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1895.

SOME one has said: "Christians may be divided, like ancient Gaul, into three parts: the *minimum* Christian, the *average* Christian, and the *maximum* Christian. The three types will be readily recognized." "By their fruits ye shall know them." //

If it is true that "woman is the climax of God's creative energy," then how can she better climb to her divinely appointed height than by going down into the darkness of heathen idolatry and cruelty, among pitiable women, who have no hope, no Christ, and can never have until the love and ministry of their Christian sisters bring them the light of gospel truth, and lift them out of degradation and sin? This is the work of the *maximum* Christian; what shall we say of the *average* and *minimum* Christians? These may be illustrated by the forcible words of Dr. Storrs before the American Board: "We do not really honor our Master when we live temperate and comfortable lives in our own happy family circles, and in the homes of culture which we have been enabled by him to rear. We do not really honor and give glory to him when we simply read the Scriptures, or listen to them as expounded from the pulpit, and when we lift our triumphal *Te Deums* in the air, as if they could reach above these ethereal circles, and vie with and combine with the celestial symphonies. We honor Christ when we do his work, and do it with self-sacrifice."

The spirit of Missions is the vital point. It is the nerve center, the living, actuating "nervous fluid" of the great body we call the Christian Church, and "it is given to all who comply with the conditions of the great commission." In a word, it is THE SENT.

THE HOME WORK is represented by 34 Conference Societies, 2,184 Auxiliary Societies, 39,569 members, 1,227 Young People's and Children's Societies, 29,990 members

3,411 organizations, 69,559 total members, 34 Conference Secretaries, 270 District Secretaries. Amount contributed during the fiscal year for the foreign fields, \$63,951.98; amount contributed to Scarritt Bible and Training School, \$6,396.91. Total contributed, \$70,348.89.

LITERATURE. The official organ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*. The circulation is 13,000; its pages are filled with letters direct from the field, and much valuable information that may be utilized in the monthly auxiliary meetings. It is ably edited by Mrs. Sarah Stringfield Butler, who has been at its head for sixteen years.

The *Little Worker* is truly the children's paper, and none more beautiful or attractive can be found. It was adopted by the Society as the official organ for the children four years ago, and is edited by Miss Annie Maria Barnes. The circulation is 9,000 monthly.

Leaflets. 556,000 new leaflets have been published the past year, comprising 2,318,000 pages of varied missionary literature. Mrs. A. W. Wilson, as editor, has shown rare adaptability, and the leaflets are worthy of highest commendation. These are gratuitously distributed among the auxiliaries.

OUR MISSIONARIES. Of the 38 missionaries supported by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 15 are working in China, 14 in Mexico, 8 in Brazil, and 1 in the Indian Mission.

In *China*, Miss Kerr and Miss Blake have married, the past year, and Miss Smithey has withdrawn because of ill health. Miss Atkinson, after a year at home, returned in the fall of 1894. Miss Steger went out at the same time. Miss Coffey sailed in March, 1895.

In *Brazil*, Miss Phillips has married, Miss Bruce is still at home, thus reducing the little force. Miss Watts, who had been at home a year for recuperation, returned in August, 1894, accompanied by Miss Glenn.

In *Mexico*, Miss Fannin has retired from the work; Miss Harednia Norvelle has been accepted and appointed, and is now at Laredo Seminary.

In *Indian Mission*, Rev. J. J. Methvin has been commissioned by the bishop in charge to manage the school and camp work. He employs teachers, and is the treasurer and superintendent of the

work of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in that difficult field.

Nine missionary candidates have been accepted in the past year, and are awaiting appointment.

FOREIGN WORK. *Statistics.*—The Society supports 38 missionaries, including 1 medical; 109 teachers and helpers; 12 boarding schools; 40 day schools; 1 hospital; 11 Bible women; women and children under instruction, 4,379.

CHINA.

Though the empire has been disquieted by war, the centers at which our work is established have been undisturbed; the missionaries have pressed forward with success in every department, and a gracious revival has crowned the year, bringing many into the Church.

Medical work at Soochow has received a new impetus under the energetic, skilled management of Dr. Anne Walter, the increase in patients more than doubling that of any previous year.

Fifteen representatives of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions are now employed in China, and 5 married women have charge of work. Three boarding schools and 30 day schools are in operation, and 1,266 women and children are under instruction. In Shanghai is an active Woman's Missionary Society, which, for promptness in attending the meetings and paying dues, puts us to shame in the home land.

MEXICO.

The remarkable development of the work in Mexico makes it the largest projected by the Board in any mission field. The 14 missionaries are distributed in the three Conferences. The work, as a whole, is well equipped, but more room is the earnest cry at every center. There are 5 boarding schools, 9 day schools, and 1,789 women and children under instruction. The missionary societies among the women are kept up with interest, and recently a revival spirit has spread its quickening influence among the pupils, adding numbers to the Church of Christ.

BRAZIL.

The work in this field has suffered by a decrease of the working force. The ill health of some of the missionaries, and the dropping out of others, put those remaining under a great strain to carry on the schools; but no ground has been lost. Eight missionaries are

busy at the different centers of work in the Brazilian Conference. Three boarding schools and 1 day school are in operation, with 308 pupils and a number of women under instruction.

INDIAN MISSION.

The difficulties of this work are told in the following concise words of the ever-faithful superintendent, Rev. J. J. Methvin: "Were it not that the Master's command to carry the gospel to *every creature* is so plain and emphatic, I should be ready to retire and seek work in another field; but, appreciating his command, 'Go ye,' and appropriating the promise, 'Lo, I am with you alway,' I do not become discouraged, but leave results to him." This work is exclusively among the wild tribes. The Industrial School at Anadarko and the camp work must, under God, be agencies for good among these children of the forest.

NEW WORK.

In Mexico, in the beautiful city of Guadalajara, another center of work has been opened. It is located in the Central Mexico Mission Conference. A successful year has passed, the promise is bright, and when property is secured confidence will be won, and another stronghold for Christ will be built in our sister republic.

In Brazil, two hours' ride by rail from Rio de Janeiro, a grand property has been purchased in the city of Petropolis. This city was the former summer home of the late Emperor Dom Pedro. For beauty of location, high up among the mountains, healthful climate, and pure water, it cannot be surpassed. The place secured has ample grounds, the house is just out of the builder's hands, and will accommodate 100 boarders, besides the teachers.

"Centenary College" in Rio—closed because yellow fever had become endemic in that city—will be transferred to Petropolis, and Miss Watts, our pioneer missionary in Brazil, will open the school with the equipments to be obtained on the field, until she can be reënforced. Miss Watts is well known to the Chief Executive of Brazil, President Moraes de Barros, whose daughters and nieces she educated in the school at Piracicaba. We trust this new work will, in point of situation and evangelical influence, be truly a city set upon a hill, whose light cannot be hid.

A few sentences, clipped from the *New York Christian Advocate*, forcibly present the claims of those for whom we work: "By far the greater part of it—as many as eight hundred millions out of

the twelve hundred millions of the world's population—is wholly uninfluenced by the gospel. Say what you will about the *needs* of home and *claims* of home, the fact is undeniable that there are comparatively few at home who have not the opportunity, in some way, of knowing as much about Christ as may suffice for their salvation; while *three-fourths of the whole people of the world* are as ignorant of the way of life as they were that day when the Lord declared his mind so commandingly to Paul; and the inevitable inference is that the circumstances in this respect being the same, the greatness and urgency of the need being the same, the Lord, to whom the souls of men, wherever they are found, are equally dear, because alike bought with his precious blood—the Lord, who left the sheep that were safe in the fold, and went out after that which was lost, is saying to his Church now, as he points to the great moral and spiritual wastes that are lying open everywhere: ‘Depart, for I will send thee far hence unto *the heathen.*’”

Hasten on that age of wonder,
Which the Christ was born to bring,
When this world transformed shall worship
Jesus Christ as Lord and King.

REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

OFFICIAL.

CHINA.

WORK OF WOMAN'S BOARD OPENED IN 1878.

Shanghai District.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS L. A. HAYGOOD,*
MISS L. E. HUGHES,
MISS MINNIE BOMAR,
MISS S. B. REYNOLDS,
MISS M. L. SMITHY,†

MISS LOCHIE RANKIN,
MISS H. L. RICHARDSON,
MRS. JULIA GAITHER,
MISS CLARA STEGER,
MISS ELLA R. COFFEE.

* Home on leave.

† Retired.

Work in charge of married women.

MRS. M. B. HILL.

Bishop Galloway has just returned from an episcopal visit to our missions in the far East. In the following letter he gives us his impressions of our work in China:

In addition to what was communicated to the Church through my letters in the *Advocate*, about the work of the Woman's Board in China, I desire to make some other statements through you as the Secretary. And first I must express my high appreciation of the earnest missionary spirit and unexcelled industry of your workers in the field. They really need restraint from excessive labor. The demands are so many and so urgent that they are in constant danger from overwork. Each has a consuming zeal, and an increasing love for the people to whom she has consecrated life.

They are cheerful and happy workers. I did not hear a doleful tone or a discouraging word.

I was impressed with the wisdom which had planned the work. The relation of the two boarding schools in Shanghai—McTyeire Home and Trinity Home—to each other, their relation to the ten day schools, and the admirable adjustment of all to our evangelistic work as a Church, greatly pleased me. The day schools are so located contiguously to Central and Trinity Churches as to secure a very large attendance of the pupils at the Sunday schools. The detailed reports will give full and accurate information; from me you only want impressions and conclusions.

The work at Nantsiang and Käding is being prosecuted with Miss Rankin's accustomed and characteristic fidelity, with such assistance as Mrs. Hill has been able to render, which has been not a little. Miss Rankin lives in Louise Home, but makes triweekly visits to Käding, supervising

the six day schools in that city. I am glad she is to have a helper this year. With the discouragements of that work, you are acquainted, but there are not wanting tokens of cheer and evidences of success.

At Soochow, the boarding school, the day schools, and hospital, are all doing well. I was gratified at the reports presented. The observations I was able to make confirm those cheering statements. I saw the work of the boarding school, and hospital, but could not visit all the day schools. These are well located, so that the children attend the Sunday schools at our two churches in the city. I indorse most heartily the application of Dr. Walter for a children's ward in the hospital.

The annual meeting was an occasion of great spiritual blessing. Many important questions involving practical administration and business adjustments were freely discussed. There was harmony of spirit and purpose, and only such differences of opinion as are necessary to healthy growth.

The relation of the work and workers to the missions and missionaries of the Parent Board, I found harmonious and helpful.

The enforced absence of Miss Haygood and the failing health of Miss Smithey occasioned great sorrow, but the brave-hearted sisters were cheered by the coming of other laborers. The openings at Sung Kiang urge the establishment of a station there. I hope at the next annual meeting you will be able to make provision for the same.

All anticipate important changes as a result of the present war between Japan and China. A great door, and effectual, will be opened for the gospel. I plead, therefore, for a large increase of your force. Let the young women go to the field, and by acquaintance with the language be able soon to meet this loud call of our God. The day of large opportunity has dawned upon China. Are the women of Southern Methodism ready to obey the command of their Lord?

SHANGHAI. Miss Richardson writes:

In making a summary of the year's work one scarcely knows where to begin, there are so many threads to be caught up and woven together.

I began the year teaching in Clopton School, and ended it in McTyeire Home and School. I should have been most happy to remain in Clopton, as the girls there seemed to be my special charge, and I have a strong attachment for them. No service in the year has been more pleasant than the meetings held with them every Sunday evening. I still have several classes in the school.

In December I came to McTyeire Home and School, and the time passed here has been delightful. Twenty-three pupils have been enrolled; of these, one has married, one has left to study medicine, while a third, Miss Yung, has rendered valuable assistance in teaching pupils who were beginning the study of English, and in fact any work in the school that she has been called on to do. At present, in addition to teaching English, she is assisting Miss Reynolds with the music class at McTyeire, and has charge of the music at Clopton. Mrs. Yun has formerly been Miss Reynolds's assistant in this department, and was faithful and thorough. The entire morning is given to English; the afternoons, to Chinese.

Mrs. Gaither and Miss Reynolds have both given assistance in the English work. Miss Reynolds's special department in the school is continually increasing in interest, but of this she will tell in her report. The girls have made marked progress in music; indeed, "progress on all lines" seems to have been their motto, and it has been a genuine pleasure to instruct them.

Our Bible study has been of great interest both to pupils and teacher. The bright earnest faces they have brought into the class room have been an inspiration to me. That the truths of the Word are taking hold of their hearts is seen in them as peacemakers, burden bearers, and in enlightened consciences; and, I am happy to say, in some instances *unbound feet*.

We have had semiannual examinations, when the girls have stood well in their classes, both English and Chinese.

CLOPTON SCHOOL.

This was the first work undertaken by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and is therefore invested with peculiar interest.

Miss Bomar gives the following account of its present condition, and of her work:

Since October, 1893, the days on swift wings have passed, and another year's work for Christ in China has closed.

At the beginning of the year I was living in Trinity Home, and the work in Clopton School was before me. The very thought of this almost made my heart sink, for I feared that the work would suffer in the going out of a teacher of experience and one so well fitted as Miss Richardson, and the coming in of one so unacquainted with the ways of the people, and with such a limited knowledge of their language. I had a hard fight with despondency, but I finally realized that God would care for his work, and that I was only to wait upon him. Miss Richardson, notwithstanding her new duties in McTyeire School, kept the advanced class work in Clopton, and has stood by me in all the difficult places, sharing with me the burdens, and gladly giving me the benefit of her knowledge of the work.

The year has been filled with both spiritual and temporal blessings. While there have been heartaches over sad failures, there have been rejoicings over victories. Three pupils have been added to the Church, and two new names have been given as probationers. With the exception of one case of prolonged illness, our health has been good.

The final examination of the school, which took place near the end of July, was very satisfactory, and the girls showed plainly that they had made good use of their time. The pupils all returned after their summer holiday, apparently in good health and spirits, and the outlook now is for a prosperous year. My mornings and such portions of the afternoons as were not occupied with class work or other school duties have been devoted to study.

McTyeire Home and School was founded by Miss Haygood.

Miss Reynolds tells of the work as it has been carried on in the past year, and of her special department. She says:

Only a few words are required to give the outlines of my work for the year, but who can fill in the picture with its contrasts of light and shade? The task seems great, and yet "that which appears" on the surface seems so small. Many have been the trials and conscious failures, but they have taught us more of faith, hope, and love, and have given us courage to make them stepping stones to better things.

In reading a day or two ago these words struck me: "That may be either a burden under which the bent back groans, or an inspiration and delight under which the shoulders grow strong and buoyant." As an answer to this comes up Faber's suggestive lines:

If our lives were but more simple,
We would take him at his word;
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord.

We might add also some of St. Paul's wonderful exhortations, to rejoice in tribulation and to be of good courage.

It is encouraging to note the advance in my department, when compared with that of last year. Our pupils are growing in Christian character, and their lives show many tokens of the "fruits of the spirit." As students they are faithful, and several of them delight me by showing a real love for and appreciation of music, showing also a sense of the true and the beautiful that might do honor to a devotee of John Ruskin himself. "Every good and every perfect gift cometh down from the Father of light." Surely, if rightly valued, these gifts may be used in turning the thoughts of men to the giver himself.

In our study of English, and in the weekly meetings of our Wightman Literary Society, there are many proofs that these girls are receiving the truths of the gospel, and that God is revealing himself graciously to them through various channels. At several recent meetings of the society we have been translating into Shanghai colloquial one of Hans Andersen's stories, and we hope to make a small book of them with colored illustrations for the little folks. The thought of reaching and helping others through this medium has been a great pleasure and given a fresh impetus to the minds of these Chinese girls. One of the pleasant outgrowths of this society is the interest it has developed among the girls at home for their sisters in far-away China. We write to them and they to us, and China really is nearer to them to-day than it was twelve months ago, because of this handful of Christian pupils who have begun to study, in a small way, about some of the things and people dear to American girls. We are grateful for this fellowship and sympathy, and thank God for his goodness in binding us to himself and to each other in the unity of his spirit. It is only a few months since a tiny band of girls, only seven "Palmetto Leaves," sent to their Wightman sisters \$60 as a beginning for a library of English books. The self-denial and loving efforts of our friends in the home land are far more to us than any gifts could be. Almost every United States mail brings some

helpful thoughts or kind word from those who love the work and are praying that the "coming of His kingdom may be hastened throughout all the world."

How bright the future is with promises yet unfulfilled to the nations which sit in darkness! The pillar of cloud is moving; the Church is hearing as never before: "Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward."

Standing before a Sunday school class of children brought in from the streets of Shanghai, and looking into their eager eyes, it is difficult to grasp the fact that they are without God in their thoughts, and have little or no knowledge of him who gathered them in his arms saying: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." They so easily agree to what the teacher says, and their little tongues are so quick to answer questions, that one can only pray the Holy Spirit to open their hearts and minds as well as their lips to receive the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. In managing and teaching the class, the help of one of our larger pupils has been invaluable. Together we find the half hour Sunday mornings all too short. The class grows in number and interest, and is a constant satisfaction, not because of what the members have learned, but because of that which we hope they may become, and of what may be accomplished through these boys and girls. It is cheering to hear them sing, though with more zest than knowledge, the words:

"Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
We are weak, but he is strong."

The fact that no two of them sing together does not dampen their ardor, or in the least interfere with their enjoyment. Any one would be tonched to see these poor, ragged children put their queer Chinese "cash" into the collection box. This collection is to be used as a Church extension fund in opening and supporting a day school near the church.

DAY SCHOOLS.

Miss L. E. Hughes writes concerning this work in Shanghai:

At the close of our Conference year, I send my first annual report of work accomplished in the Shanghai day schools, a work to which I was first appointed on my arrival in China seven years ago. Those who are familiar with the work of our mission during these years will remember that it was necessary for my appointment to be changed more than once, and after serving in both boarding schools in Shanghai, and giving some time also to woman's work, I finally found myself, in the autumn of 1893, in the day schools.

As my regular work in this department began with September, one month of it was reported at our last annual meeting. It was not, however, until November that I was entirely released from the English classes in McTyeire School and I was free to give my entire time and attention to the day schools. At that time the twelve schools reported a year ago were still nominally open. Two, however, were soon found to be schools in little more than name, so the new year found us with only ten.

As I still kept one afternoon free for work among our Christian women, and Saturday afternoon is a half holiday in all of the schools in Shanghai, I had just time enough to visit and examine every week the ten schools, giving a half day to each.

Until China New Year I had all of the work in five schools; a part, also, in the remaining five, as Miss Smithey could spend only her afternoons in the day schools. After this, for a time, all work was prohibited by my physician; but Miss Smithey came to the rescue, cheerfully discontinuing her studies, and patiently looking after all the ten schools, until I was again able to resume my duties.

After one month's enforced rest, I was able, with a lightened programme, to resume regular work the 1st of April. This I continued, with slight interruptions, until after the summer examinations, which were held in July.

During August, the schools, as usual, had only forenoon sessions, with one week's entire holiday at the close of the month.

I went to the mountains of Japan for my holiday, spending about seven weeks. The long rest, in a delightful atmosphere, gave me new strength; and returning to my work the middle of September, I took it up, once more, with quickened interest.

The condition of Miss Smithey's health since the summer vacation has not allowed her to resume regular work; so, while sympathizing with her, I have double cause for gratitude that my own strength has been restored, though my duties are increased by her absence.

In the early autumn, sickness among the pupils caused the attendance for the quarter just ended to fall below the average, as it was 181 against 187 in the first and 200 in both the second and third quarters of the year.

Our present enrollment is 265; 98 of whom are girls, 167 boys. The highest enrollment during the year has been: Girls, 108; boys, 171; total, 279. From 150 to 200 attend Sunday school and preaching on Sunday mornings. Five are communicants; one is a probationer.

There is at present a little boy in Buffington College, Soochow, who was received into the Church while a pupil in the "Centenary." Dr. Parker, under whose care he has been during most of the year, reports that he is doing well.

Just here I will mention the fact, which Miss Smithey will speak of more particularly, that we had planned to have a number of our older and more advanced boys transferred to Buffington College at the beginning of the autumn term, Dr. Parker kindly consenting to receive them. We were very sorry when only one boy out of the ten we had selected was found ready to go. Two of the most promising were taken from school. One of these is now apprenticed to a tailor; the other has gone to learn the blacksmith's trade. We are sorry to lose our hold on our boys in this way, but it is in such establishments as well as other darkened places in China that we would have the light to shine.

Two of our boys are now at the Anglo-Chinese College, Shanghai. One from the "George Dillard" has become a probationer since entering the college.

Two little girls from the "Lucy Fant" school, who entered the Church before leaving, are now day pupils in the boarding schools, one in McTyeire, the other in Clopton. We are always glad for those who leave our day schools to have the advantage of further instruction in the boarding schools.

Time will not allow a separate report of each school, but this record would not be complete without reference to some of the native teachers, without whom it would be impossible to conduct the schools, and to whom so large a part of the instruction of the children is necessarily committed.

Mrs. Soo in the "Lucy Fant," Mrs. Tsang in the "Weaver," and Miss Dzau in the "Amos Wesley Jones" schools, have all done good work. It is from these three schools that several of the communicants and the one probationer have come. Mrs. Dzau, for about nine years teacher of the "Susan T. Cox," has been released from school work and employed as Bible woman in Shanghai. Miss Jui, a former pupil in Clopton School, is the present teacher. The school has improved under her management. Three of the pupils have joined the Church in the year; one of them at Trinity Church, Shanghai, the other two at an Episcopal church near which the school is located, in Hongkew. Some of the relatives of these girls were already communicants in the latter church. The "Front Royal" suffered a heavy loss early in the year by the death of Mrs. Faung. She had been teacher of this school almost from its opening, and had done good work. Her place has been hard to fill.

It is an encouraging fact to those of us especially interested in "woman's work for woman" to know that, with scarcely any exception, the women and girls employed make more satisfactory teachers than the men. Mr. Sz in the "Centenary" and Mr. Tsu in the "George Dillard" have both done good work. These two teachers always keep a large enrollment and a good attendance. The pupils of Mr. Tsu make more rapid advancement than in most of our schools. He, however, is not thoroughly satisfactory as a disciplinarian. Mr. Ling, in the "Richmond District," has made a variable record, at times pleasing in many ways. The teachers of the two remaining schools, Mr. Koo of the "Teresa Day," and Mr. Zi of the "Alice Hunter," have given so much dissatisfaction that both have received notice of dismissal at the end of the year, if improvement be not marked and speedy.

Before closing this record of the year's work, I should like to call attention to the fact that, in a few instances, the parents of the children have been reached in a way that is encouraging. The mother of two little girls in the "Weaver," and the father of a boy in the "Amos Wesley Jones," have joined the Church this year. the children, in both instances, receiving baptism with their parents.

Day school work is preëminently a "seed sowing," and there is much comfort in the remembrance that our Saviour once likened the "kingdom of heaven" to "a sower who went forth to sow his seed," some of which, "as he sowed," fell by the wayside, some upon stony places and among thorns, while others still fell upon the good ground. In this work among the the children we have sometimes seen "the fowls devour," "the sun scorch," and the "thorns choke" the seed which we have sown; but of that "other

sown" which fall upon "the good ground," we trust Him who "watereth the ridges, and settleth the furrows," who is also "Lord of the harvest," that he will make them "to bud and to bring forth" fruit, "some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred fold."

Miss Smithey was associated with Miss Hughes in the oversight of the day schools of Shanghai until the autumn of 1894, when her health failed and she offered her resignation. Before leaving China for the United States she wrote the following sketch of her work:

Looking backward over another year of day school work, I must say: "The Lord has been and is still with us."

Since the opening of the schools last autumn Miss Hughes and I have been associated in the Shanghai day school work. There were twelve schools then in operation. Very soon, however, we had to close one of the boys' schools. A short time after this two of the girls' schools were united, as one teacher could manage successfully the pupils of both in one.

From September until February I had the mornings for study, and visited the schools in the afternoons. I then had work in only five schools. About this time Miss Hughes's health grew worse, and I felt that I could give better service by taking the burden of the work from her instead of studying the Chinese classics. It has been a joy to relieve her, a greater one to see her after a few months grow stronger and more able to do the work which is so near to her heart. She will give the statistics of the schools.

In the past year I have seen the plans that I made fail, as perhaps others have seen their work come to naught, but with the failures and disappointments hope has looked upward to see the "impossible with men" the "possible with God." The personal work which I had just begun among the older girls in meetings held in my study at McTyeire Home soon came to an end. The parents of some of the girls were so superstitious about their visiting a foreign house that we thought best for them not to come again. The parents of two of the other girls took them from school, and have not allowed them to return. I do not know whether this was the cause or not, as other reasons were given. One of these girls had refused to go with her mother to worship at a heathen temple, and this may have had its influence. The faith of this girl has brightened the year for me. After she refused to go to the temple to worship she feared that her mother would punish her; so she ran off to school and told the teacher what had happened, and asked her to go home with her, and entreat her mother not to punish her. The teacher did so after school had closed for the day. The girl was not punished, but her mother soon after took her from school. Before she left I asked her who had helped her in that time of trial. She replied that it was Jesus.

I have been encouraged also to see the growth in grace of a young girl in one of the schools who joined the Church last year.

After the examinations were over I left Shanghai for Chefoo August 1, as I felt the need of a change very much. I had not been away from this

part of China for three years. I was not well when I left Shanghai, and grew worse in Chefoo, and had while there the first serious illness since my childhood. On that account I remained there until the 12th of September. Since my return to Shanghai I have not been able to work, and Miss Hughes has all the work in the day schools at present.

I cannot close this report without praising God for his goodness to me this year, and in times of illness and suffering for his presence and blessing.

WORK AMONG WOMEN.

Mrs. Gaither tells of her outdoor work and house to house visiting. She says:

In placing before you my second annual report, let me first express my gratitude to God for the blessings of another year. I feel constrained to exclaim in the words of the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

This year my programme has been changed, and I have done less school work. Instead of three Bible classes, I have had only one. This arrangement gave more time for work among the women; and as I expect to devote the rest of my useful days to this department of work, I am anxious to prepare myself for it. The greater part of this year I have had my mornings for study, except the time given to one Bible class. I have a study hour also, from half past one to two o'clock, longer or shorter according to circumstances. My afternoons have been given to visiting from house to house, with our native pastor's wife, or one of our Bible women, and in going to meetings for the women. I have had much to encourage me. Several times I have been invited to the homes of the better classes. At other times, in passing along the street, I have been called in to tell them about the doctrine.

The Bible women and myself, while walking on the road, have been called by the children, "Ya-soo kuh dau-li kuh myung," which means, "Jesus doctrine women." Even the little children are beginning to know us.

On Monday I usually study until it is time to go to our missionary prayer meeting at Union Church. The coming year, I have already arranged to spend this time teaching a class of Christian women who cannot read. I want to spend from three to five o'clock teaching them the character in the Bible, and thus prepare them for being Bible women. In visiting from house to house, I hope to build up this class; it is much in my thoughts and plans.

On Tuesday I go to probationers' meeting, usually from three to five o'clock. There I meet the native Christians and the probationers, and any who will or can be influenced to come. Only eternity can show the good our Sister Reid is doing in these meetings. On Wednesday I go with our native pastor's wife visiting from house to house; on Thursday, to our Woman's Epworth League. Friday I again spend visiting in the homes of the people, but I never go alone.

One Saturday afternoon in every month is given to our Woman's Missionary Society. At these meetings the average attendance is about sixty.

On Sunday I have a large class of women that has given me much pleas-

ure. Sister Reid's class is composed of women who cannot read—her fine command of the language enables her to teach them orally. Those that can read come into my class. They have the lesson papers, and study and answer questions. I took this class a year ago last May. They are punctual in attendance, and are doing well. Several of the women bring their little babies with them. Some of these lessons can never be forgotten, for I believe the Holy Spirit has been with us, and blessed the words spoken for the Master.

I was much disappointed in not being able to carry out my plans for work and study during the month of August. I really did not want any vacation, but a low form of fever coming on late in the spring, and continuing for weeks, made it necessary for me to leave Shanghai for a short time. The rest and change benefited me much.

I have finished my course of study for the second year, and like the language.

My work is all outdoor work. This throws me among the people, and I enjoy telling over and over the old, old story of Jesus and his love. These poor, heathen women nearly always receive me kindly; and in spite of dirt and discomfort, I appreciate their cordial welcome. I long to see Bible woman's work gaining ground, but it is such a tremendous field of labor that more direct effort must be made by women for women before a large blessing will be experienced. In praying for us do not forget the native Christians. It is so important for them to be able to teach others. Pray that the Holy Spirit may be poured out upon us all, that we may help to bring these people to Christ.

NANTZIANG AND KÄDING.

Miss Lochie Rankin gives an account of the Anglo-Chinese day schools in these two places. She writes:

Never before have we reviewed a closing Conference year with so much rejoicing as we have to-day. Not that the record of trials and disappointments is less, but that each day has been a special witness of God's abounding love and abiding presence. There have been many changes, both in the work and home life, but none that severed loving connections without attendant compensation.

It was a special pleasure to reconnect myself with the work in Nantziang. Nor have I had less pleasure, after seeing how rapidly the premises were becoming dreary ruins, in reopening Louise Home and trying to bring it back to some of its former loveliness. True, the heartaches have been many, being so constantly reminded of happier days, when it was mine to enjoy what other hands had so lovingly planned and skillfully executed. No single life is ever complete, and when alone I sorely miss that exquisite taste and delicate tact which beautified our house and home. While enjoying and appreciating Louise Home, my predilection for Chinese houses is as strong as ever, and if my years were fewer, and I did not so dread removals, I should cling to the hope of living in one again.

After Conference last October, the work continued as usual until the Chinese New Year holidays, except that I visited Nantziang less frequently,

and the removal of the native pastor there forced me to dismiss the girls' school three weeks earlier than the others. The Käding schools were dismissed the 24th of January, and the next day but one we removed to Nantziang. The entire vacation was spent—vainly, I had almost said—trying to put the house in order. I think I can truthfully say that I was never tired so long in my life, and I know that I never spent so much time and money with so little apparent result. I hailed the reopening of the schools, February 24, with intense pleasure and relief. I had previously arranged to give Tuesdays and Fridays to Käding, and every Sunday afternoon that I did not feel too tired to undertake such a heavy day's work as that involved. Once I thought I was a thorough Methodist, but that was before I became an itinerant. It was with fear and trembling that I undertook the charge of two stations, and especially did I dread the boat travel between Käding and Nantziang. So when, at the close of the first half year, I had not missed a single day—although cold, rain, heat, illness, and occasionally a Chinaman's innate meanness, conspired to make it a task of some magnitude—I feel very glad and grateful. Henceforth I shall always sympathize with the preacher who boasts of having never missed an appointment. I know what it means.

Once my boat was such a miserably small affair that the top had to be taken off for me to get on board, and eight hours spent in it brought on an attack of rheumatism. A few weeks later there was no boat to be had, and I went in a chair, through mud knee-deep and in a blinding rain, so that the foremost bearer had to be led along the narrow path like a blind man. Nor were these physical discomforts the worst part of the journey. I had to pay the same price for that miserable old shell that I did for good boats, although I am sure that the poor, needy boatmen never got an extra cent. And I soon learned that there were plenty of boats that rainy day, but the chair coolies wanted the job, and expected to be paid extra on account of the bad weather. So we are constantly saddened by a spirit of avarice and an utter disregard of a foreigner's rights on the part of those we employ.

In the work proper, despite difficulties and discouragements, we have had much to comfort and cheer. After the sixth moon I arranged to visit the school outside the South Gate, Käding, Wednesday afternoon instead of trying to wedge it in between the classes inside the city. The native pastor expressed a wish to organize a Sunday school inside the city, but said that he could not without another teacher; so I promised to go regularly Sunday afternoon. This involves a long boat trip four days in seven, but I enjoy the work and endure the itinerating.

The Anglo-Chinese school was necessarily divided after my removal to Nantziang. To the pupils residing in Käding I give two afternoons in the week, and they pay half price. Of course all boarders came to Nantziang, but the teacher there has failed to keep any who cared for Chinese as well as English, and my frequent absences make it difficult to manage a man so thoroughly lazy. We hope for better things after his dismissal.

For more than a year I have been trying to devise some means by which I might, without an actual increase of salary, reward those day school teach-

ers who have been faithful laborers so many years. Knowing how anxious many of the pupils are to learn English, I finally offered a three years' course to all who had been in the mission school five years or more and were studying Mencius. Ten from the Käding schools and two from Nantziang met the requirements, and very happy they seem in their new studies. Their school fees I pay myself to the native teacher in charge.

Truly we are beginning to see the results of the labors of other years. Those who came to us almost babes two and three years are now reading the Bible in easy Venli, and can answer intelligently a number of questions on the text. The attendance on Sunday in Käding is always the best of any day in the week, and all delight in the Sunday school lessons. Especially is this true of the Anglo-Chinese pupils, who prepare their lessons with a minimum of help from the missionary. In Nantziang there is a marked improvement both in attendance on Sunday and interest in the services and lessons of that day. On the whole the schools have been well attended, and I have not at any time suffered myself to be influenced by numbers unless they were overwhelmingly immense.

One day, after a long, hot boat trip, I found only one pupil in a school of twenty-two. I went through all the regular exercises possible with that one, and felt amply repaid. The next time there were two, and telling myself the number was doubled, I continued going, and the fourth time found the class room full again. Some had been ill, some kept at home to nurse the babies while their mothers were busy in the fields, and the bronzed faces of the older boys told its own tale of cotton picking.

The teacher in charge of the Käding school for girls died in the holidays. It was very pathetic to see how quickly she succumbed to age and disease after she knew the school would not be reopened. A bright little boy from her class came to the boys' school, and is a child of unusual intelligence. I have not been able to do anything for the little girls.

My work with the women has been limited, but I have met with them at least once a week. Several have learned to read a few verses in the Bible, and one has united with the Church. Our Sunday afternoon Bible readings are very interesting. Even the boatman, who never goes in to the service with the boys, puts on his shoes and comes to our woman's Bible class. Every one seems to enjoy this informal meeting. Perhaps one reason is because all take part in the reading, and are invited to express their thoughts on any verse they may select. Then the prayers are often special, and people are always interested in something personal and definite. Some of the prayers have been followed by thanksgiving, so wonderfully gracious have been the answers.

Too much praise cannot be given our native pastor, whose active and kindly interest in the schools has been a help and inspiration during the year.

On Tuesdays and Fridays, when I am in Käding, Mrs. Hill takes some of my afternoon classes in Nantziang, and gives the entire school a much-needed foreign supervision during my absence.

