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Commission

A commission is a group of persons appointed or elected to study a matter requiring fact finding and research. It is expected to prepare a digest of the assembled facts, which, together with the thinking of the commission, forms a basis of conclusions or recommendations to be presented to the body creating it.

Bureau

A bureau is a subdivision of an organization which develops and supervises special lines of work which have emerged through experience or from the studies of research and fact-finding groups.

Committee Rule

As far as possible all committee business shall be assigned to standing committees, thus obviating the appointment of special committees.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Reading of the minutes.
2. For the first three days only the presentation of memorials, resolutions, etc.
3. Reports of officers.
4. Reports of standing committees.
5. Reports of annual session committees.
6. Reports of special committees.
7. Calendar business.

CALENDAR RULES

1. A Calendar shall be used in the transaction of the business at the annual session of the Council.
2. Recommendations, memorials, resolutions, and other papers requiring legislation—except in the reports of the Executive Committee and Standing Committees—shall be referred to session committees.
3. Reports of the Executive Committee and Standing Committees shall be placed on the Calendar and copies distributed to the body.
4. Reports of session committees shall be placed on the Calendar in the order in which they are presented to the body.
5. Three copies of all papers to be sent to committees shall be sent to the Calendar Clerk when they are presented to the body.
6. Committee reports shall be manifolded in such numbers as may be necessary to supply a copy to each member. Under direction of the Calendar Clerk, copies shall be distributed, without reading, at close of the session in which the report is placed on Calendar.
7. Business to be considered by the session committees must be presented to the body not later than the close of the business meeting of the third day.
8. Business shall not be acted upon at the session in which it is placed on the Calendar.
9. Business shall not be brought up out of Calendar order.
10. A two-thirds vote of the body shall be required for the suspension of any of the above rules.

Twentieth Annual Meeting
of the
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL
of the
Methodist Episcopal Church, South

IF it were the "happy privilege" of the elect lady who extended the invitation to the Woman's Missionary Council to hold its Twentieth Annual Meeting in Amarillo, Tex., that privilege was multiplied by many hundreds for the guests who accepted and made the pilgrimage to the Texas Panhandle in March, 1930.

There is music in the name "Amarillo," and both beauty and song in "Amarillo the City of Roses," which is situated near the center of the Llano Estacado, the great plateau of the great State of Texas. First a Spanish prairie village; forty years ago a typical Western "cow town"; now a thriving, modern city whose beautiful churches and schools attest the liberality and spiritual life of its people. An altitude of three thousand six hundred and sixty-four feet affords a climate with qualities of elixir vitæ; and the beauty of the prairie, the horizon of which is luminous at early morn and eventide, stirs the soul.

Only in terms of the limitless prairie may the hospitality of the Amarillians and their sister Texans be described. There is a loyalty among Texans akin to that of family or clan, and when one Texas Conference is hostess the other four Conferences unite with her and the gracious welcome, thoughtfulness, and consideration accorded are as that of five. Their appreciation of the fact that the Council had come to them was proved many times over, and quite positively so, by the large numbers that attended the sessions with punctuality and regularity.

In keeping with the plan of the Christian Church in observing this year, the nineteen hundredth anniversary of Pentecost, the thought of Pentecost ran through the program for the entire meeting.

The Council was wondrously blessed in its daily morning and noon periods of worship. Each morning was begun in quietness, with prayer and meditation directed by Miss Sara Estelle Haskin, Secretary of the Council in charge of Literature. At noon the Rev. Paul Kern, D.D., Pastor of Travis Park Church, San Antonio, Tex., brought a series of inspired Bible messages dealing with the general topic "Pentecost Then and Now," with the four subdivisions: "In the Secret of His Presence," "The Message of Salvation," "The Religion of the Spirit," and "The Afterglow of Pentecost." Through these ministries the vision of Jesus was renewed, "clear, fresh, and unshakable," and the power of indwelling of the Holy Spirit, as a

glorious fact, became an ever-increasing reality, deepening the impression of the Council's responsibility, collectively and individually, to pass on its privilege in a renewed spiritual experience, to the remotest Auxiliary and the remotest person. Sunday, we knew of a truth that "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad," for that glad day began early with a gracious celebration of the Holy Communion. At the eleven o'clock hour Bishop W. N. Ainsworth delivered the annual sermon from the text "Other sheep there are which are not folded, and they must be sheperded and folded." His subject, the Responsibility of the Older Churches in the New Day had its antiphonal in the evening, when messages from the Younger Churches were brought by our friends from other lands: Señorita Eglantina Flores from Mexico; Senhora Odette Barbieri from South Brazil; Miss Lillian McGregor from South Africa; and Dr. Mai Ing Ting from China. Encouraging messages were these, of the winning power of the gospel which in these lands had furnished the key to new life and new opportunities.

Platform hours were devoted to studies of Peace, Rural Work, and Industry. Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, Secretary of the Commission on International Justice and Good Will, of the Federal Council of Churches, delivered an address having as his subject, "International Relations around the Pacific Basin"; and still more light was shed on this question when the Council President, impersonating Mrs. Average Woman, and the Superintendent of Young People, impersonating Miss Average Daughter, interrogated the speaker, who, entering into the spirit of the questions, answered them in a most interesting manner.

Dr. Hermann N. Morse, Director of Survey of the Home Missions Council, in discussing the Church and Rural Life, emphasized the growing sense of the larger meaning of the coming of the Kingdom in which the program must be adapted to change and changing conditions. In this he said: "the Church needs to develop Kingdom strategy."

Miss Mary Dingman, Social and Industrial Secretary of the World Committee Y. W. C. A., spoke on Christianity and Industry. From background of wide experience and first hand information she proved beyond a doubt that Christianity has a responsibility for Industry in the midst of a materialistic, secular civilization. By striking contrasts she compared some industrial laws in so-called pagan and Christian nations, not always to the glory of the latter.

One evening was devoted to messages from the missionaries, stories of our own work and the trend of great movements in the countries where the Council is at work. Such a program always elicits the greatest interest, and the time is never long enough for the speakers to say all that they would nor for the audience to be even measurably satisfied. At this time five speakers were heard; Miss Hallie Buie from Korea; Miss Charlotte Dye from Vashti School, Thomasville,

Ga.; Dr. Janet Miller from the Congo; Miss Rena Murphey from the "Wesley House, San Antonio, Tex.; and Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon from Shanghai, China. In response to the request from visitors that another opportunity be given them to hear from the missionaries, arrangements were made for a continuation of this form of program in the chapel the following morning. Six other missionaries were invited to speak, and the chapel was filled with appreciative listeners.

With this session of the Council rounded out its fifth quadrennium. Cycles which have witnessed steady development in the women united in the task of missions, and the continued enlargement of the task passed on to them by the pioneer Woman's Boards of Foreign and Home Missions.

The second year of the quadrennium found the women joyously celebrating the Golden Jubilee of organized Woman's Missionary Work in the Southern Methodist Church. Four of the five Jubilee goals were attained before the close of the third year, and the close of the quadrennium was crowned by the achievement of the last, actually listed as the third goal. This the Reëvaluation of the Missionary Task, with the careful study involved therein, evolved a conviction of a necessity for enlarged program in order to enlist all the women of vision in the Church, and to meet the ever-increasing opportunities in old as well as new areas of service. Out of this study grew a New Missionary Apologetic with a sevenfold imperative, an irresistible appeal to the open minded.

Plans were outlined by the Council to meet the enlarged program. To this end a new assistant Secretary in the Department of Education and Promotion was provided for; a Bureau of Coöperation with Women in Other Lands was created; and the Bureau of Social Service was amplified to that of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations, reaching out into all that is implied in these terms.

The Council took cognizance of items of legislation which must be sent up to the General Conference, one of the most outstanding of which had grown out of the studies of the Commission on the Place of Women in the Service of the Church—*i. e.*, "That the General Conference be memorialized to grant to faithful, called, and prepared women the rights of the clergy on the same basis as they are granted to faithful, called, and prepared men."

The Council came to a happy close with its crowning event, the consecration service, which, though a part of every annual program, comes each year with the same freshness of inspiration. On Tuesday evening Mrs. Stephens presented for consecration twenty-one young women prepared and eager for service. These nine deaconess candidates and twelve foreign missionary candidates were solemnly commissioned by Bishop John M. Moore "to take the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

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WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council was held in the Polk Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Amarillo, Tex., March 12-18, 1930, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, President, presiding.

The first two days were spent in executive session.

The executive session Wednesday morning, March 12, was opened with a devotional service led by Mrs. George Morgan, Corresponding Secretary of the Tennessee Conference. This consisted of the hymn, "Come Holy Spirit," a message on the coming of Pentecost, based on the following scripture passages; John 14: 18, 25, 26; 17: 20-24; and Acts 1: 18, followed by prayer, and closed with the hymn, "The Church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord."

The roll was called by the Secretary. Eighty-nine members responded. During the succeeding days others reported, bringing the total attendance up to one hundred and eight. Five foreign Conferences, and all Conferences in the homeland, except Illinois, were represented. In the latter classification are included the two representatives from the Indian Mission Conference which had been organized since the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Council. This new Conference was cordially welcomed by the Council.

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*Alternates seated entire session.

†Alternates seated only part of a session.

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New members of the Council, alternates and representatives, new because of change in Conference relation or by first attendance at the Council were called to the front and those present were introduced to the body as follows: Mrs. M. E. Mackey, Corresponding Secretary of the Arizona Conference; Mrs. J. R. Turner, Corresponding Secretary of the North Alabama Conference; Mrs. Hattie Perkins, President of the Denver Conference; Mrs. J. N. Stinson, alternate from the Little Rock Conference; Miss Ella Wayne Ormond, Corresponding Secretary of the Mississippi Conference; Mrs. W. P. Graham, President of the Missouri Conference; Mrs. W. C. Chadwick, Corresponding Secretary North Carolina Conference; Mrs. W. J. Lee, President of the Pacific Conference; D. Odette Barbieri, alternate from South Brazil Conference; Señora F. H. de Vargas, alternate from the Mexico Conference; Mrs. D. E. Edwards, alternate for President South Carolina Conference; Mrs. T. I. Charles and Mrs. J. P. Byars, President and Corresponding Secretary of the Upper South Carolina Conference; Mrs. R. O. Callahan, President of the West Oklahoma Conference; Mrs. J. B. Needham, Corresponding Secretary of the Northwest Conference; Mrs. C. M. Aker, alternate for President of the Los Angeles Conference; Mrs. Dan Harris, Corresponding Secretary of the South Georgia Conference, and Mrs. Johnson Tiger and Mrs. James

Nelson, President and Secretary of the Indian Mission Conference. To these the President spoke with appreciation, as in behalf of the Council she made them welcome.

The ad interim minutes were presented by the Secretary. (See page 57.) The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held Tuesday afternoon, were read and approved as read. The request of the Executive Committee contained in the minutes of Tuesday afternoon was granted—viz., that a wire be sent to Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, National Chairman of the Woman's Committee for Law Enforcement, which was to have a hearing before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. The Secretary was instructed to send at once this message which placed the women of the Missionary Societies on record as opposed to modification of the Volstead Act, pledged their allegiance to the Constitution of the United States, and appealed to Congress to uphold the Law as it now stands.

On the nomination of the Secretary the following Assistant Secretaries for the session were appointed: Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, and Mrs. Henry S. Owen.

The following Special Committees for the session were announced:
Committee on Publicity.—Mrs. J. H. Adair and Mrs. Maude M. Turpin.

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Committee on Public Worship.—Mrs. W. M. Pearce, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy.

Committee on Courtesies.—Mrs. J. A. Bays, Mrs. K. C. Childers, Miss Daisy Davies.

Committee on Consecration Service.—Miss Daisy Davies, Miss Mary Ora Durham.

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Committee on the Daily Announcer.—Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, Mrs. F. M. Neal, Mrs. F. S. Parker.

Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, Editor of the *Daily Announcer*, was introduced to speak for this paper, now in its third year, which was designed to replace verbal announcements, and has served its purpose well.

The Rules and Order of the Council were read by the Calendar Clerk, and approved. As this paper contains some new matter and amendments to former rules it is printed in full. (See Calendar Rules, page 6.)

The following Session Committees are recorded:

Committee on Foreign Fields.—Miss Esther Care, Mrs. T. H. Tyson, Miss Emma V. Pepler, Mrs. Hattie Perkins, Mrs. J. C. Jones, Mrs. D. B. Carré, Mrs. Homer Tatum, Mrs. J. H. Walker, Mrs. A. M.

