates declining to vote.

Mrs. Tudor desired to hear from the various Branches, but Mrs. Whitlock raised a point of order, there being no motion before the meeting.

Miss Hodgkins rose to a point of privilege, announcing the number of papers taken in each Branch in proportion to the members.

Mrs. Tudor moved a reconsideration of the vote, which was carried.

The ayes and nays were then called for, and the various Branches responded in order, resulting in a vote of 17 to 15, as follows :

Ayes: Mrs. Nutter, Miss Carr, Mrs. Stevens, Martin, Tudor, Crandon, Ninde, Huston, Thompson, Miss Prather, Mrs. Triggs, Watson, Wilson, Phillipi, and Fisher, Miss Hodgkins, Miss Walden.

Nays: Mrs. Alderman, Skidmore, Dennler, Easter, Keen, Darlington, Hazleton, Cowen, Mitchell, Whitlock, Ogg, Landis, Winship, O'Neal, Mrs. Gracey.

The second, third and fourth resolutions of the report referring to proposed names of the paper were laid on the table.

Mrs. Keen then moved that the name of the paper be changed to *Woman's Missionary Friend*, which was carried by an almost unanimous vote.

Missionary Candidates.

The report on missionary candidates was presented by the Secretary, Miss Prather. The following candidates were represented by their corresponding secretaries, viz: Miss Mary Stone of the Des Moines Branch; Miss Ida Khan of the Northwestern Branch; Miss Katharine Spear of the Philadelphia Branch; Misses Flora M. Widdifield, Mary Means, Emma Scott, M. D., and Lillian M. Harris, M. D. of the Cincinnati Branch, and Miss Della H. Lutes, of the Topeka Branch, and the report as presented was adopted. See report.

Foreign Reports.

Report of Foreign work was called for, and Mrs. Stevens read that of the Foochow Conference. Miss Mabel C. Hartford, Missionary from Foochow, was called upon and supplemented the report.

Announcements were made and the Committee adjourned with benediction by Rev. Mr. Courtney.

FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST.

The General Executive Committee convened at the usual hour with the President in the chair. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Z. P. Dennler of the New York Branch. The roll was called, the minutes read and approved.

Publication of Minutes and Report.

The reports of committees were called for and Mrs. Mitchell read a report of the Publication Committee. The report was accepted and discussed, item by item. The first five items of the report were adopted. The sixth, recommending publishing the minutes of the General Executive Committee in the December number of the *Friend* was adopted, but afterwards reconsidered. Mrs. Skidmore moved that the minutes in full, not including the detailed appropriations, be published in December number of *Friend*. Mrs. Huston moved an amendment that the Secretary edit the minutes, leaving out all but the actual business. Carried. It was then recommended to strike out the words, "in full," and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

A resolution that the Minutes be incorporated in the Annual Report, and that 5,500 copies be issued, was adopted.

Constitution and By-Laws.

The report recommended certain changes in the By-Laws, which were adopted. See report.

The following was offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, It seems advisable that some changes be made in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take the matter into consideration and report at the next meeting of the General Executive Committee.

The Corresponding Secretaries were appointed said committee.

Missionary Candidates.

The Committee on Missionary Candidates presented a final report, recommending Miss Fannie Fisher of the Northwestern Branch and Miss Ida C. Deaver of the Philadelphia Branch. These candidates were accepted.

The cases that were not accepted were referred back to the committee.

The recommendation of the committee urging that a photograph be sent always with the credentials of each candidate was adopted. The report of the committee was then adopted as a whole. See report.

Miscellaneous Business.

The resolution on Deaconesses which had been referred to the Committee of Reference was presented by Mrs. Keen and adopted. (See Report of Finance Committee.)

Mrs. Hazeltine of the Philadelphia Branch offered the following :

Resolved, That this body express its protest against the atrocious treatment suffered during recent months by the Armenians in Turkey, and that it express its sympathy with, and pledge its support to such measures as are taken by Missionary and other organizations to alleviate their condition.

The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. Gracey, temporary chairman of the World's Committee of Christian Women, presented the action of that Committee appointing Friday, November 15th, as a day of prayer for Woman's work in those Countries especially disturbed politically, viz : Japan, Korea, China and Armenia.