The review of the year and its work is not without its shadow of sadness.

We have sorely missed Miss Haygood; especially we in the interior, who must depend so largely on letters for sympathy and companionship. She could not come to us often in person; but a week never passed without a long, cheery letter, brightening lonely hours and making us feel that we were still in touch with the social Christian world from which we are so far removed. Our prayers go with her, and we look anxiously for her return.

School for girls, 1; pupils, 13; schools for boys, 5; pupils, 120; native teachers, 6.

KÄDING DAY SCHOOLS.

Mrs. Emma Kerr Hill writes as follows concerning these schools:

During the first quarter it was my privilege to have the daily oversight of these schools, and I may safely say that it was the beginning of the brightest year in their history.

Since my removal to Nantziang the regular class work has been done by Miss Rankin.

Eliza Walker School for boys has, for the past four years, been taught by the native preacher's wife. On account of household and other cares the school was greatly neglected. The attendance was irregular, and what had formerly been a full school was much reduced, so we employed a young man, a native of the place, to take charge of the school. The old pupils returned, and we note great improvement. The majority of the children have to work on the farm in the busy seasons, and the average attendance for that time is small.

Philips School for girls, during the first quarter, was well attended, numbering twenty-four pupils. Our hearts were made glad, and we were greatly encouraged by receiving several probationers from among the older pupils. They became probationers with the full consent of their heathen parents. The mother in one case, and grandmother in another, came in person to testify their willingness.

At China New Year the school suffered a great loss by the marriage and removal of the young native teacher. As we could not supply her place with an experienced teacher, the oldest pupil took charge. She was unable to teach the advanced girls, and with the new term we lost some of them. She has done remarkably well, however, with the smaller pupils.

In Hendrix School for boys there has been little change. The patient, efficient teacher has kept the same pupils from year to year, and as the older boys went out for business their places were filled by younger brothers or relatives. The school has been in operation six years, and five pupils of the first year are still with us. They are bright, hopeful boys, well advanced in the study of the Scriptures.

The Mary Sloan School was, until China New Year, made up of day pupils and a limited number of Anglo-Chinese pupils. The English class was discontinued at the close of the last term. The teacher, a former pupil, works diligently, and promises to be very helpful.

Number of pupils enrolled during the year, 79; schools, 4; teachers, 4; probationers, 5.

I hoped to report at least a beginning of work among the women, but so far work in Nantziang has been confined to class work in the day schools, the days on which Miss Rankin goes to Käding.

Soochow District.

MISSIONARIES.

MRS. J. P. CAMPBELL,	MISS J. M. ATKINSON,
MISS MARTHA PYLES,	MISS ALICE WATERS,
MISS S. P. BLAKE,*	MISS EMMA GARY,
	MISS ANNE WALTER, M.D.

*Married.

Married lady in charge of the work :

MRS. A. P. PARKER.

SOOCHOW. The following is Mrs. J. P. Campbell's annual report of the work in this district:

In reviewing the year's work one finds much that is similar to the preceding years in methods and purpose, and yet gradual changes in adapting the old work to new workers mark it with an individuality of its own.

We have seen God's power at work among this people during the year, turning them by degrees unto himself. There has been no great awakening, no marvelous outward expression of a change among them, but there has been a loosening of the bars and bolts; here an invitation to enter and be friends where once the door was shut at our coming; here and there a friendly recognition on the streets, where before we were greeted by the vilest epithets. An invitation to the women to gather with us in our Sabbath afternoon meetings is accepted and the house filled, where in former days the invitation would have passed unnoticed. Yes, we have much to rejoice over, much to encourage us.

From our day schools several pupils have entered Dr. Parker's boarding school; and more than this, some have been brought into the Church.

We reported ten day schools at the close of last year, but this year finds only nine on our list. We closed the oldest school at China New Year. The teacher, Mrs. Sung, having reached the age of eighty-one, though her sight and hearing still were good, was too old to control the pupils, yet seriously objected to a younger teacher. Not being in a flourishing condition, we closed it and converted the building into a Bible Woman's Home; and pensioning Mrs. Sung, we made her Matron in the Home.

The other school closed was the English school, which I have referred to in one or two former annual reports. It grew out of the day school work, and was conducted in the Sung Nga-zien day school building. It consisted of a class of boys, varying in number from ten to twenty, the number depending on the season—for instance, during the season for exporting silk, when the operators in the telegraph office were kept busy by the merchants, the boys who were employed in these offices could not give the same time to English. In teaching them English a most satisfactory channel was

opened to teaching them Bible truth; but I found that I was alone in thinking that English should be taught in connection with our woman's work in Soochow; and as the class took a good share of Miss Waters's working hours as well as my own, teaching afternoon about as we did, we decided to close it. This was done in May last, but I have concluded, after receiving the most pressing letters from the pupils, to open it again.

I have visited the day schools during the year as opportunity afforded, but Misses Gary and Waters have had the regular work and have proved their interest by their zeal, and day by day becoming better acquainted with the language has made them yet more efficient.

The boarding school has been supervised this year by Miss Pyles, who seems eminently fitted for that branch of the work. I have had a very small part in assisting her. Many new faces are among the pupils of late.

We are glad to have Dr. Walter in charge of the hospital to report its work, which will be very gratifying to the Church at home, as well as encouraging to us on the field.

The Bible work in the hospital has gone on from day to day, but I have not always time and strength to give to it. This work is not confined to the hospital chapel, but stretches out to every home that has been represented in its clinic and on its sick beds in its wards. Many little sermons have been given in the many ways that sermons are preached, and the light of eternity will reveal some fruit from this year's work. The Bible women have gone in and out among the patients in the hospital and in their homes, teaching and telling of the great Physician. Many tracts and copies of portions of the Scripture have been distributed with the prayer that some heart will be brought to the light through them.

The dispensary that was opened near the center of the city, and which we found we could not continue, was closed in May, but there is a report of itinerating work done by Miss Blake, who was married, July 4, to Rev. W. N. Crozier, of the North Presbyterian Mission. Though no longer under our Board, she continues in the great work of evangelization, and we pray that it may be hers to turn many to righteousness.

SOOCHOW BOARDING SCHOOL.

Miss Pyles, who has been in charge of this work for the past year, says:

Immediately after Conference last year I was assigned to the boarding school. With peculiar pleasure I saw these girls come into my care, and felt that they and the work connected with them were mine. I should have felt less hopeful at the prospect, had I not been assured of Mrs. Campbell's readiness to advise and to give me aid whenever I should turn to her. Indeed, the perplexities in connection with this charge would have proved trying if she had not constantly given me the benefit of her long experience in the school. This being the case, I have found the year comparatively free from difficulties, and have had real joy in the work, even beyond my anticipations.

Mrs. Campbell kindly retained her Saturday morning class in composi-

tion, and the Sunday night Bible class. Other class work of two hours each day, I took myself, and by close study and the assistance of an older pupil have been able to keep up the classes.

We began last year with twenty-four pupils, three of them being new. Later in the year two more entered, making our number twenty-six. Near the close of the year, however, three of our girls have gone out from us, two to be married and one to study medicine. We have since received three new pupils. The oldest girl in school is to be married in a few days.

Of the pupils in the school this year, the ten oldest are Christians, and members of the Church, while the next two in order of age became probationers last year, and are manifesting much earnestness in their desire to be Christians. Others are already interested in the question of becoming Christians, and I am confidently expecting them all, as they grow old enough to understand, to come fully into the light and love of Him whose mission upon earth was to the little ones of China no less than to the fair little ones of our own race and country. I regret that my limited knowledge of the language has prevented me from giving the girls instructions that would be helpful to their growth in grace. I am happy to say, though, that this teaching they have received from both Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Campbell, so that they have not been neglected in this respect.

It has been very gratifying to me to see the girls striving hard to overcome faults, and to endure trials for the sake of the Master, and to watch their consequent development in Christian character.

The general health of the pupils has been good. The daily grades, as well as the marks at the quarterly examinations, give evidence of diligent study on the part of the pupils, as well as faithful work on the part of the Chinese teacher.

DAY SCHOOLS IN SOOCHOW.

Miss Waters and Miss Gary have worked diligently in these schools. Miss Waters writes:

My work during the past year has been in the day schools on the west side of the city. Until May there were five of these.

Number 2, "Rehoboth," just outside of one of the west gates, I have visited myself only about once a quarter, but it has been visited regularly until the end of the third quarter by a competent native Christian, who has examined the pupils every week in the Christian books, and every two months in the native books.

I regret that I could not give this school more attention, and I hope after this that it may have the constant supervision of a foreigner.

A short distance from this gate, in a very busy part of the city, are the other four schools.

In the first part of the year four afternoons of each week were spent in Number 8, where we taught English altogether; this left me very little time for work in other schools, though after my return from Shanghai in the spring only three afternoons of the week were given to it. The last of May the school was closed.

There has been a full attendance in all the schools throughout the year. The enrollment was 162. The teacher who assisted in the English school was a Christian, and was a great help in teaching the Christian books in other schools. His wife, also a Christian, has taught the girls' school. They resigned last month and moved to Shanghai, and a new teacher has been employed.

In the beginning of the year we had a beautiful opening for Sunday services in the school building for women and children. The pupils were all present, and the room was often crowded with women, many of whom were the mothers of our pupils. It was a great disappointment when the landlord positively refused to permit us to hold these services any longer; and, as it was impossible to rent another house near by, we were obliged to give up the plan for a time. I hope in future the way may be opened for us to reach the homes of our pupils there, to give them a knowledge of God.

I have done all that I could, with my limited knowledge of Chinese, to teach the children under my care of our Saviour.

Miss Gary writes of her work in the day schools of Soochow as follows:

The close of my second year in China finds me more closely identified with my work and better adapted to it in every way.

The natives who seemed so strange at first are not so now—they are my brothers, sisters, friends. My respect for the sturdy Celestial increases with my growing knowledge of his good qualities; and my work among them is, therefore, a genuine pleasure. I regret that it was necessary to close two schools last year: one because the people were moving so constantly that we could not keep a full school; the other because the house was needed for the Bible women.

When our Bible Woman's Home is built we expect to reopen this school. The five remaining schools are all taught by Christians, and they are all women but one. I am glad that I have none but Christian teachers.

Devotional exercises are held daily. The Bible is a text-book, and the catechism is taught every day with Old Testament history and other Christian books.

Three of the schools are near enough to attend church and Sunday school here, and I noticed last Sunday that they were here before nine o'clock waiting eagerly for the ringing of the church bell.

The other two schools are far away, so we go to them and hold a Sunday school every Sunday afternoon.

A year ago there was just one school at this place, but it has outgrown its bounds and been divided, and the girls sent to a separate apartment. A number of these girls are larger than are usually found in day schools, and besides studying native and Christian books they have embroidery lessons.

These schools have done well in their everyday work, and the Sunday work has been especially encouraging. Besides the forty pupils present, there are usually from twenty to forty outsiders, mostly women. There are always two or more Bible women present to work among the women. Many of the women, as soon as they enter the room, tell us that they have never

heard the gospel and have come to hear. They listen attentively, often eagerly, and it does my heart good to see with what *earnestness* the Bible women tell over and over again the old, old story to women whose faith in idolatry is shaken, and they are seeking after the true light.

One nice young lady, who has been worshiping with us for months, wants to unite with the Church, but as her people are heathen and she is betrothed to an unbeliever, she has not dared openly to profess her faith.

One dear little child in this school went home and told his mother something that he had learned of God and heaven. The mother was impressed with the strange, new story. She destroyed her idols and became an earnest inquirer. Some months ago she and her grown daughter became probationers, and are now ready to be baptized and received into Brother Anderson's Kong Hong Church. This daughter is a nice, bright girl, eighteen years of age. She teaches embroidery in the school, and has been so anxious to read the Bible that she has put in every odd moment studying. She has learned fast, and is now asking to be admitted to the boarding school. The little boy wishes to be a probationer, and also to enter Buffington College. The father no longer worships idols, and he is so favorably impressed with the new faith of his family that he declares he is glad for them to be Christians, but that he cannot because he is an officer among the soldiers. Another member of this family, a small girl, is very intelligent, and is learning remarkably fast. She enjoys singing hymns; and if a bright, happy face is a true index to the heart, she is already one of His children.

While it is hard for those who are old in superstition, sin, and idolatry to enter the kingdom, it is easy for those innocent little ones to believe and be saved.

BIBLE WOMAN'S WORK.

Mrs. A. P. Parker, whose long experience in China has prepared her for work in almost any department, has supervised the Bible women and their work in the Soochow District during the past year. She writes:

Our four Bible women entered upon a new year of work October 1, 1893, and now at the close of the year, in taking a review of the work I am more than ever impressed with its great importance. I doubt if there is a more effective way of spreading the good news and having the gospel truths explained than by earnest, efficient women going from home to home, and talking to the mothers and sisters there, the little children too taking in more than it is thought they can understand. There is an opportunity for question asking and answering, and in that way the truth is given them in such words that they can understand more easily. They have gone up and down these streets, and out into the country villages, into the homes of the rich, and the hovels of the poor, and they have not feared or been ashamed to speak of the much-despised religion. They say they notice one great change in the people: that they have now very little to say against them, and less frequently make inquiries about the evil reports concerning the foreigners and all those who believe in their religion, that they are more kindly received and find them more willing to listen, and many are inter-

ested listeners. Because of this their calls have been longer at each place, so that not so many visits are reported this year. They have made altogether 3,350 visits. That does not mean that only that number have heard the truth from their lips. For it is seldom when a caller comes to a home, that some of the neighbors do not run in to see who she is, and hear what she has to say; and if it is a stranger, the whole neighborhood comes together to see and hear. This gives them quite an audience.

Just outside the Fugate (the one nearest our mission homes), there must be within a radius of three miles as many as two hundred villages, hamlets, and small towns. They have made 81 visits to these villages; to some where they have been most kindly received they have gone several times, and have gained the friendship of a few, who, when they come to the city, return the visits, and follow the Bible women to the preaching service. Their trips into the country are generally made in a small boat. I have accompanied them several times on their trips; but as I am only free on Saturdays, I have not been as often as I should like. Mrs. Crozier (*née* Miss Blake) has been out with them many times, taking with her her basket of medicines, and giving to those who would come to the boat and accept her treatment. Never was there a visit made but that some were willing to come to the foreign lady for relief for their bodily ills. Those who come on the boat are more willing to talk and listen.

In the winter the oldest among the women, the one we call grandmother, was brought very near death's door, and she for some time was not able to go out on her rounds. She testified that she had no fear of death, that she trusted in Christ, and believed he would save her.

Sickness and bad weather have come in occasionally to interfere with the others. Mrs. Loh has been called upon several times to act as substitute for one of the day school teachers during their absence or sickness.

In February we took into our number one other woman, Mrs. Lén, who, though young, hopes to prepare herself for the work. She has been studying most of the time, and has accompanied us on all the trips into the country, and is getting a little more brave to face the strangers and talk with them, for it requires some boldness to push ourselves into towns and homes where we are not known or wanted, and some tact to conduct ourselves in such a way that we may gain their attention and allay their fears. She has now commenced to go regularly with one of the older women in her daily visiting.

There are three meetings besides the regular Sabbath services to which the Bible women invite the neighbors: One is held on Sabbath afternoons at the Moh-löng-kee school for the children, and superintended now by Miss Gary. The one on Tuesday at the Kong Hong, and held especially for heathen women, is often attended by fifteen or twenty women, who sit and listen to our talks and hymns, sometimes assenting to what we say. The meeting breaks up with a general talk or by each one of us paying attention to some one either to explain more fully what we have before said or to question her to see if she has understood what we have told her. The Christian woman's prayer meeting is also well attended by the outside women and the hospital patients. It is always held in the hospital chapel.

The Bible women, two or three of the young married women and older girls, all take leading parts, and it is doing them good. The Bible women come to me every morning, spending an hour or more in reading and studying the Bible and other Christian books, and also giving their report of the previous day's work. I have kept a record of all I have considered worth writing. I am very thankful that we have been given money to erect a home for the Bible women. We need it very much, especially that there may be a place easy to find by women both in the city and country, who come to visit us. We ask your prayers for these women, that they may not grow weary or discouraged in their work, and that they may be so filled with the Holy Spirit that they may speak with convincing words to their heathen sisters.

MEDICAL WORK.

When Bishop Galloway was in China holding the China Mission Conference he presided at the woman's annual meeting.

The report made by Dr. Anne Walter, who is in charge of the woman's hospital in Soochow, so enlisted the interest of the Bishop that he asked her for a copy, and when writing of it he said: "The report made a profound impression upon the meeting, and will certainly awaken renewed and liberal support in the womanhood of the Church at home."

In giving the report of the hospital last year, I desire first to express my appreciation of the substantial foundation I have had to build on in taking up the work of those before me. Mrs. Campbell too has been a great blessing to me in meeting the almost insurmountable difficulty of the language, and with her cheerful encouragement and able assistance she has helped me through the rugged paths of my work. The three native nurses, who also constitute my medical class, deserve the highest praise and commendation. No foreign nurses could have been more faithful, loyal, and unchanging in their devotion to their work. Always fearless and tireless in the operating room, and through the night watches, they have won the love and respect of all associated with them.

A retrospective glance shows much work done, the usual per cent. of success and failure, and with it a realization that an older and wiser head would have worked better results; but through all the anxieties and responsibilities of the year I have realized much real happiness and many encouraging results.

The following statistics represent fairly the amount of work done this year.

New patients treated.....	1,559
Cases returning for treatment.....	578
Patients treated in old dispensary.....	461
Patients treated in itinerating trips.....	321
Patients received into the hospital.....	142
Professional calls.....	571
Total.....	4,011

Surgical operations	145
Out nursing.....	121
Number of prescriptions recorded.....	4,896
Deaths in hospital.....	2

These figures show an increase of nearly three thousand over last year, and nearly double that of any preceding year.

Of the \$1,028 taken into the hospital, aside from the appropriation, and as reported by the Treasurer, \$700 was from the out practice. As I was unavoidably detained in Japan this summer, the hospital was closed two months of the last quarter.

This finishes my report, but several have requested me to give a few incidents which have occurred in the hospital, that others may enter into a little of our everyday life.

In only one instance has my charge of \$5 a visit been questioned. I was called to attend a baby who was having convulsions. I found the room crowded. Two men were busily engaged running sticks up the child's nose to make it sneeze, while ten or twelve women stood ready to jump and scream whenever it seemed necessary to frighten off a convulsion. I stopped the screaming, and strongly advised them not to hold seven lighted candles and a few lamps in its face when there were symptoms of convolution. The baby recovered from this acute attack of Chinese doctoring, plus a foreign physician, and the family thought its recovery sufficient remuneration for the services of the foreign physician. A few months later while I was away the child died. Shortly after this a "board" with some high-flown inscription as to sentiment was presented to me, not because the child had once recovered under my treatment, but because they knew I could have saved it had I been here, and the "board" cost more than the sum total of my bill.

It is gratifying to note the growing confidence of the people expressed in the ever-increasing numbers of ward patients. Many of those who were afraid to attend the clinics even have been persuaded to enter the wards, and have continued friendly toward us, even to the extent of bringing others into the hospital. This confidence is largely shown in our surgical wards, as surgery is something quite beyond the comprehension of the average Chinese. An incident amusing, and yet sad, occurred at my out clinic across the city, where I have sometimes been compelled to treat men. There was brought to me a young boy who had gotten a piece of lead from a bamboo toy in his larynx. Tracheotomy alone could have saved his life. This I explained to the assembled family. A discussion followed, resulting in the production of a most wonderful chart, representing the upper half of the human body, and showing how the esophagus terminated in the heart, in evidence of the fact that in China the heart and the stomach are one and the same thing. I got lost among the tangled ends of the trachea, which in some way seemed to lose itself in what would be the gastric region of any civilized being. This subdued my thirst for knowledge of Chinese anatomy. I pointed out the spot in the median line where the operation must be done. They preferred the side. As I could not agree with them, there was no

operation and the boy died, one of the thousands of cases in China of the laity *versus* the profession.

As I suppose foot binding comes properly under the head of surgery, I will speak here of a woman who came into clinic to beg me to amputate her toes. Her feet had been bound in such a way as to make walking inexpressibly painful, but as the toes were in tolerably good condition, I refused, especially as her daughters all had bound feet, and she would not agree to unbind them. She got down on her knees and pleaded to have them amputated, and finally departed, angrily asserting that her gods could do for her what I had refused to do, and her daughters are growing up to endure the same torture. This case is very different from that of the old woman who came into the wards with a gangrenous finger. In a fit of temper her son-in-law snapped her finger backward and splintered the bone. The whole arm was swollen and black, but I thought amputation might save her. She preferred a certain death to having even the finger removed, for the loss of a single member of her body means to her mind a beggar's existence through eternity. In surgery particularly do we meet with the almost impossible barrier of superstition, although our medical work is not entirely free from its tenacious hold.

During an unusual press of work last spring a woman was called in to assist the hospital *amah*. After her return to her home she became very sick. In the evening two men came to the hospital, bringing with them a dress the woman had worn and several burning incense sticks. They asked permission to go back to the straw house where the woman had slept, to call one of her six souls which she had accidentally left there. As the woman's faith was so strong, we feared it might be the cause of her death to refuse, so gave permission. One of the men went first into the room with the outspread dress and burning incense, calling as he walked, "Ah-tian le! ah-tian le!" and the second man, following, answered, "Le-tse! Le-tse!" Thus they captured the spirit and went home happy to put the clothes containing it on the woman.

You may be sure this opportunity for a lesson in divine faith was not lost, and later the Bible woman sought the woman at her home.

It is a distressing truth that the great majority of cases brought here for operation are in such a condition from long standing and dirt that it is almost useless to attempt a cure. Antisepsis is an unknown word, and for this reason it is useless to attempt cases of a very grave nature; even with the perfect care of the nurses, cleanliness is impossible. Another trying feature of the surgical work is that the patients in nearly every case leave the hospital before they are well. Their condition after operation is so vastly more comfortable than before that they can see no reason why they should not at once return to their work. Often operations have been done against my judgment, but I am glad to report very encouraging results.

The cases of opium poisoning are of peculiar interest, because of their frequency. As an illustration of the faith of these people in our skill—or it may be their imperfect conception of the religion we are trying to teach them—I was called to a case of opium poisoning, but on my arrival found

the woman dead. I was almost forced into giving her an hypodermic, because they knew I could save her, for did we not profess to raise the dead? Here was an opportunity to tell them of the resurrection and the life everlasting, which was well used by my interpreter, one of the nurses. Women with opium habit are never taken into the wards unless they come of their own accord and ask to be cured of the habit. I have found it useless to attempt a cure of an unwilling subject.

While the medical work is of undoubted importance, it is after all but means to an end, a key to unlock the doors of homes otherwise closed against the gospel. In the hospital untiring effort has been made to teach the patients of the great Physician. Under Mrs. Campbell's direction, services are held regularly in the chapel, while the Bible women and nurses do constant and beautiful work in the wards. It is our great desire to be able to follow each patient to her home and keep them always under our Christian influence.

In closing I must speak of the great wish of my heart in connection with this work. If all the missionary auxiliaries and Epworth Leagues, and even the Board of the Home Work, could see the myriads of little children in need of hospital care, I am sure they would help me with a children's ward. We need it, O so much! Day after day the little sufferers are brought here, and we have no appropriate place for them. The thousands of tortured feet are pleading for deliverance! Hundreds of thousands are doomed to lives of uselessness for the lack of a little tender care. Just here I want to tell you of a wee baby in the ward, who was at first terrified beyond measure at the sight of a foreigner, or even the sound of a foreign footstep. After a day or two, she would completely cover herself with a great blue silk handkerchief when she heard me coming. Thus protected, she submitted to my presence. By degrees we arrived at a game of "peeps," and finally the blue handkerchief waved its last wave. Every morning this mite of a baby would toddle into the chapel and climb up on the front seat, otherwise empty. The first two or three mornings after she adopted the chapel services, the blue handkerchief was called into service when we knelt for prayer. At last one day she slid down off her great long, empty bench and laid her head against the edge of the seat, for she was too short to kneel, and thus devoutly she stood through the long Chinese prayer. I am going to have a children's ward if it is possible, and I believe it is.

Even more than this, I want and urgently need another physician. This work has always been imperfectly managed, and the opportunity is surely ours for trebling the work done this year.

MEXICO.

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.

WOMAN'S BOARD COMMENCED WORK IN 1881.

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MISS KATE P. FANNIN,*

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MISS DELIA HOLDING,

MRS. A. E. McCLENDON,

MISS HARDYNIA NORVILLE.

Rev. H. C. Morrison, Senior Secretary of the General Board, accompanied Bishop Key in his round of Conferences in Mexico, and the following letter gives his view of the work of the Woman's Board of Missions in that field:

It requires a personal visit to get a just conception of the work being done in Mexico by the Woman's Board of Missions. They are at work on the true woman's plan—quietly, prudently, patiently. Having seen, we are inclined to tell somewhat of their work. They have five flourishing schools in Mexico, and are now enterprising the sixth. In company with Bishop Key we visited all the schools, and took time to see, inquire, and consider.

Palmore Collegiate Institute, at Chihuahua, is under the management of Miss Wilson, with Miss Harper and two other worthy ladies associated with her. The property is composed of what is called in Mexico a "compound." It is part of a block, fronting a neat park, and in the usual square form with open court in the center. Around this court, and arranged in Mexican style, are the several buildings: dwelling, schoolroom, dormitory, etc. The front buildings are two stories in height, while the rear are but one story. The walls being very thick and strong and the roofs flat, they wish to erect a chapel on top of the one-story buildings. Adjoining this compound is the property belonging to the Parent Board of Missions, composed of a neat church and comfortable parsonage, occupied by Brother Acosta, our native pastor in that city. Here in this school these cultured women have about fifty Mexican children under training. Here we were entertained for two days, and enjoyed social and religious communion with these faithful toilers in the mission field.

The second school visited was at Durango, and under the supervision of Miss McFarren, a lady of experience and high qualifications, and having the sweet-spirited Miss Tydings associated with her. This school is a light in the very heart of a dark place, as Durango is among the most fanatical of the Mexican cities. The work of this school is now being felt, and will tell on the future of this people.

At San Luis Potosi is another school in charge of the gifted Miss Toland. This school, like the others, has that neat arrangement and inviting air which makes it a pleasant place to visit. Among the teachers here we found a daughter of Dr. McLean, of Texas, and also the daughter of Dr. John.

This school is educating the children of the prominent and influential people of the city, and has more than a hundred pupils. We catechised two little *señoritas*, daughters of a Mexican officer, and aged, perhaps, nine and eleven years. They came into the school ten months previous, with no knowledge of the English language, and in that time they had read through the four readers in English, and were well advanced in geography, and answered our questions readily and in as good English as we could employ. Teachers and pupils alike seemed happy in their work and in each other's society.

At Saltillo we met Miss Roberts, a woman of marvelous power for work and doing good. To her is due the undying honor of the work in that city. Alone and unaided she battled for a time, and then, under the fostering hand of the Woman's Board, she has wrought wonders—a school property, commodious and well arranged, with the touch of taste on every hand; rare flowers kept ever fresh by a fountain of crystal water playing in the center of the *patio*, making everything cheery in the daytime and lulling you with its liquid music as you sink to sleep at night. In addition to this property, and fronting on another street, is the new church—the lot purchased by Miss Roberts with proceeds from the school, and the church building erected through her energy and the financial aid of Brother Grimes, of our work. This plant is a gospel arclight in the heart of Saltillo.

A new school is now being enterprised at Guadalajara, under direction of Miss Wilson, sister of Bishop Wilson. This school we did not see. But we may be sure of its success when our women have determined upon it, and Miss Wilson has it in charge.

But the parent institution is at Laredo. This city is on both sides of the Rio Grande, which separates Mexico from Texas. Miss Holding, the General Superintendent of the woman's work, has charge here; and from this point she visits and overlooks their entire work in Mexico. Miss Holding is a Kentuckian and well known throughout our Church—a woman of God, strong in mental and spiritual life, and beautiful in her faith. The hand of God has been with her in her work.

Laredo Seminary, begun in 1882, has fifteen acres in its grounds, with ten buildings, and is worth \$100,000 Mexican currency. There are twenty-one cultured and consecrated women in the Faculty, Miss Holding's sister among the number, and there are two hundred pupils in the school. This school, while educating children of the more elevated class, is at the same time taking up the children of the poorest, pulling them out of the miserable hovels and holes in the ground, and cleansing and educating them. It is well-nigh sublime to see this grand institute as it stands fronting the Mexican republic with only the river between them, and just back of it the military post, with the United States flag floating above it. There, between the American flag and the Mexican millions, it stands, a veritable lighthouse, flinging its light out over the darkness of a false Christianity and superstition.

How has God led these willing workers! In the few years of their history they have gotten hold of Mexico at strong and strategic points, and have a property and position which command respect from all. And from

these points they are reaching and changing Mexican life and character through the childhood of that nation. They have a property of \$150,000 value, and an influence which can never be put into arithmetical terms. Let the Church rejoice and strengthen the hands of these women for further conquest.

Miss N. E. Holding has visited all the centers of woman's work in Mexico, and tells of the progress in each, and gives a fuller account of her especial work:

LAREDO SEMINARY.

The year 1894 has been one of constant waiting. The continued depreciation of Mexican money, and more than the usual care of school affairs, made the spring term full of anxiety and the need of help from the one unfailing Source.

Miss Fannin, who came to us from Saltillo in the latter part of 1893 for a change of climate, relieved me of much office work. Together we managed to keep pace with the demands of each day. Miss Fannin had the care of the hospital also, which consumed a good deal of her time; though we have few cases of serious illness, complaints have been innumerable, and it requires a large part of the time of one person to attend to the many needs of the hospital, where Miss Fannin has proved very efficient. Her health improved. It was with much regret that we gave her up when her mother died, and fear it will be long before we find another so capable, so willing and gentle.

In the summer Miss Wilson, who had for nearly two years given her entire time to the woman's work, was transferred to Chihuahua. I hope to re-organize this branch of the work early in the coming year. There is no other more important, and none which yields a richer harvest.

The day school under Mrs. McClendon has been full throughout the year. She has been assisted by Señora Lucinda Gonzales, one of our girls, and Miss Attie Thomas, from Georgia. The school was too large most of the year to be confined to its original quarters, and as the rooms of the woman's class were vacant, they were taken for recitation rooms. We need property for this branch of the work. In Laredo the woman's work and the day school could be carried on under the same roof.

The other two day schools, the West End and Neuvo Laredo, have been, as last year, taught by two of the seminary girls, Constanza Garcia and Lola Fierros. These two young girls have given satisfaction, and have been a comfort and pleasure to me. They have brought their schools up to a considerable degree of order and punctuality. The West End has kept most of its pupils in the Sunday school of the same name. This, too, as last year, has had teachers from the seminary. Miss Duran has scarcely failed a Sunday to be present as organist and leader of the singing. Miss Edith Park has been the secretary, besides teaching a class. This work being in the afternoon, helpers from the seminary can be spared. I also have had a class, which during my absence in Mexico was taught by Servando Esquivel, one of our boys. His regular Sunday afternoon duty is work at the jail, in

which he is assisted by Miss Norville and other ladies from the seminary. Servando has never seemed weary of his "prisoners." Whenever possible, he gives them an hour in the week. It gives me more pleasure to report the help "our children" render than that we receive from any other source, because they are the visible fruits of our labors.

The work at the seminary has, under great pressure, kept up to the usual standard. My sister, though frail, has been able most of the time to be at her post of duty. In my absence in Mexico, which was prolonged, she stood at the head of the work, which went forward without a break.

We have been so glad to have Mrs. Driver this year. She fills a place in our household which no other can take. Mrs. Anderson has been so long with us that we never think of her, except as one of us—a missionary indeed. Miss Watts, from Missouri, has had almost entire control of the boys, though I have helped some. Miss Norville has been with us for several years. She carried the Senior class to graduation. We had six graduates this year, the largest number we have yet had; and five out of the six are with us for the postgraduate course, the other one at the State Normal.

An Epworth League was organized in the fall, under Mrs. Driver, Miss Norville, and Miss Watts. This did not do away with the Laredo Band, which has kept up its meetings, though its collections have not been so great.

The missionary society, composed of the women, has not failed to hold a single meeting. Though times have been so hard, they have still met their dues promptly, and have seemed so glad to do so.

A number of children from our Sunday schools, and women from the woman's class, have come into the Church.

The Seminary church, or rather Faith Hall congregation, paid more than four hundred Mexican dollars toward the support of the native pastor, besides meeting its Sunday school and missionary obligations. Since the organization of Faith Hall congregation, one hundred and fifty-seven have united with us. We now have a membership of fifty-eight. We reap slowly, though every day we are sowing the seed. Our crowded schools, at every station, show that prejudice is giving way. Surely the "gathering in" will come in time.

The new work at Guadalajara has been much more encouraging than we dared to hope. The work has gone forward, and Miss Wilson writes that only a permanent home is needed to have a large school. We have a much larger number under instruction now than at any previous time.

The work at Saltillo shows a considerable increase in numbers, and has taken an advanced step in plan of organization. The Normal class, which has been added this year, has brought the colegio into greater favor. Miss Roberts has labored under many disadvantages. She has not been strong. There has been much sickness among the teachers, twice causing almost an entire change of Faculty, yet every department was kept in full running order. Most of the year Miss Roberts had to stand alone, as Miss Fannin's failing health caused her removal to Laredo, and Miss Case did not reach Saltillo until the middle of August.

I found the San Luis work in its usual prosperous condition. Miss To-land, most of the year, had no missionary helper. She was a little tired and worn, but not discouraged. I was not with her as long as I wished to be; the two days' visit were spent in talking over the trials and successes of the year, and planning for the future. The need of more room is very great. As I write this sentence, I feel glad and rejoice that this need is not only felt at San Luis, but all of our other schools in the Mexican work are full, and many of them crowded, which always brings hope and courage to the missionary.

When I visited Chihuahua, our missionaries there were eagerly at work; and as time goes on, their school will become more generally known, and our mission there will equal any in prosperity and influence. Circumstances prolonged my stay at this point, and I had a good opportunity to study its needs, and judge of the outlook. I left this, the "White House" of our missions, realizing that God's blessing was upon it.

My visit to Durango was at the time of our annual meeting. The Northwest Mexican Mission Conference was also in session. As the MacDonell Memorial Church was not finished until near the close of the Conference, there was no place for the Conference session except the large schoolroom of MacDonell Institute. For this reason, the school was closed. I had not the opportunity, therefore, of seeing it in session.

There had been some discouragements, but I could see advancement. The statistics show an increase over last year.