Gates, Mrs. R. P. Neblett, Mrs. John S. Terry, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. R. F. Jones, Mrs. C. C. Weaver, Mrs. K. C. Childers, Mrs. J. C. Handy, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. James Nelson, Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, Miss Sadie Maude Moore.

Committee on Home Field.—Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. E. W. Berry, Mrs. A. F. McGarr, Mrs. Harwell Wilson, Mrs. George C. Cocke, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. I. Morris, Mrs. E. F. Ellis, Mrs. Wallace Rogers, Mrs. S. M. Black, Mrs. W. J. Lee, Mrs. R. O. Callahan, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. H. A. Dunham, Mrs. Charles N. Clark, Miss Carmen Blessing, Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, Mrs. E. P. Peabody, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy.

Committee on Home Promotion.—Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Mrs. M. E. Mackey, Mrs. J. N. Stinson, Mrs. J. H. Steward, Mrs. S. L. Smith, Mrs. L. A. Tynes, Mrs. C. M. Akers, Mrs. T. I. Charles, Mrs. George Morgan, Mrs. W. B. Stubbs, Mrs. Johnson Tiger, Mrs. F. H. de Vargas, Mrs. M. M. Tarrant, Mrs. J. N. Steele, Miss Layona Glenn, Mrs. V. H. Spinks, Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Miss Ella Wayne Ormond, Mrs. W. P. Graham, Mrs. J. B. Needham, Mrs. J. Frank Potts, Mrs. E. A. Kitchell.

Committee on Young People's Work.—Miss Julia Lake Stevens, Mrs. S. R. Edington, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Mrs. S. M. Bernard, Mrs. J. C. Lewis, Mrs. L. W. Alford, Mrs. G. C. Carver, Mrs. J. R. Turner, Mrs. W. C. Chadwick, Mrs. E. J. Harper, Mrs. A. R. Walker, Mrs. D. E. Edwards, Mrs. Seth Craig, Mrs. H. E. Barrow, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. F. S. Parker.

Committee on Children's Work.—Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. T. J. Copeland, Mrs. Dan C. Harris, Mrs. F. H. Naylor, Mrs. T. A. Bennington, Mrs. Walter Taylor, Miss Mae C. Sells, Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Mrs. J. A. Mercer, Mrs. W. L. Oliver, Mrs. Henry S. Owen, Mrs. Ernest Moore, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Mrs. J. P. Byars.

Committee on Social Service.—Mrs. W. A. Newell, Miss Julia Durham, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. W. P. McDermott, Miss Louise Young, Mrs. J. P. Harvill, Mrs. J. E. McDonald, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, Miss Mabel K. Howell.

The following reports of Standing Committees were placed on the Calendar: Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and Reports Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of the Committee on Estimates.

The following cablegram from the Congo Mission was read by the President:

"Greetings. Jude 2. Greatly progressing; work justified; required minimum, three workers; 700 minimum additional; distributed education at departments at present. Minga unanimous choice leper colony. Exceedingly helpful Conference.

(Signed) CONGO MISSION."

The report of the Commission on Reëvaluation of Our Missionary Task was presented by Mrs. J. W. Mills, Chairman. "The reëvalua-

tion of our missionary task, as one of our Jubilee goals, has been led by a commission of fifteen women. Two reports have been made to the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session. Report No. 1 was presented at the Jubilee session in Nashville, Tenn., in 1928. This was the foundation study of foreign work, home work, and the home base, embracing the history and development of Woman's Work in Southern Methodism. Here were listed the new factors of the missionary situation of the present day and what our organization is doing to meet the needs.

"In Washington, in 1929, Report No. 2 was made. During the year intensive studies were made by means of questionnaires in the home base, by study of institutions and policies in the home field, and by study of certain phases of the task in the foreign field from the viewpoint of nationals, missionaries, secretaries, and Jubilee visitors. The progress of these studies made up the second report.

"In the third report presented at this session, each section has sought to fulfill the original purpose of the Commission: to give careful study to the Council, Conference, and Auxiliary plans and policies, for the purpose of discovering ways and means by which to improve and develop the work of the organization.*

On motion, the request of the Commission on Reëvaluation was granted, that a Committee of Findings be appointed whose duty should be to prepare a report from the report of the Commission and the discussion thereon, which would provide a way to translate the study into action.

The Findings Committee of five was appointed, as follows: Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Chairman, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, Mrs. J. C. Handy, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. J. W. Mills. Advisory members: Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Miss Julia Lake Stevens, Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Esther Case, Mrs. J. W. Downs.

The report of the Foreign Section on Reëvaluation was presented by Miss Mabel Howell, Chairman of that group. This was followed by a general discussion which developed a better understanding of the need of greater flexibility in the present requirements in training missionaries, a broadening of lines of work, and changes in certain policies regulating work on the mission fields.

The report of the Home Section was presented by Miss Louise Young, Chairman of that section. This also provoked a live discussion.

Announcements were made, and the morning session was dismissed with prayer led by Mrs. T. A. Brown, President of the West Texas Conference.

*These three interesting and comprehensive reports, too long to be included in the Annual Report, have been published each in a separate pamphlet.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Wednesday afternoon session was opened with a devotional service led by Mrs. A. F. McGarr, Corresponding Secretary of the East Oklahoma Conference. This consisted of the hymn, "Love divine, all loves excelling," a Scripture lesson from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, prayer, and the hymn, "From every stormy wind that blows."

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

The following delegates, who had arrived since roll call at the morning session, were introduced and seated: Miss Layona Glenn, alternate, from the Brazil Conference; Mrs. J. W. Lee, President of the Pacific Conference; Mrs. J. N. Stinson, alternate for Mrs. E. R. Steele, President of the Little Rock Conference.

It was moved and seconded that deaconesses and missionaries present in the building be invited to sit with the Council during the afternoon, that they might enjoy the discussion of the Report on Reëvaluation. The motion prevailed.

The discussion of the section on Home Work of the Report on Reëvaluation, which has been interrupted by the mid-day recess, was resumed.

The Home Base section of the Reëvaluation Commission report was presented by Mrs. Fred Lamb, Chairman of that section.

The portions of the report relating to the Young People and to the Children were presented by Miss Julia Lake Stevens. In presenting the Children's Department, recognition and appreciation were accorded the Conference Superintendents of Children's Work, who had made possible this report.

The section of the report on Social Service was presented by Mrs. W. A. Newell.

The discussion on the Adult section was led by Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb.

It was moved by Mrs. W. J. Piggott and seconded that the quadrennial election should begin at the close of the order of business on Friday morning, and be carried on simultaneously with the other business until completed. The motion prevailed.

It was moved by Mrs. J. C. Lewis and seconded that the Council should exercise its power of recommending its officers to its full extent. The motion prevailed.

In response to the question, Where shall the Council hold its Twenty-First Annual Session? Mrs. Homer Tatum, President of the Memphis Conference, in behalf of the women of the Memphis Conference, invited the Council to hold its 1931 meeting in Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. Tatum was followed by Mrs. Walter Taylor, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference, and Mrs. Reeves, District Secretary of the Memphis District, who ably seconded the invitation and urged the many

advantages to be derived by meeting in this beautiful city close by the Father of Waters.

With appreciation the Council unanimously accepted the call to Memphis.*

The afternoon session was then adjourned after prayer led by Mrs. J. N. McEachern.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The morning devotional Thursday was led by Mrs. C. C. Weaver, President of the Western North Carolina Conference. This consisted of the hymn, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun shall its successive journeys run," a message on the coming of Pentecost, based on Matthew 4: 19, prayer, and the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult."

The minutes of Wednesday afternoon's session were read and approved as read.

The following delegates, who had arrived since the session of Wednesday afternoon, were seated; Senhora Odette Barbieri, alternate, from the South Brazil Conference; Mrs. V. H. Spinks and Mrs. D. B. Carré, President and Corresponding Secretary of the Louisiana Conference; Mrs. S. L. Smith, alternate for Mrs. C. E. Castle, President of the East Oklahoma Conference; and Mrs. R. P. Moody, alternate for Miss Julia Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the Kentucky Conference.

Miss Martha Lawrence, of Nashville, Tenn., in charge of the business office during the session of the Council, was introduced.

The following reports of special and standing committees were placed on the Calendar: Lectureships, Brevard School, Vashti School, and Woman's Equity in the Doctors' Building, Nashville, and the Mission Building, Lake Junaluska.

The Chair stated that considerations of the morning would be devoted to the relation of the Woman's Missionary organization to the General Conference.

Preceding the discussion of reports dealing with this relation, she invited Council members who had been elected delegates to the General Conference to meet in Dallas, Tex., May, 1930, to come forward to be presented to the body. The following women were introduced as General Conference delegates: Mrs. E. W. Berry, Alabama Conference; Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Central Texas Conference; Mrs. L. A. Tynes, Holston Conference; Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Louisville Conference; Mrs. Homer Tatum, Memphis Conference; Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Missouri Conference; Mrs. J. N. McEachern, North Georgia Conference; Mrs. S. M. Black, North Texas Conference; Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Northwest Texas Conference; Mrs. E. A. Kitchell, St. Louis

*NOTE.—The following day and on through the sessions invitations were received from Birmingham, Ala.

Conference; Mrs. J. E. McDonald, Southwest Missouri Conference; Mrs. J. P. Harvill, Tennessee Conference; Mrs. J. W. Mills, Texas Conference; Mrs. T. A. Brown, West Texas Conference; Mrs. C. C. Weaver, Western North Carolina Conference. Alternates: Mrs. V. H. Spinks, Louisiana Conference; Mrs. Walter Taylor, Memphis Conference; Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Upper South Carolina Conference; Mrs. Fred Lamb, Southwest Missouri Conference; Mrs. J. C. Handy, Texas Conference; Mrs. Lee Britt, Virginia Conference. (Mrs. T. C. Banks, a delegate to the General Conference from the Florida Conference, was absent from the Council.)

While this group of women stood before them the Council was led in prayer, by Miss Layona Glenn and Mrs. Stephens, for the General Conference in its deliberations and for all its members individually.

The motion prevailed that all Council workers in Amarillo desiring to sit with the Council during the day's sessions be invited to do so.

A summary of the portion of the report of the General Commission on Education, relating to the work of the Woman's Missionary Council, was presented by Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, a member of the Commission. A general discussion of the report followed, led by Mrs. Bourne and Mrs. W. A. Newell, also a member of the Commission. Many participated in this discussion, and an earnest interest was manifested as the analysis of the report proceeded.

Report No. 1 of the General Conference Legislative Committee was read by the Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Handy, considered *seriatim*, and adopted as read. (See Report, page 181.)

Report No. 2 of the General Conference Legislative Committee was read by its Secretary, amended, and adopted as amended. (See Report, page 187.)

Report No. 3 of the General Conference Legislative Committee was read by its Secretary and adopted as read. The report as a whole was then adopted. (See Report, page 188.)

Plans were made for the election scheduled to begin immediately after the order of business the following morning. Tellers were appointed, as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Lee Britt; distributing tellers, Mrs. Homer Tatum, Miss Mae Sells, Mrs. Seth Craig, Mrs. J. P. Byars; collecting tellers, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Mrs. W. P. McDermott, Mrs. Frank Potts, Mrs. J. A. Mercer; recording tellers, Mrs. D. Beach Carré, Mrs. Wallace Rogers, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood.

It was moved by Mrs. F. S. Parker and seconded by Mrs. D. Beach Carré that newly elected officers of the Council shall take their places in office at the close of the quadrennium, after the session of the General Conference. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. Maud M. Turpin, the efficient Secretary of the Secular Press Bureau of the Church, and Editor of the *Council Bulletin*, was introduced.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Spinks, President of the Louisiana Conference, and the morning session stood adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The worship service Thursday afternoon was led by Mrs. J. C. Lewis, President of the Kentucky Conference. This consisted of the third verse of the twenty-sixth chapter of Isaiah repeated in unison; the hymn, "If on a Quiet Sea"; and a message from the fourth chapter of Mark, concerning Jesus in the storm, with comments thereon. The hymn, "Peace, Perfect Peace," was sung, and the service closed with prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

The following members who had arrived since the opening of the morning session were seated: Miss M. M. Tarrant, alternate from the China Conference, and Señora F. H. de Vargas, alternate from the Mexico Conference.

Mrs. Wallace Rogers requested that she be excused from her appointment as teller, because of conflict of duty. This request was granted, and Miss Daisy Davies was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Memorials were presented and referred to the proper committees.