The recommendation was heartily endorsed.

Place of Next Annual Session.

An invitation was extended from the New York Branch to the General Executive Committee to hold its next annual session in the City of Rochester, N. Y. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Reports from Fields.

Official correspondence was called for, and Mrs. Darlington read the report on Mexico, Mrs. Skidmore the report from Korea, and the secretary that of North China. Mrs. Stevens presented a supplementary report of Foochow, referring especially to medical department. Miss Trimble, of Foochow, and Miss Peters, of Nanking, represented the work in their respective fields.

Presentation.

At this point in the session Rev. Dr. Hagerty asked the privilege of speaking, and in a very pleasant manner presented to the Secretary of the Committee a pen, which was of great historic interest. It was made from the altar of the First Methodist Church built west of the Mississippi River, about one hundred miles south of the city of St. Louis. The church is known as McKendree chapel, named after Bishop McKendree, who held two annual conferences in the building.

To all of Dr. Hagerty's kind words the Secretary briefly responded.

A motion to adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock prevailed, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. King.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 1ST.

The Committee convened at 3 o'clock, with the President in the chair. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Miscellaneous.

The Missionary Candidate Committee, to whom had been referred the non-accepted candidates, reported the cases of Miss Harriet Hough of the New York Branch, and Miss E. N. Bentheim of the North-western Branch, as having been referred to Committee of Reference.

Mrs. Mitchell, secretary of the Publication Committee, presented several items for consideration. These were discussed item by item and the report adopted as a whole. See report.

Mrs. Huston moved that the editor of the *Friend* be allowed sixty dollars for contributions for the coming year. The motion prevailed.

Foreign correspondence was resumed, and North Japan was represented by Mrs. Fisher, Italy and West China by Mrs. Crandon, South Japan by Mrs. Cowen, Central Japan by Mrs. Keen, Germany and Switzerland by Miss Dryer. These reports were accepted.

Apportionment for 1896.

The Committee on Finance, through the secretary, Mrs. Cowen, offered resolutions which were adopted. See Report.

The Corresponding Secretary of each Branch then announced the apportionments for 1896, as follows:

New England Branch.....	\$ 44,000
New York "	50,000
Philadelphia "	30,000
Baltimore "	14,573
Cincinnati "	45,095
North Western "	77,500
Des Moines "	30,000
Minneapolis "	10,000
Topeka "	15,000
Pacific "	7,000
Columbia River "	3,400
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	\$ 326,568

This report was adopted.

Resolutions of Thanks.

The Committee on Resolutions presented resolutions of thanks through the chairman, Mrs. Ogg, which report was adopted by a rising vote. [See report.]

A series of resolutions which had been adopted by the missionaries in attendance on the meeting was presented by Miss Hall. [See resolutions.]

Memorial to General Conference.

The following was presented by Mrs. Nutter :

Resolved, That the Branch Secretaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be requested to present a memorial to the session of the General Conference, to be held in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, in May, 1896, urging that body to take such action concerning paragraph 362 of the Discipline as shall better adapt it to the present usages of our Society.

The resolution was adopted.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

After singing a verse of, "God be with you till we meet again," and closing prayers by Mrs. L. A. Alderman, of the New England Branch, and Rev. Dr. Oldham, a motion to adjourn prevailed, and the General Executive Committee closed its twenty-sixth annual session.

MRS. J. T. GRACEY,
Secretary General Executive Committee.

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CHINA. A *cash* is one mill. The *tael* is worth in gold about \$1.15. The Mexican dollar is also used in China.

UNIFORM STUDIES FOR 1896.

January.—Review of year.

February.—Missionary Convention of year.

March.—Women of Bible Lands.

April.—Present Outlook for Japanese Women.

May.—Social Life among African Women.

June.—Girl Life in the Orient.

July.—High Caste Women in India.

August.—Low Caste Women in India.

September.—The Feast of Ingathering.

October.—Medical Work among Women in China.

November.—Educational Work in China.

December.—Missionary News from all Lands.