The long drought has at last been broken, and abundant rains brought renewed courage. Our missionaries spoke hopefully of the outlook. There is great need of more attractive school furniture. This would have been supplied but for the outlay upon the building for necessary repairs. I could not be present at the closing exercises; but was told that they were much enjoyed, and that the pupils showed careful training.

I was grateful to find Miss Tydings much improved in health. I never saw this little Florida girl more full of work and interest. Miss Turner had not been well, and at the time was on a health trip to her home in the States. The low fever which she had contracted clung to her so persistently that it was found necessary for her to make the change. Miss McFarren was keeping up bravely amid the many trials which come to those who have charge of our large mission homes.

LAREDO DAY SCHOOL.

Mrs. A. E. McClendon gives a full account of this work:

With a heart full of praise to the Lord for all his blessings, I make my annual report for 1894. I am grateful that I have been permitted to instruct so many; that I have had the opportunity of telling so many children something about the blessed Saviour. All the seed may not bring forth fruit. We can only pray and hope.

I opened school January 2 of this year with about 30 children. At the close of the first quarter I had received 154 children; at the close of the third quarter I had enrolled 198. My large schoolroom was uncomfortably

crowded, though Miss Thomas had her grades in a separate room. I was forced to occupy two other rooms. So I moved twenty-five little ones and employed one of my pupils, Miss Inez Garza, to teach them. Twenty-five more I put in another room under the charge of another pupil, Elisa Juarez. That left more than a hundred children in the large room for myself and a native teacher.

I would like to say something about my pupil teachers. Inez Garza is about seventeen—a lovely young girl—tolerably well educated in Spanish. She is anxious to learn English. I promised her that if I could possibly raise that much I would pay her ten Mexican dollars a month, which is a little more than \$5 in United States currency, and would teach her English. I am praying for some society, or some one interested in mission work, to help me. This young girl is a Christian, and she is very poor. Elisa Juarez is much younger, and devotes less of her time to the pupils, as she is studying Spanish and English. A society clothes her, and she feels amply rewarded for her services.

The problem of sufficient chairs to seat my pupils is not settled. The North Georgia Conference came to my help with the promise of \$100. Of that amount, La Grange (my own) District promised \$50. I have received over half of it already. How much I thank my friends, I can best prove by my earnest work. But the school increases faster than the means to carry it on. We need so much; for, beyond chairs and books, and three blackboards, we have nothing for so large a school. I often glance at the wall, when hearing a class in geography, and wish, O so much, for maps, if they were only maps of the hemispheres. Everything sent us will be put to a good use. These children are poor, but they are the children for whom the Saviour died, and it was among the poor that he lived and worked. The majority of the children in my school are comfortably clothed, and a few of them are clothed by societies; but there are some of the little girls from five to eight years old who make my heart ache to see them with hardly enough clothing for a summer day. May the Lord take care of them!

Our Woman's Missionary Society is doing good work. The women are faithful in attendance and, with a few exceptions, pay their dues. We were all so glad to have Miss Holding meet with us again, as she was absent at two monthly meetings.

We have a good Sunday school, and nearly every child member is one of my daily pupils.

With all our wants we have much to be thankful for. The Laredo day school is firmly established in the hearts of the Mexican fathers and mothers who send their children to it. Eighty-two children enrolled during the last quarter had never been in my school before. How ignorant they are of the Saviour! Some had been to the convent school, but they knew no more of the Saviour than those who were raised on the streets.

SALTILO. Miss Roberts has built up an extensive work at this station, and writes:

We must report the year 1894 as being full of changes, full of work, full of trials, and full of "overcomeths." The changes have reference to teachers

who were called away because of their own illness or that of relatives; the work was the care and teaching of 244 pupils—girls and boys—and 67 women—total, 311; the trials, such as are inevitable where so many people, most of whom are either “babes in Christ” or “strangers to the covenant of grace,” are brought together to be taught; and the “overcomeths” were the sweet experiences that came to us so often when our prayers were answered.

On the first day of August the school for boys, which had heretofore been separate from that of the girls, was incorporated with it. This was such a departure from long-established custom that at first the move was strongly condemned. Some of our patrons became so alarmed at the “innovation” that they withdrew their girls from the school until the “experiment” should prove a success or a failure. One month was long enough for the trial, and the leader of the alarmists brought his daughter back, assured, as he said, that no harm would befall her. A great obstacle to Mexico’s advancement in a religious or political sense is the seclusion of girls, and consequent separation of the sexes. When girls and boys are allowed no intercourse, friendly or otherwise, until after they are engaged to be married, when all their meetings are clandestine, the unhappy results can be better imagined than told. We believe that mixed schools, where the pure gospel is taught, will, in time, prove the potent remedy for the evil. We believe that they will be effectual where legislation has failed and ever will fail.

✓ A normal department, with a course of study to be completed in three years, was added to our work. The State had provided a Normal School for boys, but made no provision for girls. As teaching is really the only avenue open to women by which they can earn enough to be above want, we saw that our opportunity had come to prove to the people that we were ready, as far as we were able, to meet this deeply felt need.

Eleven pupils were enrolled. Two of the classes were taught by professors employed in the State school, who gave us two hours every day (except Sunday) without remuneration. In this way we hope to furnish the State, in part at least, with competent, Christian teachers. ✓ O that the Church could realize the importance of this work! It would hold us up in prayer, and great would be the result.

✓ Seventy-five poor children were taught in our free school. Their thin faces and languid looks often revealed the hunger they suffered. Knowing that their bodies must be fed before their souls could perceive the meaning of spiritual truths, we gave many of them dinner, and thus enabled them to come to their classes more regularly. There is one place where all—the high and the low, the rich and the poor—meet together every day, and that is in our chapel services, where God is worshiped, and his word is studied.

The work wherein “my soul delighteth” is that with the poor women. ✓ The words of the Master, “they cannot recompense thee,” have a fuller meaning, and bespeak his approving smile as we try to minister to their maladies of body and of soul. They come to us as their M.D. and their D.D. The number of these enrolled in our Bible and sewing class was sixty-seven. They met me once a week on the shady side of a wall in one of our courts, as there was no other place; for the Bible lesson, we went to the church. Next year we shall be better provided for, as a new hall 80x40 feet has just

been built, and we can vacate some other room for the women. We had no means with which to furnish the hall, but will use it as best we can until furniture can be secured.

Most of our children attend Sunday school at some time during the year, though the parents of many are too strong in the Catholic faith to let them go regularly, and a few are never permitted to attend. These we reach only during the week.

We have Rev. Andres Osuna as pastor. He is a most exemplary and a well-educated young Mexican who is in favor with the people of all classes. He preaches the truth as he finds it in Holy Writ, and zealously defends the doctrines of the Church. He is a rising young man in whom the Church has a bright light.

Kind friends send us many books and other religious literature in the form of tracts, periodicals, etc., for which we are very grateful. The former serve to enrich our library, and the latter we distribute.

When not overruled with other duties, we make some visits among the people every week. The homes where sickness, sorrow, or want are found claim most of our time. It is then that the story of the cross and the precious promises of the Bible make more lasting impressions. We usually make from two to six visits every week.

During the last half of the year our working force consisted of two missionaries and eight helpers.

Miss Case briefly tells of her first year in Mexico:

I reached Saltillo August 14, and began teaching English classes at once. I was in the schoolroom five and one-half hours each day, and for two months devoted four and one-half hours a day to studying Spanish, but I had to give up my lessons on account of accumulation of work caused by sickness among our teachers. Since the close of school, November 26, I have resumed my study, and hope to make up for the time lost. For some time I have had charge of the English class in Sunday school.

NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS KATE P. MCFARREN,
MISS LUCY C. HARPER,

MISS ELLIE TYDINGS,
MISS LIZZIE WILSON.

DURANGO. Miss McFarren tells of the work in MacDonell Institute:

The year just closed began very auspiciously, except for the extreme poverty of the country due largely to the prolonged drought from which we have been suffering for several years.

There has been a great deal of sickness in the city. Smallpox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, and whooping cough, have all prevailed. But, thanks to our fine climate, none of these diseases are as fatal here as in the North.

While we thank and praise the Lord that our *little home* has been exempt

from any of these contagious diseases, we have had a great deal of sickness in the family. One little girl was brought very near to death, but God was merciful and restored her.

Miss Turner, after struggling with ill health during the entire year, was obliged to return home early in September. Other members of our family suffered more or less.

Carmen Cervantes, our faithful native helper, who has been with us so many years, was absent six weeks in the States. She was called there to attend a meeting of the Board. It has been a busy and trying year, but withal full of blessings.

The country has at last been blessed with plentiful rains, and abundant crops have been gathered, which is a great mercy for all classes of people. Renewed prosperity gives promise of more extended and better work, both in Church and school. In the past year our poor people were constantly changing, moving from place to place, trying to make a living where they could, and even the better classes in our Protestant Churches had no money to spend on the education of their children.

Another great blessing was the meeting of the Northwest Mexican Mission Conference in this city for the first time. The presence of Bishop Key, Dr. Morrison, and others, from day to day, was one of the mercies of the year which will be long remembered, not only by the members of the mission, but by many others in the city.

The annual meeting of the missionaries of the Woman's Board of the different mission schools of our Church was held at the same time as the Annual Conference. It was a very pleasant, and, we hope, profitable meeting.

We look forward to the new year, full of hope, trusting that our Heavenly Father, who has kept us and strengthened us all along the way, will guide and direct us through all coming difficulties, and make us to walk in his way and do his holy will.

Miss Tydings writes of her work in Durango:

The year 1894 has been in many respects a hard and trying one, but underneath us have been the everlasting Arms, which have upheld and brought us to its close with praise and thanksgiving.

We began school January 2, before Miss McFarren's return, and just after she came sickness among the teachers and pupils began and continued for three months, though only one case was really serious. For months our hearts were burdened on account of smallpox and scarlet fever, which raged all over the city.

In June Doña Carmen left us for a six weeks' vacation, and after her return sickness again invaded our family and school, and Miss Turner was compelled to leave.

I have had twenty music pupils, and, as most of them were little children, I have been compelled to be with them every day.

Almost all the term I have taught three afternoons in each week in one of the most fanatical families here, and the latter part of the term have been going early in the morning to give lessons in another family. We hope that

we may soon overcome their prejudice, and that they will send their children to us.

I have enjoyed my work with the women, though I found it impossible to visit them often. At the beginning of the year only one or two would pray in our meetings; now almost all will do so.

We are trying to sow beside all waters, and are trusting that in the near future may come a glorious harvest.

CHIHUAHUA. Early in the summer of 1894 Miss Harper and Miss Lizzie Wilson were transferred to Chihuahua, where Miss Augusta V. Wilson and Miss Dorsey had laid the foundation for a fine work. Miss Harper writes:

I have never made a review of the year's work without profit, though not always an inviting task. At this time last year I was at San Luis, and Miss Toland had just reached home from her five months' rest.

The work of repairing and freshening school and bed rooms, and the annual house cleaning, had been accomplished under Miss Lizzie Wilson's careful management; all signs of workmen had been removed; Miss Wilson had been eight days among her loving friends and the women of her sewing class in Laredo; the other teachers had not returned; there was not even the echo of school children's voices in the colegio; the *patio* was full of sunshine, greenness, and white, starlike marguerites, and Miss Toland and I were having quiet and rest before the opening of the new year.

Now and then Brother Mood came in for a few moments to see how we were getting on, or to bring a message from his wife; or that little house-keeper herself dropped in and made me rejoice anew at having them in Mexico; or Dr. Atlee came in with a few kind, brotherly words of cheer. I shall never forget the peace of those pleasant days.

Soon the two young teachers returned, bringing me many remembrances from my own home and from Laredo. The Christmas time was over, and we had entered the spring term full of vigor and interest.

I had a pleasant and profitable five months' work with my grade, and I shall always be grateful for the opportunity I had for doing good teaching, and for the satisfaction and pleasure I had with those children. It was a good grade of hearty, hopeful boys and girls—primaries.

Three special pleasures marked the term for me: visits from my brother and two cousins.

The term closed the last of June. After two weeks of delay that I had no need to spend in idleness, July 16 found me saying good-bye at the first station out of San Lu's to a party of friends, including two of my old Laredo boys, who had come with me that far on my journey. Two days later found Miss Lizzie Wilson and me in our new home in Colegio Palmore, Chihuahua. These were the verses that rang in my heart on that journey, and in the new home-making: "That ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you;" "He that is mighty hath done unto me great things, and holy is his name;" "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory."

Now, we have just completed our first five months' work in Chihuahua.

We have a comfortable home—a situation that could not have been better chosen, and lovely mountains, hills, gardens, and forest trees all around us.

The school thrives, the Church prospers, the Sunday school grows, and everybody is full of interest in the Epworth League.

Our house-mother, Miss Lizzie Wilson, is one who “looketh well to the ways of her household,” and verily she “eateth not the bread of idleness.” She makes the comfort and happiness of the family the subject of loving study every day.

For four years and a half I have known the tenderness of her love, and have trusted in her faithfulness as I have in the shining of the sun and the coming of the seasons in their appointed time.

During Miss Holding's visit to us in October and November a door seemed to open wide, inviting the beginning of a boys' school. We have entered it. Five boys of our Church and I occupy the house belonging to the General Board, and there is prospect of five more to enter in January. The church only is between us and the colegio, and a door opened in the dividing wall makes us feel as if we were on the same ground. All the Church people seem to rejoice in the opening of this department, and, indeed, the insistence of the pastor, Brother Acosta, and of the missionary, Brother Kilgore, was the great cause of our beginning it at this time. They grieved constantly over the boys of the congregation. The boys themselves show their faith and comfort in the enterprise by their actions. We sent them on Saturday to their homes for a week's holiday, and have to exert our wits daily to keep them there.

Throughout this year God has proved more and more to me the riches of his grace, and his unchanging faithfulness. I have had five months of thanksgiving in Chihuahua, and if I but remember my mercies it must be so to the end of my life.

Miss Lizzie Wilson writes of her work in Chihuahua:

The first six months of the year were spent among the women at Laredo. I had enrolled one hundred and forty-seven in this time.

The 18th of July found me on my way to join Miss Harper in Monterey for Chihuahua, to take charge of the work there left vacant by Miss A. V. Wilson and Miss Dorsey, who were sent to open work in Guadalajara.

When we reached the end of our journey we began to work immediately on the home, and laid plans for the school that would open in September. Miss Morrow and Miss Shera, the former teachers, remained with us, and have been loving and willing helpers.

The work has steadily grown; and now, at the end of the first five months, we have enrolled eighty-eight pupils and women. The woman's class now has twenty-two; we began with two. We meet once a week, and after the 1st of January will meet twice a week. I do not visit among them as much as I did in Laredo, because the care of the home takes much of my time. We are now twenty in family, and at the first of the year we look for seven more. Forty-nine of our children attend Sunday school, and soon after we came here two of the girls joined the Church. I teach the Sunday school

lesson in my Bible classes in the week with the aid of the large picture roll and a good map of Palestine, also one of Paul's travels.

The children are eager learners. In one class we are studying the Acts of the Apostles, and I am afraid that my pupils would put to shame many a child in the home land by their ready answers and knowledge of the location of the early churches.

In the church here we have a good Epworth League, organized and watched over with untiring zeal by Miss Harper. She has a willing helper in our native pastor, Brother D. F. Acosta.

We feel that the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places; that ours is "a goodly heritage."

CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS REBECCA TOLAND,

MISS MARY M. TURNER.

SAN LUIS POTOSI. Miss Toland founded this prosperous school; she writes of its continued success. Miss Turner, who was transferred from Durango to San Luis, was forced to leave Mexico on account of ill health, and returned too late to send a report of her work. Miss Toland says:

This is the fifth report that has been made of our work in San Luis Potosi. We have gained step by step as the years have passed; and the one just ended has been in many respects the most successful in the history of the school, while in others we seem to have gone backward. It has been the most trying year, on account of frequent change of teachers. The close of the year found only one who was at the opening of the school in January. With so many changes my courage almost failed me at times.

Our school was opened on the 1st of January, and continued until the Christmas holidays, with the exception of one month's vacation in summer. We opened with work in three departments, but the close of the year finds us with only one. The pay school for girls is the principal work we have; every other department is secondary to that. Here most of our time and labor has been spent. The opening was better than it ever had been, and we had more to encourage us in every way. The teachers were ready to do their best work, and were full of hope for a successful year. The enrollment has been in advance of other years, and the daily attendance better.

Miss Harper was taken from us early in July, to be sent to Chihuahua. Her six months' work here was invaluable. Besides having entire charge of the primary department, she assisted in the woman's work, and had classes in the charity school. We felt that her transfer was a great loss to our school. Our house is small, not larger than is needed for one department, and as the pay school continued to increase every room was required for that. So at the beginning of the last quarter I closed the charity school, and we cannot think of opening it again unless another building is erected. I

could have rented a room for the charity department if I could have secured a more competent teacher. We always employ native teachers for the charity school, but often they have had no experience, and are not successful as teachers.

The woman's work was carried on faithfully for seven months. The sewing class was better attended than ever before; often the room was too crowded. For want of a room the class could meet only on Saturday afternoons, when one of the schoolrooms could be used. Most of the time Miss Harper had charge of the religious exercises, besides other assistance given during the afternoon. She did much good visiting among them in their homes in the week. After working hard all week in the schoolroom, it is quite trying to take up the woman's work on Saturdays, but our workers have always done so gladly.

At the close of the year we feel thankful that the school has done so well. Our prospects for the coming year are bright, and when we are reënforced by another missionary all departments will be carried on again.

GUADALAJARA. Miss A. V. Wilson writes of the new work opened in this large and attractive city:

Our first year in Guadalajara lacks four months of its completion, so this is the record of eight months' progress. August was spent in making a home. On Saturday, the 1st of September, we opened the charity school with quite imposing ceremonies in the church. Of course this was the doing of our preachers and people, and very happy were we to receive such a cordial welcome. The friendly hand held out to us on our first day has never failed us. How brave and thankful it has kept us! There were desks, benches, blackboards, and an organ in the church, all with the building itself put at our service, and there Miss Dorsey has carried on her charity school during these seven months. I will let her tell its story. A mile away, in a higher and healthier part of the city, we had taken our house, I hardly expecting any pay school this first year; but the parents of five children came with them, and I began at the same time to make it known that I would take pupils for the study of English. My school has reached 16, and I have taught 21 ladies and gentlemen, with Miss Dorsey's assistance, out of school hours. These, with Miss Dorsey's 64, sum up 101 under instruction in the seven months. A few of the students in English became discouraged from want of time and fell off, but we congratulate ourselves that they all learned something of what Protestantism means, and we trust that our Father will bring some spiritual good to them through us. It has been a happy work. We have had no more satisfactory year in mission employ.

Owing to the fact that we have no suitable place, we have not yet begun any work among the women. I think there is a good field for it. Our crying necessity is a house. I may say that during the whole eight months I have been hunting one, suitably situated, and large enough for both schools. We had no thought of using the church building so long as we have. It is too far for Miss Dorsey to go and come four times a day. Besides, it is in an unsafe part of the city. So our hope is to buy now while United States currency is at a great premium, and property here is cheap. I have a class

in our Sunday school for those of my children who can come so far. In the school our Bible lesson is one of the most welcome incidents of the day, to all of the children. The half hour allotted to it is never long enough. With the proceeds of my pay pupils I have bought a very good cabinet organ. The afternoon school begins with from fifteen minutes to half an hour of the songs of Zion.

Miss M. V. Dorsey gives some interesting glimpses of her work:

One month after our arrival in Guadalajara I opened my school in the church, which is about a mile from where we live, and where Miss Wilson has her school. I began with six children, and to the present time have enrolled sixty-four boys and girls, ranging from four years old to fifteen. Not all of these are now in attendance, owing to the fact that our school meets in a Protestant church, and also to the propensity the Mexicans have for changing their homes. I have an average attendance of about forty. The most of these have come into the Sunday school. The children for the most part are good, thoughtful, and earnest, loving the school, and are learning to love the Bible and our hymns. Even the little Catholic boys and girls who cannot read are learning a verse every day, which they carry to their parents at home. One Friday when I required a recitation from the older children, three little ones said they had a speech too, and what do you think it was? "Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

One night when the pastor was having a special meeting of the Epworth League the children were called on for speeches. A little Catholic boy asked to be allowed to say his. It was: "A wise son maketh a glad father; but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother." It does our hearts good to believe that the good news of the gospel is touching some of their little hearts. One of the women of our Church gives the girls an hour of instruction in sewing every afternoon. With \$15 sent us from the St. Louis Conference we bought a calico dress apiece for the girls, which they made in the sewing class, and we gave them also a pleasant Christmas entertainment.

Our native helpers are earnest and successful teachers. One of them is a Protestant, though not yet a member of any Church. Early in December Miss Wilson received a letter from a young girl in Mexico City; a former pupil in the "Rosebud" school, asking that she might come to finish her education, avowing her intention to give her life to missionary work. On the recommendation of Brother Watkins, she consented to receive her, and she has now been with us three months. She is a true Christian, a faithful teacher, particularly winning to the little children. We hope she will be very useful in the future.

This has been to me one of the fullest and happiest years of my mission life, and I feel that God has been in it, guiding and keeping me.

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BRAZIL MISSION CONFERENCE.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. H. WATTS,	MISS M. W. BRUCE,*
MISS M. A. MOORE,	MISS LULA ROSS,
MISS AMELIA ELERDING,	MISS SUSAN LITTLEJOHN,
MISS BESSIE MCORE,	MISS LAYONA GLENN,

MISS SALLIE M. PHILLIPS.†

* Home on leave.

† Married.

Work in charge of married women.

MRS. ELLA GRANBERRY TUCKER.

São Paulo District.

PIRACICABA. After the marriage of Miss Phillips, the care of the college at this station devolved on Miss Alice Moore until the arrival of Miss Watts, who says:

I arrived at Piracicaba in company with Miss Glenn on the 6th of September, and took charge of the work only in part, however, on the 10th of the same month. Later I assumed the entire direction of the school, though I did less teaching than formerly. It took me a long time to get acquainted with the new faces and names of the pupils, but I learned to know them all at last.

As we had not given a public school entertainment for two years, we began our preparations; and though it was a great deal of work and some worry, we succeeded. The written examinations were very satisfactory, and the entertainment was pronounced a decided success.

I felt unusual pride in my fellow-workers on this occasion, as well as grateful to them for all they had accomplished. All of the exercises were appreciated, and the fancy work, wood carving, and all the work of the kindergarten department were examined and commented on most favorably.

The editors of the Republican paper were present, and in their next issue gave a glowing description of both the manual and literary work. We considered the crowded house as one of the best indications in our favor.

The vacation began on the 7th of December, and will continue until the 5th of February, 1895.

As to the spiritual condition of the pupils, I cannot say much at this time. Miss Moore was greatly pleased with some of the written examinations in the Bible lessons, and I know that the children in the house learn verses, and have memorized many chapters in the Bible, while some of them seem to have their struggles with the powers of darkness.

The day pupils come and go, and we cannot mark much spiritual growth. They are more careful in the use of bad language, and have a more correct sentiment in regard to telling the truth, all of which gives us encouragement, for we know that the restraining power of the Holy Spirit is upon

them, though they do not recognize nor acknowledge it. Our aim is to lead them to the Saviour, and by God's grace we will do all we can to bring them to his feet. Pray for us, friends and sisters, that our conscious as well as our unconscious influence may all be directed and used to this one great end.

In regard to the work at other points, Miss Watts adds some interesting items. She says:

We were most hospitably entertained in Rio, on our arrival, by Brother and Sister Tucker, and the first afternoon we visited the property of the Woman's Board "on the Heights," and regretted that a place so desirable could not be used as was intended.

Mrs. Tucker invited us to visit her flourishing school of seventy-one pupils.

Miss Elerding feels encouraged, and believes that her work of house to house visiting is no longer a mere experiment, and hopes to organize and systematize her operations more thoroughly. She is enthusiastic, and feels that all she needs is help and a home to give her work a permanent nucleus.

I went to Jniz de Fora, where I was most kindly received by Miss Ross, Miss Littlejohn, and Miss Bessie Moore. Miss Ross, director of the school, was in good spirits, and hopeful of the future. The great necessity there is a larger building. Now they are using two buildings separated by a deep garden, which is not conducive to good order and advancement.

I returned to Rio, where I had left Miss Glenn, and there I met Senhor Jannuzzi, and he made the proposition in regard to Petropolis that was accepted by the Woman's Board. We expected to visit Petropolis, but were providentially hindered. Under instructions from the Foreign Secretary of the Woman's Board, I am to take charge of the school at Petropolis with Miss Layona Glenn as my assistant.

Miss Alice Moore writes from Piracicaba:

I have been in Brazil two years and four months, and have found plenty of work to do, and often wish I were capable of doing more. I have made only a beginning in learning the language, but for the coming year I have made many good resolutions for persistent study.

In school the past year I have taught the Bible classes, the music, singing and drawing classes.

I have had the privilege and pleasure also of preparing the Sunday school lessons in Portuguese for the *Expositor*, our Church paper, to be used in our Sunday schools.

The children are not inferior. Intellectually I see no difference between the Brazilian and American child. Of course their ideas and customs are different, but there is no inherent difference.

One thing that distresses me here is that the girls look forward only to married life, while I think that a woman should be free enough in every sense of the word to refuse a man if his character is not what it should be. The priests and monks teach by both precept and example that it is impossible for a man to live a pure life. This will not always be so; a bill

was introduced in the House of Representatives recently recommending the employment of women in the State Department, and also, other things being equal, recommending that they be preferred to men. The bill was unanimously rejected, but the fact that such a bill was introduced shows the tendency of the times.

Brazil is making a tremendous stride forward since the adoption of the republic; mistakes will be made, but the impulse is forward. They have remodeled their normal schools, and established new ones; they are adopting the latest methods of teaching, and are employing in the public schools only normal graduates. They are talking of grading their schools also, and if we expect the patronage of the people we must give them something better than they have; for this reason we need strong, capable, well-educated women. Brazil is pagan only in morals and religion, and not entirely so in these.

We have to combat Catholic falsehood and the prejudice against Protestantism. The work is so great, and the workers so few, and in comparison to the difficulties so apparently weak, that I should fear to look into the future, but for the promise, "The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this;" so I shall do the little that I can, and leave the result to God.

Miss Layona Glenn, so recently appointed to work in Brazil, writes of her arrival and her first impressions:

On August 5, 1894, the "Hevelius" steamed out of the bay at New York, bearing among her passengers bound for Brazil Miss Watts and myself. It was sad to see my native land fade from view, and sad to realize that all my loved ones were left behind, and that I had said good-bye to them for—how long? Mingled with the sadness was a sense of peace and thanksgiving that my long-cherished hopes were at last realized, and the Master, despite my imperfections, had permitted me to become one of his messengers to carry across the ocean to our sisters that sit in darkness the glad tidings of a *personal Saviour*.

After a prosperous voyage we anchored in the harbor at Rio de Janeiro August 26. We were met at the pier by Miss Elerding, Dr. Rennotte, and Mr. Granberry. They gave us a warm reception to Brazil, and conducted us to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, who entertained us with true missionary hospitality, making our stay of a week so pleasant I was almost sorry when it was over.

When we reached Paracicaba we found Miss Moore and the school at the station to meet us. They gave us a hearty welcome, and O how delightful it was to think that we did not have to go any farther! Earnestly we thanked our Heavenly Father for his loving, watchful care over us all the way.

On Monday after my arrival I began the study of Portuguese, and to do what I could to assist Miss Watts with the housekeeping, and now at the end of four months I am still at the same work.

My health has been wonderfully good. I like the Brazilian food, and think that I will get along well when I learn the language.

We had quite a nice entertainment in the church Christmas. The deco-

rations were very pretty. It required a great deal of work, but we felt repaid when we saw the interest manifested by the people, and some of them worked as enthusiastically for it as we could desire.

Last night (December 31) we held a watch night service, and it did my heart good to see the house full of earnest Christians at twelve o'clock at night to give the last minutes of the old year to the Lord, and dedicate themselves to him for the new year. When I thought what a handful they were when compared with the thousands in Piracicaba, and the hundreds of thousands in Brazil who are clinging to only a *form* of religion, or walking in avowed atheism, my heart yearned to do more for my Saviour than I had ever done before, that I might help to hasten the day when Brazil shall sit at the Master's feet clothed and in her right mind.

JUIZ DE FORA. Miss Lula Ross has had charge of this school. She writes of its progress and outlook:

The year 1894, my sixth in the mission field, began with new duties and responsibilities. Miss Bruce's departure made it necessary for me to assume a responsibility for which I felt unprepared, but strength has been given day by day, and so our school has prospered. I have had little time for teaching, as there was so much else to do.

For a while I had an interesting little Bible class, but as the school grew and my duties increased I was forced to turn it over to our primary teacher, who has carried it on faithfully under my direction. I continued, however, to spend an hour with them on Sunday afternoon, teaching them the catechism and commandments. They know most of our hymns, and sing them so sweetly that the neighbors come to the windows to listen, and I trust that these songs of praise by children's voices may have a softening effect on the hardened sinners who hear them and prepare the way for visitors that we hope to make among the people.

From time to time I have received expressions of hearty appreciation from the patrons of the school, but there has been some dissatisfaction on account of more rigid discipline and an effort to grade the school, which was not understood at first; but where some dropped out others came in to fill the vacancies, and when our school closed we had forty-four in daily attendance, enough to make us uncomfortably crowded. Our closing exercises were well attended and appreciated. The girls did us credit, and I was gratified to see that the deportment was perfect. This was an agreeable surprise, and inspired me with renewed courage, for we had almost despaired of ever making them subject themselves to the discipline that we consider necessary. I heard a missionary say once that she believed it to be impossible to teach Brazilian children implicit obedience, and I have often thought the same, but am now convinced that by patience and perseverance we can teach them all that we wish.

One great disadvantage in Juiz de Fora is that we have never had a suitable house. The one that we have occupied for two years was not only too small, but badly arranged, old, and in many ways uncomfortable. The water supply was so scant that for more than half the time we had to beg of our neighbors. All this, however, is of the past. We have now obtained a house

in every way suitable. It is new, commodious, and located in a quiet part of the city, away from the noise and dust, yet not far enough from church or business houses to be inconvenient. The question now is: What shall we put in it? The old, dilapidated desks that we have, the ragged maps, the tables, stools, and broken chairs that we use where desks and benches are wanting, give an unpleasant impression to all who enter. Our school has never been properly furnished because, when moved to Juiz de Fora, much that was needed was left in Rio for the use of the day school. We have gone on patiently, working as well as we could, hoping that as the school succeeded something would be done for us. With our house properly furnished the income of the school would pay current expenses.

With all these disadvantages the outlook is encouraging. We expect most of our pupils to return, and a number of new ones have already been heard from; and I have no doubt but that our pretty new house will attract many others.

My heart has been full of gratitude for the continued good health of the girls, while sickness and suffering have been abroad. I too have rejoiced like Miss Toland in the verification of the promise: "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

Sixty-eight have matriculated this year. We have forty-eight in regular attendance; most of them are boarding pupils, and four of them are candidates for Church membership.

Miss Littlejohn tells of her work at Juiz de Fora:

My work has been altogether in the class room. I have taught arithmetic, algebra, reading, and the Bible classes. Last session I supplied the music for the calisthenic classes.

Notwithstanding the hard times, our school has received a liberal patronage. The house was full the whole year, and a part of the time too full for comfort; and yet we did not wish to turn any away.

Since we have at last secured a house where we can all be comfortable under one roof, we shall be stronger and do better work.

Though our school has been successful in the past, we will not be satisfied until it ranks favorably with the first in the State. Of course it will require more means to do this than our present income supplies, but when it is firmly established with a paying patronage Colegio Mineiro will make its own way.

In spite of all the disadvantages and lack of suitable furniture, the college is growing in favor with the people, and we know that we are accomplishing good.

Not long since Miss Ross was teaching a class of little folks, when she asked, among others, this question: "Who is Jesus Christ?" One replied: "The Son of God. Another said: "He is our Friend." Another, a bright little girl with beaming face, said: "He is our Brother."

We pray for the time when all three little girls may realize that indeed Jesus Christ is their brother.

I am happy to say that after my rest during the second quarter I have been strong enough to resume my share of work in Colegio Mineiro.

I enjoy my class room work and feel encouraged, as I can see a manifest improvement in the majority of my pupils. I have all the advanced classes in arithmetic, because I like that study, and we have not been able to secure a Brazilian teacher who gives satisfaction. This important branch, so far as I can learn, is not generally considered necessary to a girl's education. We have had grown girls to come to us from other schools who were very well advanced in other things, but who scarcely understood the "four operations." Many husbands and fathers think that if their wives and daughters know enough to keep the clothes list and pay the wash bill that is all that is necessary, and some of our girls who, one and a half years ago, knew no more than this can now solve and explain almost any practical problem.

At the beginning of the quarter I began to make several visits each week among our Brazilian neighbors and friends who live near, but I soon found that I was not equal to the extra effort, and with regret the plan was abandoned.

Miss Bessie Moore writes:

I arrived at Piracicaba last year in September, one month before the beginning of the new mission year, and remained there until January, 1894, when I was transferred to Juiz de Fora to aid Misses Ross and Littlejohn in the dilemma occasioned by Miss Bruce's return to the United States.

While at Collegio Piracicabano I taught classes in English, reading, and grammar, two sewing classes, and kept the account of supplies furnished the sewing classes. These, with a few other little duties and the study of the language, filled my time until school closed in December.

In vacation Miss Hamilton and I visited among the people, and were always kindly received. At one place we opened a little prayer meeting with the help of two of the girls from the college. A number of persons were present who had never heard the Word read before.

The girls in the college held a prayer meeting in one of the class rooms every Sabbath morning before Sunday school. Some of my happiest moments were spent in their little meetings.

The next day after I came to Juiz de Fora, January 25, I went into the schoolroom and gave instruction in English grammar, drawing, oil painting, and heard two classes in reading. I had charge of the sewing class one hour in the afternoon after school, and of the morning study hour.

In April Miss Littlejohn's health gave way, and she gave up school work; so I took her class in penmanship and entire charge of the schoolroom. The latter, considering the short time that I had been in Brazil and my limited knowledge of Portuguese, was sometimes a trial.

Before Miss Littlejohn went away she and I on alternate Sabbaths taught the Sunday school lesson to the larger girls, and afterwards I taught the lesson every Sabbath afternoon. I have had a class in Sabbath school since the third week after my arrival in Brazil.