The Woman's Missionary Council then stood adjourned that the annual meetings of its legal predecessors—the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and the Woman's Board of Home Missions—might be held.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was called to order by the President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens. The Secretary, Miss Mabel Howell, called the roll, showing more than a quorum present. All necessary business was transacted, and the Board adjourned *sine die*.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was called to order by the President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens. The roll was called by the Secretary, Mrs. F. S. Parker. Reports were made by the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Esther Case, the Associate Secretary, Miss Mabel Howell, and the Treasurer, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton.

The quadrennial election was held, resulting in the election of the following officers: President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens; First Vice President, Mrs. J. W. Downs; Second Vice President, Mrs. E. B. Chappell; Third Vice President, Mrs. J. P. Harvill; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Esther Case; Associate Secretary, Miss Mabel Howell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. S. Parker; Treasurer, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton.

The Board then adjourned *sine die*.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions was called to order by the President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens. The roll was called by the Secretary, Mrs. F. S. Parker. Reports were presented by the following officers: Mrs. J. W. Downs, General Secretary, and Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Treasurer.

The quadrennial election then held resulted in the election of the following officers: President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens; First Vice Presi-

dent, Mrs. J. W. Perry; Second Vice President, Mrs. H. R. Steele; General Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Downs; Assistant Secretary, Miss Estelle Haskin; Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. S. Parker; Treasurer, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton; and Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. A. B. Smith.

The Board then adjourned *sine die*.

The Woman's Missionary Council then reconvened.

A letter was read from Mrs. H. P. Murrey, Secretary *pro tem.* of the Scarritt College Board, expressing the thanks of the Board for an appropriation of \$1,100 from the Council to the Belle H. Bennett Endowment Fund. This amount had accrued from additional names placed in the Belle Bennett Book of Remembrance.

Other letters were read from Mrs. James W. Merritt, daughter of Mrs. Luke G. Johnson, in behalf of her father and herself, expressing appreciation of loving messages, flowers, and the visit from the Council delegation at the time of her mother's death; and from Dr. J. W. Perry, expressing regret because of his inability to attend the Council meeting.

Announcements were made, and after prayer, led by Mrs. J. A. Mercer, member of the Board of Missions from the West Oklahoma Conference, the afternoon session stood adjourned.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

The spacious auditorium of the Polk Street Methodist Church, of Amarillo, Tex., was filled to its capacity for the first evening session of the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Seated on the platform with the Council President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, were the presiding elder of the Amarillo District, the Rev. W. M. Pearce; the speaker of the evening, the Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, D.D., Secretary of the Commission on International Justice and Good Will of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; and the members of the Council Commission on Peace: Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Miss Emma V. Peppler, Miss Estelle Haskin, and Miss Julia Lake Stevens.

The session opened with the hymn, "Great God of nations, now to thee our hymn of gratitude we raise."

The Rev. W. M. Pearce then read the Scripture lesson from Isaiah and led in prayer. This was followed by an anthem, "Unfold, Ye Eternal Gates," sung by the large chorus choir of Polk Street Church.

The report of the Commission on Peace, noting progress and offering three recommendations, was read by Mrs. J. W. Downs, Acting Chairman. In accord with rule of order No. 4, recommendation 2 was amended by substituting "the Committee on International Relations and World Peace" for the Special Committee to draw up the policy on peace, etc. The report was then adopted as amended. (See Report, page 188.)

Mrs. Stephens then graciously introduced Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, for twenty-five years a missionary in Japan, whose subject for the evening was "International Relations Around the Pacific Basin." He traced the history of early missionary efforts in Japan and the influence of Western civilization in that country, and closed his address with the quotation: "God has made the world a neighborhood. It is for us to make it a brotherhood"

Mrs. Stephens, impersonating Mrs. Average Woman, and Miss Julia Lake Stecens as Miss Average Daughter questioned the speaker in regard to present difficulties existing between the Oriental nations, and the effect of the Friendship Dolls on the relations between Japan and the United States. These questions were happily answered by Dr. Gulick to the edification of all.

The following resolution, read by the Secretary of the Commission, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, was passed:

"Be it resolved, That the following cablegram be sent to Secretary Stimson at the London Naval Conference:

"The Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, representing three hundred thousand women, in annual session in Amarillo, Tex., stands committed to the words of President Hoover on Armistice Day.

MRS. J. W. DOWNS, *Acting Chairman;*

MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL, *Secretary.'*"

The following resolution to be sent as a wire to President Hoover, was presented by Mrs. W. A. Newell and passed:

"Resolved, That the following message be sent to President Hoover:

"Since the Senate has voted to have our government enter the World Court with certain reservations, and since the reservations have been granted, and since we believe the peace machinery of the world is being handicapped by the delay in entrance of the United States to the World Court, we, the members of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, beg you to present the World Court protocol to the Senate at the earliest date at which in your judgment the protocol will receive confirmation.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *President;*

MRS. F. S. PARKER, *Secretary.'*"

The doxology was sung and the evening session dismissed with the benediction pronounced by the Rev. W. M. Pearce.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

With the singing of the hymn, "Spirit divine, attend our prayer," the Council hymn for 1930, the Council opened its first public business session of the Twentieth Annual Meeting.

The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. This was followed by a Bible lesson on the abiding and transforming power of Pentecost, given by the President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens. Miss Daisy Davies led

in prayer, and the worship service closed with the hymn, "Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts."

The following members who had arrived since the Friday afternoon session were seated: Mrs. George Cocke, Corresponding Secretary of the Los Angeles Conference; Mrs. G. C. Carver, Corresponding Secretary of the New Mexico Conference; Mrs. Hattie Perkins, President of the Denver Conference; and Misses Sadie Maud Moore and Laura Edwards, alternates, from Korea.

The bar was fixed, the body numbering itself (as 105) counted, and final preparations made for the quadrennial election. This included prayer for guidance led by Mrs. E. B. Chappell, member at large, from Nashville, Tenn.

The ballot for President was cast.

The following memorials were presented and referred to the proper committees: Memorial from the Florida Conference, referred to the Committee on Children's Work; from the Texas Conference, concerning a memorial for Miss Althea Jones, sent to the Committee on Home Field; and from the North Carolina Conference, concerning a memorial for Mrs. F. D. Swindell, sent to the Committee on Home Field.

The report of the Committee on Children's Work was placed on the Calendar.

The President then delivered her Annual Message to the Council. (See Message, page 49.)

The tellers' report of the vote cast for President was read by Mrs. Lee Britt, Chairman of Tellers. Of the 104 votes cast, a large majority were for Mrs. F. F. Stephens. Therefore the vote was carried that the nominating ballot be made the electing ballot and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. F. F. Stephens as President of the Council. The vote was cast, and Mrs. F. F. Stephens was declared President of the Council.

The ballot for Vice President was taken.

Mrs. J. W. Perry made her report as fraternal delegate to the sixtieth anniversary celebration of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Columbus, Ohio, in October, 1929.

The report of the vote for Vice President was made by Mrs. Lee Britt, Chairman of Tellers. Of the 104 votes cast, Mrs. J. W. Perry received so large a majority that it was voted that the informal vote be made the formal vote and the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote for Mrs. Perry as Vice President of the Council. This was done, and Mrs. J. W. Perry was declared elected Vice President of the Council.

The ballot was taken for Recording Secretary.

The next item on the program, the hearing of the report of the Home Base, was taken up. Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Secretary of Home Base for four quadrenniums, made a general report of this work,

then called upon representatives from various branches of the sisterhood to speak of the missionary work of the women in these more remote places. (See Report, page 99.) O. Odette Barbieri, of the South Brazil Conference, former President of her Conference, spoke for her Conference. Señora F. H. de Vargas, representative from the Society in Mexico, told of the work of this society south of the Rio Grande. Miss Tarrant illustrated her report of the China Conference with pictures and charts. Mrs. Johnson Tiger, President of the Indian Woman's Missionary Society in Oklahoma, spoke of this newly organized work.

The report of the ballot for Recording Secretary was made by Mrs. Lee Britt, Secretary of Tellers. Of the 97 ballots cast, so large a majority were received by Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Parker that it was voted that the nominating ballot be made the electing ballot and that the Calendar Clerk be instructed to cast the vote of the Council for Mrs. Parker as Recording Secretary. This was done, and Mrs. Parker was declared elected Recording Secretary.

The ballot was taken for Treasurer.

Miss Julia Lake Stevens, Superintendent of Young People's Work, made her report for this department, noting growth in numbers and in interest among the young people. (See Report, page 121.)

At the close of this report an interesting ceremony occurred in the presentation of the award of the annual medal and prize of \$100 from the Board of Missions. This was made to Miss Jimmie Woodward, of Woman's College, Fort Worth, Tex., the winner in the young people's missionary essay contest.

The report of the Home Field was made by Mrs. J. W. Downs, Administrative Secretary of Home Work, and placed on record. (See Report, page 80.)

Miss Clark, representing Lamar & Whitmore, from the Dallas Branch House, was introduced by Miss Davies, who invited the women to avail themselves of the opportunity of purchasing some of the rich treasures among the books in Miss Clark's stock.

The Rev. Paul Kern, D.D., pastor of Travis Park Church, San Antonio, Tex., the leader of the daily noon Bible lessons, was introduced, and the worship period ushered in with a solo, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," sung by Mrs. R. M. McLain.

The Pentecostal theme adopted as the central thought of the entire program for the meeting, in recognition of the nineteenth anniversary of Pentecost, was emphasized in the general subject chosen by Dr. Kern for the noon messages, "Pentecost Then and Now." Taking as his topic for the first meditation "The Secret of His Presence," Dr. Kern read the promise of the baptism of the Spirit as found in the book of Acts and opened the way into this place of great privilege and power. He said that Pentecost is understood in terms of power. Pentecost was the answer of God to conditions existing in the Church at that time, that it becomes one of the laws of the Spirit which may

be fulfilled when the Church is prepared and ready. The secret of his presence was found in an act of implicit obedience. The second secret of his presence is found in a willingness to wait, to tarry, and to pray. The third secret is found in the possession of a common mind. The social mind mingling our souls is one great spirit. Our progress rests upon the divine unity of our souls, a common mind, a common sense of need.

After prayer the morning session adjourned for the noon recess.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Friday afternoon, while the soft notes from the organ filled the Church with the melody of the Largo, the Council members and visitors took their places quietly to unite in the service of remembrance for the eight comrades who, since March, 1929, had entered into the new and more perfect life of the blest. A noble group whose span of service reached from the first days of our missionary activity in 1878 through the last days of 1929:

MISS LOCHIE RANKIN

First missionary commissioned by the women of the Southern
Methodist Church

MISS AMELIA ELERDING

Missionary in Brazil, 1892-1920

MISS LUCY HARPER

Missionary in Mexico, 1890-1915

MRS. G. B. HESTER

Teacher to the Chickasaw Indians
Present at every Board meeting, 1878-1929

MRS. HOLLAND N. MCTYEIRE, JR.

Twenty-seven years Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign
Missions

MRS. W. B. HIGGINBOTHAM

Twenty-five years Manager and Honorary Life Manager of Woman's
Board of Foreign Missions and Woman's Missionary Council

MRS. LUKE G. JOHNSON

Eight years member Woman's Board of Home Missions
Charter member Woman's Missionary Council
Nineteen years a member of the Board of Missions

MISS ALTHEA JONES

Superintendent of Children's Work, 1918-1929
This beautiful ritual service, with its messages of comfort, hope,

and thanksgiving, and its prayer of dedication, was led by Mrs. J. W. Perry, while all present joined in the responses. The service closed with the hymn, "My faith looks up to Thee."³

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

The Chairman of Tellers reported that a large majority of votes in the last ballot had been received by Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton. The motion then prevailed that the informal vote be made the formal vote and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote for Mrs. Fulton as Treasurer of the Council. This was done, and Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton was declared elected Treasurer of the Council.

The ballot for the choice of the Council for Administrative Secretary for Foreign Work was taken.

The report of the Department of Children's Work was made by Miss Julia Lake Stevens, who since the death of Miss Althea Jones had carried this responsibility in addition to her work as Superintendent of Young People. The report was placed on record. (See Report, page 128.)

Mrs. Lee Britt, Chairman of Tellers, made the report of the ballot for Administrative Secretary. Miss Esther Case had received a large majority of the eighty votes cast, therefore the motion prevailed that the nominating ballot be made the electing ballot and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Council for Miss Esther Case as the choice of the Council for Administrative Secretary of Foreign Work. The Secretary cast the vote for Miss Case, and Miss Case was declared the choice of the Council for Administrative Secretary of Foreign Work.

The ballot for the Council's choice for the Administrative Secretary of Home Work was taken.

The report of the Foreign Department was made by Miss Esther Case, Administrative Secretary. The report was placed on record. (See Report, page 72.)