In July, in addition to my other work, I took classes in Portuguese geography, and two classes in Portuguese translation. However, my work was lightened by giving the sewing class to some one else in order to give that

hour for my lesson with my Portuguese professor. Since Miss Littlejohn's return she has had charge of the study hall in the afternoons.

Although not well all the time, I have been busy and interested, and the year has flown by on rapid wings. My art class was a pleasure and an advantage, by giving me a better opportunity to converse freely with the members, and I was glad in this way to add to the income of the school.

Since I have been in Juiz de Fora school duties have given little time for visiting, but I am sure that much good could be done in this way.

Our closing exercises were very good indeed, and we were pleased and encouraged by the large audience present; and when the girls stood and sang the closing hymn I felt that the lesson instilled in some of those young hearts would bear fruit to the honor and glory of the Master.

DAY SCHOOLS IN RIO DE JANEIRO.

Miss Ella G. Tucker has most successfully carried on this work. She gives an interesting account:

The past year has been a prosperous one in many respects. The attendance has been regular, and the number of pupils steadily increased until the beginning of the warm weather. The teachers have been faithful, and it is to them in a large measure that the school owes its success, as I have not been able to devote as much time as formerly, owing to increased household duties. We are greatly indebted to Miss Wright, our English friend, for her services so kindly rendered during the first five months of the year, and for her sweet morning talks on the Bible, which were listened to with pleasure and profit by teachers and pupils.

The efforts and experience of the past two years have clearly demonstrated the wisdom of having a day school in Rio de Janeiro. While the boarding schools furnish much better opportunities and the children are more under the control and influence of the missionaries, yet the day school cannot be despised as a means of evangelization. The school is opened and closed daily with religious exercises, and every child has studied the Bible regularly as a text-book. Let us hope and pray that the seeds of truth thus sown in the ninety-three young hearts this year may produce much fruit.

The missionary and two of the teachers have rendered valuable aid in the work of the Church, especially as teachers in the Sunday school.

Now that the representatives of the Parent Board are establishing work at a number of centers in the city, a grand opportunity is furnished for the Woman's Board to establish day schools at all of these points. One active, competent woman might superintend several of these schools. Such a woman is greatly needed to take charge of the present school, and to plan for others. In the providence of God, under good management, the work may be made much more effective in the evangelization of this great city.

Woman's work in Rio is reported as follows by Miss Elerding:

In the midst of a political revolution, intense heat, and a yellow fever epidemic this work was opened in 1894.

In January I began a little industrial school with nine pupils, and with Sister Tilly's help organized a woman's prayer meeting. This prayer meet-

ing class was of short duration; sickness among the members compelled us to give it up. Just as soon as I have a helper I shall try again.

In February the Rio day school was opened. I taught about two hours per day through the year.

In March I opened another industrial school. Toward the end of March, the revolution being ended and the heat not so intense, I began the visitation work, with Miss Wright's help. From that time on, until the end of the school year, the Lord blessed us in this work, and most graciously let us see some fruit of our labor.

In July so many children had removed to another neighborhood that I was forced to close one industrial school. The other increased in interest until November, when a Sister of Charity came in and influenced the parents against me to such an extent that I considered it best to discontinue for a few months, and then try again. However, I am confident that if I cannot reopen this one I will find an opening elsewhere.

We have been very much encouraged with our open-air services. The little organ that Miss Watts brought out from the States for me has been a great help in drawing the people together. These open-air services in the Estalagens, followed up with individual work, promise to be a great power toward evangelizing the city. More stress ought to be laid on this work, and in order to do so we must have more workers.

This year has been full of various experiences. We have met with encouragements and also with difficulties. Some days our work would be successful in every way, judging from a human standpoint. The people would listen so attentively and beg us to come again, while at other times at other places they would not listen. On the whole we have an easy access to the homes of the people until they are influenced against us by the priests and Sisters of Charity. Nevertheless, we still tell the old, old story to all who will listen, leaving the result with the Lord.

In November Miss Wright returned to England. I miss her very much. It is absolutely necessary for me to have a helper. Prudence forbids one to go where two would not hesitate to enter, consequently the work cannot be carried on as it should be as long as I am alone.

We must have a home also for your representatives in Rio. I plead with you, therefore, either to buy a house or appropriate enough money to rent.

Much precious time would be saved if we were living in the same building in which the school is held; and on the other hand, we cannot depend on living in the pastor's family, as he is subject to the changes of the Conference, which might leave us without a home at the most inconvenient time; and board in other families is very difficult to obtain, especially in convenient localities.

The more I labor among this people the more I learn to love them and to sympathize with them. It is with a grateful heart that I watch one after another enter into the fold, yet I am longing and praying that thousands may come and ask what they shall do to be saved.

May the Lord grant us showers of blessings, and a great ingathering of souls!

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

WORK OF WOMAN'S BOARD OPENED IN 1886.

REV. J. J. METHVIN, *Superintendent.*

Rev. J. J. Methvin writes of the work in this field:

The school is in a prosperous condition. The pupils have been in most excellent health and spirits during the past year, and have made progress in every department. On account of ignorance of the English language they make slow progress at first, but after that disadvantage is overcome they make, under proper methods of training, as good progress as the ordinary white child. Occasionally one shows special talent and aptness. It would be well if the pupils that show special talent could be sent away to some good church school in the States, where, in addition to positive Christian training, the child would be freed from the hurtful influences of the superstitions Indian life here. The pupils learn very readily the various industrial arts, and seem to enjoy the work in the different departments. We have now pupils from five different tribes: Kiowas, Comanches, Apaches, Caddoes, and Delawares. We could largely increase the patronage from these various tribes, had we the room and other facilities. We have in school at this writing a total of fifty-four. These are all boarding pupils except two. The attendance has been better than any previous year. To convey a knowledge of Jesus to them is our prime mission here, and we endeavor to give prominence and emphasis to religious training. The results are seen in marked effect upon the character of the pupils. God's word, honestly told under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, finds response, and bears fruit wherever and whenever told, and so in teaching these Indian children God makes himself manifest in the school.

Miss Ida Swanson and Miss Lottie Davis in the literary department, and Mrs. Ferguson, Miss Belle Stout, and Miss Affleck in the industrial, with the "helpers," are all doing most faithful and efficient work. Andres Martinez is a necessity to the work in every way, and it seems that we could not get along without him. He is faithful all the while, and everywhere. The Indian helpers engaged in the school work during the past year have been, up to their knowledge, as efficient as any help we have had. John Durlat and Maggie, his wife (Kiowas), and William Fillmore, a Chickasaw, with some transient Indian help, have made up the Indian force. They were all willing workers, and where they had a proper understanding of the work to be done, they did it with dispatch and promptness.

I make it a rule where I can find an Indian to fill a place properly to give it to him. This follows up the training given him, and makes it effective.

The buildings are in good repair, but we need more room. We could double our capacity at comparatively small expense if we could build, separate and away from the main building, a kitchen and dining room, and also a building for school and chapel purposes. You will find estimates for such buildings, and I will say that they are a necessity whether we enlarge the patronage of the school or not, as we suffer for them now. To do work efficiently, room is necessary.

Again, we need a hospital department. This would be of vast benefit to the cause. Indians sicken and die in the dirt and filth of the camp, and under the horrible treatment of the "medicine men," piteously begging me to take them away to some house where treatment could be given or where they could die in quiet, but I have had nowhere to take them except my small office, a room 10x14 feet. What we need is two well-ventilated rooms, with necessary furniture, and a nurse. This nurse could give aid on other lines if at any time she was not needed in the hospital work.

The settling of Geronimo's band of Indians on this reservation has added something to the school population. The children of that band, while kept in the States, receive several years' careful training under Protestant Christian teachers; but since they have come to this territory about twenty-five of them have fallen into the hands of the Catholics, and are in the Catholic school near here, and thus Catholicism is reaping the fruits of faithful Protestant labor.

Our expenses for food and clothing during the year have been increased on account of the meager supplies issued by the government, and increase in the school. I should be glad to be in an attitude not to receive any supplies from the government at all. I hoped that the various societies would send sufficient clothing in boxes and barrels to supply the lack; but, while some help is being given in that way, it is not enough to meet our increased demands as the school increases.

The farm is in condition to add to the support of the school this year, if a seasonable year; but this is a dry climate, and often crops are a total failure, and we cannot depend with any certainty upon the farm. The farm produced the past year (estimated) 200 bushels of corn, 1,400 bushels of oats, several tons of hay, and 1,200 pounds of pork. Up to this time, however, it has taken more than the amount of produce to meet the expenses of the farm.

The camp work still constitutes an important feature of our work. Miss Brewster has alternated between Fort Sill and Mt. Scott, working principally among the Comanches. She has given herself diligently to study, and is fast mastering the Comanche language. This adds greatly to her efficiency in work among them. Her visits here and there among the people, with Bible and song, prayer and counsel, inevitably result in good to the glory of God. I have been anxious to extend this feature of this service, but it is difficult to get a woman properly equipped and ready for such work. The teachers and helpers in the school do all they can in the camps within reach. There is much to be done. The hindrances are many; God is omnipotent; may our faith in him be implicit!

I have begun with a class in connection with the school special Bible training. It is small now; but it will increase, and through it I hope to accomplish much in direct evangelistic work in the camps. In closing, I wish to say that, while the cause moves slowly here, there is marked improvement in many ways. Habits, customs, dress, manners—all are changing. The Lord is in the midst, and claims these people for his own. The woman's work has done and is doing much to bring about the blessed final triumph of his cause.

CAMP WORK AMONG THE INDIANS.

Miss Helen Brewster has shown a wonderful aptitude for work among the wild tribes, teaching, reading, praying, nursing the sick, and comforting the distressed. She has gone in and out among them, without any regard to her personal comfort. Always bright and cheery, she rejoices at every indication of God's power and love, as in the following:

I am glad to comply with the request, through Brother Methvin, for a report of my work among the Comanches the past year. Being sick through the months of November and December, I did not do much here until January. Then for four months I had the Indian women with me daily at my house. I taught them to sew on the machine that was so kindly sent me by the ladies for that purpose, teaching them to cut and make their children's clothes like those of white children. We had Bible lessons, and at other times I had long talks with them, both by myself and with an interpreter, about their many superstitious practices, that are so sinful. During these talks it was noticeable that, while the younger women would listen and seem willing to give up their evil ways, the old squaws always justified them, and were unwilling to forsake them.

In June our camp meetings commenced, and Miss Davis, Miss Swanson, and I went with Brothers Methvin and Butterfield, and the interpreter, to different points of our work on the Reservation, holding these special meetings from June until August. When the place for the meeting would be appointed, we would drive up, pitch our tents, or prepare to sleep either *in* or *under* the wagon, or on the open prairie. A stove from the nearest Indian house would be borrowed, and behold! our housekeeping arrangements would be complete. The services would be held under an Indian brush arbor, or under the trees, just which was most convenient. The Indians' white tepees dotted the prairie around us. A beef would be killed every day, and other provisions that we wanted were brought with us.

Such a season of seed sowing I never saw before! All the meetings were good and filled with blessed results, but the one at Mt. Scott lingers most pleasantly with me. One night we had had a little service for the women, Virginia Stumbling Bear acting as interpreter. At the close we were called to the altar and voluntary prayers were called for, when one Indian convert after another prayed. I never shall forget Ralph's, one of our schoolboys. How fervently he prayed, and how the Indians all rejoiced, and shook hands in the altar! Everything was said in Kiowa, but at the close a white man came to the altar under the deepest conviction. So wonderful does God work!

After my little home trip to Kentucky in the fall, Brother Methvin thought it best for me to do camp work both at this point and Mt. Scott; so I am alternately a week at each place. Our work there is new, so I haven't accomplished much yet. There are many precious possibilities there, that nerve my hands to the work, and strengthen my faith to ask God to give me these people.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

Mississippi.....	51	1,200	.....	9	125	.....	1,325	30	.....	250	40
Missouri.....	82	1,544	7	110	31	835	4	59	2,379	91	1.....
North Alabama.....	54	865	8	117	37	789	7	78	1,654	31	3.....
North Carolina.....	62	1,513	11	317	53	1,908	4	160	3,421	15	.....
North Georgia.....	195	3,028	19	.....	135	2,963	13	.....	5,991	177	8 3 1
North Mississippi.....	85	1,205	15	133	59	1,270	13	199	2,475	30	17.....
North Texas.....	30	700	2	20	9	300	2	30	1,000	35	.....
Northwest Texas.....	45	970	8	147	37	1,365	4	128	2,335	19	55.....
Pacific.....	22	402	.....	.....	9	151	2	55	553	5	.....
South Carolina.....	169	3,020	11	127	77	2,012	5	.....	5,032	72	7 1.....
South Georgia.....	159	3,089	19	145	93	1,973	17	268	5,062	16	1.....
Southwest Missouri.....	59	1,107	6	97	57	1,458	10	141	2,565	178	.....
St. Louis.....	31	819	3	57	20	150	2	25	969	58	.....
Tennessee.....	80	1,539	25	283	42	759	10	112	2,298	108	16 1 2.....
Texas.....	40	636	1	.....	27	617	4	.....	1,253	55	1.....
Virginia.....	116	3,107	26	372	12	382	3	54	3,489	75	.....
West Texas.....	11	200	1	7	7	207	.....	407	9 1.....	.....	.....
Western.....	6	74	.....	3	3	28	.....	102	13	.....	27.....
Western North Carolina.....	48	1,200	.....	.....	40	1,300	.....	.....	2,500	27	1.....
Western Virginia.....	30	659	.....	23	24	672	.....	.....	1,331	30	1.....
White River.....	22	350	1	.....	17	375	1	.....	725	18	1.....
Total.....	2,095	31,579	213	2,523	1,215	29,990	136	2,083	69,569	1,929	131 8 38 14 10,647 5366

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1894-95.

Mrs. H. N. McTYEIRE, Treasurer, in account with Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, M. E. Church, South.

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Alabama Conference.....	\$ 2,684 45
Of above, \$145.49, thank offerings; \$80, scholarships; \$108.55, mite boxes; \$214.78, Little Worker Fund; \$236.80, specials; \$17.65, Bible woman.	
Arkansas Conference.....	580 34
Of above, \$10, scholarship; \$3, mite boxes; \$212.70, specials; \$63.35, Bible woman; \$49.24, Little Worker Fund.	
Baltimore Conference.....	3,285 66
Of above, \$100.10, thank offerings; \$8.40, scholarship; \$39.98, mite boxes; \$60.20, Little Worker Fund; \$1,000, bequest of Mrs. Caroline Sewell; \$200, pi- ano for Miss A. V. Wilson.	
Denver Conference.....	2 71
East Texas Conference.....	622 02
Of above, \$149.18, thank offerings; \$8.40, scholarship; \$.5.95, mite boxes; \$26 66, Little Worker Fund.	
Florida Conference	1,743 56
Of above, \$152.32, thank offerings; \$51.17, scholarships; \$26.80, mite boxes; \$33.50, Little Worker Fund; \$58.95, pledge; \$60.96, organ for Miss Haygood; \$11.17, training school.	
Holston Conference.....	2,701 73
Of above, \$218.27, pledge; \$99.72, Little Worker Fund; \$100, S. Cox Fund.	
Indian Mission Conference	53 55
Kentucky Conference...	2,362 28
Of above, \$384.46, thank offerings; \$55.16, mite boxes; \$28.57, Little Work- er Fund; \$88.71, juvenile collections; \$27.59, Duvall Fund.	
Little Rock Conference	707 83
Of above, \$37.55, thank offerings; \$16.61, mite boxes; \$48.95, Little Worker Fund; \$64.80, scholarships.	
Los Angeles Conference	250 19
Of above, \$41.77, thank offerings; \$3.82, mite boxes.	
Louisiana Conference	446 71
Of above, \$6, thank offerings; \$16.17, mite boxes; 50 ets., Little Worker Fund; \$60, Bible woman.	
Louisville Conference.....	2,610 79
Of above, \$87.13, thank offerings; \$66.99, mite boxes; \$25.53, Little Worker Fund; \$40, scholarship; \$455.19, missionaries; \$150, bequest of Mrs. Mary Lovi; \$1, memorial.	
Memphis Conference.....	2,029 84
Of above, \$210.50, thank offerings; \$116.98, mite boxes; \$491.85, pledge; \$118.42, day schools; \$60, Bible woman; \$20.55, Little Worker Fund; \$78, scholarships; \$37.60, Rankin Memorial; \$1,227.79, juvenile and young people's collections.	
Mexican Border Mission Conference	10 30
Mississippi Conference.....	790 91
Of above, \$31.75, thank offerings; \$4.51, mite boxes; \$ 4.05, Little Worker Fund; \$16.01, Petrópolis; \$3.20, Mrs. Lambuth's school.	
Missouri Conference.....	1,456 91
Of above, \$43.36, mite boxes; \$33.65, Little Worker Fund; \$1, memorial.	
North Alabama Conference.....	1,676 69
Of above, \$22.60, thank offerings; \$22.21, mite boxes; \$123.80, Little Worker Fund; \$529.33, special.	
North Carolina Conference.....	1,815 42
Of above, \$87.80, thank offerings; \$3.98, mite boxes; \$20.32, Little Worker Fund; \$67.54, special; \$5, Miss Lelia Roberts.	
North Georgia Conference.....	6,393 40
Of above, \$150, Miss Steger; \$22.55, Petropolis; \$35, Bible woman; \$160.42, thank offerings; \$1.04, mite boxes; \$159.35, Little Worker Fund; \$162.39, schol- arships.	
North Mississippi Conference.....	2,605 80
Of above, \$153.40, thank offerings; \$58.60, mite boxes; \$205.26, Little Work- er Fund; \$80, scholarships; \$708.44, pledge; \$6.50, Petropolis; \$100, day school.	
North Texas Conference.....	888 85
Of above, \$63.20, thank offerings; \$14.55, mite boxes; \$22.50, Little Worker Fund.	
Northwest Texas Conference	1,638 83
Of above, \$79.68, thank offerings; \$19.23, mite boxes; \$37.05, Little Worker Fund; \$105.35, scholarships; \$76.46, special; \$1.50, Petropolis; \$10, Laredo.	

Pacific Conference.....	\$ 501 65
Of above, \$18.35, thank offerings; \$1.50, training school.	
South Carolina Conference.....	3,816 95
Of above, \$42.85, thank offerings; \$181.72, special; \$11.35, Little Worker Fund; \$17.83, mite boxes.	
South Georgia Conference	4,882 91
Of above, \$58.95, thank offerings; \$79.11, Little Worker Fund; \$771.30, pledge; \$252.71, Petropolis; \$55, Durango; \$9, Indian Mission.	
Southeast Missouri Conference.....	2,417 93
Of above, \$188.56, thank offerings; \$6.13, mite boxes; \$4.11, Little Worker Fund; \$80, scholarships; \$990.92, for Misses Pyles and Steger.	
St. Louis Conference.....	791 41
Of above, \$1.50, thank offerings; \$17.55, mite boxes; \$75, Little Worker Fund; \$56.63, scholarships; \$135, day schools.	
Tennessee Conference	3,195 77
Of above, \$103.40, thank offerings; \$58.22, mite boxes; \$40, scholarship; \$67.54, Little Worker Fund; \$70, Bible woman; \$501.31, pledge; \$120.25, Petropolis.	
Texas Conference.....	1,510 68
Of above, \$43.60, thank offerings; \$12.45, mite boxes; \$15.04, Little Worker Fund; \$5, scholarship; \$507.89, pledge; \$25, Indian Mission.	
Virginia Conference.....	4,156 04
Of above, \$167.51, thank offerings; \$294.05, mite boxes; \$2.50, Little Worker Fund; \$121.49, scholarships; \$126.40, Bible woman; \$40.50, special for China; \$25.6., Laredo; \$170.80, day schools.	
West Texas Conference.....	333 00
Of above, \$50.10, thank offerings; \$25.55, Little Worker Fund; \$21.45, pledge.	
Western Conference.....	107 09
Of above, \$12.75, thank offerings; \$12.59, Little Worker Fund.	
Western North Carolina Conference.....	1,463 81
Of above, \$5.19, thank offerings; \$9.86, mite boxes; \$29.06, Little Worker Fund; \$451.24, juvenile collections.	
Western Virginia Conference.....	779 19
Of above, \$67.34, thank offerings; \$5.25, mite boxes; \$60.67, Little Worker Fund; \$206.90, pledge.	
White River Conference.....	833 09
Of above, \$36.09, thank off rings; \$5.70, mite boxes; \$11.57, Little Worker Fund; \$47, scholarships; \$92.28, Miss Case.	
Memorial Fund.....	37 04

MISCELLANEOUS.

Received of Mrs. H. B. Vaughn, Marysville, Mo.....	90 00
Received of Miss A. M. Barnes, Little Worker Fund.....	66 27
By same, for Miss Brewster.....	30 00
Received of Mrs. Frizzell, Nashville, from K. A. Vesey.....	1 25
Received of Miss K. L. Peck.....	11 00
Received of Mrs. J. M. Barker, Mexico, Mo.....	3 00
Received of William Dulhs, Jr., Treasurer Presbyterian Board of Missions, on account of Mrs. Crozier.....	600 00
Received of Mrs. George Langston, Cisco, Tex.....	12 80
Received of Mrs. J. Wheeler, Little Mills, N C.....	2 00
Received of Mrs. George Langston, Cisco, Tex.....	3 75
Received of Miss Cecil Parsons, Little Worker Fund.....	3 68
Received of Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, sale of treasurer's books.....	42 90

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April 23.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary, clerical help.....	\$ 50 00
May 8.	Paid China draft, specials, Misses Kerr and Rankin.....	53 08
21.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary, clerical help and office expenses.....	60 00
29.	Paid Miss Mary W. Bruce, home salary.....	93 75
June 2.	Paid Miss M. H. Watts, organs and account Miss Ross.....	100 00
12.	Paid Miss Layona Glenn, outfit, Brazil.....	200 00
Paid Miss Esther Case, outfit, Mexico.....	200 00	
14.	Paid Miss Esther Ca-e, furnishing and travel, Mexico	215 00
Paid Miss Glenn, travel to Brazil.....	260 00	
Paid Lowry Banking Company, cost exchange.....	1 15	
15.	Paid China draft, Miss Rankin.....	24 10
20.	Paid Carmen Cervantes, traveling expenses.....	100 00
Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, office expenses.....	250 00	
Paid Miss Lera Freeman, Agent Little Worker	25 00	
29.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary, clerical help.....	50 00
Paid expenses of officers and managers to Board meeting.....	237 05	
80.	Paid Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Editor of Leaflets.....	87 50
Paid Miss M. H. Watts, missionary, Brazil.....	1,085 00	
July 2.	Paid Miss Lula Ross, Juiz de Fora, Brazil.....	825 50
Paid Miss Amelia Elerding, for Rio, Brazil.....	400 00	

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July	2.	Paid Miss Sallie M. Phillips, Piracicaba.....	\$ 375 00
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, Mexican work.....	4,972 50
		Paid J. J. Methvin, Indian Mission.....	912 50
		Paid Miss Jennie Atkinson, home salary.....	78 75
		Paid Miss Laura Haygood, due on salary.....	25 24
	3.	Paid Miss M. H. Watts, account Miss Glenn.....	62 50
		Paid Dubois & Webb, electropoise for Miss Atkinson.....	15 00
	14.	Paid Miss Clara Steger, outfit for China.....	200 00
	17.	Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, for Chihuahua.....	1,037 50
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, painting and Guadalajara	1,500 00
		Paid Miss Lelia Roberts, special, Saltillo.....	32 75
		Paid J. J. Methvin, special for Miss Brewster.....	30 00
		Paid Miss K. McFarren, special, Durango.....	10 60
		Paid Hunter & Welburn, for ledger.....	2 80
		Paid Western Union Telegraph Company, bill for June.....	8 92
	20.	Paid W. F. Bang, Cashier, China draft.....	4,713 75
	21.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary, clerical help and office expense.....	400 00
	23.	Paid Miss M. H. Watts, account Miss McKnight	175 00
Aug.	4.	Paid Miss Jennie Atkinson, expenses to Board meeting.....	9 00
	7.	Paid Miss Clara Steger, travel to China.....	300 00
		Paid Miss Jennie Atkinson, travel to China.....	350 00
Sept.	1.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, drainage, Saltillo.....	400 00
		Paid Miss Esther Case, Saltillo, salary.....	43 50
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for Misses Harper and Wilson.....	71 50
		Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, salary <i>Little Worker</i>	62 50
	13.	Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, special for Guadalajara.....	15 00
		Paid Miss Lizzie Wilson, special for Chihuahua.....	25 00
		Paid Miss Lelia Roberts, special for Saltillo.....	35 76
	18.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, first quarter Mexico.....	7,110 00
		Paid Miss L. A. Haygood, home salary.....	93 75
		Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, Central Mexico.....	875 00
		Paid Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Editor of Leaflets.....	62 50
		Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary, clerical help.....	100 00
		Paid Miss Lena Freeman, Agent.....	25 00
		Paid Rev. J. J. Methvin, Indian Mission.....	1,175 00
		Paid Miss M. H. Watts, Piracicaba, Brazil.....	462 00
		Paid Miss Amelia Elserding, Rio, Brazil.....	387 50
		Paid Miss Lula Ross, Juiz de Fora, Brazil.....	950 00
	24.	Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, printing and postage	580 73
	25.	Paid Rev. J. J. Methvin, Indian Mission.....	800 00
Oct.	2.	Paid Miss Ella R. Coffey, outfit and travel, China.....	500 00
Nov.	2.	Paid W. F. Bang, Cashier, China draft	4,713 75
	7.	Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, leaflets and miscellaneous printing.....	362 68
		Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, freight mite boxes	3 84
		Paid American Paper Co., mite boxes.....	124 60
	9.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary, clerical help	50 00
	24.	Paid Miss Lelia Roberts, traveling expenses.....	1'0 00
		Paid Dr. David Morton, Secretary, account W. F. Barclay.....	6 30
		Paid Milton Bradley & Co., Springfield, Mass.....	3 43
		Paid W. R. Cornelius, carriage to Board meeting	5 00
	28.	Paid Miss Lena Freeman, Agent <i>Little Worker</i>	25 00
		Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary, clerical help	50 00
		Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor <i>Little Worker</i>	62 50
Dec.	8.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company	20 02
		Paid W. F. Bang, Cashier, China draft.....	4,743 37
	21.	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor <i>Little Worker</i>	62 50
	22.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary, clerical help.....	50 00
1895.			
Jan.	5.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, specials.....	33 30
		Paid Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Editor Leaflets	87 50
		Paid Miss M. H. Watts, Brazil Mission.....	1,964 07
		Paid Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer, postage	10 00
		Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, programmes and mite boxes	106 70
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, second quarter Mexico.....	8,188 00
		Paid J. J. Methvin, Indian Mission	725 00
		Paid Miss L. A. Haygood, home salary.....	93 75
		Paid Western Union Telegraph Company	45 00
	16.	Paid J. J. Methvin, Indian Mission	500 00
		Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, mailing mite boxes	24 95
	22.	Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, leaflets and express	214 58
		Paid J. J. Methvin, balance due for quarter	550 00
		Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, expence to Guadalajara	80 00
		Paid Miss Mary M. Turner, traveling expenses	69 00
		Paid Miss Bessie Moore, due on salary	22 70
Feb.	6.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary, clerical help	50 00
		Paid American Bank, Brazilian draft, purchase Petropolis property	25,000 00
	14.	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, salary and <i>Little Worker</i> special	64 70
	27.	Paid W. R. Cornelius, transportation to Board meeting	5 00

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1895.

March	4. Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, postage and printing	\$ 21 41
	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company, January bill.....	19 03
6.	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor <i>Little Worker</i>	87 50
	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary, postage and clerical help.....	75 00
	Paid Miss Lena Freeman, Agent <i>Little Worker</i>	25 00
9.	Paid Miss Laura Haygood, home salary	93 75
	Paid Miss Mary M. Turner, expenses to Mexico.....	102 45
16.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company, February bill.....	1 81
	Paid American Paper Company, juvenile mite boxes.....	57 50
	Paid Dury & Finney, seal for Woman's Board of Missions.....	2 00
	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for Mexico.....	7,060 00
	Paid Miss Mary Richardson.....	100 00
23.	Paid W. F. Bang, Cashier, China draft.....	4,245 00
27.	Paid Miss M. H. Watts, Brazil Mission.....	1,987 50
	Paid J. J. Methvin, Indian Mission.....	825 00
30.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary, clerical help.....	10 00
April	1. Paid W. F. Bang, Cashier, China draft.....	250 00
8.	Paid Miss B. H. Bennett, Training School.....	45 27
	Paid Miss Lelia Roberts, special for Saltillo	5 70
	Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, special for Guadalajara	11 25
	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor <i>Little Worker</i>	82 09
10.	Paid Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer, for postage.....	5 00
		\$ 96,922 98

RECAPITULATION.

Balance, April 20, 1894.....	\$ 79,725 03
Amount received for fiscal year 1894-95.....	63,951 98
Amount paid out fiscal year 1894-95.....	96,922 98
	\$ 46,754 03

In banks as follows April 10, 1895:

First National Bank.....	\$ 18,912 53
Fourth National Bank.....	9,050 32
American National Bank.....	13,458 45
Commercial National Bank.....	5,332 74
Memorial Fund from last year.....	\$3,377 43
Received this fiscal year.....	38 04
China drafts out.....	\$ 3,415 47
Commercial deposit.....	3,495 50
	5,332 74
	12,243 71

Balance subject to check.....	\$ 34,510 32
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Fourth quarter drafts due July 1.....	12,150 00
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Balance in banks to appropriate.....	\$ 22,360 32
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Thank offerings received this fiscal year.....	\$ 2,809 34
Mite box collections for fiscal year.....	1,063 07
Little Workers' Special.....	1,813 97

RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION.

Amount received for fiscal year 1878-79	\$ 4,104 27	1888-89.....	\$ 68,165 34
1879-80.....	13,775 97	1889-90.....	75,476 54
1880-81.....	19,362 10	1890-91.....	85,969 44
1881-82.....	25,609 44	1891-92.....	66,448 59
1882-83.....	29,647 31	1892-93.....	71,199 12
1883-84.....	38,873 52	1893-94.....	66,377 90
1884-85.....	52,632 12	1894-95.....	63,951 98
1885-86.....	51,588 76		
1886-87.....	50,092 63		\$853,024 68
1887-88.....	69,729 65		

Amount received for Training School from 1889 to 1895.....	105,580 78
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Grand total.....	\$958,605 46
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BEQUESTS RECEIVED THIS YEAR.

Mrs. Caroline D. Sewell, Baltimore, Md.	\$ 1,000 00 ✓
Mrs. Mary E. Levi, Louisville, Ky.	150 00 ✓
	\$ 1,150 00

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. N. MCTYEIRE, Treasurer.

Examined and reported upon May 1, 1895.

THOMAS S. WEAVER, Auditor;
T. B. HOLT, Treasurer,
Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

THE seventeenth annual session of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, held in Meridian, Miss., will linger long in the memories of members and visitors as one of the pleasantest and most interesting in its history. Hospitality abounded; every possible preparation for the entertainment and comfort of the coming guests had been made, showing the high appreciation of both work and workers. From the very first service love and harmony reigned supreme; joy at meeting one another was never more manifest, greetings were never more tender, and love for the cause of Missions glowed and burned in every word and act during the session. Enthusiasm was a most prominent characteristic of the seventeenth annual session, and the news of a depleted treasury acted like an electric current, thrilling every heart and moving every soul to more earnest prayer and daring effort. In spite of the pouring rain without, the praise service, led by Mrs. Bishop Wilson, was well attended, and the presence of the Holy Spirit filled the house; his gracious influence remaining throughout the entire meeting, pervading every prayer, every address and report, demonstrating to all beholders that prophecy was indeed fulfilled: "And on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit."

The addresses of welcome were hearty, tender, and true; the response, lovely and winning. The President's address was strong and earnest, revealing a heart and soul imbued with the spirit of missions. The absence of the Foreign Secretary was much deplored, and many tender thoughts and prayers were wafted toward her sick chamber. Her report, read by Mrs. Bishop Wilson, and the report of the Treasurer revealed the sad fact that the collections of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for 1894-95 were less than for eight years previous. Many contingencies peculiar to the year just past might account in a measure for this deficit, but a

depleted treasury was to the members of the Board a note of alarm and a call to arms. Either the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society must make a mighty effort, and advance during the coming year, or retrenchment is before it. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, go *backward* in its labors? Never!

The elegant reception tendered by the ladies of Central Church to the members of the Board and visitors at the residence of Mrs. B. F. Ormond was an occasion full of enjoyment and unrestrained social intercourse.

Bishop Galloway's sermon on Sunday was an effort worthy even of him, and calculated to inspire with hope and zeal every worker for the Lord. His text, taken from Ezekiel xlvi. 9, "And everything shall live whither the river cometh," was the foundation for a masterly discourse on the beneficent influences of Christianity, vivifying and fructifying every land, lifting up and ennobling every mind, purifying and making Godlike every soul into which its principles and power are received. He illustrated his theme by pictures from heathen lands, dark and gloomy, placed side by side with the benefits and blessings of those climes through which the river of salvation flows. Never has the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions had the pleasure of listening to a loftier, more inspiring discourse.

The children's service Sunday afternoon at four o'clock was as bright and interesting as could be desired. Mrs. Hargrove assisted Miss Barnes in directing the service, and in the opening exercise found her little "Mississippi cousins" intelligent and responsive. The addresses of Misses Barnes, Bruce, and Haygood were all full of matter calculated to interest and inspire the children's minds and hearts with the great subject of Missions and their part in this work. Mrs. Waters, from Japan, also said a few words to the children; and Master Wirt Waters, four years old (lifted on a table for inspection), by his answers to questions asked him about the children of Japan, preached a missionary sermon fully within the comprehension of the listening children.

Dr. Morrison's address on Mexico Sunday night was deeply interesting, and brought his hearers into closest sympathy with the religious errors and sad darkness of our neighboring republic. His map illustrating the situation and advantages of the mission stations of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in Mexico was forceful and suggestive. The presence of Bishop Galloway and Dr.

Morrison added greatly to the pleasure and profit of the session, and their appreciative and encouraging words to the Board were helpful indeed.

Miss Haygood's address on China, delivered Monday evening, revealed the past, present, and future of that great country with the accuracy of a student of Chinese history, the graphic portrayal of an eyewitness, and withal with an earnestness and love which showed a heart upon which *China* was indelibly written.

At the close of her address Mrs. Wightman came forward; and calling Bishop Galloway to the chancel, she made one of the most heartfelt and pathetic appeals ever offered in behalf of Missions. She called the Bishop to witness that she loved the cause, that she was a part of the organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and had never faltered in its service during its seventeen years of life and labor; she assured him that during that time she had been sorely pressed in spirit by the varied conditions of the work, but never before had her heart been so wrung or her spirit so crushed as when she learned that afternoon that the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions had on hand three accepted, consecrated, trained missionaries eager to go to foreign fields, and no money with which to send them. Clasping her hands, with tears streaming from her eyes, she implored the Bishop to help; to speak to the Board and to this audience as he had never spoken before, and stir their souls to interest and their hands to liberality, that these young ladies might go at once to the fields which need their labor so sorely. She then pathetically called on the Conference Secretaries to join her in a pledge to raise *extra* funds *immediately* to send out these three missionaries. The scene was truly inspiring, and enthusiasm reigned supreme. Secretary after Secretary arose and pledged herself and her Conference to this end, and soon the amount required was provided for. Bishop Galloway indorsed Mrs. Wightman's words and this unusual effort, and in a fervid, eloquent talk he urged all before him to greater zeal and diligence in the cause of Missions.

Tuesday night a large and attentive audience assembled to witness the presentation and reception of the missionary candidates and to hear the address of Miss Gibson on the Scarritt Bible and Training School. The five young ladies (Miss Worth, of the St. Louis Conference; Miss Blackburn, of the North Mississippi Conference; Miss Perkinson, of the Missouri Conference; Miss Umberger, of the Holston Conference; and Miss Martin of the North Carolina

Conference) all were students from our Training School; and their modest bearing, earnest manner, and devotedness to the cause, as exhibited in their responses to the President's address, reflected great credit on the training they had received. Miss Gibson's address presented the Training School to the Board and audience in the finest light, explaining its advantages, possibilities, and past work in a most entertaining style, and commending its worth to the mind of every listener. This address will certainly bear fruit.

The presence of several missionaries (Miss Haygood, of China; Miss Bruce, of Brazil; and Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Waters, of Japan) added to the interest and pleasure of the session.

The love feast on Wednesday afternoon was a fitting close to such a spiritual and pleasant session. After the business of the last afternoon was completed, Miss Haygood came forward and took charge of the exercises of the love feast. In a few earnest words and choice portions of Scripture she turned our minds and hearts toward the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and his loving presence soon pervaded every heart. The scene which followed cannot be described; as earnest prayer, or sweet song, or words of testimony were poured forth, all seemed in perfect accord; all spoke from hearts consecrated to God's service; hearts that could say with the Psalmist, "I delight to do thy will, O my God;" hearts that had tried and proved the promises of God to be "yea and amen" in Christ Jesus. The hour was holy, the association heavenly, and when joining hands all sang "Blest be the tie that binds," many eyes overflowed, and all could say with the sweet singer of Methodism:

"And if our fellowship below
In Jesus be so sweet,
What height of rapture shall we know
When round his throne we meet!"

OPENING SESSION.

THE Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, coming together for its seventeenth annual convocation, found itself for the first time on the soil of Mississippi, and no place within her bounds was more worthy of the gathering than the magic city of Meridian. Every arrangement showed thoughtful foresight and careful preparation. The lovely decorations, dainty badges, the alert and accommodating Committee of Reception, and the large and interested congregation attending upon the first service—all attested the wise provision and deep interest of the hospitable people into whose homes we had come.

The first session was opened by the reading of the seventy-second Psalm by Rev. Dr. Hunnicutt. Hymn 666 was sung, after which Dr. Hunnicutt led in prayer. The grand anthem, "Forever with the Lord," was rendered by the choir; then Dr. Woodward, pastor of Central Church, came forward with words of welcome in behalf of the city of Meridian and his church. His brotherly, tender, and inspiring words were greatly appreciated by the Board, and will linger in their memories. Miss Sallie Smylie, in behalf of the Meridian Auxiliary; Mrs. S. E. Dean, for the North Mississippi Conference Society; and Mrs. A. F. Watkins, for the Mississippi Conference Society—all, in well-chosen words and phrases, vied with one another in giving to the Board "a royal Methodist welcome," accompanied by lofty thoughts and glowing aspirations. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, of the South Georgia Conference, most fittingly responded to this wealth of welcome on behalf of the Board, and won all hearts by her graceful, womanly words and manner. After a duet, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," Mrs. Wightman, President of the Board, in her usual happy manner, paid a glowing tribute to the record and present *status* of Mississippi, calling down blessings upon the State which in childhood had been to her a foster mother, and in whose soil reposes the dust of some of her loved ones. "All Hail to Mississippi!" an invitation to a social reception, to be given Saturday afternoon, four to six o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. Ben Ormond, was tendered the members of the Board and visitors. Announcements for the coming week were made, the doxology was sung, benediction pronounced, and the opening session of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in Meridian was over.

Entered into Rest.

Mrs. Juliana Hayes

June Second,

Eighteen Hundred Ninety-five.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

SATURDAY morning, May 11, 1895, at 9 A.M., the first business session of the seventeenth annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was opened by the President, Mrs. M. D. Wightman. She read various impressive selections from the Old and New Testaments, all bearing on the office and work of the Holy Spirit. Hymn 171 was sung, "Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire," and fervent prayer for the overshadowing influence of this blessed Spirit upon the assemblage and its deliberations was offered, and the business of the session began.

The Secretary called the roll, and thirty-five members answered to their names. Five officers and five Managers were present; Twenty-two Conferences were represented by their Secretaries, three by reserve delegates, and ten had no representation. The absence of both Manager and Conference Secretary from North Georgia was much deplored, and the sad circumstances which detained these worthy members at home called forth tender sympathy and earnest prayer.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. M. D. Wightman,

Mrs. S. C. Trueheart,

Miss M. L. Gibson,

Mrs. H. N. McTyeire,

Mrs. T. B. Hargrove.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. W. G. E. Cunningham,

Mrs. Adam Hendrix,

Mrs. J. D. Hamilton,

Mrs. E. C. Dowdell,

Mrs. I. G. John.

CONFERENCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

Mrs. J. W. Rush,

Miss Elizabeth Billingsly,

Mrs. A. H. Strother,

Mrs. C. W. Brandon,

Miss L. P. Lane,

Mrs. F. D. Swindell,

Mrs. S. S. Harris (reserve),

Mrs. H. A. Dean,

Mrs. N. S. Woodward (reserve),

Mrs. J. P. Mussett,

Mrs. James Thomas,

Mrs. J. W. Humbert,

Mrs. C. J. Foster,

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell,

Mrs. G. D. Foskett (reserve),

Mrs. S. N. Jones,

Miss Laura Bradford,
Miss Annie Linfield,
Mrs. S. S. Park,
Mrs. H. C. Cheatham,

Mrs. Elizabeth Avis,
Mrs. T. P. Weakley,
Mrs. F. M. Bumpass,
Miss Lida G. Moore,

Mrs. M. A. Neill.

On motion of Miss Gibson, telegrams of love and sympathy were ordered sent to Mrs. Juliana Hayes, Honorary President, and Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary, both of whom were detained at home by feeble health. Mrs. Wightman read to the Board several stanzas of a poem, which were touchingly appropriate to these absent officers. Mrs. Cunningham complied with a request to read to the Board some lines sent by Mrs. McGavock to the session of the Local Board last March, when she was unable to attend the called meeting on account of critical illness.

The rules of order and order of business and the minutes of the opening session were read and approved.

Mrs. Wightman introduced the Misses Holloman, twin sisters, as pages for the day. The offices of these alert, quiet little messengers were much appreciated.

A communication was read from Mrs. Hotchkiss, of the Little Rock Conference Society, introducing the new Conference Secretary, Mrs. James Thomas; also a letter from the Eastern Manager, Mrs. Higginbotham, stating that her husband's severe illness caused her absence from this meeting of the Board. On motion, the Secretary was instructed to send a telegram to Mrs. Higginbotham, expressing sympathy and regrets.

Telegrams were read from Mrs. L. H. McHenry (former member of the Board of Managers) and from the Epworth League Conference of Mississippi, then in session at Grenada. By a singular coincidence both of these communications bore to the Board the same message: Hebrews xiii. 20, 21. The Board requested that the President appoint a committee to reply to these telegrams, adding to those already mentioned Mrs. Callaway, Secretary of the North Georgia Conference Society, who was by the bedside of her sick husband. The Chair appointed the Vice President, Miss Gibson, to this service of love.

The little gavel of orange wood presented last year by the Florida Conference was held up for inspection by Mrs. Wightman. It was beautifully decorated with a bow of white ribbon, and also with the badge and forget-me-nots of this annual meeting. It was, she said, all decorated as it was, not an emblem of authority, but of service;

and by its aid she hoped to expedite the work of this session, welcoming the coming and speeding the departing guest.

Hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 8:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M.

The Chair appointed Miss Linfield and Mrs. Chatfield a Committee on Platform Courtesies.

The standing committees nominated by officers and Managers at their preliminary meeting were approved as follows:

On Missionary Candidates.—Mrs. C. W. Brandon, Chairman; Mrs. F. D. Swindell, Mrs. E. Avis, Mrs. F. M. Bumpass, Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Mrs. M. A. Neill.

On Extension of Work.—Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Chairman; Mrs. W. G. E. Cunningham, Mrs. I. G. John, Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. S. S. Park, Mrs. A. H. Strother, Mrs. H. A. Dean, Mrs. T. P. Weakley.

On Publication.—Mrs. E. C. Dowdell, Chairman; Mrs. G. D. Foskett, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. S. S. Harris, Mrs. James Thomas, Mrs. J. W. Rush.

On Finance.—Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Chairman; Miss Laura Bradford; Mrs. J. P. Mussett, Mrs. Adam Hendrix, Miss Lida Moore, Mrs. H. C. Cheatham.

On Resolutions.—Miss Elizabeth Billingsly, Miss L. P. Lane.

On Public Worship.—Miss Annie Linfield.

The report of the Secretary of Home Affairs was called for. Mrs. S. C. Trueheart read the following:

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF HOME AFFAIRS, 1894-95.

In all great movements there is an ebb as well as a flood tide. The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions has had this experience, though the ebb never paralyzed effort, nor did the flood tide unduly elate. Through ebb and flood, cautiously, steadily, the work has moved on, with Christ at the helm. Firm, gentle hands hold the oars, parting the waves or breasting the storm. Not by might nor by power, but by the Spirit of God, mission stations have been opened, equipped, and maintained.

The history of seventeen years is history destined to live in the literature of the century—literature that will inspire the godly of every land. Difficulties have been met and overcome by faith, prayer, and perseverance; and these difficulties have not been few nor insignificant, but the determination to conquer always strengthened those who met them, and victory resulted.

Many noble women have given their time, their love of retirement, their means—all they have has been placed upon the altar of sacrifice willingly and gladly. They have not prayed that a miracle be worked to effect the desires of their hearts, but have prayed rather for wisdom and strength to work out a miracle themselves; and, as a consequence, the power of God has

come upon them, and its transforming influence has been seen and felt in far-off lands.

In Joppa, at the house of the tanner, when God's messengers from the Gentiles came for the apostle, he conferred not with flesh and blood, but, "nothing doubting," went to Cornelius; and to him, as well as to all nations, declared: "God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted with him." These consecrated ones share the divine sympathy of Christ, enter into his thoughts, have fellowship with him, suffer with him, and will reign with him.

Would that every woman who names the name of Christ had a part in this glorious record! Many, sad to say, are indifferent, and, like Gallio of old, "care for none of these things." Others satisfy themselves with excuses that will not stand the test of the judgment, nor the voice of their own conscience if they listened to it. "Hard times" is often upon their lips, though they do not deny themselves any luxury. "Too much money going out of the country!" they exclaim, though not one cent belonging to them gives a gospel sermon to anybody. Such not only hinder the cause, but damage their own souls.

Another class there is in the Church who, affected by an appeal for Foreign Missions on some special occasion, give their names to the organization, make up their minds to give ten cents a month to support the cause, but decline to attend the monthly meetings. These soon fall away, get behind in their dues, and, if reminded of their obligations, will order their names taken from the roll, as a kind of revenge or godly rebuke to the Society.

Still another class may be noted—good workers, too, are these, but find it difficult to conform to any system. Often they ignore Constitution, By-laws, and resolutions. Their zeal is genuine, but they are hurtfully wise. They undertake for themselves, map out work that commends itself to their interest and affections, without thought of the work already projected—projected, too, upon the basis of a membership paying \$1.20 each. If remonstrated with because of their violation of the Constitution, they feel aggrieved, and lose enthusiasm.

Well-regulated institutions value their laws, and must do so or forfeit their permanence and public respect. Strength is based upon unity and fidelity. If members pledge themselves to keep the Constitution, they should keep their vows or lose their own self-respect. Suppose one engaged to keep up the water supply needed for the nourishment and growth of a valuable plant should turn aside to attend to another, would not the first die, and die because of neglect of duty? Suppose one should agree to rescue a woman from a burning building if some friends would steady the ladder upon which he mounted. On the way up, or when about to stretch forth his hand to the perishing soul to place her beyond the reach of the devouring elements, the ladder lost its support? Would it not as certainly fall if its pledged supporters left it to engage in some other benevolence appealing to their sympathies as if they violated their obligations because of sheer indifference or loss of interest? Zeal like this lacks wisdom, and may be blown about by every wind of doctrine.

It may serve a useful purpose to restate some of the By-laws of the Woman's Board. If you turn to Section 10, Sixteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, page 136, you will find the following: "The funds, outside of dues collected within the auxiliaries to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Adult or Juvenile, shall not be directed to any specific work, without obtaining the consent of the Woman's Board, and with the understanding that such work is in accordance with the plans of this Board." In the Fourteenth Annual Report, page 86, stands another resolution adopted by the Woman's Board: "*Resolved*, That the Conference Secretaries instruct auxiliaries that funds must not be directed to special work outside of objects determined by the Board in annual session, unless permission is asked and granted." And in the By-laws of Conference Societies, on record for years, the following may be found: "Conference and Auxiliary Societies shall not project new work in the mission fields." Lack of loyalty at this point not only makes confusion, but jeopardizes the interests of the Woman's Board. Turning aside from one benevolence to further the success of another great enterprise is not wise, I think. Duty demands that obligations entered into voluntarily should be met, especially if neglect involves serious loss to others. While allegiance to constitutional rights commends itself to the sound judgment of adherents, true wisdom would expunge from the code unnecessary iterations.

On page 82, Sixteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, stands the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions accord to the Conference Societies the privilege and right to manage their internal affairs as may best suit the needs of each Conference Society, always acting with reference to and in harmony with the Constitution and By-laws given them." Those who presented and formally adopted this resolution could not foresee the interpretation put upon it. It meant to quite a number the request to confer certain legislative rights upon the Conference Societies, when it is clearly known that the Woman's Board is the only recognized legislative body in the organization. The framers and supporters of the measure evidently meant no such thing. The clause stating "always acting with reference to and in harmony with the Constitution and By-laws" proves this. The fact is, the resolution had special reference to the collections raised by the Juveniles and to the Easter service.

In some Conference Societies, if the Secretaries so desire, the children's contributions may be sent out through the ordinary channels to supplement the collections from Adult Societies. In other Conference Societies, if the Secretaries deem it best, the children can send their money to the Little Worker Fund, and from thence it is forwarded to the general treasury. The law sustains the particular preferences of the Conference Societies, as in either case the children's contributions reach the treasury for the support of the general work.

The Easter service was based upon permission asked and received of the parent Board of Missions, that once a year, at least, the woman's work could be brought before the regular congregations of our Church for public recog-

nition and assistance. The contributions resulting being directed by the Board, on page 88, Fourteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, we find the following duly presented, adopted, and still on record: "*Resolved*, That the Managers of the Woman's Board in the city of Nashville be appointed to meet a like committee of the General Board, for the purpose of conferring and advising as to the selection of a suitable Sunday on which the work of the Woman's Board may be brought before the Church and collections taken, the collections taken this year to be given to the Scarritt Bible and Training School. The preference of this Board is for Easter—Woman's Day."

This is clear, but the fact remains that the resolution on page 82, Sixteenth Annual Report, brought misunderstanding, confusion, and much disappointment. The Board failed to direct the Easter offerings, or to provide the programme for the occasion. All the rights guaranteed to Conference Societies under the Constitution are intact, and no resolutions could make them more so, and no resolutions could interfere with them. If this is true, why continue on record the one referred to? Have not the Conference Societies always managed their own affairs under the Constitution? The successful leader of a certain Moslem army in Egypt was asked by one of his officers: "What shall be done with the great Alexandrian Library?"

"Destroy it!" was answered. "If it contains anything opposed to the Koran, it *deserves destruction*; if its books embody the doctrines of the Koran, there is no need of it—we have the blessed Koran itself."

Contingent Fund.—It seems a difficult matter to give explanations that strip this oft-discussed subject of ambiguity. It is certainly worth some careful thought, some more exact formula, to settle the question forever.

The By-laws of Conference Societies are explicit, and one reads, "A contingent fund shall be provided for expenses," etc.; but a clause which says, "if not sufficient, supplement from the general treasury," leaves a wide margin unsettled, and the amount to be supplemented is left to the judgment of the various Societies to decide. This, it seems to me, is unconstitutional. If the dues of the Society could be made one dollar and forty-five cents for each member, twenty-five cents being for Society expenses and one dollar and twenty cents for the general missionary treasury, it would be well. If this plan does not commend itself to your judgment, why should not the law as it stands be more clearly defined? I have been appealed to oftener this year on the subject of a contingent fund than ever before. Several have asked: "Does the Constitution require a contingent fund?" If the treasury can be used to supplement, why have a contingent fund at all? Why not take all necessary expenses out of the treasury, making dues larger than now? Who is to decide what is necessary? Believe me, the matter is of importance, and should be attended to.

Literature.—What literature is needed for our members? We spend a good deal of money for leaflets. Do we spend more than is necessary? Cannot we devise some means of curtailing expenses? The call for leaflets is very nearly the same as last year. Is it possible to get along with fewer? Suppose each Conference Secretary has half the quantity sent her she had

last year, leaving a supply in the Publishing House to be mailed to applicants who have not enough, at, say, one cent a leaflet. This plan will reduce expressage, and possibly leave a balance. Much of our success as a Board is due to the generous distribution of literature, and curtailing expenses too much at this point may be a dangerous experiment. It seems to me the plan suggested above would be moderate enough.

The demand for our Annual Report is in excess of last year, but the Secretaries may be able to do with fewer copies, or agree to have fewer sent at the expense of the Board, and supplement their portion by buying extras at five cents a copy. I am not advising, as you notice, but suggesting. It seems to me a much more important matter to secure some method by which our membership may be induced to *read*. In the correspondence between District Secretaries and their societies may it not be well to inquire who has read or heard read the Annual Report? The question coming from the Secretary may excite inquiry and set the society to reading it. This plan will cost time, but may result in more general information among our people.

Scholarships.—I am unable to state whether the legislation at the last Board meeting upon this important feature of our work revived scholarships or not. Inaccuracy in reporting is a puzzle to the Secretary of Home Affairs at times. Sometimes a society will report ten life members. Perhaps the next quarter the same society will report three new life members, and *eight* instead of *thirteen* in all. I hardly suppose that any of their life members have been turned out, but am at a loss to account for the omission! Some quarters a society will report a scholarship, and the next quarter, without known cause, report none. With a missionary in every field, regularly appointed to give one hour's time each school day to answer correspondents in regard to scholarships, we have a right to expect renewed interest in the subject of scholarships; but, as I have said, I can report little change as yet. I suspect that few societies have noticed the provision made last year on the subject.

In a recent call for literature only one Secretary asked for catechisms. She called for one thousand. The Editor of Leaflets may be able to give us some booklets, or short, interesting articles in folded tract form, if you are willing to buy. The call has again come, "Cannot the literature be sent to the several District Secretaries instead of the Conference Secretary?" As we have nearly three hundred District Secretaries, this plan would add much to the mailing list; but, if the expense is not increased, I do not think the request unreasonable, and hope it will be granted.

Public Meetings.—Again I would emphasize the law in regard to public meetings. By-laws of Conference Societies, Article 7, state plainly the duty of auxiliaries in this matter. Successful union meetings were held in Nashville during the year now closing. The various auxiliaries of the city united in preparing and carrying out an interesting programme, which included the discussion of some important subjects bearing upon our mission work. I commend such meetings, not only because of the religious feature, but the social as well. They are really all-day meetings, the first part of the day being given to reports and discussions, the afternoon to the consideration of some special mission field. Between the sessions a box luncheon

is served, and good cheer, tongue, and beaten biscuits fill up the hour of social pleasure. This is a delightful way to become acquainted with the workers in each society.

The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* keeps up its reputation—indeed, I think it much improved during the year; one number especially, during the winter, being remarkably fine—brimful of choice bits of news from the field, telling incidents, charming letters, and interesting reports. But there was one month during the past year when I began to tremble for the life of this valuable paper. Subscriptions ran down and out to an alarming degree. This dark time was followed by better things. One dear woman sent in over a hundred subscriptions in February. Think of the relief if a hundred or more of such agents each sent in a hundred subscribers! We are in honor bound to help sustain it, to circulate it. Let us do it.

The *Little Worker* is one of the brightest, most indefatigable, and successful little workers issued from any publishing house. The fear of losing this monthly messenger seemed to arouse the Lady Managers of juveniles from the Gulf to Mason and Dixon's Line. Letters from all quarters came pouring in, asking its continuance, pledging its support, and testifying to its efficiency. Perhaps it has not occurred to our Board that thousands of the children have not been organized into societies—cannot be; children living in the country, who would be delighted to have part in our work, if a convenient way was devised for them. Why not send out the *Little Worker* with cards for the "Shiners," as Miss Barnes calls them, and let these isolated ones be brought in as members of the juvenile army?

I would also call attention to the fact that our periodicals are not advertised. Some one in a letter to a lady spoke of an article in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*. Thinking she would like to see the article herself, she looked in the *Nashville Christian Advocate* and other Church papers to find out where to send for the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, but could find no notice. Another lady, writing to me about the *Little Worker*, said: "I fear that our Lady Managers are indifferent about getting subscribers. I sent a copy of the *Little Worker* to a certain place in Georgia once, asking for subscribers. Not a single subscriber was the result. Passing through the same place later, I secured thirty or forty subscribers myself. Going from house to house, where I was not acquainted, even Presbyterians, Baptists, and other denominations, as well as Methodists, seemed glad to secure for their children a paper so cheap and so excellent."

This Board is responsible for the wide circulation of its own periodicals. We should see to it that they are fully advertised. The Secretaries should see that their own Conference Society papers do not interfere, that the papers advertise them, that their own time and efforts should be given, *first of all*, to the official organs of the Board. The *Little Worker* should sustain itself and its noble editor. It would be a blow to our juveniles, from which they would never recover, should it be discontinued. I pray that suitable provision be made for its continuance. I think we may regard it as established, if the promises of its circulation be carried out by those who have written me on the subject. The *Little Worker* is finely supplied with

illustrations. The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* is not, and should be. I do not know a single missionary magazine, but this, lacking these attractions. It remains with you to make this feature another valuable addition to what is, without doubt, one of the most readable monthlies in any missionary organization. Let each Conference Secretary, Manager, and officer of the Board make it a part of her duty to the cause to increase the circulation. The paper needs nothing, beyond what I have indicated, to give it wide circulation. The women will subscribe if assured of being pleased with the contents. Witness the number of little twenty-five, even fifty, cent papers now issued through the Conference Societies. They have subscribers; they are telling on the work too. Some of them have presented good photographs of some of our missionaries, also with bright little sketches of them. Why should not our *Woman's Missionary Advocate* be so favored? Certainly our missionaries cannot object, since they have given their lives to the cause, and are maintained and loved by those who guide affairs at home. The calls for these photographs and sketches are numerous and sincere.

Organizers and visitors have become a necessity. How will you meet this demand? It was recommended that District Secretaries do such work. With a few exceptions these well-worked officers could not travel from place to place, even in their own districts. Can there not be found among us women of "good report, full of the spirit and of wisdom," who may be appointed to this business? Those Secretaries who see no necessity for them in their Conference Societies need not have them; but do insist upon this very necessary addition to the full equipment of the enterprise we should extend as well as intensify.

The Students' Volunteer Movement has several agents in the field who are visiting our colleges and schools. The Christian Endeavor, Epworth League, and Young Women's Christian Association are characterized by unwanted activity growing out of such measures. We cannot afford to close our eyes to so urgent and generally recognized necessity as a general organizer. Why may not some of our missionaries do this while at home? We need to stress our missionary reading circles and missionary libraries. Dr. Lambuth laid before us much valuable information on this subject last June. We must, if possible, induce our people to read. The fact is: the current literature of the day—the dailies and weeklies which contain so many precious morsels of social gossip, in addition to exciting political items—take up so much time that our people find missionary literature uninteresting or crowded out. This should not be. What shall we do to substitute good, wholesome literature for the sensational, that does not enrich thought nor purify the heart?

"Mission Studies," by Mrs. Sarah Stringfield Butler, is now ready for sale at one dollar a volume. This book should be in every society.

The Scarritt Bible and Training School.—I need not take time to speak of this grand enterprise, since you will have a full report from Miss M. L. Gibson, its worthy Principal. I will say, however, that the school is fully equipped, and its years of trial over. The need of filling every room with students is directing many hearts toward it, but we should emphasize its

advantages and urge Christian workers to enter and pursue its valuable course of study.

Week of Prayer and Thanksgiving.—This means of grace commends itself more highly to the Board year after year. I think all agree that the programmes furnished last November by the Editor of Leaflets, with a little help from the Secretary of Home Affairs, were remarkably appropriate. The Scripture lessons were the very passages suitable for each day, and the comments apt as well as beautiful. Please do not fail to provide for the usual observance for next November, the week to include the national Thanksgiving Day.

In bringing before you the statistical report I regret that our numbers have decreased. This condition has grown out of the fact that some Conference Secretaries have this year reported only the paying members. There has necessarily been some degree of inaccuracy growing out of our floating membership—women who come in, run well for a time, and drop out. The number of new organizations reported should have largely increased our roll, but I suspect often *new societies* are reported when old ones have simply been reorganized.

STATISTICS OF THE WORK AT HOME.

Number of Auxiliaries.....	2,184
Number of members.....	39,569
Number of Young People's and Juvenile Societies	1,227
Number of members.....	29,990
Total societies.....	3,411
Total members.....	69,569
Life members	1,939
Honorary life members.....	131
Life patrons.....	8

There is, of course, inaccuracy in regard to the life members. Some Conference societies will, say in the December quarter, report *fifty* life members, and the next quarter report *forty*. Life members may be added to, but never taken from during good behavior. Life member certificates are issued as soon as applied for, if the twenty dollars required to secure them has been paid over, but I think there should be some limit to the issue. Will you name a time when these certificates may be called for? It seems to me that life members made before the Board decided to issue certificates—ten years ago—should not call for certificates. Why not, from this time forth, say that all life members who want these certificates should apply within three months after the money has been paid in, or forfeit the certificate?

The following is the report of Mrs. Mary Hamilton's work during the past year:

Life member certificates issued.....	90
Honorary life member certificates issued.....	2
Honorary life patron certificate issued	1
Mite boxes sent out.	9,720
Treasurer's books sold	108
Mite boxes sold to colored churches in Mississippi.....	148

The amount received for treasurer's books, etc., was paid into the general treasury as follows:

For treasurer's books.....	\$42 90
For mite boxes.....	1 48

Mrs. Hamilton's promptness and exactness have given entire satisfaction, and our thanks are due her.

EXPENSES OF THE SECRETARY OF HOME AFFAIRS FROM JUNE, 1894, TO MAY, 1895.

To balance due on last year's expenses	\$ 5 72
Postage.....	25 00
Stationery and post office box rent	20 00
Clerical help.....	50 00
Oct. 29, 1894. Paid Mrs. Hamilton for mailing mite boxes.....	50 00
Jan. 21, 1895. Paid Mrs. Hamilton	29 50
March 29, 1895. Paid Mrs. Hamilton	34 00
To traveling expenses, including expenses to Board meeting.....	21 50
Total expenditures for eleven months.....	\$235 72
Balance on hand	14 28
Total	\$250 00

July, 1894. Received of Treasurer, Mrs. H. N. McTyeire. 250 00

As I stated last year, the cost of sending out mite boxes is much greater than formerly, and yet there is a great demand for them. The demand will be as large this year, and not less than ten thousand boxes should be ordered made at this time. There are still on hand a good supply of treasurer's books, life certificates, and quarterly blanks for the Secretary of Home Affairs; but of everything else there is need of a new supply.

Nearly 8,000 "Annual Reports" have been called for; also 13,000 "Summaries," 500 "How to Organize," 1,000 "Constitution and By-laws," 1,500 "Duties of Officers and Managers," 1,000 Catechisms, 200 blanks for quarterly reports.

This demand shows activity on the part of our Secretaries. To enlist every woman and child in the Church should be the desire and aim of all workers. If these members could be secured, and one dollar and forty-five cents paid in by each, our funds would be ample for support in the field and at home, and for extension. After all that may be said or done to effect results so desirable, only the anointing by the Holy One can help us to do full service. We may present the dire necessities of our sisters afar off with a tongue endowed with all the powers of eloquence; we may paint, with ready brush, the destitution of heathen lands, the misery of homes without the gospel; the desolation, the sin, the fearful forecasts of the future; we may do all this and move no heart to action. I have listened, as you have, to appeals that seemed to us would melt the most stubborn soul, and yet

many about us—women we know, women of seemingly warm hearts and liberal education—would appear as indifferent as though no responsibility rested upon them.

Prayer, unceasing trust, and faith that takes God at his word, must be the means of success in an enterprise like foreign missionary work. At home we have the incentive of sight. The misery we *see* our hearts are quick to relieve; the misery we *hear of* and *do not see* appeals to our faith, and in proportion as we exercise this faith, we work and are blessed—blessed abundantly, above measure. The wise-hearted women must spin for themselves and do much that the unwise leave undone, if the tabernacle of God is supplied with the blue and purple and scarlet and fine linen.

Only those whose hearts have been stirred, whose hearts the spirit of God makes willing, can expect much success. The acceptable servant must *do* his Lord's will; must, if necessary, *suffer* if he have an eye to the recompense. Love must impel, love of Christ constrain, if love for the world nerve the arm to action when self-sacrifice and self-denial are involved. You remember Garibaldi's appeal to his countrymen, when Italy was to be redeemed. Said he: "Soldiers, I have nothing to offer you but cold and hunger and rags and hardships." The love of Italy filled their hearts, and thousands flocked to his standard, and Italy was saved. The conflict in which we are engaged is with the powers of darkness; and Christ, our leader, bids us dispel the darkness, redeem the daughters of men, lead captivity captive. We have placed ourselves under his banner, and the promise of triumph is sure.

During the reading several items were challenged and fully discussed—viz., resolution of last year on page 82 of Sixteenth Annual Report relating to Conference Societies having management of their internal affairs, direction of funds raised by Juvenile Societies, life memberships, etc.

At the close of this able and exhaustive paper such topics as required action were considered, as follows:

Item 1: Referring to a fuller understanding of the contingent fund. Referred to a special committee appointed by the President: Mrs. S. S. Park, Misses Gibson and Bradford.

Item 2: Scholarships. Referred to the special committee just appointed.

Item 3: Mailing literature direct from Publishing House to Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries. Present law left intact.

Item 4: Distribution of literature; certain amounts to be sent out, and any additional called for to be purchased by Conference Secretaries. Referred to Committee on Publication.

Item 5: Illustrations in *Woman's Missionary Advocate*. Referred to Joint Committees on Finance and Publication.

Item 6: *Little Worker*. Referred to Committee on Publication.

Item 7: Conference organizers. This item called forth considerable discussion. Miss Gibson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Board, realizing the necessity for more aggressiveness in the extension and prosecution of its work, indorses most strongly the recommendation of the Secretary of Home Affairs concerning the employment of organizers in their societies, whose duty it shall be to travel in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

MARIA L. GIBSON.

Item 8: Thanksgiving week. Present law left intact.

Item 9: Statistical report. Referred to Committee on Finance.

The Secretary called for railroad certificates, appointments for committee meetings were announced, and the meeting adjourned for devotions, led by Miss Gibson.

SECOND DAY.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions met in Central Church Monday, May 13, at 8:30 A.M.

Mrs. T. P. Weakley led the devotional exercises, giving us a profitable Bible reading on "Woman as a Builder."

"Blessed Assurance" was sung, after which Miss Haygood led in prayer.

Mrs. Wightman called the meeting to order, the roll was called, and rules of order read.

The minutes of the first day's proceedings were read, amended, and approved.

Mrs. Dowdell moved that a telegram of loving greeting be sent to our former Eastern Manager, Miss Melissa Baker, now in extreme feebleness. Carried, and Mrs. Wightman suggested that the telegram be thus worded: "'All that are with me salute thee.' (Titus iii. 15.)"

Pages for the day were introduced: Misses Ormond and Clifford.

A report of called meetings of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions from June, 1894, to May, 1895, was read by Mrs. Trueheart:

REPORT OF CALLED MEETINGS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS FROM JUNE, 1894, TO MAY, 1895.

July 13, 1894.—Action taken on two missionary candidates. One was from the St. Louis Conference Society, and was in the Training School. Her papers were satisfactory, and she was recommended for work in Mexico, after another year in the Training School. The other candidate was from the North Mississippi Conference Society. She also was in the Training School.

Her papers were not complete; but, if those to come are as satisfactory as those in hand, she will be recommended for the foreign field, after finishing the course in the Training School. These papers were furnished afterwards, and the candidate accepted.

Letters were read telling of Mrs. Campbell's failing health, and it was recommended that she return home after Miss Atkinson reaches the field.

September 11.—Action was had on the case of a missionary candidate from Chapel Hill, N. C. She was recommended for appointment to a foreign field, after a year in the Training School.

September 18.—To recommend the appointment of Miss Coffey to China, as she had previously been accepted.

November 10.—Business pertaining to the legacy left by Mrs. Bowman was considered.

Miss Turner, of Mexico, who was at home for health, was instructed to go to San Luis Potosi to reënforce Miss Toland, as soon as her health was established.

Permission was given Miss Fannin, by her request, to retire from the work, because of family affliction.

Two hundred and fifty dollars was ordered refunded to the Rev. M. B. Hill, which had been sent the Treasurer through a misunderstanding.

A letter was read from Bishop Keener, declining to appoint Miss Coffey to China, because of the war being waged between Japan and China.

The resignation of Miss Smithey was read and accepted, her failing health being the cause.