The Secretary of Tellers reported that Mrs. J. W. Downs had received a large majority of the ballots cast in the last vote. Therefore the motion prevailed that the nominating ballot be made the electing ballot and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the Council for Mrs. J. W. Downs as is choice for Administrative Secretary of Home Work. The Secretary cast this ballot, and Mrs. Downs was declared the choice of the Council for this office.

The ballot was then taken for Organization Secretary.

The Report of Finances was made by the Treasurer of the Council, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, and placed on record. (See Report, page 88.)

The report of the tellers on the last ballot was made by Mrs. Lee Britt. This gave an almost unanimous vote to Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb

as Organization Secretary. Therefore the motion prevailed that the nominating ballot be made the electing ballot and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote for Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb as Organization Secretary.

The Secretary cast the ballot, and Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb was declared elected Organization Secretary.

The ballot for Secretary in charge of Candidate Work was taken.

The report of the Department of Literature was made by Miss Estelle Haskin, Secretary, and placed on record. (See Report, page 110.)

The tellers' report on the ballot taken for Secretary in Charge of Candidate Work gave a majority of the votes to Mrs. Hume R. Steele.

It was voted that the nominating ballot be made the electing ballot and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the Council for Mrs. H. R. Steele. The ballot was cast, and Mrs. Steele was declared elected Candidate Secretary.

The report of Candidate Work was made by the Secretary, Mrs. H. R. Steele, who in closing emphasized the report by introducing the candidates to be consecrated during this meeting:

Deaconesses to be appointed to service in the homeland: Miss Selma Pederson, Miss Edith Webb, Miss Hazel Shick, Miss Obra May Rogers, Miss Grace Irene Hodgkins, Miss Esther Elvira Drinker, Miss Grace McCracken, Miss Janet C. Head, Miss Martina Hyde.

Foreign missionaries: Under appointment to China, Miss Sarah Glenn, Miss Robbie Leggett; to Japan, Miss Althea May Cronk; to Korea, Miss Susie Peach Foster and Miss Ann Wallis; to Africa, Miss Annimae White, Miss Ethel Shuler Smith, and Miss Ruth Odelia O'Toole, R.N.; to Brazil, Miss Aultie Pauline Burns and Miss Ruth Dewey Anderson; to Cuba, Miss Grace Goodwin; to Mexico, Miss Anna Belle Dyck. (See Mrs. Steele's Report, page 116.)

The President greeted this group with warm words of welcome as they faced the Council members and gave them assurance of the loving interest and support of the women at home.

After singing one stanza of the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," the afternoon session stood adjourned.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The Council assembled for its second evening session in Polk Street Church auditorium, Friday at 8 P.M., Mrs. J. W. Perry, Vice President, in the chair.

The program for the evening was related to two Commissions of the Council, which have been working through the year, on Rural Work and Women and Industry. Seated on the rostrum with Mrs. Perry were representatives of these Commissions: On Rural Work, Mrs. J. W. Downs and Mrs. W. J. Piggott; on Women and Industry, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. J. P. Harvill, and Miss Louise Young; and

the speakers of the evening, the Rev. W. P. Garvin, pastor of San Jacinto Church, the Rev. Hermann N. Morse, D.D., Director of Surveys of the Home Missions Council, and Miss Mary Dingman, International Social and Industrial Secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

The session was opened with the hymn, "O Master, let me walk with thee," after which the Rev. W. P. Garvin read a Scripture lesson from the fourth chapter of Luke and led in prayer. This was followed by a solo sung by Mrs. Otis Truelove.

A report of the progress of the Commission on Rural Work was read by Mrs. W. J. Piggott and placed on record. (See Report, page 192.)

Mrs. Perry introduced Dr. Morse, who delivered an address on "The Church and Rural Life," dealing with rural conditions of the present day, causes and remedies, and the various points of view which have developed. Some of the problems: "Too many churches; too many small churches; too poorly equipped churches; and inefficient leadership." He said that the Church should not seek to get people to join the Church, but to engage in a kingdom task. That the Church needs to cultivate a sense of coöperation.

The hymn, "Where cross the crowded ways of life," was sung.

The report of the Commission on Women and Industry was read by Miss Louise Young Secretary of the Commission, and placed on record. (See Report, page 190.)

Miss Mary Dingman was then introduced by Mrs. Perry. Her address on "Christianity and Industry" was skillfully handled as by one of breadth of knowledge and experience. Beginning with the question, Has Christianity anything to do with industry? by clear statement of facts and vivid examples she proved clearly that its responsibility is great, for wherever war, vice, greed, sordid poverty, extreme wealth, selfish ambition, and material values of life dominate there are the great unregenerate areas of life which must be won by love and sacrifice to the service of God.

The session closed with the benediction pronounced by Brother Garvin.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session began graciously with a worship period led by Miss Estelle Haskin. In quiet waiting in the silence where Christ abides and meditation Miss Haskin directed the thought of these precious minutes to the seeking of a realization of God through fellowship.

While the doors were opened the hymn, "Tell it out among the nations," was sung.

The minutes of Friday afternoon, of Thursday afternoon, and of Thursday evening's sessions were read by the Secretary and approved as read.

The following reports were placed on the Calendar: Sessions Com-

mittees on Young People, Home Fields, Foreign Fields, Social Service, Special Committees on Findings, Bethlehem House, Winston-Salem, Missionary Training, and Jubilee Fellowships.

Balloting was resumed with the taking of the ninth ballot, that for Secretary in Charge of Literature.

Dr. W. G. Cram, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, in making a brief report, spoke of the uniqueness of the Woman's Work and of the united forces in the Board of Missions where women and men stand on an equal footing with equal rights.

Mrs. Lee Britt reported for the tellers that in the last ballot a large majority of the votes cast had been for Miss Estelle Haskin. The motion then prevailed that the nominating ballot be made the electing ballot and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the Council for Miss Estelle Haskin as Secretary in Charge of Literature.

The Secretary cast the vote, and Miss Haskin was declared elected Secretary in Charge of Literature.

The ballot was cast for Superintendent of Young People.

The report of the Bureau of Social Service was made by the Superintendent, Mrs. W. A. Newell. (See Report, page 133.)

The report of the ballot cast for Superintendent of Young People gave practically a unanimous vote to Miss Julia Lake Stevens. Therefore the motion was carried that the nominating ballot be made the electing ballot and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the Council for Miss Julia Lake Stevens as Superintendent of Young People's Work. The Secretary cast the vote, and Miss Stevens was declared elected to this office.

The members of the Commission on Woman's Place of Service in the Church, which for more than a quadrennium had been studying the questions involved in such a report, were invited to take their places on the rostrum: Mrs. J. C. Handy, Chairman; Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. Walter Taylor, Mrs. J. W. Downs, and Mrs. W. J. Piggott.

The report was then interestingly presented in sections by the several members of the Commission, who each in turn urged all present to procure the volume and read it. Because of the length of the report it could not be included in the Annual Report of the Council, and printed separately it furnishes a valuable contribution to the Council's literature.

The sections of the report were presented as follows: That dealing with Woman's Changing World, by Mrs. W. J. Piggott; A Separate Organization for Women in the Church, by Mrs. F. F. Stephens; Women in Appointive and Elective Positions in Our Church, by Mrs. J. C. Handy; Salaried Positions of Women in the Church, by Mrs. Walter Taylor; Women in the Ministry, by Miss Daisy Davies; Women in the Family, by Mrs. J. W. Downs; Woman's Economic Status, by Mrs. W. A. Newell; Education of Women and Its Bearing upon

her Status in the Church, by Mrs. J. C. Handy; The Political Status of Women, by Mrs. F. F. Stephens; and finally the Bibliography, by Mrs. Walter Taylor, who recommended the current magazines and books as listed in the report.

Miss Mary Dingman spoke of her interest in the report of the Commission and briefly outlined the international aspects of the situation.

The seal of approval was given to the report, which was placed on file.

The Council hymn for the year, "Spirit Divine, attend our prayer," was sung. Prayer was offered, and the Council entered into the second noon worship period, led by Dr. Paul Kern. The theme of the hour was "The Message of Salvation," based on Peter's great sermon on the Day of Pentecost. "God hath made that same Jesus whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." (Acts 2: 36.) With a first emphasis on sin, and the second on the power of Christ unto salvation, he led to the central thought of Pentecost, the vivid realization of a living Christ. The disciples believed that Jesus was alive; and it is ours to possess the same vision of Jesus, clear, fresh, and unshakable. Dr. Kern brought the period to a close with prayer, and such was the impression of the hour that a holy quiet pervaded the room when the morning session adjourned for the noon recess.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Saturday afternoon session was opened with a devotional service led by Mrs. J. Frank Potts, Corresponding Secretary of the Northwest Texas Conference. This consisted of the hymn, "Blessed Quietness," and prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected by including the report of the Committee on Foreign Fields among the reports placed on the Calendar at that session, and approved as corrected.

A telegram of love, greetings, and good wishes was read from Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, former Treasurer of the Council.

The Secretary was instructed to reply to letters and telegrams received during the meeting from Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. W. F. Tillett, Miss Julia Durham, to the Epworth Missionary Society at Berkeley, Calif., and the Woman's Missionary Society at Martinsville, Va.

Consideration of the estimates was taken up. The basis of appropriation was read—for the Home Department, \$315,167.18, and for the Foreign Department, \$623,251.86—and approved.

The estimates for Administration in the Home Department, \$14,419, and in the Foreign Department, \$17,599, were approved.

Miss Ola Lee Barnett spoke for the work at Sue Bennett School, London, and \$24,061 was voted for this work.

Mrs. H. A. Dunham spoke for the work at Brevard Institute,

Brevard, N. C., and of changing conditions in North Carolina, which afford increasing opportunities for education in public schools. The sum of \$19,360 was voted for Brevard Institute.

Miss Mary Glendinning told of the work at Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex., and \$13,331 for this work was granted.

The appropriation of \$5,560 for Valley Institute, Pharr, Tex., was voted after Mrs. J. W. Downs had spoken for this work.

For the Mexican Community Center, El Paso, Tex., \$6,975 was voted. Miss Josephine Berglund represented this work. \$4,000 for Homer Toberman Mission, Los Angeles, Calif., was voted after Mrs. George Cocke had represented this work.

The appropriation for the Wesley House, San Antonio, Tex., \$3,300, was approved after Miss Lila Mae Campbell had represented this work.

The vote for the Superintendent of Children's Work was reported by Mrs. Lee Britt, Chairman of Tellers. Miss Constance Rumbough had received a majority of votes. Therefore it was voted that the nominating ballot be made the electing ballot and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the Council for Miss Constance Rumbough as Superintendent of Children's Work. The ballot was cast, and Miss Rumbough was declared elected to this office.

The Secretary was instructed to wire Miss Rumbough at once.

The missionaries and deaconesses present were invited to come forward to be introduced to the body. Though all are known and loved by the women of the Council, it is a never-failing source of pleasure and inspiration to see these workers thus grouped about the chancel rail. As each introduced herself she stated her field and term of service. These years of service ranged from one to thirty-five years and in the aggregate amounted to five hundred and ninety-three years. They were: Miss Janet Miller, nineteen years; Miss Hallie Buie, twenty-one years; Miss Grace Thatcher, three years; Miss Layona Glenn, thirty-six years; Miss Martina Hyde, one year; Miss Mary E. Glendinning, four years; Miss Mary Minor Tarrant, thirty-one years; Miss Sadie Maud Moore, five years; Miss Laura Edwards, twenty-one years; Miss Rena Murphey, eleven years; Miss Nettie Stroup, twelve years; Miss Maud Fail, fifteen years; Miss Adeline M. Peoples, twenty-two years; Miss Rachel Jarrett, seventeen years; Miss Charlie Holland, fifteen years; Miss Quinta Burroughs, two years; Miss Emily Olmstead, fourteen years; Miss Mary Ora Durham, twenty years; Miss Ola Lee Barnett, three years; Miss Bessie Baldwin, five years; Miss Sadie Wilson, three years; Miss Bessie Allen, twenty-one years; Miss Mamie D. Myers, twenty-four years; Miss Lila Mae Campbell, seven years; Miss Elizabeth Claiborne, twenty-five years; Miss Ruth Byerly, thirteen years; Miss Mae C. Sells, eleven years; Miss Alice Denison, six years; Miss Helen Rosser, five years; Miss Jennie Congleton, nine years; Miss Nannie Black, five years; Miss Lexie Vivian, six years; Miss Lena Noll, three years;

Miss Muriel Bell, six years; Miss Willia Duncan, eight years; Miss Alice McLarty, seven years; Miss Moselle Eubanks, nine years; Miss Emma Burton, twenty-two years; Miss Mollie Womack, nineteen years; Miss Josephine Berglund, thirteen years; Miss Florence Blackwell, twenty-four years; Miss Lela Putnam, twelve years; Miss Dorothy Crim, twenty-five years; Miss Ora Hooper, three years; Miss Dorothea M. Reid, seven years; Miss Elizabeth Taylor, twenty-seven years; Miss May Hixon, twenty years; Miss Emma Burris, two years; Miss Carmen Blessing, eight years; Miss Rhoda Dragoo, twenty years. This inspiring interlude closed with the singing of the hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story of Jesus and His Love."

The following resolution, read by Mrs. J. Frank Potts, was passed:

"Whereas a four-year law applies only to the office of Calendar Clerk; and whereas there is no limit to the length of service of any other officer; and whereas continuity in office tends to increase the efficiency of an officer; therefore be it

Resolved, That the last clause of Calendar Rule No. 11 be rescinded—
 MRS. R. L. KIRKWOOD,
 MRS. J. FRANK POTTS."

The ballot for Calendar Clerk was taken.

The total appropriation for missions in China, including salaries, medical fund, travel, outfit, and language study, \$55,139, was approved; also an appropriation of \$24,489 for general expenses in China.

The total for Shanghai District, \$3,580, was approved. This work was represented by Miss May Hixon.

The Sungkiang and Huchow Districts were represented by Miss Esther Case and the total appropriations approved as follows: Sungkiang District, \$6,614; Huchow District, \$6,220.

The appropriation for the Nanzing District, \$1,700, was approved.

The appropriation for Changchow District, \$6,485, was read, spoken to by Miss Esther Case, and approved.

The appropriation of \$23,347 for the Soochow District was voted. This work was represented by Miss M. M. Tarrant.

The report of the ballot for Calendar Clerk was made by Mrs. Lee Britt, Chairman of Tellers. Mrs. Nat G. Rollins had received a majority of the votes cast.

It was voted that the nominating ballot be made the electing ballot and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the Council for Mrs. Nat G. Rollins as Calendar Clerk.

This was done, and Mrs. Rollins was declared elected Calendar Clerk.

Mrs. F. F. Stephens spoke of the Union Medical in Shanghai, and the total appropriation for this work of \$10,550 was approved.

For other union work in China—Bible Teachers' Training School, Ginling College, National Christian College, and the China Christian

Education ssociation—a total of \$14,250 was approved, with a grand total for China of \$141,824.

The motion prevailed that in voting for the ten Members at Large ten namss be placed on the ballot.

The ballot for the ten Members at Large was taken.

The appropriation for the Wesley House at Biloxi, Miss., \$3,569, was approved; also that for the Moore Community House, \$2,646. These items were represented by Mrs. L. W. Alford, President of the Mississippi Conference.

St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La., was represented by Mrs. D. Beach Carré, Corresponding Secretary of the Louisiana Conference, and the total for this work, \$5,731, approved.

MacDonell Wesley House and French Mission School was represented by Mrs. V. H. Spinks, President of the Louisiana Conference, and the appropriation of \$13,008 was approved.

Mrs. J. W. Mills, President of the Texas Conference, told of the work of the port missionary at Galveston, Tex., and the appropriation of \$2,400 was approved.

The work at Pascagoula, Miss., was represented by Mrs. J. W. Downs, who explained that the amount recommended was conditional upon an amount to be given by the Mississippi Conference, \$600, the amount recommended was then approved.

The total for Missionaries in Japan, \$35,007, was approved; also the total for General Expenses in Japan, \$3,145.

Kobe District was represented by Miss Charlie Holland, and the total of \$27,984 voted.

Hiroshima School was represented by Miss Esther Case, who spoke of the new building which the Council is raising there, which will be known as Hays Hall, in grateful memory of Mrs. Juliana Hayes, first President of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. \$38,673 for the Hiroshima District was voted.

\$6,356 for the Matsuyama District was granted and the total for Japan, \$111,165, approved.

The Cuban work in Florida—Rosa Valdez and Wolff Settlement, Tampa, and Ruth Hargrove Settlement, Key West—was represented by Mrs. Harwell Wilson, Corresponding Secretary of that Conference, and appropriations of \$5,820, \$7,083, and \$2,460, respectively, approved.

The Siberia-Korean Mission was represented by Miss Esther Case, and an appropriation of \$2,820, the total for this Mission, approved.

Bethlehem Center, in Nashville, Tenn., was represented by Miss Ora Durham, and the appropriation of \$8,403 approved.

Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga., was represented by Mrs. Wallace Rogers, Corresponding Secretary of the North Georgia Conference, and the total for this work, \$7,500, approved.

Paine Annex was represented by Miss Carmen Blessing, and a total

approved of \$13,337. Appropriations of \$1,500 for the Interracial Commission and \$1,200 for Negro Work as needed were voted.

On motion, the time was extended that the tellers might complete their work of tabulating the large ballot cast for the ten Members at Large.

The hymn, "Love divine, all loves excelling," was sung.

The report of the tellers was made. As nine persons had each received more than a majority of the votes cast, the motion prevailed that the nominating ballot be made the electing ballot and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the Council for Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. J. C. Handy, Miss Louise Young, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. Henry S. Owen, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, and Miss Berta Ellison as Members at Large of the Council.

The Secretary cast the vote, and these persons were declared elected.

The afternoon session was then dismissed with prayer.

EARLY SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday's privileges began early with the communion service at seven o'clock, when the church was filled with women who by their presence gave testimony to their desire for the imperishable gift.

Bishop W. N. Ainsworth was in charge of this holy service, assisted by the presiding elder of the district, the pastors of the city, and certain visiting pastors.

The hymn, "According to thy gracious word," was sung as the opening of the sacramental service, which, being graciously administered in loving remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, closed with the benediction for peace. Surely the Holy Spirit was present.

SUNDAY MORNING

Long before the hour for the eleven o'clock service Sunday morning, Polk Street Church was filled with expectant worshipers.

The choir sang "The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him," and the service continued with the singing of the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers." The Apostles' Creed was recited and the doxology sung, after which prayer was offered by the Rev. W. M. Pearce, presiding elder of the Amarillo District. After the voluntary sung by the choir, the Scripture lessons for the morning, Psalm 19 and John 10: 1-16, were read by the Rev. J. A. Bays, pastor of Polk Street Church. A solo, "John the Baptist," was sung by the Rev. C. R. Hooten.

The annual sermon was delivered by Bishop W. N. Ainsworth, who took as his text John 10: 16: "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." From this he directed

his message to the responsibility of the older Churches in the new day. Placing the responsibility upon the individual, he said that a redeemed world should be the objective of every redeemed man; then upon the Church; the Church must reach out to the unredeemed areas of the world. A Church that demonstrably sets out to save the world will undoubtedly save itself.

The hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal," was sung, and the service dismissed with the benediction.

SUNDAY EVENING

The throng that gathered for the Sunday evening service could not be seated in the great auditorium of Polk Street Church. Men and women stood in the rear and down the side aisles in their eagerness to participate in the truly inspiring service which had as its subject, "Messages from the Younger Churches."

The service opened with the hymn, "Rejoice, ye pure in heart," and the Rev. J. A. Bays, pastor of the Church, read the Scripture lesson from Acts 1: 1-12 and led in prayer. The choir then rendered an anthem.

The Council President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, introduced each in turn, the four speakers who were to bring these messages from other lands.

First Señorita Eglantina Flores, a student in Scarritt College, traced the history of religious development in Mexico through varying changes. She said that the work of the Woman's Missionary Council had brought many changes to Mexico, especially in the field of education.

Senhora Odette Barbieri, former President of the South Brazil Conference and representative from that Conference to the Council, spoke of the growth of Christianity in Brazil which has developed a Church missionary in spirit to the extent that it is now able to send a missionary to the Madeira Islands. She closed with the declaration: "We want to do all we can to save our country for Christ. . . . The women need training, but they are women of faith and patience and perserverance. They are proud of their country and of the opportunity to help through spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A duet was sung by Messrs. Myers and Aldrich.

Miss Lillian McGregor, one of two students in Scarritt College, from South Africa, is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church. She is at Scarritt at the suggestion of Dr. Thomas-Jesse Jones, of the Phelps-Stokes Foundation, for preparation which will enable her to establish a school in South Africa for the training of colored workers. Miss McGregor glimpsed the history of the colonization of South Africa and some of the problems growing out of the cosmopolitan population of English, Dutch, East Indian, Malay, primitive Negro and Negro mixed with types of other races.

The last speaker was Dr. Mai Ing Ting, whose first few sentences gave the impression of general efficiency. A graduate of McTyeire School, in Shanghai, and a medical graduate from the University of Michigan, now doing research work at Ann Arbor, she has for years practiced her profession with skill and success in Tein Tsin, China. Contrasting the thought life and activities of the women of old China with those of the women of modern China, Dr. Ting drew many graphic pictures. Education, she said, is one of the by-products of Christianity and is the key to the changed status of women in China. "If America would only spend money on education instead of battleships, how much better it would be." Speaking of the movement of the Chinese Methodist Church for self-government, she said it was not prompted by antiforeign sentiment, but was the natural growth of a child, and the Mother Church should be proud that her daughter had come to the place where she can stand alone. She said further: "We are grateful to the Methodist Church of America. It has given us education, the key to wealth of knowledge. It has given us the principles of Jesus Christ, the key to the joy of service. We could ask no greater gift."

With the benediction pronounced by Bishop Ainsworth, the day of special privilege came to a close.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

Monday morning the Council was again led by Miss Estelle Haskin through a period of worship embracing quietness, meditation, and prayer. The spoken meditation dealt with "Realizing God through Intercessory Prayer."

The minutes of Friday evening and of Saturday afternoon sessions were read and approved as read.

The following telegram of acceptance of membership in the Council as Member at Large from Miss Bertha Ellison was read:

"Mrs. F. S. Parker,
"Amarillo, Tex.

"Nashville, Tenn., March 17, 1930.

"1 John 4: 15 formed the basis of my Sunday morning meditation previous to receipt of your message. Read reference. With this confession around which the life of General Gordon was built and in this spirit I hope to take my place as Member at Large in the Council.
(Signed) BERTA ELLISON."

It was moved by Mrs. Piggott and seconded that, inasmuch as the report of the Committee on Findings contains recommendations which will affect action to be taken by the Council, that Calendar Rule No. 9 and the order of business be suspended in order that this report might be taken from the Calendar and considered at once. The motion prevailed.

The report of the Committee on Findings was taken from the Calendar and read by the Calendar Clerk. The report was considered by

topics, each topical division provoking discussion. Explanations in each case were made by those in close touch with that particular phase of the work.

In the consideration of the division under Scholarships the move of a substitute for the item provoked a discussion on specials, and an amendment to the substitute was adopted, as follows: "That a committee be appointed to cooperate with the Secretaries of the Home and Foreign Fields and the Secretary of Promotion and Education in a restudy of the whole subject of including Scholarships and Bible Women." (According to Rule No. 4, this was later referred to the Committee on Finance.)

The recommendation under New Missionary Appeal was amended by the addition of the words "made applicable to the Home field also" after the word "be."

In the division concerning the Home Base, Item 3, dealing with courses of study for officers was amended by inserting the word "Social Service" after the words "Mission Study."

The report was then adopted as amended. (See Report, page 162.)

As a matter of privilege it was moved and seconded that the hour for the consecration service Tuesday evening be moved up from eight o'clock to seven-thirty in order that those wishing to leave on the night trains might be able to do so. The motion prevailed.

Calendar business was resumed.

The estimates for Korea were presented by the Calendar Clerk. The following appropriations were approved: \$43,974 for missionaries in Korea and \$1,500 for general expenses in Korea.

Miss Laura Edwards, Superintendent of the Social Evangelistic Center, spoke of work in the Seoul District, \$24,695, which includes an additional \$1,000 for Ewha College, for the Seoul District was approved, also \$4,385 for the Chulwon District.

Miss Nannie Black, from the Music Department of Holston Institute, spoke of the schools in Korea. The three high schools she reported as doing fine work.

Miss Helen Rosser, R.N., of Ivy Hospital, spoke of the opportunities in medical work. She said that there is a broad future in store for nurses in Korea. \$27,102 for the Songdo District was approved.

Miss Sadie Maud Moore, of the Evangelistic Center in Wonsan, represented that district. \$22,092 for the Wonsan District was approved, also \$11,900 for the Chulwon District, making a total for Korea of \$135,648.