The purchase of property in Petropolis, Brazil, was considered. The Foreign Secretary was authorized to send a cablegram to accept the offer of Sr. Jannuzzi for the sum of \$25,000 in cash and the property in Rio belonging to the Woman's Board.

November 20.—A letter was read from the lawyer in Georgetown, Ky., having charge of the Bowman bequest, containing three propositions, one of which was to dispose of the real estate at \$43.50 per acre, which was accepted.

Information having been received that Miss Lelia Roberts, of Saltillo, Mexico, was on the eve of breaking down from overwork and need of rest, she was directed to leave Mexico, and the Foreign Secretary was instructed to order the Treasurer to send her \$150 from the contingent fund to defray traveling expenses.

January 26, 1895.—The papers of several missionary candidates were considered. The first related to a lady from Savannah, Ga., who desires work in Mexico. It was suggested that she make formal application, and send her papers in due time, according to the three months' requirement, that they may be acted upon before the annual meeting of the Board.

Miss Norville, who had been four years with Miss Holding at Laredo Seminary, applied to be accepted as a regular missionary. Her papers were exceptionally fine, and she was recommended for appointment to the Seminary. Bishop Key appointed her at once, and she is at her post.

The papers of a young woman from the Baltimore Conference Society were

read. It was recommended that she take a course in the Training School, provided her Conference Society can arrange to meet the expense, since the Board does not defray the expenses of candidates at the Training School.

The application of a candidate from the Arkansas Conference Society was submitted. She was much under age, and no action was taken, except that the papers were directed to be returned to the Conference Secretary, with the explanation.

A communication was read from Dr. Margaret Polk, requesting to be released from her connection with the Board, as circumstances rendered this step necessary at this time; also offering to refund in installments the money that was spent on her medical education. The following was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That this Board recommends that Dr. Polk's request be granted, and, as she put Dr. Walter on the field as her substitute, she does not owe the Board anything; also that if at any time in the future the way opens for her to go to China and take up medical work, and she so desires, she may again apply to the Board."

The Foreign Secretary was requested to obtain a new Charter of Incorporation for the Woman's Missionary Society, that the word "Foreign" may be inserted in the name, according to the action had at the last General Conference.

March 6.—A letter was submitted from Miss Gibson, requesting that "the six missionary candidates in the Training School be excused from appearing before the Board in annual session at Meridian, Miss., because this would interfere with their studies so near the examination, and let them come before the Local Board at a later date." It was not deemed best to grant this request, as it was thought it would not meet the approval of the Board in annual session.

The papers of a missionary candidate of the Holston Conference Society were presented, and met all requirements. She will graduate at the closing term of the Training School, and is recommended for appointment.

The papers of a candidate from Savannah, Ga., were presented. These were exceptionally fine, and she was recommended for appointment.

The application of a Mexican girl was presented. The Board did not recommend her for appointment.

May 2.—Miss Hattie G. Carson, whose papers had been presented and approved some months ago, came before the Local Board, her school engagements not permitting her to be present at the annual meeting in Meridian, Miss. In consideration of the circumstances, her knowledge of the Spanish language, and the needs of Durango, Mexico, she was recommended for appointment to that field.

Mrs. Hargrove moved that such portions of this report as had reference to missionary candidates be referred to the Committee on Candidates. Carried, and the report adopted.

The Auditor's report was read, and the Treasurer's report, which was read Saturday night, was adopted.

Bishop Galloway was here introduced to the Board and invited to a seat within the bar.

The report of the Committee on Extension of Work being called for, Mrs. Trueheart read Report No. 1, referring to work in China. During the reading several items were discussed. Rev. Irwin Miller, who is a master Mason, asked the privilege of speaking in behalf of Dr. Anne Walter, who is a *protégée* of their order, and most highly esteemed by the brotherhood. Bishop Galloway also highly commended Dr. Walter and her work in China. The estimates for the China Mission were included in this report, and amounted to \$19,310. The report was adopted, except the estimates. Action on this item was deferred till estimates for all fields were received.

Mrs. Wightman here invited Bishop Galloway to speak to the Board, and to give such news and advice concerning our China Mission as his recent visit to this field might suggest. Bishop Galloway spoke most commendingly of our mission stations in China, both as to location, equipment, and workers. He was impressed with the universal hopefulness that prevailed, and all our workers in that field realized that open doors were now before them. He spoke most touchingly of our pioneer missionary, Miss Lochie Rankin, of her fervid zeal and abundant labors. He most heartily commended our schools, and regarded the day schools as wonderful feeders of the Church. He gave us a most beautiful picture of the waiting room of our Soochow hospital, crowded with women in all stages of disease, waiting their turn to enter Dr. Walter's office; while two earnest Chinese Bible women, with Bibles in hand, moved in and out among these afflicted ones, carrying tidings of the great Physician of souls. He spoke earnestly of the present needs of China, and the demand for increased forces in this field. He especially commended Sung Kong to the Board as a prepared and most desirable station for occupancy. The Bishop's address throughout was encouraging and inspiring.

Mrs. Swindell, of the North Carolina Conference, at its close, offered the following resolution, which was most cordially granted:

Whereas there is great and pressing need of a children's ward in our hospital at Soochow, China; and whereas the "Bright Jewels" of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are raising a fund in memory of their sainted "Aunt Mary" Black, who first organized them in missionary work;

Resolved, That the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, now in session at Meridian, Miss., be most earnestly requested to grant to this society the

privilege of directing the "Aunt Mary Black Fund" to the erecting and equipping of a children's ward in said hospital.

Resolved, That it shall be called the "Mary Black Ward." /

Mrs. Wightman invited Dr. Morrison, Missionary Secretary of the Parent Board, to address the meeting at this time on our work in Mexico, as business engagements would call him away before that field could come up for discussion. Dr. Morrison began by calling attention to the significant fact that no *new* cathedrals or chapels are to be seen in Mexico; all bear the stamp of age, many of decay. This indicates unmistakably that Mexico is letting go her old, established religion. Besides, he had full proof that her priests are making merchandise of their office and a jest of the services and masses of the Church. He affirmed, however, that the women of Mexico are still sincere, devout adherents to the Catholic faith, and with them there is great need of earnest work. He advocated the claims of the City of Mexico as a school center, and felt assured that if the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions could establish such a school here as at the other mission stations great things would be accomplished. He urged early occupancy of this point. He spoke most highly of our schools already established, and was impressed with the magnitude of the work they were doing. Indeed, when leaving Mexico this question shaped itself and had remained unanswered in his mind: "Is the Parent Board, with its three Conferences and one hundred preachers, doing any more for the salvation of Mexico than the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, with its schools and missionaries?"

At the close of Dr. Morrison's address the Committee on Platform Courtesies brought forward for introduction Rev. J. B. Stone, of the North Mississippi Conference; Mrs. Hughes, mother of our missionary in China, Miss Bettie Hughes; Mr. J. D. Hamilton, our ex-Auditor; and Mrs. Mary Newman Carr, formerly a missionary to Brazil.

Mrs. John brought forward the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions hears with pleasure that Bishop Galloway will soon bring out his delightful letters of travel in book form. We believe that this book will be a valuable contribution to missionary literature, and that the reading thereof will be an inspiration to redoubled zeal in this great work.

MRS. I. G. JOHN,

MRS. W. G. E. CUNNYNGHAM.

Mrs. Trueheart moved that each Conference Secretary pledge

herself to do all in her power to circulate this book in her Conference. Carried.

The time being extended, the report of Mrs. F. A. Butler, Agent for the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, was presented to the Board. It was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

Woman's Missionary Advocate.

Annual Report from May 1, 1894, to May 1, 1895.

RECAPITULATION AND STATEMENT.

Dr.

Balance on hand May 1, 1894.....	\$ 974 62
Amount received from subscriptions from May 1, 1894,	
to May 1, 1895	4,536 69
Amount received from interest	14 25
Amount received from advertising	172 65
Amount received from maps	124 50—\$5,822 71

Or.

By amounts paid, per vouchers.....	5,452 69
Balance on hand May 1, 1895.....	\$ 370 02

MRS. F. A. BUTLER, *Agent.*

The report of Agent for *Little Worker*, Miss Lena Freeman, was read, accepted, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

Report of Agent for Little Worker.

Dr.

Balance on hand June 1, 1894	\$ 177 50
Amount received from subscriptions from June 1, 1894,	
to May 1, 1895	1,560 17
Amount received from advertisements from June 1, 1894,	
to May 1, 1895	27 50—\$1,765 17

Cr.

By amount paid, per vouchers:	
Publishing <i>Little Worker</i> , and office expenses.....	\$1,420 60
Incidental expenses of editor	78 82
Editor's salary	235 00
Cuts.....	13 75— 1,748 17
Amount on hand May 1, 1895.....	\$ 17 00

MISS LENA FREEMAN, *Agent.*

The reports of T. B. Holt, as Auditor of both accounts, were read.

Miss Billingsly moved that the question of life memberships be referred to the special committee appointed for the contingent fund and scholarships. Carried.

Mrs. A. W. Wilson presented her report as Editor and Publisher of Leaflets:

Report of Editor and Publisher of Leaflets.

Number of copies of leaflets issued from June 1, 1894, to June 1,	
1895.....	516,000
Number of pages in the same.....	2,038,000
Total cost of publication	\$832.36

Of the above, there were: two-page leaflets, 13; four-page, 16; six-page, 6; eight-page, 2; fourteen-page, 1; catechisms, 2.

This report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Publication.

Change in programme for evening session was announced: Miss Haygood would deliver her address on China Monday evening, instead of presentation of missionary candidates, as the Committee on Candidates was not ready with its report.

Doxology, and benediction by Bishop Galloway.

THIRD DAY.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions convened in Central Church Tuesday morning at half past eight o'clock.

After an inspiring talk on "The Keeping Power of God," sustained by various passages of Scripture, Mrs. Watson, President of the Memphis Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, led in prayer.

The Board was called to order by Mrs. Wightman.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the second session were read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer of the Memorial Fund was read by Mrs. McTyeire:

Report of Memorial Fund.

The report of the Memorial Fund for the year ending June 1, 1895, is a little less than last year—\$58.34. I suppose some contributions are still sent to Mrs. McTyeire, as it does not seem to be fully understood yet that there is a special Treasurer for this department. Allow me to suggest for the satisfaction of those wishing to make contributions to this fund that the members of the Board give some information as to its design and object through the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*. R. VIRGINIA CLOUD, Treasurer.

Mrs. Park called the attention of the Board to the report of the Committee on Memorials last year (page 119, Sixteenth Annual Report), and begged that Conference Secretaries more earnestly urge compliance with the item requiring Conference Treasurers to keep separate accounts of all funds sent by the Adult and Juvenile Auxiliaries, and to send these accounts thus separated to our Gen-

eral Treasurer—only two or three Conference Treasurers having complied with this by-law during the past year.

The Committee on Extension of Work continued its report, taking up Report No. 2, relating to work in Mexico. Mrs. Trueheart read a letter from Miss Augusta Wilson, urging the need of better equipment of the work in Guadalajara. Estimates for all work in Mexico amounted to \$35,770. The report was adopted, except the estimates, this item being deferred till estimates for all fields were reported.

Mrs. John brought forward the claims of San Luis Potosi, urging that \$2,500 be appropriated to place a second story on that school building, thereby enlarging it to meet present demands, and making the school largely self-supporting. Mrs. Trueheart here read extracts from various Mission Boards regarding the present financial stringency and its effect upon mission work, showing the need of caution in enlargement. Mrs. Cheatham asked whether, if funds could be secured for San Luis Potosi from any individual outside of our regular work, the Board would so appropriate them. Agreed.

Mrs. Trueheart continued the report of Committee on Extension of Work—Report No. 3, relating to work in Brazil. She first read a letter from Rev. H. C. Tucker in regard to the deed and school property in Petropolis. By request, she also read a letter from Mrs. Ella Granbery Tucker, highly commending the location and prospects of our new school at Petropolis. The total estimates for Brazil were \$17,905. Miss Bruce was called forward and asked to give the Board information regarding mission work in Brazil, especially in Juiz de Fora, Rio, and Petropolis. She gave a short account of the origin of the school in Juiz de Fora, and spoke most highly of its success, and urged its needs; the overtaxed and faithful teachers so much requiring reënforcement. Juiz de Fora is a most important mission station, being the gateway into one of the largest provinces of Brazil. Miss Bruce commended Miss Elerding's heroism and faithfulness, laboring as she has done for three years all alone in the great city of Rio Janeiro. She spoke of the great advantages and flattering outlook for our new school at Petropolis. At the close of Miss Bruce's remarks she invited questioning, as probably the best way to make the work fully understood. A number of questions were asked by the members of the Board, all of which were satisfactorily answered. Mrs. Weakley requested that special prayer be made for the conversion of the President of Brazil, Dr. Prudente Moraes, during the coming

year; his kindness to our work giving hope of his interest in religious matters, and also making us his debtors.

The President now called for the report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates. Mrs. Brandon, Chairman of that committee, stated that for sixteen years she had worked on committees for the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, but she had never had such pressure on heart and brain as this year. The cry had been so long for laborers in the harvest; now they have come, and another problem confronts us: have we the means to send them? She then read her report, which was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Scarritt Bible and Training School was now called, and read by the Principal, Miss Gibson.

Report of Board of Managers of Scarritt Bible and Training School.

The Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School present to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions the annual report, and in so doing would express our thankfulness to God for the measure of success granted to our plans for development and advance.

A careful review of the year's work in all departments of the school is given in the report of the Principal, presented at the annual meeting held April 15, 1895, an abstract of which we take pleasure in presenting to you:

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

Another year laden with blessings is drawing to a close, and with gratitude to God we make mention of his mercies, and praise him even more for the opportunities for service and for the possibilities widening before us.

The early session of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions this year having made it expedient to hold this meeting five weeks earlier than the regular date, that the annual report may be presented to the Board in annual session, the record of work is necessarily incomplete, since the school year will not close until Tuesday, May 21.

My report last May included the work of our last school session. The year ended May 29, at which time five students received diplomas. The four nurses who graduated at that time have since completed their term of service in the hospital, and have entered on their life service. The physicians for whom they are nursing commend them very highly as doing credit to their training.

During vacation the students in the Biblical Department, with one exception, returned to their homes, and the nurses had their two weeks' vacation each, except Miss Cushman, Superintendent, who relinquished her vacation that the head nurse might go to Seattle for two months.

The house was thoroughly cleansed during the summer, without outside help. The plastering authorized by you at the last Board meeting and some necessary painting were also done before the school term opened, and blackboards asked for at that meeting have been secured satisfactorily. We wonder now how we ever taught without them.

The correspondence during the summer concerning new students, and the answers to applicants for information, proved quite heavy; but the financial depression that paralyzed business everywhere deterred many students from entering. Fully a score who possessed the requisite qualifications had to withdraw their applications because of inability to secure the money for expenses. Several who expected to enter were unable at the last moment to command their own money that had been loaned to relatives and friends. A Students' Loan Fund, at the command of the Principal, would have secured them as pupils.

The number of students enrolled during the year were: eighteen in the Biblical Department, nine in the Nurse Training Department (three of whom, having completed the course, have now severed their connection with the school), and six who are taking a partial course. The number of boarding pupils has doubled this year. Of these students, Missouri has sent eighteen; Texas, three; Illinois, two; Mississippi, two; North Carolina, two; Georgia, South Carolina, Ohio, Kentucky, Maryland, and Scotland, one each. Twenty-four of the students belong to the M. E. Church, South; four, to the M. E. Church; and three, to the Christian Church. There are also one Presbyterian and one Baptist among our students. Eleven are preparing for the foreign mission field, two for deaconess work in the M. E. Church, two for home missionaries, six for trained nurses, while eight come for Bible study.

Our students are earnest, true-hearted young women, valuing their opportunities highly, and full of gratitude to God for the privilege of being here. Some have already learned to "endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ," and their coming here is an answer to their prayers.

Here, as elsewhere, "the trivial round, the common task," is one of the surest tests of character. The hour of daily household work is prosaic, and not so engrossing or interesting as study or outdoor work, and at the beginning of each year it requires time and patience to drill new students in the order and system required in so large an institution; but after all are initiated the work goes on without friction, and the improvement in this department is commendable. Not many of us, by nature, can heartily say, "Blessed be drudgery!" but all appreciate the comfort and happiness that is dependent on the smooth running of domestic machinery under the guidance of a skillful housekeeper, so we consider this department as important as any in our course. The matron, who has charge of this branch of the work, reports favorable progress during the year.

In the Bible Department Miss Holding is justly pleased with the work of the students. She reports individual study, a teachable spirit, and fine results at examinations. Miss Holding also gives a weekly lesson to the nurses.

Miss Billingsly has taught bookkeeping and study of the mission fields. The class in bookkeeping made excellent progress, having completed a course in single and double entry. The study of missionary lands has been absorbingly interesting; and had there been time for all the desired parallel readings, their knowledge would have been richly increased.

The report of work in the Principal's department is satisfactory. Fisher's "History of the Christian Church" severely taxes students of the first year, especially those who have been out of school for some time; but they "grow and profit thereby." "Witnesses to Christ," by Bishop A. W. Wilson, and Fisher's "Manual of Christian Evidences," are the text-books used this year in the Department of Evidences of Christianity and Moral Philosophy, which has been hitherto taught by lectures. This class has been taught by the Principal, and the students have received great help, mentally and spiritually, therefrom. The class in methods has also been of great practical benefit to the Seniors, and the improvement has been manifest.

Nine students have taken lessons on the piano and organ. Mrs. Hedges, who is in charge, speaks well of their progress. Two lessons a week have been given. The need for additional instruments for practice has been manifest.

The medical staff have given superior instruction in their lectures, and each lecturer has accorded high praise to the students for intelligence and careful attention. The examinations already held have shown excellent results.

The outdoor work this year has been a great blessing to the students. They are working in three districts: six visit in the East Bottoms in the interest of Garland Avenue Mission Church, six assist in Campbell Street Mission, while the remaining six have work in the Melrose District, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. James A. Duncan.

Besides the house to house visiting, the students have made frequent visits to the Woman's Refuge and Maternity Hospital, holding meetings, cheering the unhappy inmates, and, as their other duties would permit, giving the ministry of nursing to the sick. The Matron of that institution expresses warm appreciation of their kindness and interest toward her charge.

Our Industrial School has been held at Melrose Church this year, through the courtesy of the Official Board, to whom our thanks are due. The lecture room of the church, well-lighted and comfortable, has been a pleasant place for meeting. One hundred and seventy-five pupils have been enrolled, most of whom come from the neighborhood and from East Bottoms.

SUMMARY OF OUTSIDE WORK.

Number of religious calls made.....	2,423
Number of opportunities for prayer.....	283
Number of opportunities for reading Bible.....	196
Number of papers distributed.....	862
Number of Scripture texts distributed.....	82
Number of tracts distributed.....	265
Number of Bibles sold.....	14
Number of Bibles given away.....	23
Number of New Testaments sold.....	44
Number of New Testaments given away	30
Number of books given away.....	18
Number of garments distributed	265
Number of comforts distributed.....	3
Number of baskets of food distributed.....	28

Number of baskets of fruit distributed.....	20
Number of bouquets of flowers given.....	8
Number of Thanksgiving dinners	3
Number of dolls dressed for Christmas	96
Half-fare railroad ticket secured.....	1
Visits to Refuge.....	19
Nursed at Refuge (days).....	3
Junior League meetings conducted	18
Cottage prayer meetings conducted.....	42
Noonday prayer meeting Y. W. C. A.....	1
Children taught in Sunday school	8,428
Children taught in Industrial School	1,097
Social for Sunday school class	1
Money distributed	\$16.75

The hospital has proved an able ally in winning friends for the school. Every ex-patient is numbered among our warmest advocates. It is but just to the nurses to say that this is due to their faithfulness and skilled nursing. Miss Cushman, Superintendent of Nurses, is a woman of ability and executive power, who has won the confidence of the ablest physicians by her nerve, readiness in an emergency, and her correct diagnosis of symptoms.

Miss Cushman reports the work of the Nurse Training Department as follows: "From June 1, 1894, to April 15, 1895, there have been admitted to the hospital 99 patients; discharged, 86; remaining now in hospital, 13. Out of this number only three have died, the remainder having been discharged, for the most part cured or much improved. There is an increase in the number of patients admitted over last year, the number now in ten and a half months being more than that of the whole year. There is a greater demand for private rooms than ever before, and it is to be regretted that we have not enough to supply the calls for them. Since June 1 87 operations have been performed; of these, 41 were capital operations. There have been 882 visits made by physicians; of these, 240 were made by the staff. The number of patients sent in by staff were 22; by those not belonging to the staff, 77. Number of births, 3. We have six nurses in training. Four have completed their course of two years, and are now doing private nursing in this city and adjoining towns. One of these has been appointed by the Northern Presbyterian Board of Missions to the Miraj Hospital, in Western India, and will probably go sometime in the autumn. All vacancies, excepting one, have been filled by new nurses. The work of the nurses, both in theory and practice, has been more satisfactory than ever before in their Senior and Junior divisions, as in that way they have been able to attend classes and lectures regularly, and all confusion has been avoided, the Seniors taking two lectures per week and the Juniors two. We are glad to be able to report that our graduate nurses are doing especially well, and we hear much praise of them from the physicians and from the homes they enter. Especial attention has been given the nurses on their duties as Christian nurses, their duties relating to the physicians, to themselves, to the patients, to their superior officers, and to the welfare and suc-

cess of the institution which they will represent; and we testify gladly that they have been faithful, obedient, and conscientious, and have answered all demands on their time and strength cheerfully and willingly."

The *Evangel*, our paper, published monthly, has been a valuable medium of communication with the outside world. If the editor were not so modest, she could fill her columns with words of praise from subscribers. The substantial evidence of appreciation given by its increased circulation is very gratifying. Its circulation should be largely increased.

We have been pleasantly remembered with gifts at various times during the year, showing the interest of our friends in our work. Acknowledgment by letter and publication in the *Evangel* have expressed our thanks.

Small amounts intended for our Emergency Fund for the Poor have been most gladly received. Twenty-four dollars has been thus contributed during the year. Quilts for various rooms have also been received; a gold ring has been given; the Etta Willie Steele Library and the Marcus Wolff Cabinet have been completed; and the Missionary Map of the World, given by the Kavanaugh Camp Ground Juvenile Missionary Society, affords inspiration to the missionary candidates. Mrs. Hoagland, our generous friend, gave a beautiful clock at Christmas.

The teachers have filled as many engagements to speak in the interest of the school as has been consistent with their duties. Since the last annual meeting the Principal attended the annual meeting of the Holston Conference Woman's Missionary Society, at Knoxville, Tenn.; made a trip to Abingdon and Marion, Va., speaking at both places, and also in two churches in Nashville, Tenn.; and, by invitation of Bishop Hendrix, addressed the Missouri Conference, in annual session at Carrollton, Mo.; while Miss Holding attended the Louisville Conference Missionary Society and Pertle Springs Assembly, in Missouri. During the winter several addresses have been made in Kansas City, and engagements in the near future will further extend information.

In reviewing the achievements and the possibilities of the school there is no question but that an increased endowment and an enlarged acquaintance are our most pressing needs. The impression seems to have become current that we are in no need of money. Our handsome building, it is argued, is an evidence of wealth, forgetful of the outlay necessary to maintain so large an institution.

The reduction of the living expenses has been made a study, and the management feels that the institution is conducted as economically as is consistent with the comforts of the inmates.

We are very hopeful as to an increased number of students next year. The students themselves are our best indorsement, and they are urging their friends and acquaintances to share the advantages they have enjoyed. Among the advantages that have made the year profitable and delightful have been the lectures by distinguished men and women. The following has been the lecture course for 1894-95:

LECTURE COURSE, 1894-95.

The Four Gospels (a series of four lectures). Rev. Charles B. Mitchell, D.D. Primary Methods, illustrated by class teaching. Miss Nellie Hurst.

Medical Work in India. Dr. Jessie Woodside.

Prophesy, } Two lectures. Bishop E. R. Hendrix.
Ezekiel. }

Social Life in China. Mrs. Lula Chalfant.

Hermeneutics, six lectures. Rev. James A. Duncan, D.D.

The Growth of the Kingdom, illustrated by

the parable of the mustard seed,	}	Rev. T. E. Vassar, D.D.,
Difficulties Concerning Miracles,		Pastor of First Baptist
Difficulties Concerning Creation,		Church, Kansas City,
The Progress and Prospects of the Church of Christ.	Mo.	

Japan: Its Needs and Its Customs. T. Nishakawa, Osaka, Japan.

What a Sunday School Teacher Gains by Teaching. Rev. Jesse L. Hurlbut, New York City, N. Y.

What Constitutes a Sunday School Teacher a Success or a Failure. W. H. Reed, Superintendent of Sunday school, Grand Avenue M. E. Church.

The Essentials and Advantages of a Christian Worker. Rev. W. A. Quayle, D.D.

Some Phases of City Evangelistic Work. Dr. Felix R. Hill.

Mountain Work: Its Needs and Possibilities. Miss Belle H. Bennett.

Five weeks of the school year yet remain. A number of examinations have been held already, and, on the basis of those already passed, the Faculty feel assured that the members of the Senior Class will be worthy of the diploma they are seeking; so they are presented to you now for your approval, contingent, of course, on the result of the remaining examinations. The Seniors in the Biblical Department are: Misses Flora Armstrong, Fairfield, Ill.; Viola Blackburn, Holly Springs, Miss.; Willie A. Bowman, St. Louis, Mo.; May M. Umberger, Wytheville, Va.; Ida M. Worth, St. Louis, Mo.; May Lockard, Baltimore, Md. In the Nurse Training Department the Seniors are: Misses Mary Nelson, Greensboro, N. C.; and Grace Walker, Kansas City, Mo. These students have worked earnestly and developed well during their two years' course. We commend them to you, and ask you to authorize the Executive Committee to grant them diplomas and to enroll them in the alumnae of the institution, provided they pass the required examinations satisfactorily.

With gratitude to God for the blessings of the past, and with faith in him for the future, we close the record of the year, earnestly desiring for students and teachers, for managers and friends of the Advisory Board, endowment of power from on high, the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we may be guided in planning for the highest temporal, mental, and spiritual interests of the institution.

SUMMARY OF FINANCES FROM MAY 26, 1894, TO APRIL 15, 1895.

Balance in bank May 26, 1894.....	\$ 47 90
Receipts from J. S. Chick, Treasurer.....	1,987 31
Receipts from hospital.....	4,111 63
Receipts from students' board and other sources	2,245 97
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	\$8,392 81

Disbursements from May 26, 1894, to April 15, 1895.....	\$8,163	14
Balance in bank April 15, 1895	229	67
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	\$8,392	81

Respectfully submitted.

M. L. GIBSON, *Principal.*

The report of the Principal was adopted. Practical suggestions as to the work of the future were also presented, and received careful consideration.

Knowing your interest in the security and increase of the Endowment Fund, we are happy to report it intact, despite financial stringency. One thousand five hundred dollars of the Endowment Fund was on deposit in the National Bank of Kansas City when it went into liquidation, but it is perfectly safe, and will be paid in full. All loans are amply secured, and are paying from six to eight per cent. interest.

At the annual meeting, by request of the Treasurer, a committee was appointed who will serve with our Treasurer in placing future loans. It was also arranged that a bond of \$10,000 be given by the Treasurer for the faithful discharge of duty.

There is great need of an increased endowment, as the amount in hand for lectureship and chair is but \$34,000, which, loaned at seven per cent., brings an income of only \$2,300 for teachers' salaries—a sum insufficient for even the present Faculty, and rendering impossible desired enlargement.

Necessity for retrenchment being manifest, we felt it incumbent upon us to adopt measures with a view to keeping the expenses within the income. A resolution was passed to reduce all salaries ten per cent., except that of the Matron, the same to go into effect at the end of the present scholastic year. In this connection the following resolution was offered by Miss Bennett, and adopted:

"Resolved, That thoroughly appreciating the faithful and successful work of the members of the Faculty, we greatly deplore the necessity of any decrease in the expenditures of the institution; but, in view of the great financial stringency and the insufficient endowment fund, we regard the ten per cent. decrease as temporary, but at the same time absolutely imperative."

It was also decided to make instrumental music an extra hereafter, as experience has proved that the endowment does not justify a continuance of the present outlays. Two lessons on piano or organ will be given weekly at the rate of \$1 per week. Vocal music will be substituted in the course of study, sight reading being taught in classes semiweekly.

At the annual meeting Mrs. M. G. Francis, who has filled the position of Matron since the failure of Mrs. Waldron's health left the position vacant at the opening of the school in 1892, offered her resignation, to take effect when the position could be suitably filled. We accepted her resignation reluctantly, and kind expressions, recognizing her valued service as Matron during the trying period of organization and adjustment necessary in a new institution, were made by the members present. The choice of a Matron was left to the Executive Committee.

In response to a request from Miss Bennett that we act on her resignation, previously offered, we unanimously decided to reaffirm our former position; and we therefore recommend to your Board to reëlect Miss Bennett and Mrs.

Wightman to the position of Agents at Large, as we feel that their connection with the interest and welfare of the institution is too vital to be severed.

We also recommend that the Managers whose terms expire in 1895 (Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Mrs. A. Hendrix, and Mrs. S. N. Jones) be reëlected.

The question of the observance of Easter received attention, and, as a result, we make request that Easter Sunday of 1896 be observed for the benefit of the Training School.

Our recent action, showing the necessity for retrenchment, is the strongest plea that we can offer in behalf of united effort to increase the endowment.

The building is kept insured for \$25,000, and \$2,500 insurance is held on the furniture.

The Principal made explanation as to the disbursement of the \$10,447.46 received from the Treasurer since the school was opened, showing that the greater part had been expended for matters apart from the current expenses of the school. The connections for gas, sewer, and water have all been made, so that these large items of expense will not occur hereafter.

We commend the institution to your generous watch care, asking each of you to realize your personal responsibility, not only toward the school, but also toward the number of young women who earnestly desire training for Christian work, and whom you might help to send. The next school session ought to open with not less than fifty boarding pupils in the Biblical Department.

The Epworth Leagues of Missouri have done a noble part in defraying the expenses of three students during the past two years. Three ministers of the M. E. Church, South, have sent their daughters to be trained for better service in their own charges, and the development of these students in new lines of Christian work is witness to the wisdom of their parents.

The institution is now so well organized that a large increase of students could be cared for without inconvenience.

We urge upon you the need for your personal interest in this, your own, undertaking, begun in prayer, and fostered by the providence of God. It needs your sympathy, your coöperation. May the sight of five representatives, who, at your bidding, will be presented to your Board as candidates for appointment in the foreign field, give you a foretaste of the latent possibilities in our young women, and arouse all who are present at your meeting to a recognition of the unused powers that may be brought to light and multiplied through the training provided in this school of preparation for missionaries and other Christian workers.

On behalf of the Board. MARIA LAYNG GIBSON, *Recording Secretary.*

Miss Gibson closed her report with a protest and an appeal to the Board: a protest against so early a meeting of the Board next year, as it interfered so materially with her school work, and an appeal for more urgent efforts in behalf of the Training School during the coming year on behalf of the Conference Secretaries. The

item in this report requesting the general observance of Easter Sunday, 1896, for the benefit of the Training School elicited much discussion.

Mrs. Brandon moved that the report be adopted, omitting the clause relating to Easter.

Mrs. Swindell moved to amend Mrs. Brandon's motion by adopting the report with the words "where practicable" added to the last clause of the item referring to the observance of Easter Sunday. Carried.

Mrs. Park moved that we reconsider the time of devotions and devote the first half hour in the morning to these exercises. Carried.

On motion of Mrs. McTyeire, the Board agreed to hold an afternoon session, and the time of meeting was set for four o'clock.

Announcement of committees, doxology sung, and benediction pronounced by Dr. Woodward.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The first afternoon session of the Woman's Board met Tuesday, May 14, at four o'clock.

Miss Haygood led the devotional exercises, reading portions of Scripture showing the wondrous power of our God, and his great willingness to exert this mighty power in behalf of his children. She then called for a number of sentence prayers, and as petition after petition arose, spoken so earnestly, so evidently from the heart, it seemed that the great God himself drew near, and all arose comforted and strengthened.

Mrs. Wightman called the meeting to order.

Roll call was dispensed with.

The minutes of the morning session were read, amended, and approved.

Mrs. Samuel Watson, President of the Memphis Conference Society, and Mrs. Hawthorne, Vice President of the White River Conference Society, were introduced to the Board.

Mrs. Trueheart continued the report of the Committee on Extension of Work. She read a letter from Dr. Margaret Polk expressing great appreciation of the kindness of the Board to her, and hoping to be able to make them returns in the future. She also read extracts from a letter written by Rev. C. F. Reid, of China, asking the Board for seventeen feet of one of their lots in Shanghai, as he was most anxious to enlarge his church and needed this adjoining space. The Committee on Extension of Work advised that this re-

quest be referred to the Local Board, asking that it be granted if, on investigation, they deem it best. Adopted.

Mrs. Trueheart then read Report No. 4, relating to the Indian Mission work. Estimates for this work, \$4,250. Total for all fields, \$83,225. Adopted.

The report of the Committee on Publication was called for. The report was read by the Chairman, Mrs. Dowdell.

Miss Gibson moved that the report be considered by items. Carried.

Every item was adopted except item 11, which, after considerable discussion, was lost and expunged from the report. The report was then adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Finance was called. Mrs. McTyeire, Chairman, read the report.

Mrs. Swindell moved that this also be taken seriatim. Several items called forth discussion, but all were adopted and the report adopted as a whole.

Mrs. Strother offered the following resolution, signed by every member of the Board:

Resolved, That hereafter the members of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions be furnished at the annual session with printed slips which will show in parallel columns: (1) The appropriations of the previous year to the various objects; (2) the itemized estimates of the missionaries for the incoming year; (3) the recommendations of the Foreign Secretary for the same; leaving the fourth column vacant for the appropriations as finally acted upon by the Board.

Mrs. Dowdell offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas the Scarritt Bible and Training School is doing such good home work in connection with that for the foreign field; therefore be it

1. *Resolved*, That the President and Vice President of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions be requested to confer with the President of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society with the view of securing coöperation and financial aid from its members in the maintenance of said school.

2. That through our pastors we seek to interest the young people of our Epworth Leagues in sending pupils to the Scarritt Bible and Training School, to be trained for usefulness in the Church of God.

MRS. E. C. DOWDELL,

MRS. J. W. RUSH,

MRS. C. J. FOSTER.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. T. B. Holloman.