Miss Adeline Peoples, worker among the miners in Picher, Okla., represented this work. \$5,400 for work with miners was approved.

Miss Moselle Eubanks spoke of work at Vashti School, Thomasville, Ga., "the most challenging work that ever came to her." The appropriation for Vashti, \$20,038, was approved.

The motion prevailed that a committee of three be appointed to name the personnel of Bureaus, Commissions, and Committees.

The committee was named by the Chair, as follows: Mrs. Walter Taylor, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, and Mrs. K. C. Childers.

A letter was read by the Secretary from the Secretary of President Hoover acknowledging the message sent by the Council to the President on Thursday evening.

Bishop John M. Moore was introduced to the body.

Bishop Seaman, of the Episcopal Church, was introduced and spoke of his pleasure in being present.

"I Believe in the Old-Time Religion" was sung as a solo by Mrs. Lucy Blake Story.

The Council then reverently entered upon the noon worship period. After prayer, Dr. Kern delivered the third of his deeply spiritual messages. The topic for the day was "The Religion of the Spirit." "If we live by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us walk." (Gal. 5: 25.) Dr. Kern said the religion of Jesus, the religion of the Spirit, is always in battle for its life, but God has ever kept it in the life of man, and the great days of the religion of the Spirit are ahead of us. Three particular dangers continually assail this religion of the Spirit: the tendency to formalism, the tendency to confuse religion with definitions of religion, and the tendency to lose sight of the Spirit in institutionalism. There are many gifts, but *one* Spirit; and there are many ways of coming to God. The Spirit makes itself dependent upon daily communion with God.

After prayer led by Dr. Kern, the morning session quietly adjourned.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session Monday opened with a devotional service led by Mrs. E. A. Kitchell, Corresponding Secretary of the St. Louis Conference. This consisted of the hymn, "More love to thee," two passages of Scripture indicating the attitudes of Jesus and Paul to the status of women, prayer, and the hymn, "Lead on, O King Eternal."

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

Attention was called to the arrival of Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, alternate, from the China Conference.

The report of the Standing Committee on Scarritt College was placed on the Calendar.

It was moved that the first ballot of the afternoon be cast for the new Secretary provided for in the report of the Committee on Findings, recommendation No. 2, in the section on Home Base: "That an Assistant Secretary of Missionary Education be added to the Department of Education and Promotion, whose duties shall include both office and field work." The motion prevailed, and the ballot was cast for the Assistant Secretary of Missionary Education.

The estimates for Brazil were taken from the Calendar, and the missionaries from Brazil were called to the platform.

The following appropriations were approved: \$37,979 for missionaries in Brazil, \$650 for general expenses, \$2,260 for Christian literature, and \$1,755 for organization work.

Miss Layona Glenn, first missionary trained at Scarritt Bible and Training School to be sent to any field of work, spoke of the work in Rio de Janeiro, with special reference to a large gift made to the Church by D. Anna Gonzaga, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Brazil. The gift consists of a plantation of seventeen hundred acres just outside of Rio, given for the site of an agricultural and industrial school and orphanage for girls and boys. The gift is given on condition that the Church pay the cost of transferring the property and that it hold the property perpetually as an endowment for the school. (The expense of transfer amounts approximately to \$25,000.) There are additions to this gift which D. Gonzaga wishes to will to the Church at her death.

It was voted that the Secretary send a message of appreciation to D. Anna Gonzaga.

Miss Lela Putnam, from Bello Horizonte, told of the work at Collegio Isabella Hendrix.

The total for the Brazil Conference, \$2,385, was approved.

Miss Rachel Jarrett, from Piracicabana spoke of the work being done there, and Miss Alice Dennison told of the missionary organization in the Central Brazil Conference.

The following totals were then approved: For the Central Brazil Conference, \$4,500; for the South Brazil Conference, \$3,555; and the grand total for Brazil Mission, \$53,104.

The Chairman of Tellers reported that Mrs. H. R. Steele had received a majority of the votes cast for Secretary of Missionary Education.

It was voted that the nominating ballot become the electing ballot and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote for Mrs. Steele as Secretary of Missionary Education.

The Secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. Steele as Secretary of Missionary Education.

Attention was called to the fact that Mrs. Steele had been elected to another office on Saturday.

Mrs. Steele then offered her resignation as Candidate Secretary, saying that in the several offices in the Council in which she had served the Council had made the choice for her, and in this instance she would abide by the decision of the Council.

Mrs. Steele's resignation as Candidate Secretary was then accepted. She was then declared Secretary of Missionary Education.

The ballot was cast for Candidate Secretary.

Miss Lena Noll, Bible teacher in Southeastern State College, Du-

rant, Okla., spoke of the great opportunity to be found in the work of a Bible teacher in a State college.

Miss Mary De Bardeleben, from the Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Tex., told of opportunities in this work.

A total of \$7,200 for Bible teachers in State schools was approved.

The report of the Committee on Tellers stated that a majority of the votes cast in the last ballot had been for Miss Constance Rumbough as Candidate Secretary.

The motion prevailed that the nominating ballot be made the electing ballot and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote for Miss Rumbough. The Secretary cast the ballot for Miss Rumbough.

Attention was called to the fact that on Saturday the Council had expressed its choice for Miss Rumbough as Superintendent of Children's Work. Miss Rumbough has accepted this office by wire. Later because it had seemed expedient to increase the staff of officers and thus create a rearrangement in the personnel, it had been ascertained that Miss Rumbough would be willing to serve wherever the Council desired. Therefore Miss Rumbough's resignation as Superintendent of Children's Work was accepted, and she was declared Candidate Secretary.

It was moved by Mrs. Britt and seconded that because of the importance of the office of Superintendent of Children's Work, and because the Council is unprepared to make a nomination for this office, that a committee of three be appointed to search for a suitable person to fill this office, and report the same to the Executive Committee. The motion prevailed and the Chair was requested to name the committee.

The ballot was taken for the Superintendent of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations.

Estimates for Cuba were approved as follows: \$13,994, for missionaries; \$600, for organization work; \$5,362, for Cienfuegos; \$7,591, for Matanzas; \$667, for Havana; and a total for Cuba of \$28,214.

Mrs. L. A. Tynes, President of the Holston Conference, spoke of the needs in the industrial centers of Tennessee.

An appropriation of \$3,300, was approved for industrial work in Kingsport, Tenn., Elizabethton, Tenn., and Columbus, Ga.

The Chairman of Tellers reported that Mrs. W. A. Newell had received a majority of the votes cast in the last ballot.

The motion then prevailed that the nominating ballot be made the electing ballot and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the Council for Mrs. W. A. Newell as Superintendent of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations.

The vote was cast and Mrs. Newell was declared elected to this office.

The ballot was taken for the Superintendent of the Bureau of Coöperation with Women in Foreign Lands.

The following appropriations for Mexico were approved; Total for Missionaries, \$35,376; for Evangelistic Work, \$8,375; for Chihuahua District, \$11,302; for Monterey District, \$5,950; for Coahuila District, in which Robert's College is situated, \$10,208; for Durango District; \$6,500; and a Grand Total for Mexico of \$77,711.

Miss Bessie Baldwin, R.N. spoke of Medical work in Mexico, especially of the hospital in Torreon and of Nurse Training.

The Chairman of Tellers reported that Miss Bess Combs had received a majority of the votes cast for the Superintendent of the Bureau of Coöperation with Women in Foreign Lands.

It was voted that the nominating ballot be made the electing ballot, and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the Council for Miss Bess Combs as Superintendent of the Bureau of Coöperation with Women in Foreign Lands.

The vote of the Council was cast by the Secretary and Miss Combs was declared elected to the office.

Mrs. S. M. Black spoke of the Organization of the Virginia K. Johnson School in Dallas, and of the work accomplished there, which has proved a great blessing to many young women.

An appropriation of \$14,450, for Delinquent Girls was then approved.

The final ballot was then taken for the tenth Member at Large. The two persons who had received the next highest number of votes in the first ballot for Members at Large having been declared nominated.

Mrs. Foreman, mother of Miss Flora Foreman, missionary in Africa, beginning her third term, was introduced and greeted with appreciation.

Miss Dora Jane Armstrong, R.N., from Africa, spoke of the medical work there, and of the great need of equipment for this work; also of the problem of the lepers and of the necessity for an orphanage for the helpless children.

A letter from Miss Flora Foreman to Mrs. Stephens was read.

Mrs. Ansil Lynn, formerly Miss Marzia Hall, Council missionary to Africa, and Mr. Lynn, both now missionaries in Africa under the General Board, were introduced.

Appropriations for Africa were approved as follows: Missionaries, \$14,836; General Expenses, \$1,580; Wembo Nyama, \$1,950; Tunda, \$1,850; Minga, \$1,775; with a grand total for the Congo Mission of \$21,261.

The Chairman of Tellers reported that in the last ballot cast Mrs. Helen B. Bourne had received a majority of the votes cast and Mrs. Bourne was declared elected Member at Large of the Council.

Here the Council paused to be refreshed in hearing "The Holy

City" sung by Mrs. J. D. Turk, of Amarillo. All during the meeting Mrs. Turk had proved herself a true and faithful friend of the cause of missions in her untiring efforts in ministering to the comfort of the Council Members.

Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Treasurer was called to the platform to conduct the Pledge Service, a service which is always an act of consecration as with faith the Conference officers look to increased goals and pledge themselves and the women for whom they stand, to earnest endeavor. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Stephens. The Treasurer called the roll of Conferences and the pledges for the year were made as follows: Alabama, \$37,034; Arizona, \$2,000; Baltimore, \$43,400; Central Texas, \$30,000; Denver, \$100; East Oklahoma, \$15,000; Florida, \$42,500; Holston, \$44,200; Illinois, no delegate; Indian Woman's Missionary Society of Oklahoma, \$375; Kentucky, \$25,000; Little Rock, \$27,940; Los Angeles, \$5,500; Louisiana, \$37,080 (highest per capita); Louisville, \$27,000; Memphis, 41,000; Mississippi, \$31,000; Missouri, \$13,200; New Mexico, \$7,200; North Alabama, \$50,000; North Arkansas, 22,400; North Carolina, \$54,000; North Georgia, \$66,700; North Mississippi, \$30,000; North Texas, \$34,000; Northwest, \$1,700; Northwest Texas, \$25,600; Pacific, \$4,019; South Carolina, \$28,000; South Georgia, \$61,500; Southwest Missouri, \$12,500; St. Louis, \$12,000; Tennessee, \$32,500; Texas, \$36,000; Upper South Carolina, \$32,000; Virginia, \$61,500; West Oklahoma, \$12,100; West Texas, \$30,370; Western North Carolina, \$65,000; Western Virginia, \$16,700; South Brazil, \$25; Mexico, \$83; China to be heard from later. Total \$1,118,226.

At the close of the Pledge Service the Council joined in repeating the Lord's prayer, and the afternoon session stood adjourned.

MONDAY EVENING SESSION

The Monday evening session with Mrs. J. W. Perry, Vice President, presiding, opened with the missionary hymn, "O Zion Haste," the Rev. J. P. Patterson, pastor of Buchanan Street Church, read for the Scripture lesson the story of Mary and Martha, and offered the evening prayer.

A violin duet was played by the Misses Ruby Hutchinson and Dorothy Newell.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by the Chairman, Mrs. Harwell Wilson, and adopted as read. (See Report, page 193.)

Messages from the missionaries covered the program for the evening, and it was with eager interest that the large audience gave heed to the five women who from personal experience gave account of the varied work in which they have been engaged.

Miss Hallie Buie for twenty years a missionary in Korea, spoke of Korea's Hour of Need.

Miss Charlotte Dye, Principal of Vashti, Thomasville, Ga. in speaking of the Protection of Girlhood, reached out to the 300,000 dependent children in the United States, but gave especial attention to those under her supervision at Vashti, where the Council is trying to give to these girls both home and school advantages.

Dr. Janet Miller, who has seen service in three foreign lands—Japan, China, and Africa—gave vivid accounts of her later experiences in the Congo, where the doctor's life is full and varied, and the heart aches in the presence of so much suffering and distress.

Miss Rena Murphey, Head Resident of the Wesley House in San Antonio, told of the work the Council is doing in this Community House for the Mexican in the United States. She is sure that their greatest need is the gospel message.

Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, principal of McTyeire School, Shanghai, China, spoke of "New Movements in China." These new movements are social, industrial, political, and religious. Revolutions have penetrated every phase of Chinese life. In all these changes she emphasized the need for the Church in America to stand by sympathetically and helpfully.

The evening session adjourned with the benediction pronounced by the Rev. J. P. Patterson.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

Tuesday morning at nine o'clock the Council met again in quietness for the third worship period of prayer and meditation led by Miss Estelle Haskin. The subject of the morning meditation was, "Realizing God through Facing Realities," and the crux of the thought was to be found in a willingness to face a situation and hereby be enabled to receive help from God. The cross came to Jesus, he saw it and saw beyond it, and he can give us power, even superpower to see beyond our crosses.

The minutes of Tuesday afternoon were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

The following reports were placed on the Calendar: Reports of the Special Committee to nominate the personnel of Standing Committees, Bureaus, and Commissions; Report No. 2 of the committee on Foreign Work; Report No. 2 of the committee on Young People's Work; and the report of the Standing Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work.

Dr. J. L. Cuninggim, President of Scarritt College, made a report of the College. (See Report, page 139.)

The following committee of three to search for a suitable person for the office of Superintendent of Children's Work, was appointed

by the President; Miss Louise Young, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. J. C. Handy.

Consideration of the Estimates was resumed. The appropriation for the Wesley House in San Francisco, Calif., \$2,350, was read. Miss Elizabeth Olmstead spoke for this work and the amount was voted.

The appropriations for Phoenix, Ariz., \$1,800; Tuscom, Ariz., \$900; Spofford Home, Kansas City, Mo., \$3,600; and Walsenburg, Colo., \$1,000; were read and approved after the following persons had spoken: Mrs. M. E. Mackey, for Phoenix; Miss Lexie Vivian, Religious Director at Tuscon, for Tuscon; and Miss Emma Burton, for Spofford Home. Spofford Home is now a home for problem children, hence fewer children can be taken into the Home than formerly. In closing her remarks Miss Burton expressed thanks in behalf of the Board of Managers of the Spofford Home, for the help given this work by the Council.

Miss Esther Case spoke of the work in Poland and of the difficulties that assail it. The following appropriations for the Polish Work were then approved as follows: \$5,313 for missionaries; \$1,190 for general expenses; \$2,885 for White Russian Work; \$1,040 for Polish Work; and \$10,428 the total for Polish Work.

The question of Rural Work was represented by Deaconesses Janet Hood and Mae Sells. The total for Rural Work, \$3,500, was voted.

The appropriations for Home Mission Specials, \$15,480, was voted.

From the Foreign Department, \$2,294, was voted for Interdenominational Work.

The following appropriations for Scarritt College were voted: from the Home Department, \$23,000; from the Foreign Department, \$20,500.

From the Home Department, \$19,480, was voted to miscellaneous items, and \$10,643 to City Missions.

The total amount appropriated from the Foreign Department was \$623,198.00; and the total from the Home Department was \$315,167.18.

The report of the Standing Committee on Constitution and By-laws was read and considered by items.

Item two was referred back to the Committee for reconsideration in keeping with suggestions made during the discussion by the body. The report was then adopted as amended. (See Report, page 180.)

The report of the Special Committee on Brevard Institute was read and considered by items. Recommendation 11 was amended by the addition of the clause, "This committee to be appointed by the Conference Societies."

The following substitute offered for recommendation 12 was adopted:

"That the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference in which Brevard Institute is located, be named as a committee

to assist the Superintendent and Faculty of Brevard Institute, and the Secretary of Home Section, Woman's Work, Board of Missions in making plans for an Opportunity School and the School for Young Women in Industry." The report was then adopted as amended. (See Report, page 176.)

The roll of the newly elected officers was called by the President; as each name was called the officer took her place before the altar where all knelt together while prayers was offered by Dr. Paul Kern and Mrs. J. W. Stewart, for the officers, for the Council members, and for the women of the missionary auxiliaries throughout the Church.

A message in song was then given by Mrs. Nicholas, "We are Building Day by Day."

Dr. Kern took his place and the noon period of worship began with the Council hymn, "Spirit divine, attend our prayer." Following in natural sequence the thought of the series of lessons on "Pentecost Then and Now," Dr. Kern spoke of the Afterglow of Pentecost. "And there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls." (Acts 2: 41.) Immediately after the fire of Pentecost had alighted them, they were moved to testify, to tell the glad news of their experiences. The only way the Kingdom can ever come is through the evangelization of men, women, and children. Even as it came nineteen hundred years ago, it is our privilege now to recapture the lost radiance of the gospel—to gain a new note of certainty, a radiant, tingling certainty, that will bring a new spirit of adventure. A pioneer spirit adventuring not geographically, but into new continents of unredeemed life.

Dr. Kern led in prayer and the morning session stood adjourned.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The devotional Tuesday afternoon led by Mrs. John S. Terry, Corresponding Secretary of the North Texas Conference, consisted of the hymn, "Saviour, More than Life to Me," a solo, "The Garden of Prayer," sung by the Rev. C. R. Hooten, selected passages of scripture containing promises of answer to prayer, and prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

Calendar rule seven was suspended that report No. 3 on Children's Work might be placed on the Calendar. The report was then placed on the Calendar.

Attention was then turned to the order of the day, the consideration of nominations of objectives of the Week of Prayer for 1930. The needs of three institutions in the foreign field were set forth by Miss Hallie Buie for Ewha College, Korea; Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon for equipment for the General Hospital in Changchow, China; and Miss Daisy Davies for Colegio Eliza Bowman, Cienfuegos, Cuba.

The vote of the Council granted the Week of Prayer offering from the Foreign Department to Colegio Eliza Bowman and Miss Daisy Davies was given authority to send this news by cable to Cienfuegos.

Three institutions of the Home Department: Mac Donell Sschool, Houma, La., Spofford Home, Kansas City, Mo., and Wolff Settlement, Tampa, Fla., were represented respectively by Mrs. D. B. Carre', Mrs. Fred Lamb, and Mrs. Harwell Wilson.

The vote of the Council granted the Week of Prayer Offering from the Home Department to Wolff Settlement, Tampa, Fla.

Calendar business was resumed with consideration of estimates. The Basis of Appropriation for the Department of Education and Promotion, \$76,760, was approved. The following totals were voted: Salaries, \$16,947; Clerical Help, \$10,780; Office and Travel, \$4,983; Rents, \$4,104; a total for Administration of \$36,814. Travel and Office Expense for Council Officers, \$4,100; Service Department, \$8,280; Publications, less sales amounting to \$10,000, \$10,810; Committees and Conferences, \$13,200; Schools of Missions, \$2,700; Interboard Work, \$650; General Expense Junaluska Building, \$206; Total for Education and Promotion, \$39,946; with a Grand Total for the Department of Education and Promotion of \$76,760.

The report of the Special Committee to Study Vashti School was read and approved as read. (See Report, page 170.)

The report of the Special Committee on Woman's Equity in the Doctor's Building and the Mission Building was read and approved as read. (See Report, page 179.)

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Children's Work was read and adopted as read. (See Report, page 150.)

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Young People's Work was read and adopted as read. (See Report, page 148.)

The report of the Committee on Foreign Fields was read. Item VIII, a duplication of action previously taken in fixing the object of the Week of Prayer for 1930 was stricken out, and the report adopted as amended. (See Report, page 154.)

It was then voted that the Chair name the committee ordered in the report on Foreign Fields to work with a like committee from the Board of Missions to Study Salaries of Missionaries. The committee was named as follows: Mrs. J. W. Perry, Miss Mabel Howell, and Mrs. T. J. Copeland.

The report of the Committee on Home Field was read. Item 1 duplicating previous action in suggesting objects for the Week of Prayer for 1930 was stricken out. Item 3 was amended by making the word plant plural and by striking out the number 1,400. The report was then adopted as amended. (See Report, page 156.)

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Social Service was read, considered seriatim, and adopted as read. (See Report, page 152.) The request contained in the report that a delegate be appointed to attend

the first annual meeting of the National Conference of Church Social Work to be held in Boston, Mass., June 9 to 14, 1930, was granted by the election of Mrs. J. W. Perry as delegate and Mrs. W. A. Newell as alternate.

The report of the Special Committee on Bethlehem House in Winston-Salem, N. C., requesting that the committee be continued, was read and adopted as read. (See Report, page 180.)

The report of the Committee on Maintenance was read. Item 1, concerning by-laws, a duplication of action already taken was stricken out, and the report adopted as amended. (See Report, page 158.)

The report of the Special Committee on Missionary Training was read and approved as read. (See Report, page 162.)

The Report of the Special Committee on Jubilee Scholarships was read and approved as read. (See Report, Fellowships, page 161.)

The report of the Committee on Home Promotion was read and approved as read. (See Report, page 147.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Home Fields was read and adopted as read. (See Report, page 156.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Children's Work was read and adopted as read. (See Report, page 152.)

At this point the Council enjoyed a gracious interlude, when Mrs. Lee Britt, President of the Virginia Conference, presented to the Council the die for the Life Membership pin designed and used in the Virginia Conference. Life membership had proved a popular special in that Conference and in the design of the pin, prepared by Mrs. Edith Denny White, the symbols of Faith, Hope, and Love were developed: the star a reminder of that star which pointed to the Light of the World; the cross the symbol of Atonement; and the Circle of Eternity, which is ours in Christ. The gift included a card carrying a description of its symbolism, which message closed with these words, "May those of us who are privileged to wear this pin, ever seek to hold Him high, and by our very lives point to Him who is the Light of the World."

In behalf of the Council the President accepted this beautiful gift from the Virginia Conference, which in turn was gratefully adopted by the body as the Council Life Membership Pin.

Miss Daisy Davies reported \$52.78 as the Council's gift to the Janitor of Polk Street Church, who had made appreciative acknowledgement of the remembrance.

The report of the Committee on Scarritt College for Christian Workers was read. Item 2 was amended by striking out the words, "a committee be appointed by the Woman's Missionary Council to" and inserting the words, "the Standing Committee on Scarritt College shall," and the report adopted as amended. (See Report, page 170.)

The report of the committee to nominate the members of Standing

Committees, Commissions, and Bureaus was read and adopted as read. (See Report, page 168.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Foreign Fields was read and adopted as read. (See Report, page 154.)

Report of the Standing Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work was read and adopted as read. (See Report, page 179.)

It was voted that report No. 2 of the Committee on Young People's Work, a practical duplication of Report No. 2 of the Committee on Children's Work, be stricken from the Calendar.

On motion Calendar rule 8 was suspended that a report placed on the Calendar during the afternoon session might be considered.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Children's Work was then read and adopted as read. (See Report, page 150.)

The report of the Committee on Laws was then read and accepted as read. (See Report, page 181.)

On motion, in the interest of conservation of time the minutes of this last afternoon session were referred to a committee of three from the Executive Committee; Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, and Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton.*

Psalm 65 was read in unison, led by the President, the hymn "Lord Dismiss us with Thy Blessing," was sung, Mrs. Stephens led in prayer, closing with the Lord's prayer and the final business session of the twentieth annual session of the Council stood adjourned.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

The annual consecration service of the Candidates ready for service at home and in foreign lands was held in the auditorium of Polk Street Church, Tuesday evening, beginning at seven thirty o'clock.

The candidates, foreign missionaries, and deaconesses entered the church singing the processional hymn, "Lead on, O King Eternal."

The congregation joined in the singing of the hymn, "Praise the Saviour, all ye nations," and Mrs. Hume R. Steele, Candidate Secretary, read the scripture lesson and led in prayer. This was followed by a solo, "Abide with Me," sung by Mrs. L. B. Newby.

After the singing of the hymn "Faith of our Fathers." Mrs. F. F. Stephens introduced in turn six representatives from the class of candidates. Each spoke briefly of the challenge which had led her to offer her life for service, and to seek a preparation which would enable her to give trained mind, heart, and hands to the task. The speakers were Miss Selma Pederson, Miss Margaret Irene Hodgkin and Miss Grace McCracken from the group of deaconess candidates; and Miss Susie Peach Foster, Miss Ruth Dewey Anderson, and Miss Sara Glenn, from the group of foreign missionary candidates.

*Editor's Note.—The Committee read, corrected, and approved the Minutes as corrected.