FOURTH DAY.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions met at 8:30 A.M. Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Cheatham, of Virginia. "Thou Shepherd of Israel" was sung, and the Scripture lesson, Matthew xiv. 12-21, was read. Mrs. Cheatham called attention to several points in this wonderful miracle—viz., Christ's tender compassion and unselfishness; his gifts limited only by our needs; his command is, "Give ye them to eat;" our insufficiency has been, and is, our strength; trust in him in bringing our small gifts to the altar will bring rich returns.

Mrs. Wightman called the Board to order, and the minutes of Tuesday afternoon's session were read and approved.

Mrs. Barnes offered the following:

Owing to the depleted condition of our treasury and the great and crying needs of the work in foreign fields, and being earnestly desirous of doing everything in my power toward replenishing the coffers of the Master, I ask this Board to reconsider its action of yesterday in granting me \$300 for clerical assistance in raising the Little Workers' Special, and I will manage the best I can without it.

Respectfully submitted.

ANNE MARIA BARNES.

Mrs. Trueheart moved that Miss Barnes's request be granted.

Miss Gibson moved as an amendment to this motion that the item in the finance report calling for \$300 to aid Miss Barnes in extra work be stricken out and "office expenses" inserted. Carried.

Mrs. Trueheart moved a reconsideration of the item in the publication report referring to leaving out the leaflets for Young People's Societies. Carried.

Considerable discussion followed. Mrs. Trueheart moved that the words "Young People's" be inserted in items 4 and 5 of the publication report. Carried.

On motion of Mrs. Strother, it was agreed that hereafter all obituaries in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* be limited to our missionaries and the members of the Board.

The report of the Special Committee on Contingent Fund, Scholarships, and Life Memberships was called for. Miss Gibson read the following report:

The special committee to which were referred items in the report of the Secretary of Home Affairs respectfully submits the following action, which represents the unanimous opinion of the committee:

1. The first item considered was the contingent fund. This subject has given rise to discussions year after year, and seems hard to settle. Since the organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society the difficulty of

making by-laws to govern thirty-five Conference Societies has been made manifest in the frequent changes that have been made in Section 8 of the by-laws governing Conference Societies. Viewing the situation from all points and considering the best interests of the work, the committee feels that there must be a limit to the liberty granted to make drafts on the general fund. It therefore recommends the following: Section 8 shall be altered to read thus: "Conference Societies shall provide a contingent fund for necessary expenses, which, if insufficient, may be supplemented from the treasury only for traveling expenses of the Conference Secretary to the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Board of Missions." Nonconcurrence.

2. *Life Membership Certificate.*—The point considered was in answer to the question, "Will you name a time when these certificates may be called for?" The committee, bearing in mind the law already existing on this subject, recommends that it be enforced, and that certificates be issued on receipt of application from the Conference Treasurer, accompanied by a statement that the money for the same is in her hands. The committee would also urge promptness in the matter of forwarding the money for such certificates, and that in all cases a statement of the amount of money sent and the kind of certificate desired should accompany the application.

3. In regard to the point of issuing certificates to persons made life members in the years previous to their free issuance by the Board, your committee deems it unwise to grant certificates to such members.

4. *Life Membership: Its Duties and Privileges.*—The sense of this committee is that the payment of \$20 constitutes a person a life member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, but for convenience the membership will always be held in the auxiliary into which the money is paid. As to the payment of dues by life members, the committee feels that it cannot legislate on this subject, as all payments are voluntary; but it is of the opinion that the dues in an auxiliary, ten cents a month and the contingent fee provided for necessary expenses, should be paid by all who are members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

5. The point in the Home Secretary's report concerning inaccuracies in reporting scholarships was considered. The committee recommends that our Conference Secretaries use greater diligence and care in securing and forwarding accurate information on this and all subjects pertaining to the work.

MRS. S. S. PARK,
MISS LAURA BRADFORD,
MISS MARIA L. GIESON.

On motion, this report was considered by items. Item 1 called forth much discussion, and the Board finally recommended nonconcurrence. The remainder of the Home Secretary's report was adopted as a whole.

Mrs. Trueheart read Miss Bennett's annual report, which was adopted.

In making this, my last, annual report as Agent and Treasurer of the Scarritt Bible and Training School I cannot but present it with some sad-

ness. It closes for me six years of earnest, loving service—service to which I was impelled by the Divine Power and for which I was equipped by the divine anointing. As Agent of this Board, I have tried to faithfully fulfill the commission it gave and to discharge the duties which it imposed. I have endeavored to do this, holding close to my Father's hand and listening only to his voice. I went out as your servant, committing my work unto the Lord, and he has established my thought. To him be all the glory and all the praise for evermore.

From the members of this Board, and the great body of missionary women throughout the Church which you represent, I have received the most indulgent kindness and the most loving encouragement and help. Your prayers have strengthened and sustained me; your zealous and unwavering support has made the work an ever-increasing labor of love. With a heart full of gratitude and unspeakable thankfulness to you and to our Father for the blessing which this work has been to me, I resign the trust which you placed in my hands at the meeting of this Board, in Little Rock, Ark., six years ago. The work which I have been doing for a year past ought to be, and can be, equally as well done and at less expense by a Secretary and Agent residing in the Training School at Kansas City. The Board of Managers has seen fit to place this duty on Miss Elizabeth Billingsly, a member of the Faculty and also a member of this Board. I am arranging now to transfer my books to her early in June. She will thereafter have charge of this department. All money for the work and all communications regarding it should be sent to her.

And now, out of the love which I bear the institution—the embodiment, to me, of the latest and broadest development of the great principle upon which our "woman's work for woman" was founded—I beg your increased interest and support for it. The Principal is one of the ablest, best known, and most loved members of this Board and of our Southern Methodism. Give her your prayers, your sympathy, and your constant help. The Faculty is small, and the work very heavy. The patronage is increasing yearly, and the school is growing more and more in the knowledge and favor of the Church. The endowment fund is altogether insufficient for so large an institution, and the scholarships established by the various Conferences add nothing to its maintenance. Finish the chair which you have projected, not for the name which is on it, but for the cause which it represents and the great need there is for it. Set apart next Easter as Training School Day; and, if it be possible, see to it that it is perpetuated for this work throughout our Woman's Society for years to come. Let your love and your wisdom plan broadly and wisely for the continued development and support of the school. Let it be made, indeed, a royal monument to the consecration and liberality of our Southern Methodist sisterhood.

Following, I append my financial report for the past eleven months:

Financial Report of the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Receipts and Disbursements from June 1, 1894, to May 1, 1895.

Balance June 1, 1894	\$2,093 45
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RECEIPTS.	
Alabama Conference.....	\$ 29 50
East Texas Conference.....	92 00
Florida Conference	78 67
Kentucky Conference.....	1,270 96
Louisiana Conference	1 00
Louisville Conference.....	424 06
Memphis Conference.....	38 10
Mississippi Conference.....	13 00
Missouri Conference.....	45 00
North Carolina Conference	498 50
North Georgia Conference.....	253 10
North Mississippi Conference.....	75 05
North Texas Conference.....	2,274 85
Northwest Texas Conference	82 40
Pacific Conference	53 90
South Georgia Conference.....	142 30
Southwest Missouri Conference	184 67
St. Louis Conference.....	287 52
Tennessee Conference.....	154 39
Texas Conference.....	40 50
Virginia Conference	51 57
West Texas Conference.....	4 85
Western Conference	6 80
Western North Carolina Conference	717 82
Western Virginia Conference.....	70
White River Conference	10 03
Unclassified.....	1 70— 6,832 94
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	\$8,926 39

1894.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Oct. 15. J. S. Chick, Trustee, for missionary map	\$ 15 65
Nov. 23. Refunded to Miss McCutchen, N. Miss. Conf..	17 65
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1895.	
Feb. 1. J. S. Chick, Trustee, for endowment	3,000 00
General office and traveling expenses, to date..	863 23— 3,896 53
Balance May 1, 1895.....	\$5,029 86

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF RECEIPTS FOR 1894-95.

Belle Bennett Chair: Alabama Conference, \$29.50; East Texas Conference, \$92; Florida Conference, \$78.67; Kentucky Conference, \$2; Memphis Conference, \$38.10; Missouri Conference, \$45; North Carolina Conference, \$27; North Georgia Conference, \$150.60; North Mississippi Conference, \$25.55; Northwest Texas Conference, \$82.40; Pacific Conference, \$53.90; White River Conference, \$10.03. Total receipts for Chair.....	\$ 634 75
Stephen Noland Lectureship: Kentucky Conference	\$ 899 96
Kavanaugh Lectureship: Louisville Conference.....	408 41
Frances Bumpass Lectureship: North Carolina Conference, \$471.50; Western North Carolina Conference, \$717.82. Total.....	1,189 32
Total receipts for lectureships	————— \$2,497 69

Sam Jones Scholarship: Kentucky Conference.....	\$ 369 00
North Georgia Scholarship: North Georgia Conference	102 50
S. Myra Smith Scholarship: North Mississippi Conference.....	31 85
North Texas Scholarship: North Texas Conference.....	2,269 85
Weyman Potter Scholarship: South Georgia Conference	142 30
Elizabeth Avis Scholarship: St. Louis Conference	287 52
Tennessee Scholarship: Tennessee Conference	154 39
Texas Scholarship: Texas Conference	40 50
 Total receipts for scholarships.....	\$3,397 91
Foster Fullilove Room: Louisiana Conference.....	\$ 1 00
Carrie Steele Waterhouse Room: Mississippi Conference	13 00
Ashland Auxiliary Room: Virginia Conference	39 07
 Total receipts for rooms.....	\$ 53 07
Missionary Map of the World: Louisville Conference	\$ 15 65
Undirected Fund: North Texas Conference, \$5; Southwest Missouri Conference, \$184.67; Virginia Conference, \$12.50; West Texas Conference, \$4.85; Western Conference, \$6.80; Western Virginia Conference, \$0.70; unclassified, \$1.70. Total	\$ 216 22
Refunded to Miss McCutchen, North Mississippi Conference	\$ 17 65

SUMMARY.

Total for Belle Bennett Chair	\$ 634 75
Total for lectureships..	2,497 69
Total for scholarships	3,397 91
Total for rooms.....	53 07
Total for missionary map of the world.....	15 65
Total undirected fund	216 22
Total refunded to Miss McCutchen	17 65
 Total receipts to May 1, 1895	\$6,832 94

BELLE H. BENNETT, *Agent and Treasurer.*

Richmond, Ky.

Mrs. M. D. Wightman, Associate Agent of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, read her report, as follows:

Receipts from June, 1894, to June, 1895.

Baltimore Conference.....	\$ 16 50
North Mississippi Conference	42 50
Little Rock Conference	5 00
Holston Conference	20 00
South Carolina Conference.....	203 01
Interest.....	65
 Total.....	\$287 66

Mrs. Jones offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we send Miss Bennett notice of our grateful appreciation

of the splendid service she has rendered this Board, and couple with this an earnest desire to retain her as Agent, in accordance with the recommendation of the Scarritt Bible and Training School Board.

MRS. S. N. JONES, MRS. I. G.-JOHN,
MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART, MRS. E. AVIS.

On motion of Mrs. Swindell, the Home Secretary was instructed to insert the item of "Systematic Giving" in her quarterly reports.

Mrs. Dowdell read a letter from Miss Julia Hayes, daughter of our Honorary President, bearing loving greetings to the Board, and news of our aged leader.

By request, Miss Gibson offered a touching prayer, calling down Heaven's benedictions and sustaining grace upon our dear mother in Israel.

Mrs. MacDonell offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Realizing the beneficial influence of the Scarritt Bible and Training School upon the young womanhood of our Church; therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to bring it before the attention of our young women at our annual and district meetings, and that we urge our pastors to recommend it to the parents in their congregations.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MRS. MUSSETT,
MRS. S. S. HARRIS.

Mrs. S. S. Harris presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Conference Secretaries be allowed to use programmes prepared for the Little Workers' Special for any purpose desired, paying for the same when used for other purposes than the one designed by Miss Barnes.

MRS. S. S. HARRIS,
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MRS. S. S. PARK.

Mrs. Strother introduced the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Local Board be authorized to appropriate such money as may be collected on "Mrs. Wightman's Appeal" to the sending out of three missionaries (Misses Worth, Blackburn, and Martin) to the fields to which they have been appointed.

Mrs. A. H. Strother, Mrs. S. S. Park, and Mrs. Trueheart next read to the Board interesting letters from Misses Alice Moore, Littlejohn, Glenn, and Watts, all faithful workers in Brazil.

Miss Lida Moore offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

It is moved that the attention of our representatives in foreign fields be called to the rule embodied in Section 8, under "Instruction to Mission-

aries," which says: "Missionaries are not permitted to make public or private appeals for funds to aid in the support of their work, without the knowledge and approval of the Board, and such appeals must be made through the Foreign Secretary of the Board." Miss LIDA G. MOORE.

The Committee on Platform Courtesies now brought forward for introduction to the Board Miss McNemar, who is being educated for work in foreign fields by the Mississippi Conference, and who is at present a student in the East Mississippi Female College; also Mrs. C. L. Bell, one of the Managers of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Cumberland Church. Mrs. Bell expressed much pleasure in meeting with the Board. She was already well acquainted with the work of the women of the M. E. Church, South, through association with Mrs. Juliana Hayes, being a fellow-voyager with her on the steamship "Umbria" as Mrs. Hayes went to the World's Conference of Missions in London some years ago. She also expressed regret at Mrs. Hayes's absence and feeble condition, and added, as she looked over the Board and noted the white locks of a number of its members, that she believed that missionary work was conducive to longevity. Mrs. Bell was most happy in her remarks, and was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Lula Lipscomb Waters asked the privilege of a few words, and pleaded most earnestly that the Woman's Board would establish evangelistic work in Japan, explaining the features and advantages of such work. She thanked the Board again for sending her out as a missionary, and assured them that whatever she had accomplished, or would accomplish, they had a part in; reminding them that they already had three missionaries in Japan, the wives of missionaries there.

The place of holding the eighteenth annual session was now considered. Washington, D. C., Knoxville, Tenn., Nashville, Tenn., and Meridian, Miss., were placed in nomination, and their claims pressed by ardent advocates. Washington, D. C., having received the largest number of votes, was selected, and the choice made unanimous.

The Committee on Resolutions was called, and submitted the following, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1. As we followed Bishop Galloway in his eloquent and graphic portrayal of the progress of the river of life, as it pursues its onward way through the channel of grace, reviving and beautifying everything with which it comes

in contact, our hearts sang praise to God for this message of love and encouragement brought us by our beloved Bishop, and we tender him our sincere thanks for his words of wisdom and presence among us.

2. We thank Dr. Morrison for his encouraging account of our work and workers in Mexico, inspiring our hearts with hope for the spiritual awakening of that republic, and strengthening our confidence in the means that are being employed by our faithful missionaries to that end.

3. We fully appreciate Bishop Galloway's commendation of the work of our Board in China, and we pledge ourselves anew to its support.

4. We feel that the presence of our returned missionaries at this meeting—Misses Haygood and Bruce, Rev. Waters and wife, and Mrs. Carr—and their testimony of the progress and the needs of the work in our various mission fields, will bring real benefit to the work; that in coming in contact with these tried and true workers our hearts are bound in greater love and sympathy to them and the fields they represent; China becoming nearer and dearer through Miss Haygood's presentation of her claims, and Brazil less strange and foreign when Miss Bruce pleads her cause.

5. It is with feelings of loving sympathy and deep regret that we learn of the continued feeble health of our beloved Honorary President, Mrs. Julian Hayes; but we rejoice to know that, though absent in body, she is present in spirit.

6. Throughout the session we have missed the presence of our faithful Foreign Secretary, Mrs. D. H. McGavock, and deplore the cause of her absence. We desire to express our appreciation of her labors, as shown by her careful preparation of the work of this annual meeting.

7. We tender our thanks to the editor of the *Daily News*, to the railroad officials, and to Mr. McQueen for courtesies; to Miss Smylie, her brother, and her very efficient reception and arrangement committees; to the willing little pages for prompt and intelligent service; to the President of the East Mississippi Female College, Rev. T. B. Hollowman; to the pastor, Dr. Woodward, and visiting ministers; to the choir for sweet music; to the ladies of our auxiliaries in Meridian for the delightful reception tendered us at the home of Mrs. B. F. Ormond; and to the citizens of Meridian for such cordial welcome and open-handed hospitality. "For the ministration of this service not only filleth up the measure of the wants of the saints, but aboundeth also through many thanksgivings unto God." (2 Cor. ix. 12.)

MISS F. BILLINGSLEY,
MISS L. P. LANE.

Mrs. Strother now asked for information concerning the Memorial Fund, why it is not being used. She requested that Miss Haygood explain to the Board the direction of this fund, and why it should not now be directed. Miss Haygood came forward and explained that since this fund had been divided between the Shanghai and Soochow Districts, the condition of Chinese affairs and existing restrictions have so far prevented the building of a Bible Woman's Home in Soochow. She heartily indorsed the work to

which this fund will be applied, and trusted that the time was not far distant when this sacred money should be in use and doing great good. The need of workers, she said, was the greatest problem that confronted the opening of a Bible Woman's Home in Shanghai, there being no missionary there at present who could assume charge of this department.

Mrs. F. A. Butler was now called forward, and spoke in the interest of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*. Mrs. Dowdell indorsed Mrs. Butler's appeal, and urged more earnest effort in behalf of this excellent periodical. Mrs. Woodward reported an increase of one hundred subscribers in the Holston Conference during the past year. Mrs. Cunningham related an interesting incident from her experience while obtaining subscribers for the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*. Mrs. Butler promised that if a sufficient number of subscribers be secured she would leave out all advertisements, to which some of the Board objected.

Miss Billingsly moved that the name of Mrs. T. P. Weakley be substituted for that of Mrs. Du Pré on the Committee on Publication, as Mrs. Du Pré is no longer a member of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. Carried.

Miss Barnes came forward and made an appeal for the *Little Worker*, showing that 13,000 subscribers were needed in order to make it self-sustaining. She read a list of the number of subscribers needed from each Conference in order to make up the required 13,000. This circulation was based on the juvenile membership of each Conference Society. She then asked the Conference Secretaries to pledge themselves to increase the subscription lists in their Conferences to the number required of them in order to make up the 13,000. All the Secretaries pledged their efforts to this end.

Mrs. Strother moved that all money raised under the pledge given by the Conference Secretaries Monday night be sent in to the Treasurer, marked "Mrs. Wightman's Appeal." Carried.

Mrs. Park offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Conference Secretaries report to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, in annual session, the amount subtracted from the Conference treasury during the year to supplement their contingent fund.

MRS. S. S. PARK,

MRS. A. H. STROTHER.

The President now called for pledges from the Conference Secretaries above their dues, for the general work. The Corresponding Secretaries responded for their Conference Societies as follows:

Alabama, \$200; East Texas, \$200; Florida, \$300; Holston, \$300; Kentucky, \$1,000; Louisiana, \$200; Louisville, \$500; Memphis, \$450; Missouri, \$500; North Alabama, \$500; North Carolina, \$100; North Georgia, \$1,000; North Mississippi, \$600; Northwest Texas, \$200; South Carolina, \$500; South Georgia, \$800; Southwest Missouri, \$1,500. Total, \$8,850.

The members of the Board now entered into a discussion as to how extra funds might be raised to send out our three missionaries already accepted and recommended to fields of labor. It was agreed to respond to Mrs. Wightman's earnest appeal of Monday night, and raise the money for sending these noble young ladies by an extra levy, to be in our General Treasurer's hands by September 1, if possible, and to this end the following additional pledges were taken:

MRS. WIGHTMAN'S APPEAL.

Baltimore, \$250; Florida, \$100; Holston, \$200; Louisiana, \$100; Louisville, \$50; Memphis, \$100; North Alabama, \$100; North Carolina, \$100; North Georgia, \$200; North Mississippi, \$150; Northwest Texas, \$50; South Carolina, \$300; South Georgia, \$200; Tennessee, \$50; Texas, \$50. Total, \$2,000.

Mrs. Park offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That each Conference Secretary use her influence to have an advertisement of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and *Little Worker* inserted weekly in the Conference *Advocate*.

MRS. S. S. PARK,

MRS. J. W. HUMBERT,

MISS LIDA G. MOORE.

Miss Haygood brought forward the necessity of more reading and better information among missionary workers, commanding Bishop Thoburn's "Lectures on Missions." She also commended two booklets: "Bible Readings on Missions." Miss Haygood thanked the Board for the great kindness shown her and confidence reposed in her, and assured them that she would seek guidance as to the time of her return to China, and go at as early a date as possible.

The Board adjourned for an afternoon session at four o'clock.

Benediction by Dr. Woodward.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions met for its closing session Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock. Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. S. N. Jones, of Missouri. Hymn, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" was sung. Scripture lesson, John xiv. 1-15. Be-

fore beginning the lesson, Mrs. Jones asked the Board to unite in special prayer for Mrs. Mary Newman Carr, who had just received a telegram stating that her father, Brother Newman, one of our veteran missionaries to Brazil, was dead. Mr. Humbert offered a fervent prayer in her behalf.

Mrs. Wightman called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Mrs. Weakley commended and explained the Missionary Unions held once a quarter by the Nashville and East Nashville Districts. She thought that these unions held in all the Conferences would be productive of good.

Mrs. Park stated that these meetings had been held with good results in Texas, alternating in some places with the Woman's Missionary Societies of other denominations.

Mrs. Watson said that these unions had been held with profit in Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Park offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this clause be inserted in Section 5 of the By-laws of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions: "In case of the absence or illness of the Foreign Secretary, the Secretary of Home Affairs shall call these meetings."

MRS. S. S. PARK,

MRS. J. W. HUMBERT,

MRS. J. P. MUSSETT.

Mrs. Park commended most earnestly a forthcoming book by Miss Nannie Holding—"A Decade of Mission Work in Mexican Homes"—and urged Conference Secretaries to further its sale in their bounds, as Miss Holding offers to place half the proceeds of books sold to the credit of the Conference in whose territory they are bought.

The President called attention to the twilight hour of prayer, and begged the Conference Secretaries to urge its observance for the coming year.

Brothers Woodward, Hunnicutt, and Hawkins in turn spoke kind words of appreciation of the session of the Board just closing, expressing themselves as beneficiaries of its labors, and bidding the workers Godspeed.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

After a few sweet words of congratulation and gratitude for the pleasant and harmonious meeting, Mrs. Wightman declared the seventeenth annual session of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions closed.

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN, *President*;

MARY L. HARGROVE, *Recording Secretary*.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

The names of seven accepted missionary candidates were presented to this committee. Five young ladies from the Training School appeared before us in person, and we were most favorably impressed with their modest, gentle bearing, their earnest piety and consecration, and their ardent desire to enter upon the work "whereunto they have been called." After much prayerful consideration your committee respectfully recommends the following:

1. That Miss Willie Bowman, of the St. Louis Conference; Miss Eliza Perkinson, of the Missouri Conference; and Miss May Umberger, of the Holston Conference, be appointed to work in Brazil.
2. We heartily concur in the action of a called meeting of the Board in recommending the appointment of Miss Hattie G. Carson, of the South Georgia Conference, to Durango, Mexico.
3. That Miss Ida May Worth, of the St. Louis Conference, and Miss Viola Blackburn, of the North Mississippi Conference, be appointed to work in Mexico.
4. That Miss Lizzie R. Martin, of the North Carolina Conference, be appointed to work in China.
5. We gratefully receive the application of Dr. Anne Walter, who, during two years past, has rendered such valuable service in the hospital at Soochow, China; and we heartily recommend her acceptance by this Board.
6. That this Board unite its prayers and efforts to secure the assistant physician sorely needed in the hospital at Soochow.

MRS. C. W. BRANDON, *Chairman.*

PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication recommends for consideration the following:

1. That six thousand five hundred copies of the seventeenth annual report, including the minutes, be published for distribution.
2. That the summarized report be printed as a leaflet by the Editor of Leaflets.
3. That Constitutions, blanks, and slips be provided as ordered by Conference Corresponding Secretaries through the Secretary of Home Affairs.
4. That twelve varieties of leaflets be provided for Adult, Young People's, and Juvenile Societies.
5. That the programmes for Adults and Young People be published in the

Woman's Missionary Advocate, and the Juvenile programmes be published in the *Little Worker*.

6. That a brief history of our mission stations, one for each month, be given in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, with a sketch of the worker in that field.

7. That the present assistant to the Editor and Agent of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and *Little Worker* be continued, and that she also send out any leaflets ordered from the Publishing House.

8. That by every possible effort we increase the circulation of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, which has proven a tower of strength to our work.

9. The *Little Worker* has become a necessity and is vital to the success of our work among the children. We recommend that we pledge ourselves to renewed effort in extending its circulation.

10. That Conference Societies each year elect an editor, whose duty it shall be to edit a column in their Conference *Advocate* in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

11. We respectfully request that the Index to the Annual Report of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions be printed on a separate page, and not inside on the cover as heretofore.

12. We recommend that ten thousand mite boxes be issued for adults, and as many as Miss Barnes shall require for the children.

MRS. E. C. DOWDELL, *Chairman.*

FINANCE.

The following appropriations are recommended for local expenses:

1. For the President in prosecuting the work of the Board, \$250.
2. For clerical and office expenses of Foreign Secretary, \$1,200.
3. For office expenses of Secretary of Home Affairs, \$250; and contingent, \$50.
4. Office expenses of Treasurer, \$50.
5. For publications ordered by the Board, and expense of mailing same, \$850; and contingent, \$50.
6. For publishing and mailing leaflets, \$800; and contingent, \$100.
7. For mite boxes, \$125.
8. For Editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, \$100 per month, to be paid from the receipts of that paper.
9. For assistant to Agent of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, to be paid from the receipts of the paper, \$500.
10. For Editor of the *Little Worker*, to be paid from the receipts of that paper, if possible; if not, to be paid from the contingent fund, \$750.
11. That the Editor of the *Little Worker* be allowed for office expenses \$300, to be paid from collections of "Children's Special."
12. That the Agent of the *Little Worker* be paid from the contingent fund \$100.
13. That the Editor of Leaflets be paid \$250, and allowed for office expenses, \$50.

MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, *Chairman.*

EXTENSION OF WORK.

CHINA.

It is recommended that Miss Richardson continue to act as Treasurer of the Mission and Agent of Shanghai District until the return of Miss Haygood.

It is recommended that Miss Atkinson serve as Agent of Soochow District during the absence of Mrs. Campbell in America.

Whereas Dr. Anne Walter's medical education was not obtained at any cost to this Board, and as her outside practice brings into the treasury more than the amount of her salary; therefore be it

Resolved, That we refund to Dr. Anne Walter, from the treasury in China, the amount that she paid into the treasury last year from her outside practice in Soochow.

Resolved, That the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions appreciates the importance of Japan as a mission field; and, regretting its inability to open work there at once, looks forward with hope to entering that interesting field at the earliest possible date.

Resolved, That it is the unanimous expression of this committee that Miss Haygood will not return to China the coming autumn, as she proposes, but that she will remain at home until such time as it seems best to her to go to the field, in order, first, to establish her health; secondly, to visit the societies as far as her strength will permit, to encourage and stimulate them by her earnest talks, knowledge of the needs of Foreign Mission work, and her rich experience.

Resolved, That, much as Miss Haygood is needed in China, this seems God's opportunity, while she is in the home land, for her to do a broader and grander work for the general cause by bringing the hearts of our women into closer touch with Foreign Missions, notably in those fields where this Board supports work.

It is recommended that a copy of the following resolutions be sent to each representative of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in the mission field:

Resolved, That organization is the basis of all successful work.

Resolved, That this Board approves the present organization and administration in the mission fields.

Resolved, That, to conserve time and strength, the Agents and Treasurers appointed by the Board shall be the mediums of communication with the Foreign Secretary concerning all plans and financial matters connected with the missions.

Resolved, That the Agent of the mission be one of the Auditing Committee to audit the accounts that are sent from the fields.

Resolved, That the attention of the missionaries be directed to the fact that the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions is constitutionally the only executive body of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Resolved, That Section 2, under "Instructions to Missionaries," is hereby reiterated and recommended to the careful consideration of each representative of the Board—viz., "To secure organization and unity in the fields,

every missionary of the Woman's Board is expected to work under the advice and in harmonious relation with the Agent appointed over that part of the field to which she has been assigned, through whom she will receive all instructions and all funds, and send quarterly and annual reports to the Foreign Secretary of the Woman's Board."

Relative to the action had at the late annual meeting of the representatives of the Woman's Board in China, the following resolutions are offered:

1. As to the motion made by Mrs. Parker that this body memorialize the Woman's Board, requesting that the ladies in charge of boarding schools be allowed to increase the number of pupils in such schools at their own discretion:

Resolved, That this Board does not deem it wise to increase the number of pupils in the boarding schools in China at the discretion of the missionaries in charge. Seeing that these are chiefly intended for normal schools, it is best that the number of pupils be limited.

2. In regard to the petition that work be opened at Sung-Kiang at the earliest possible date:

Resolved, That this Board is not yet ready to open work in Sung-Kiang.

3. In reference to the request that each lady in charge of work be intrusted with funds for conducting the same, and instructed to prepare annually a financial statement to be presented in connection with her annual report, etc.:

Resolved, That this is not in conformity with the method of the Board for all fields. The Agents are responsible for the disbursement and management of the funds sent to the fields for the support of the work.

MEXICO.

The adjustments in this field seem well adapted to the necessities, and no change is recommended.

Miss Carson is recommended for appointment to Durango.

BRAZIL.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be extended to Rev. H. C. Tucker for his kind offices in the exchange of the Rio property in part payment for that recently purchased at Petropolis.

Resolved, That Mrs. Tucker be assured of the appreciation of her superintendence of the day school in Rio, with the request that she continue to give it her attention until another is prepared to take it in charge.

Resolved, That the imperative need of reënforcements for Brazil is apparent. The Agent in that field shall make such distribution of the workers as will best conserve the interests of the work.

Resolved, That we recommend that the sum of \$63.23 due Miss Watts on her expenses to Brazil, including freight charges on articles shipped with her for the school, be paid out of the contingent fund.

INDIAN MISSION.

Rev. J. J. Methvin, who has so long superintended the work of the Woman's Board among the Indians, has been detailed by the bishop in charge to look after the school and camp work, and can now give more of his time to these duties.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1895-96.

CHINA.

Shanghai District.

Miss Haygood's salary and travel.....	\$1,100
Miss Hughes's salary.....	750
Miss Richardson's salary.....	750
Miss Bomar's salary.....	750
Miss Reynolds's salary.....	750
Miss Steger's salary.....	750
Mrs. Gaither's salary.....	750
Miss Rankin's salary.....	750
Miss Coffey's salary for six months.....	375
Clopton School.....	800
Day schools.....	900
McTyeire Home and School.....	250
Woman's work.....	200
Taxes and repairs on property in Shanghai.....	250
Treasurer and Agent's office and itineration.....	50—\$ 9,175
Nantziang and Käding school,	\$ 900
Woman's work.....	60
Itineration.....	150
Taxes and repairs	100— 1,210
 Total for Shanghai District	\$10,385

Soochow District.

Mrs. Campbell's home salary and travel	\$ 675
Miss Atkinson's salary.....	750
Miss Pyles's salary.....	750
Miss Waters's salary.....	750
Miss Gary's salary	750
Dr. Anne Walter's salary.....	750
Colleague for Dr. Walter	750
Hospital.....	1,000
Boarding school.....	800
Day schools.....	1,000
Woman's work.....	200
Taxes and repairs.....	250
 Total for Soochow District.....	8,425
Contingent for mission.....	500
 Total for China.....	\$19,310

MEXICO.*Mexican Border Mission Conference.*

Miss N. E. Holding's salary.....	\$ 750
Miss Delia Holding's salary.....	750
Miss Norville's salary	500
Mrs. McClendon's salary.....	750
Miss Roberts's salary.....	750
Miss Case's salary.....	750—\$ 4,250
Laredo Seminary, teachers' salaries	\$4,600
Matron	300
Native teacher.....	300
Current expenses.....	3,000
Nuevo Laredo.....	150
Woman's work.....	150
West End School.....	150
Laredo day school (charity), house rent.....	400
Native teachers' salaries.....	300
Books, etc.....	50— 9,400
Saltillo, teachers' salaries.....	\$1,800
Native teacher.....	150
Charity school.....	150
Woman's work	150
Taxes, repairs, etc	200— 2,450
Total for Mexican Border Mission Conference.....	\$16,100

Northwest Mexican Mission Conference.

Miss Lizzie Wilson's salary.....	\$ 750
Miss Harper's salary.....	750
Miss Harper's health trip	150
Miss McFarren's salary.....	750
Miss Tydings's salary	750
Miss Carson's outfit, travel, and salary.....	780—\$ 3,930
Chihuahua, teachers' salaries	\$1,350
Native teacher's salary	150
Current expenses.....	500
Charity school.....	150
Woman's work	150
Taxes, repairs, etc	200— 2,500
Durango, Carmen Cervantes's salary.....	\$ 240
Charity school.....	150
Woman's work	150
Teachers' salaries	1,200
School furniture.....	300
Taxes, repairs, etc	250— 2,290
Total for Northwest Mexican Mission Conference	\$ 8,720

Central Mexico Mission Conference.

Miss Toland's salary.....	\$ 750
Miss Turner's salary.....	750
Miss A. V. Wilson's salary.....	750
Miss Dorsey's salary.....	750—\$ 3,000
San Luis Potosi, teachers' salaries.....	\$2,000
Native teacher's salary.....	150
Charity school.....	150
Woman's work	150
Taxes, repairs, etc	200— 2,650
Guadalajara, house rent (contingent).....	\$ 400
Current expenses.....	600
Purchasing property (contingent on yearly payments)	4,000— 5,000
Total to Central Mexico Mission Conference.....	\$10,650
Itineration of Agent	\$ 300
Total for Mexico	\$35,770

BRAZIL.

Piracicaba, Miss Alice Moore's salary	\$ 750
Miss Littlejohn's salary.....	750
To build bath room and closet.....	400
Taxes, repairs, etc	200—\$ 2,100
Juiz de Fora, Miss Ross's salary	\$ 750
Miss Bessie Moore's salary	750
House rent.....	1,200
Teacher's salary.....	600
Furnishing for home and school	600— 3,900
Rio de Janeiro, Miss Elerding's salary.....	\$ 750
Sending out two missionaries (outfit, \$400; travel, \$480; salaries, \$1,000)	1,880
Woman's work	300
House rent for day school.....	600
Incidentals.....	200— 3,730
Petropolis, Miss Watts's salary	\$ 750
Miss Glenn's salary.....	750
Sending out a missionary (outfit, \$200; travel, \$240; salary, \$500).....	940
Teachers' salaries, furnishings, etc	5,000— 7,440
Itineration of Agent	500
Expenses of missionaries in removing to different stations	225
Total for Brazil	\$17,895

INDIAN MISSION.

Anadarko, teachers' salaries.....	\$ 600
Matron.....	300
Laundress and cook	400
Industrial teacher for boys	250

Food	\$ 500
Clothing	300
Fuel	200
Taxes, repairs, etc.	300
Camp work (Miss Brewster and one other)	700
Rev. J. J. Methvin, Superintendent	700
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Total for Indian Mission	\$ 4,250

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS.

China	\$19,310
Mexico	35,770
Brazil	17,895
Indian Mission	4,250
Printing, office, and contingent	6,000
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Grand total	\$83,225

Missionaries Employed by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, M. E. Church, South, Since It Was Organized.

MISSIONARIES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.	CONFERENCE SOCIETY.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	APP'TED.
Miss Lochie Rankin...	Milan, Tenn.....	Memphis.....	Shanghai, China, Box 143.....	1878
Miss Dora Rankin*...	Milan, Tenn.....	Memphis.....	Piracicaba, State de São Paulo, Brazil, S. A.....	1879
Miss Mattie H. Watts.	Louisville, Ky.....	Louisville.....	West Texas.....	1881
Miss Annie Williams†.	Georgetown, Tex.	Chappell Hill, Tex.	Northwest Texas.....	1881
Miss Rebecca Toland.	Atlanta, Ga.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	1882
Miss Anna J. Muse†.	Roanoke, Va.....	Baltimore.....	Baltimore.....	1882
Miss Blanche Gilbert†.	Georgetown, Tex.	Texas.....	Texas.....	1882
Miss Sarah Buford†.	China.....	China.....	China.....	....
Mrs. J. W. Lambuth†.	Norcross, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	North Georgia.....	1883
Miss Nora Lambuth†.	Somerset, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Laredo, Tex.....	1883
Mrs. A. P. Parker.....	Pensacola, Fla.....	Alabama.....	Shanghai, China.....	1883
Miss Mattie B. Jones†.	Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	North Texas.....	1884
Miss Nannie E. Holding.	Paris, Tex.....	North Alabama.....	Soochow, China.....	1884
Miss Jennie C. Wolf†.	Rock Mills, Ala.....	North Missouri.....	Juij de Fora, State Minas Geraes, Brazil, S. A.....	1884
Miss Laura A. Haygood.	California, Mo.....	Southwest Missouri.....	Soochow, China.....	1884
Miss Dona Hamilton*.	Plattsburgh, Mo.....	Missouri.....	Juij de Fora, State Minas Geraes, Brazil, S. A.....	1884
Miss Jennie M. Atkinson.	Brownsville, Tenn.....	Memphis.....	Memphis.....	1884
Miss Mildred M. Phillips, M.D.‡.	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Los Angeles.....	Los Angeles.....	1884
Miss Lou E. Phillips†.	Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	1887
Miss Mary W. Bruce.	Port Gibson, Miss.....	North Mississippi.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	1887
Miss Emma E. Kerr†.	Meridian, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	Meridian, Miss.....	1887
Mrs. J. P. Campbell*.	Columbus, Miss.....	North Mississippi.....	Columbus, Miss.....	1887
Miss Kate R. Roberts†.*	Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	1887
Miss Addie F. Gordon‡.	Dalo Pinto, Tex.....	North Texas.....	Dalo Pinto, Tex.....	1887
Miss Bettie Hughes*.	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	1887
Miss Lula H. Lipscomb‡.	Brookhaven, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	Brookhaven, Miss.....	1887
Miss Ada Reagan†.	Charleston, W. Va.....	Baltimore.....	Charleston, W. Va.....	1887
Miss Lelia Roberts*.	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	1887
Miss Marcia Marvin†.	Guadalajara, Mexico	Guadalajara, Mexico	Guadalajara, Mexico	1888
Miss Mary McClellan†.	Charleston, W. Va.....	Baltimore.....	Charleston, W. Va.....	1889
Miss Augusta V. Wilson	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	1889
Miss Ella Granbery†.	Beauregard, Miss.	Mississippi.....	Beauregard, Miss.	1889
Miss A. Clara Chrisman*.	Beauregard, Miss.	Mississippi.....	Beauregard, Miss.	1889

Miss Ella Yarrell †	Emporia, Va.....	Virginia.....	1889
Miss Lida Howell †*	Duluth, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	1889
Miss Lizzie Wilson	Newport, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	1889
Mrs. A. E. McClendon	West Point, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	1889
Miss Ellie B. Tydings	Anthony, Fla.....	Florida.....	1889
Miss Flora Baker †	West Point, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	1889
Miss Lula Ross	(Greensboro, Ala.....	Alabama.....	1889
Miss M. Phillips †	Homer, La.....	Louisiana.....	1889
Mrs. E. E. Brelsford †	Princeton, Ky.....	Louisville.....	1890
Miss May Littleton Smithey †	Jetersville, Va.....	Virginia.....	1890
Miss Helen L. Richardson	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	1890
Miss Mary Turner	Sharpsburg, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	1890
Miss Lucy Harper	Georgetown, Tex.....	Texas	1890
Miss Kate P. Fannin †	Blountstown, Fla.....	Florida.....	1890
Miss Mollie F. Brown †	Austin, Tex.....	North Texas.....	1891
Miss Kate C. McFarren	Durango, Mex.....	Memphis	1891
Miss Alice G. Waters	Murray, Ky.....	Southwest Missouri.....	1892
Miss Martha Pyles	Roscoe, Mo.....	East Texas.....	1892
Miss Minnie Bonnar	Marshall, Tex.....	Florida	1892
Miss Sue P. Blake †	Miccosukee, Fla.....	North Georgia.....	1892
Mrs. Julia Gaither	Oxford, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	1892
Miss Emma Gary	Royston, Ga.....	South Carolina.....	1892
Miss Sallie B. Reynolds	Columbia, S. C.....	North Georgia.....	1892
Miss Alice Moore	Oxford, Ga.....	South Carolina	1892
Miss Susan Littlejohn	Bacolet, S. C.....	Kentucky.....	1892
Miss Amelia Elerding	Naperville, Ill.....	Tennessee	1892
Miss Delia Holding	Somerset, Ky.....	North Mississippi	1893
Miss Bessie Moore	Savannah ² , Tenn.....	Conyers, Ga.....	1893
Miss Anne Walter, M.D	Holly Springs, Miss.....	Batesville, Ark.....	1894
Miss Layona Glenn	Long Mountain, Va.....	Mountain Grove, Mo.....	1894
Miss Esther Case	St. Louis, Mo.....	Long Mountain, Va.....	1894
Miss Clara Steger	Salisbury, Mo.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	1894
Miss Ella Coffey	Wytheville, Va.....	Salisbury, Mo.....	1895
Miss Willie Bowman	Holston	Wytheville, Va.....	1895
Miss Eliza Perkins	Alabama	Holston	1895
Miss May Umberger	South Georgia	Alabama	1895
Miss Hardyna Norville	Savannah, Ga.....	South Georgia	1895
Miss Hattie Carson	Durango, Mexico	Durango, Mexico	1895

* Deceased. † Not now employed. ‡ Married.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, ETC.

CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. II. The objects of this Society shall be to enlist and to unite the efforts of women and children in sending the gospel to women and children in foreign lands, on our border, and among the Indian tribes of our own country, through the agency of female missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible readers. The missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible readers employed by the Woman's Board shall be subject to the appointing power of the bishop having charge of the mission field in which they labor.

ART. III. The work shall be accomplished by organizing societies in each charge, and Conference Societies in each Conference, and shall be controlled by an executive body to be known as "The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions."

ART. IV. The Board shall consist of a President, a Vice President, two Secretaries (one to administer the foreign, the other the home affairs of the Society), a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, and six managers (to be elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board at the annual meeting next succeeding the session of the General Conference), and the Corresponding Secretaries, or alternates, of the Conference Societies. The Secretaries of the Board of Missions shall be honorary members of the Woman's Board.

ART. V. The operations of this Woman's Board shall be conducted in connection with the Board of Missions and subject to its advice and approval. When appropriations are made, the funds shall be sent in such manner and to meet such purposes as the Woman's Board shall direct.

ART. VI. The Woman's Board shall meet annually to determine what fields shall be occupied, the number of persons to be employed in each, and to estimate and appropriate the amount necessary for the support of the missions under its charge. A majority shall constitute a quorum to transact business at the annual meetings; five shall be a quorum for monthly or called meetings. The transactions of the monthly or called meetings shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the ensuing annual meeting. The Woman's Board shall, within thirty days after its annual session, send to the General Board a full account of its operations and plans, to be considered and, so far as necessary, acted upon by the General Board; and a sufficient summary of such report of the Woman's Board shall be published as a part of the annual report of the General Board, in order to present to the Church a complete statement of what we are doing in Missions.

ART. VII. The Woman's Board shall have authority to establish and maintain a Bible and training school under its auspices, control, and man-

agement, for the education of missionaries and other Christian workers, provided that the collections of this Society shall not be used for said school except such as may be specially given for that purpose.

ART. VIII. The funds of this Board shall be derived from private efforts; from membership, life and honorary membership fees; from devises and bequests, and from public collections only at meetings appointed in behalf of the Society.

ART. IX. The President shall preside at all meetings, and countersign all orders on the treasury. In her absence the Vice President shall preside, and in the absence of both, a Chairman shall be appointed *pro tem.*

ART. X. The Foreign Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and attend to the legal business of the foreign field, prepare the annual report, publish quarterly a statement of the condition of the work, and give all orders on the Treasurer. The Foreign Secretary shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. XI. The Secretary of Home Affairs shall conduct the correspondence with the Societies, attend to the legal business of the same, and furnish for publication quarterly and annual statements of the work under her charge.

ART. XII. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Board in safe deposit, which deposit shall be made by her as Treasurer, subject to authenticated drafts. She shall furnish annual and quarterly reports, to be published with those of the Foreign Secretary, and her accounts shall be audited by the Treasurer of the Board of Missions. The Treasurer shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. XIII. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings in a permanent record, and obtain the signature of the President as approved.

ART. XIV. An Auditor shall be elected to audit the accounts of the Society.

ART. XV. When vacancies occur in the interval of the annual meetings, the Board shall fill said vacancies until the next annual meeting.

ART. XVI. Three of the six managers shall be members of any one of the Auxiliary Societies at the place where the Board of Missions is located, and the remaining three shall represent severally the eastern, the southern, and the western sections of the Church.

ART. XVII. Every school or hospital established by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions shall send reports (such as are made to the Woman's Board) to the District and Annual Conferences within whose bounds such school or hospital may be situated. The auxiliaries may send reports to the Quarterly Conferences of the charges with which they are associated.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society in whose precincts the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions is to be held, after consulting with the executive officers of said Board, shall fix the date of meeting and arrange for anniversary exercises.

If for any cause it should become necessary, in the interim of the annual meetings of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, to change the place selected to hold the next annual meeting, it can be done by consent of the executive officers and managers of the Board.

2. The traveling expenses of officers and managers and returned missionaries to and from the meetings of the Board shall be paid from the treasury.

3. The opening exercises of each annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions shall be held the evening before the regular business meeting commences.

4. The officers and managers of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions shall nominate the standing committees.

5. Whenever the interest of the work demands it, the Foreign Secretary shall call a meeting of the Board to provide for emergencies that may arise during the intervals of the annual meetings. A Secretary shall be elected, and in the absence of the President and Vice President the members shall appoint a Chairman at each meeting. In case of the absence or illness of the Foreign Secretary, the Secretary of Home Affairs shall call these meetings.

6. No new work shall be projected and no money outside of the contingent fund shall be appropriated at these meetings.

7. The Foreign Secretary shall present to the called meetings of the Board all applications received by her from missionary candidates.

8. The minutes of these sessions shall be presented by the Foreign Secretary to the Board in annual session.

9. The Editors of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and *Little Worker* and the Treasurer of the Memorial Fund shall be elected quadrennially.

10. The By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote.

RULES OF ORDER.

(a) Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.

(b) All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

(c) Ladies shall rise when they address the Chair.

(d) No member shall leave the room without permission of the Chair.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

For Opening Business Sessions of Annual Meetings of Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.

1. Roll call.

2. Reading minutes of opening session.

3. Report of Local Board.

4. Announcement of standing committees.

5. Presentation of plans and estimates of foreign work, and papers to be referred to committees.

6. Miscellaneous business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

For Regular Daily Sessions.

1. Roll call.

2. Reading of minutes.

3. Reports from standing committees.

4. Reports from special committees.

5. Miscellaneous business.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

A Conference Society should be formed by the election of a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and a Secretary for each district.

These shall be appointed in the first instance by the Annual Conference, or a convention called for the purpose of organizing, and then elected thereafter at the annual meetings by ballot. After organization, a Conference Society shall consist of the officers named above, and a delegate from each society.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. The executive officers shall constitute a committee to transact business in the interval of the annual meetings. Three shall constitute a quorum. A reserve shall be elected to attend the meetings of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary. In all cases care must be taken to send the reserve properly accredited. The duties of the reserve shall cease upon the adjournment of the Board. If the reserve elected cannot attend, another can be appointed by the President and Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 2. The President (or Vice President) shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee. The President shall countersign all drafts on the treasury for necessary Conference expenses.

SEC. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society with the auxiliaries, and shall herself (or through the District Secretary, as she may direct) supply them with such missionary matter as she may obtain for gratuitous distribution. It shall be her duty to use all practicable means for the organization of auxiliaries, and forward promptly reports of organization and number of members to the Secretary of Home Affairs. She must send promptly quarterly reports to the Secretary of Home Affairs on the 20th of June, September, December, and March; also an annual report, giving all statistics in full, the last quarter preceding the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. She shall sign all drafts on the treasury.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all the meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee, and keep the minutes of the same on record.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and keep on deposit all funds of the Society, keeping an account with each auxiliary, and submitting the same annually to the Auditor. She must send reports promptly on the 20th of June, September, December, and March, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, therewith transmitting all the funds in the treasury. She must keep an account of the expenses of the Conference Society, and send the same with her quarterly report to the Treasurer. An itemized copy of said reports must be furnished the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 6. The District Secretary shall organize Auxiliaries, and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Foreign Mis-

sionary Society in her district. She (or a representative appointed by her) shall present a report of the work at the District Conference, and shall hold an annual meeting in the district (composed of delegates from auxiliaries), and an all-day meeting whenever practicable. If the Conference Corresponding Secretary so direct, the District Secretary shall conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society. It shall be her duty to do all in her power to obtain subscribers to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and to see to the collection of the contingent fund for Conference expenses.

SEC. 7. Conference and Auxiliary Societies shall not project new work in the mission fields.

SEC. 8. Conference Societies shall provide a contingent fund for defraying necessary expenses, which, if insufficient, may be supplemented from the treasury.

SEC. 9. The regular dues of the Auxiliary Societies, Adult and Juvenile, also funds contributed to make life members, honorary members, and life patrons, shall not be devoted to specific work.

SEC. 10. The funds, outside of dues collected within the Auxiliaries to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Adult or Juvenile, shall not be directed to any specific work, without obtaining the consent of the Woman's Board, and with the understanding that such work is in accordance with the plans of this Board.

SEC. 11. Credit shall not be given nor vouchers accepted by the Treasurer of the Woman's Board for funds that have not been paid into the treasury of the same.

SEC. 12. If, during the year, an office becomes vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the Executive Committee shall fill this vacancy.

SEC. 13. In those Conference Societies where the number of delegates to the annual meeting is so large that their entertainment has become burdensome and expensive the Society is accorded the privilege of arranging its own basis of representation.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women may form an auxiliary to the Conference Society in any charge or circuit, by appointing a President, two or more Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer; these constituting a local Executive Committee. Auxiliary Societies shall report to the Secretary of Home Affairs until Conference Societies may be formed in the Annual Conference wherein they are located.

HOW TO ORGANIZE AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Whenever any number of ladies can be convened for the purpose, let the work be brought before them by the pastor or some lady, urging the claims of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; then organize by appointing a Chairman and Secretary *pro tem.*

Let one or more ladies pass around with slips of paper to secure members.

The Chairman shall then call for a nominating committee preliminary to the election of officers. When the report of the nominating committee is adopted the officers are elected.

The Constitution and By-laws provided for auxiliaries should then be read and adopted. The time for holding the monthly meetings may be determined, and subscribers obtained to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

As soon as organized, the Corresponding Secretary of the auxiliary shall fill a blank report of organization, and forward to the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Printed for Information and Use in the Organization of Auxiliaries.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of —, auxiliary to the — Conference Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to aid Christian women and children in the evangelization of women and children in our mission fields, and to raise the funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of ten cents a month may become a member of this society; and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, may be a life member.

ART. 4. Meetings of the society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held once a month. The anniversary of each society shall, if practicable, be held in March, at which time the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer shall be read, and officers of the ensuing year be elected by ballot. The delegate and the reserve to the annual meeting of the Conference Society shall be elected by ballot at the same time.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the society, and to advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, or the District Secretary, as the Conference Secretary may direct. She (or the appointed agent) shall bring up the claims of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* at every monthly meeting, and try to obtain subscribers.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members and to hold in trust the funds of the society, keeping a book account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March; also at the same time to furnish the Auxiliary Cor-

responding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

6. There shall be a committee of three to provide missionary reading for monthly and quarterly meetings.

7. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, when reports of the work shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase general missionary intelligence and zeal, as well as earnestness in the special work of the society.

8. Each member of the society shall try to induce others to become members, and do what she can to add to the interest, remembering in prayer her society, its workers, its missionaries, schools, etc., connected with the general work.

9. If an office become vacant by death, resignation, or removal, such vacancy must be filled as soon as possible.

10. Order of exercises for monthly meeting: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) reading and approval of minutes; (3) report of Corresponding Secretary; (4) report of Treasurer; (5) report of Literary Committee; (6) miscellaneous business; (7) report of what each member has done for the society during the month; (8) adjournment.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called ——.

ART. 2. Its objects shall be to aid the operations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; to increase contributions; to cultivate piety, systematic giving, and to increase missionary intelligence.

ART. 3. Its officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

ART. 4. The society shall be under the superintendence of a Lady Manager, who shall be elected by the Adult Auxiliary where the two Societies exist; otherwise by the Juvenile Society. It shall be the duty of the Lady Manager to assist and encourage the society to advance the cause of Missions in accordance with the general rules governing the Auxiliary Societies, and in no case advocating any action independent of the Conference Society.

ART. 5. Every member of the society must be pledged to contribute five cents monthly.

ART. 6. Any one may become an honorary member of the society by the payment of five dollars, or a life member by the payment of ten dollars.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the society, and advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the cor-

respondence of the society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, giving the *status* of the society. A copy of this report shall be sent to the District Secretary.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of the meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of the members, and to hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March; also at the same time to furnish the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

1. All missionaries in the employ of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions must work under the advice and approval of this Board, and conform to the general plan of work in the mission to which they are appointed. "Every school or hospital established by the Board shall send reports (such as are made to the Woman's Board) to the District and Annual Conferences within whose bounds such school or hospital may be situated."

2. To secure organization and unity in the mission field, every missionary of the Woman's Board is expected to work under the advice and in harmonious relation with the Agent appointed over that part of the field to which she has been assigned, through whom she will receive all instructions and all funds, and send quarterly and annual reports to the Foreign Secretary of the Woman's Board.

3. Every missionary is authorized to conduct the internal affairs of her department as she thinks best suited to the surroundings, to secure good results; provided always that her plans are in harmony with the general plans of the Agent in charge of her district, and meet the approval of the Woman's Board.

4. Before sending their annual reports the missionaries of the Woman's Board, and the missionaries' wives engaged in work for this Board, must hold an annual meeting to consider plans and estimates; and these, with the annual reports of the work, must be forwarded promptly by the Agent to the Foreign Secretary. All the representatives must, if possible, attend this meeting to consider and compare methods of work in their several departments.

5. All donations received for the work must be mentioned in the annual reports.

6. The action of the Woman's Board will be communicated to the Agents officially by the Foreign Secretary of the Board.

7. Missionaries must not involve the Society in any expense the estimate of which has not been submitted to and approved by the Board in annual session.

8. Under no circumstances shall new work be opened without the con-

sent of the Woman's Board. Missionaries are not permitted to make public or private appeals for funds to aid in support of their work without the knowledge and approval of the Board, and such appeals must be made through the Foreign Secretary of the Board.

9. Medical missionaries must keep itemized accounts of receipts and disbursements, sending quarterly and annual reports of the same to the Foreign Secretary of the Board. Such receipts may be used by them for needful expenses in their work. If there is any surplus, it must be placed in the treasury in the field, and accredited as receipts arising from the practice of medical missionaries. The medical outfit is the property of the Board.

10. If a missionary in the employ of the Woman's Board, or an accepted candidate, evinces any unfitness for the work, the agreement may be canceled, and, after giving her three months' notice, she may be recalled by the Board. Her expenses home will be paid, provided she returns within the time specified.

11. In order to conserve health and strength every missionary is advised to so arrange her work as to allow, every year, at least one month of vacation, in which there shall be a cessation of regular work, and which shall be spent, if possible, away from her station.

12. Should a missionary desire her expenses paid to return home for any other cause than that of ill health, she must in every case give her reasons and obtain leave of absence from the Woman's Board through the Agent in charge of her field.

13. Missionaries must give their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as ample salary to meet their temporal necessities is paid them by the Board.

14. A missionary who is at home to rest and to recover health will not be expected to take up any public work for three months after reaching the home land and for three months before returning to the mission field; but she will be expected to be present at the first annual meeting of the Board after her arrival home. Her expenses to and from the place of meeting will be paid by the Board.

15. The duties of our missionaries for the first year in the field must be so arranged that the greater part of their time may be given to the study of the language, and their salaries for that year shall be five hundred dollars. Medical missionaries are not included in this provision.

16. Every missionary employed by the Woman's Board is required to comply with the above conditions, and to remember always her promise given under head of "Questions to Missionary Candidates," No. 16.

MANUAL FOR MISSIONARY CANDIDATES AND FOR MISSIONARIES.

This manual is intended for those who desire to engage in missionary work under the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It is intended to serve instead of so many written and verbal inquiries, and it is presumed that candidates and missionaries will carefully read its contents.

QUALIFICATIONS.

The same general qualifications are requisite which are considered conditions of success at home: a sound physical constitution; intellectual ability; practical experience; adaptation to all circumstances and to persons of all classes; a cheerful, hopeful spirit; persistent energy in carrying out the plans of the Board—all controlled by a singleness of purpose and devotion to the cause of Christ. Facility in acquiring a foreign tongue is a valuable qualification; also a practical knowledge of domestic work is almost a necessity.

REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. The papers of a missionary candidate must be presented first to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society in which she resides in time to be forwarded to the Foreign Secretary *not less than three months before the annual meeting* of the Woman's Board. The Conference Executive Committee must seek a personal acquaintance with the candidate, and know something of her character and history, before her papers are forwarded to the Secretary of the Board.

2. The papers must be references from the pastor and Sunday school superintendent of the Church in which the candidate holds her membership; from the President of the college where she was educated, and where she has taught; also from persons who have had good opportunities for knowing the candidate, her acquirements, capabilities, and Christian character. The candidate herself must write her application to the Board, giving a brief history of her life; telling her age, place of residence, where educated, for whom and where she has taught, her religious experience and motives for wishing to enter missionary service. She should state particularly whether she has a sound constitution, and the condition of her health at the time; also any facts about herself which might prevent her acceptance.

3. She must furnish a health certificate from a competent physician, and answer satisfactorily the questions under that head. It is important that she be examined by a specialist for the ear, eye, throat, and lungs; and also secure a certificate from him of the soundness of these organs.

4. In the case of a medical missionary, in addition to the usual testimonials, she must secure certificates from the professors of the medical college in which she has taken the course.

5. The age of the candidate must not be less than twenty-five years nor more than thirty-five. Superior qualifications and circumstances may justify a deviation from this rule.

6. The testimonials of a missionary candidate may be summed up as follows: health, education, capabilities for teaching, executive and financial ability, with a general fitness for the work, and a consecrated purpose. These are essential qualities in mission work.

7. No candidate will be accepted unless she will promise to give five years of service to the Woman's Board from the time she reaches the field, unless her health should fail. She must sign an agreement to this effect: "If I voluntarily leave the service of the Board for any other cause than ill health, before the expiration of five years, I promise to refund to the Board the amount paid for my outfit and traveling expenses." This does not imply

that her obligation for service ceases at the end of five years, but that she is bound for this length of time to refund the amount of outfit and travel if she leaves the work before the time expires. She must give six months' notice to the Board of her intention to leave the work, or forfeit her salary for that length of time.

8. Her preferences for a field will be considered, but it is expected that she will acquiesce in the decision and judgment of the Board.

9. Every candidate is required to come either before the committee in Nashville or before the Woman's Board in annual session.

10. If a candidate has been accepted or recommended for acceptance by the committee in Nashville, it is not necessary for her papers to come before the Committee on Missionary Candidates at the annual meeting.

11. After her acceptance, the candidate must consider herself under the guidance of the Board in the interim of her departure for her appointed field.

12. The traveling expenses of a candidate are paid from her home to the mission field. Two hundred dollars is granted for her personal outfit. Her salary does not begin until she reaches her field of labor. The salary of a missionary is not to be regarded in any sense as *compensation* for labor performed, nor is it graded to suit the different abilities of the individuals, as in the ordinary business occupations of life. The amount received by the missionary is supposed to be what is necessary for her support while in the field. Compensation for this service will be found in the privilege of teaching to the Gentiles the truth as it is in Christ.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES.

(Questions to be copied, and answers written opposite.)

1. Do you feel that your heart is moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary?

2. (a) Are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South?

(b) How long have you been a member?

3. Do you subscribe to the doctrines of this Church?

4. Is it your desire and intention to make the work of Foreign Missions your life work?

5. Are you willing to go to any field?

6. Have you had experience in Christian work?

7. Have you a good English education?

8. (a) Have you studied any ancient or modern language?

(b) Do you acquire such with ease?

9. Have you taught school; where, and with what success?

10. Can you teach music, vocal or instrumental?

11. (a) What is the condition of your health?

(b) Are you predisposed to any physical weakness?

12. What is your age?

13. (a) Have you ever applied to other Mission Boards or Societies?

(b) Were you refused, and for what cause?

14. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?

15. Will you promise to keep the following conditions: "If you labor with

us in the Lord's vineyard, it is needful that you should do that part of the work which we advise, at those times and places which we judge most for his glory?"

16. Do you agree to conform to all the requirements of the Woman's Board while in its service?

CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH.

(Questions to be copied, and answers to be written opposite by the examining physician.)

1. How long have you known this person?
 2. Has your acquaintance been such as to enable you to know particularly of her health and physical tendencies?
 3. Are her habits active or sedentary?
 4. (a) Has she had the usual diseases of childhood?
 - (b) Have they affected her constitution in any way?
 5. Has she had any serious illness, local disease, or personal injury? If so, of what nature, how long since, and has she entirely recovered from it?
 6. Has she been successfully vaccinated?
 7. Have her grandparents, parents, brothers, or sisters ever had mental derangement, nervous diseases, pulmonary complaint, heart difficulties, scrofula, or any serious disease tending to shorten life?
 8. Is she subject to any physical weakness, or diseases peculiar to women?
 9. Are her eyes in a healthful condition?
 10. Has she any tendency to deafness?
 11. Is her health strong and vigorous at this time?
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EXTRACT FROM BISHOPS' ADDRESS, GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1894.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society during the sixteen years of its existence has proved itself a most valuable agency in widely disseminating information, arousing interest, and sending forth consecrated and competent workers in behalf of Foreign Missions. Its property in mission fields is valued at \$220,000. It has 37 missionaries, 103 teachers and helpers, 52 schools, 2,793 pupils and women under instruction, 7 Bible women, 1 hospital, and 2 medical missionaries. In the sixteen years since its organization it has collected \$791,913. The good women are doing genuine missionary work, without cost to the General Board or diminishing of its resources. We commend the holy fervor and judicious administration of our sisters. This is a distinct but not independent organization. Its Constitution connects it by three links with our general economy: "The missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible readers employed by the Woman's Board shall be subject to the appointing powers of the bishop having charge of the mission field in which they labor." "The Secretaries of the Board of Missions shall be honorary members of the Woman's Board." "The operations of the Woman's Board shall be conducted in connection with the Board of Missions and subject to its advice and approval." This last provision has not yet been carried into full effect. We believe it important for the harmonious and efficient management of our whole missionary work that the Wom-

an's Board, soon after its annual sessions, should send to the General Board a full account of its operations and plans, to be considered, and, so far as necessary, to be acted upon; and that a sufficient summary should be published as a part of the annual report of the General Board, in order to present to the Church a complete statement of what we are doing for Missions. The preacher in charge of a circuit or station in a foreign land is happy if he have a helper in a woman's school. It builds up his congregations and Sunday schools, and furnishes a corps of intelligent and willing workers in the Church. How deeply it concerns him that the spirit, teaching, and methods of the school shall be scriptural and Methodistic! He is the spiritual adviser and guide. The pastorate and school should work together in mutual sympathy and confidence. Every school should send reports to the District and Annual Conferences within whose bounds it is located. By these means there will be a due correlation of forces, each supporting the other, and all working to a common end.

THE SCARRITT SCHOOL.

The Woman's Board, under authority given by the General Conference, has established the Scarritt Bible and Training School at Kansas City, Mo., for the education of missionaries and other Christian workers. The gift of the ground, and of \$25,000 toward the building fund, by the late Rev. Nathan Scarritt, D.D., gave such impetus to the work, and the Woman's Society was so energetic in prosecuting it, that a building suitable to the purpose was erected at a cost of \$50,000, and is adequately equipped and furnished, and the present endowment amounts to \$50,000. The institution is in successful operation, and promises to meet the ends sought—namely, practical instruction in the study of the Bible and drill in methods of teaching it, the study of the history of Missions and of the different mission fields, and practical training in city missionary work, industrial schools, and nursing, which may both fit and test the missionary candidates before entering on their work.

FROM MINUTES OF GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS, MAY, 1894.

Bishop Hendrix tendered the report of the committee to which had been referred the report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The report of the committee was adopted as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the statement of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society submit the following for the action of the Board of Missions:

1. *Resolved*, That we are grateful for the divine blessing which has so graciously attended the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society during the sixteen years of its existence, and we rejoice in the results which have attended the labors of the 62 missionaries and the 103 foreign and native teachers in their 52 schools in China, Mexico, Brazil, and the Indian Territory; we commend the zeal which has contributed \$889,261 for the equipment and maintenance of their work, and congratulate our sisters upon

their acquisition of valuable school property worth \$220,000, aside from the Bible and Training School, which represents over \$100,000 more.

2. That to render operative the provision of the Constitution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, that their work shall be in connection with the Parent Board and subject to its advice and approval, there shall be created a standing committee of three members of the Parent Board, who shall consider and report on all matters relating to the work of women in the mission field and to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, referred to it by the Board.

3. That the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be requested to make to the Parent Board, at its annual meeting, a full statement of their actual and projected work for consideration and for publication in the annual report.

4. That the principals of the several schools of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be requested to furnish a report of their schools and their other missionary work to the District and Annual Conferences within whose bounds they are located, for publication in the Minutes of said Conferences.

E. R. HENDRIX,
C. G. ANDREWS,
H. BISHOP.

The following is taken from the Minutes of the annual meeting of the General Board of Missions held in Louisville, May 3, 1895:

The committee to whom the report of Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, was referred, have considered the same and, heartily approving the self-sacrificing work of our women, recommend the incorporation of the report in the minutes of the Board.

A. W. WILSON,
W. R. LAMBUTH.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ADVOCATE.

The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* is the official organ of the Society. The Editor is elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. This paper is published monthly. The address of the Editor and Agent is: Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn. Terms, 50 cents per annum, in advance.

LITTLE WORKER.

The *Little Worker* is the juvenile paper issued by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Editor, Miss Annie Maria Barnes, Duluth, Ga. Terms, 25 cents per annum, in advance.

LEAFLETS.

Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Editor and Publisher, 1819 Bolton Street, Baltimore, Md. Leaflets can be obtained from Miss Lena Freeman, Agent of *Little Worker* and Leaflets, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.; also from the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

**MEMBERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS TO THE
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

The payment of ten cents a month for adults, and five cents a month for juveniles, constitutes a member for one year. Twenty dollars constitutes a *life member*; ten dollars a juvenile life member. One hundred dollars will make an honorary life member. Three hundred dollars will make an honorary life patron.

Forty dollars supports a scholarship in China. One hundred dollars supports a scholarship in Mexico. Sixty dollars supports a Bible woman in China.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, \$— or —, to be paid or conveyed to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions (the executive body of the Society), whose receipt therefor shall be acquittance to my executors.

FORM OF DEVISE.

I hereby give and devise absolutely and in fee simple to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, the following real estate: [adding such description as shall fully identify the particular real estate intended.]

NOTE.—Prompt notice of bequests and devises should be given to Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary Woman's Board.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was incorporated January 1879, in the city of Nashville, according to the laws of the State of Tennessee. The five incorporators were: Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Mrs. Amelia T. McTyeire, Mrs. Martha Whitworth, Mrs. Ella Lupton, Mrs. S. R. Manier.

**PERIODICALS RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE AND USE
IN SOCIETIES,**

Methodist Review of Missions, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Missionary Review of the World, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York.

Woman's Work for Woman, and *Our Mission Fields*, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Life and Light for Women, Congregational House, Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Heathen Woman's Friend, Miss J. P. Walden, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass.

Missionary Herald, American Board.

Missionary Link, W. U. M. S.

Spirit of Missions, Episcopal.

Lutheran Missionary Journal.

Helping Hand, Baptist.

Woman's Missionary Advocate, Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Little Worker, Miss Annie Maria Barnes, Duluth, Ga.

The Evangel, Miss Elizabeth E. Holding, Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo.

Woman's Work in the Far East, published quarterly, Shanghai, China.

Report of the Missionary Conference, London, 1888.

Maps of China, Brazil, and Mexico, prepared by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, are for sale at the office of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*. Price, on paper, \$1.10; mounted on cloth, \$2.10. Address Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

"Mission Studies." A Brief Sketch of Missions in Many Lands. By Mrs. F. A. Butler. 12mo. Price, \$1; postage, 10 cents.

The above publications may be had by sending orders to BARBEE & SMITH, Agents, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

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