Mrs. F. F. Stephens presented to Bishop John M. Moore for consecration the class of candidates as follows—the young women to serve as Foreign Missionaries; Miss Sara Glenn from Upper South Carolina Conference, and Miss Robbie Lee Leggett from the Mississippi Conference under appointment to China, Miss Althea May Cronk from the West Texas Conference, under appointment to Japan; Miss Susie Peach Foster from the Alabama Conference, and Miss Ann Wallis from the East Oklahoma Conference, under appointment to Korea; Miss Annimae White from the North Georgia Conference, Mrs. Ethel Shuler Smith, from the South Carolina Conference, and Miss Ruth Adelia O'Toole, R.N., from the St. Louis Conference, under appointment to Africa; Miss Aultie Pauline Burns from the Tennessee Conference, and Miss Ruth Dewey Anderson from the Northwest Texas Conference, under appointment to Brazil; Miss Grace Goodwin, from the Upper South Carolina Conference, under appointment to Cuba; and Miss Anna Belle Dyck, from the Southwest Missouri Conference, under appointment to Mexico. The Young Women to serve as deaconesses in the Home Field: Miss Selma Pederson, from the West Oklahoma Conference; Miss Edith Webb, from the Northwest Texas Conference; Miss Hazel Shick, from the St. Louis Conference; Miss Obra May Rogers, from the Florida Conference; Miss Margaret Irene Hodgkin, from the Southwest Missouri Conference; Miss Esther Elvira Drinker, from the East Oklahoma Conference; Miss Grace McCracken, from the Kentucky Conference; Miss Janet Head, from the Mississippi Conference; and Miss Martina Hyde, from the Memphis Conference.

The congregation participated in the responsive reading led by the bishop. The bishop offered prayer for the candidates, which was followed by the hymn "Lord, Speak to Me." The bishop then read the charge to the candidates and received their response to the vows. This was followed by silent prayer, while the candidates knelt at the altar. When the candidates had risen the bishop commissioned each to take the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ into all the world, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The service closed with the hymn "O Master, let me walk with Thee."

The benediction was pronounced and the Twentieth Session of the Woman's Missionary Council stood adjourned.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *President.*

MRS. FITZGERALD S. PARKER, *Recording Secretary.*

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE TO THE WOMAN'S
MISSIONARY COUNCIL, 1930

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, PRESIDENT

What has made this closing four years distinctive? Set apart from all preceding quadrenniums?

The new features with which it began were: a reduction in the number of administrative secretaries from four to two, an increase in the number of full-time superintendents by adding those for Young People and Children, a reduction in personnel in the Candidates' Department, a new policy in home mission specials, a crisis in foreign mission finances, and an entire change of plan in the organization for children's work. These changes affected profoundly the entire working force, and too much cannot be said in praise of that devotion to duty which has led the women in positions of responsibility forward through the hardships involved. Probably the last-mentioned change was the most far-reaching. The plan for reorganizing the children inaugurated an entirely new system of grouping as to ages; it provided for dual control by two separate boards; and it meant a division of collections. The burden of this change fell upon Miss Althea Jones, and to her should be given all honor for carrying the load with courage and performing her task with a maximum of good will and efficiency.

The Jubilee opened and dominated the first half of the period. There was a strenuous biennium of rounding up historical facts, printing the life stories of Conferences, institutions, and auxiliaries, studying the past, reëvaluating the present, and preparing for the future. It was a wonderful and never-to-be-forgotten experience. It took soundings to ascertain where and how the spiritual life of women might be enhanced; it effected an increase in societies and members in many Conferences at home and abroad; it discerned and gladly welcomed new bonds connecting all Southern Methodist women around the world.

Other features which make the four years memorable are: a new conception of responsibility in rural work; the development of summer schools for negro women; the large and influential social service conferences of 1929; the provision for a new type of worker in foreign lands whose function is to promote adult training in the missionary societies; the manifestation of a new spirit of self-respecting and thoroughly admirable independence on the part of our organized young people; and a rather sudden and remarkable widening of woman's interest indicated by participation in such national and international questions as law enforcement, world peace, and woman's part in all problems which affect the race.

INDIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

At the first Council meeting, in St. Louis, 1911, the administrative secretary reported that she had the year before visited the Indian women of our Church in Oklahoma. She had spent several days with the Kiowa nation and came home with recommendations for a school building and teachers to be established there. In the twenty years that have passed, the Indian women, assisted by the women of the Oklahoma Conferences and by the general influences of the Church, have made great progress. They have now formed a Conference Missionary Society of their own in which women of five tribes have membership: Creeks, Kiowas, Choctaws, Chickasaws, and Euchees. It was the writer's privilege to attend the first annual meeting last September. They start with a complete organization and a beautiful spirit. We welcome them most heartily to Council membership. But history repeats itself. Again they need a building, this time a community center for the Kiowa nation, with workers to train them in all forms of Church activity, for the Kiowas are remote from cities. They constitute a unique phase of the general rural problem of the Church.

A CONFERENCE STANDARD

This has been the first quadrennium in which the receipts from Conference pledges have each year exceeded the million-dollar mark, and 1927 was the first year to establish such a record. This sum by no means represents the entire money-gathering activity of the members. Great amounts are used locally, and in addition there is the support of the Wesley Houses and some other home mission enterprises. Sometimes aid is given to projects worthy in themselves, but outside the province of the missionary society. Such gifts are contrary to the Discipline and to Council by-laws.

Twenty years ago there was a simple rule for the societies which said: "They shall not project new work and *shall not respond to calls for aid* without the consent of the Council." It seemed to be effective. Perhaps it should be revived. Giving to missions is our *major* and should be our sole project. Some Conferences, alas, have developed so many *minors* that the major suffers.

A special committee which has been at work recently is called the Committee on Maintenance. While searching for facts with which to build the foundation of its future structure it made a study of per capita gifts. This study was based upon figures supplied by the Conferences themselves in their regular reports to the Council Treasurer and Organization Secretary. It created much interest not only among Council members, but in missionary circles throughout the Church. The figures were given added weight by the circumstance that this is "Stewardship year."

There is a national organization in this country which habitually classifies its local societies in classes alphabetically. If we were to

adopt such a plan, leaving Class A for some future high achievement and ranking in Class B those Conferences which now have a per capita gift from the adult members of between six and seven dollars, Louisiana, South Georgia, Los Angeles, Western North Carolina, and Alabama would be placed in Class B, in the order named. Class C, composed of the Conferences whose average gift is between five and six dollars would list North Alabama, North Carolina, Kentucky, Baltimore, Western Virginia, North Mississippi, Texas, West Texas, Denver, Little Rock, North Texas, Mississippi. Class D and Class E are the largest classes of all, being those whose gifts range respectively more than four dollars and more than three dollars. There are only a few Conferences who would be placed in Class F.

The Council might well grant honors in open session each year to the Conferences which graduate from one class into another, and the consciousness that the additional revenue is relieving the need of the world would bring a glow of joy to the successful Conferences.

CHANGED BASIS OF DISTRIBUTION

At the beginning of the second quadrennium of our Council history (1915), auxiliary members found a new expression in their revised constitution which read: "The dues, pledge, and any other undirected funds shall be prorated by the Council—forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work." Behind the apparently mild statement was concealed four years of animated and ceaseless discussion. Its adoption marked the passing of home and foreign "departments" in the Conferences and was a sign of organization unity. That rule still stands in auxiliary constitutions.

Every Council session of the quadrennium now closing, however, has had to take time for explanation that the foreign work has not sufficient revenue for its commonest needs. In 1927 an emergency relief measure was passed; in succeeding years appropriations were not only scaled down to a place prohibiting any growth, but there were encroachments upon the Centenary balances. The situation became so acute that a special study of the whole subject of mission monies was made, after which the Home Administrative Secretary recommended that the basis of distribution be changed from the forty-sixty per cent basis to thirty-three and one-third per cent for home work and sixty-six and two-thirds per cent for foreign. Your Executive Committee in session last November unanimously approved the new ratio. It should go into effect in the appropriations for 1931 and, if you so vote, into the new by-laws.

THE CHANGING FUNCTION

All organizations that are founded to meet a real need and are conducted on sound Christian principles advance from one phase of helpfulness into another and yet another. So with the Missionary Societies. The chief activity and interest is still missionary in the accept-

ed historic sense of that term. But the conception of missions has broadened, and the thinking of the women of the Church has far out-run the early ideal. There was a time when the sending of a woman missionary to a far-off land, the raising of money for her support, and the assistance of the underprivileged in the homeland filled the entire horizon of the society. That time has passed. Now, while the training, supporting, and sending of workers is an accepted and essential duty, the program has enlarged year by year until it has a breadth and scope undreamed of in the early days.

When women first began to practice missions it was with an eye single to the welfare of their foreign sisters and their children. They did not stop to think that changing the thought life of an entire Church was one of the inevitable results. They have come gradually to realize the power of group thinking and persistent education until now they know it is a far greater thing to mold the opinion of the public than it is to collect dollars from its pocket, be the object ever so worthy.

To Christianize all human relations is the goal now sought: to give the gospel to the non-Christian individual is the germ from which the ideal grew. A burning question which has made a lasting impress on all thinking Church women in recent years is, Where is the place of social-religious and civic-religious activity? Is it in organizations outside the Church, such as public welfare bodies, or is it within the Church as a vital part of the Christian mission? The fact became apparent that women of leadership talents were tending to find their place in lay organizations rather than in the Church. If that means that the type of organization inside the Church, providing activity by women for women, is too narrow, the remedy is plain. The type must be changed for one which will give women opportunity to discharge their full Christian responsibility. This may lie along the lines of spiritual cultivation, organization activity, power of initiative, or creative effort, respect for personal preference as to phase of Christian study and work, development of personality, and coöperation with other groups of like mind. Much has been said in former years about types of service suited to women. These types do not remain constant. They change as people change. They are different to-day from what they were last week and woman power will always go where it sees its best chance to function.

To quote Dr. Inge, of St. Paul's, "Timidity is the wrong policy for the Church in our day. We must go forward toward a new type of Christianity, in friendly alliance with all the other spiritual and intellectual forces of our time, learning from them and directing them to higher aims. We must be free both from the dead hand of old tradition and from paralyzing dependence" upon a policy in whose making we have no voice.

To be sure that this organization advance as fast as changing conditions demand, and Church personnel warrants, the Council Commis-

sions have been making investigations over a period of years. The results of their research are now ready for use. Two days of this session have already been spent considering them. There is no thought of discontinuing the program which has proved itself to be of God, but there is a feeling that there is work at hand larger than we have heretofore grasped. There are human relations far from Christianized which are the rightful field of the Missionary Society.

Two needs press upon us just at present. One is the need for enlisting great groups of women. Such women are now found in five classes: the uninterested portion of city Churches, the women in rural sections, foreign women in city areas, women of the Indian Mission, and women of the Church in foreign countries. The same methods will not avail in all these cases. Rural women must have a leadership supplied from without their own ranks; city women will respond only to an appeal which touches their interests or their sympathies; Indian women will go little beyond their present status until some training is given them; women already organized in foreign lands are eagerly looking to the Mother Church for workers to show them what to do.

AN ENLARGED PROGRAM

These facts point to the necessity for a greatly enlarged program of extension. The spectacle of a dying religious organization is one of the saddest to contemplate as each year the members become fewer, the funds are less, the program shrinks. To such a situation this organization must not come. The only alternative is to advance. Last year one step was taken when it was decided to establish a class of missionary workers in organization in foreign lands. An experiment was made in Brazil, and the appointee to that service sums up her experience in these words: "Probably the most important work being done by the Council is that of giving help and encouragement to women of other lands as they learn how to serve in the Christian Church. They are as timid and hesitating as were our own women sixty years ago."

The new quadrennium should see additional organizers in most of the Conferences in the United States, more rural workers to supply leadership in remote sections of the country, and at least one organization missionary to give full time to the societies of each foreign Conference or Mission Conference. An enlarged program of membership cultivation is the first essential of a continuing healthy growth. Money, time, and effort on this item will be money, time, and effort well spent.

The second great need is that of a new appeal to women, something besides institutions and their maintenance, upon which we have laid emphasis for half a century. The old idea was evangelism only: the ever-progressing study takes in all unredeemed areas and ponders the Christianization of politics, industry, internationalism, race relations, lawmaking and law enforcement, the welfare and happiness of

humanity. It interprets the field of missionary endeavor as both individual and social, as both personal and institutional.

The situation in mission fields is changing so that nationals have not only considerable self-government, but share in the conduct of mission institutions as well. Central Conferences which have been established in Brazil and in Europe are conducting their own researches, are cultivating a spirit of solidarity among the Churches represented, and are preparing the way for autonomy. These Central Conferences have lay representation in which women will undoubtedly have a larger place as experience proves it useful. At present women in all the twelve nations where Southern Methodism is established need to learn to be efficient citizens of their own countries as well as productive members of the Christian world.

Women in America should turn their attention to other and additional subjects, those vital not only to the United States, but to womanhood everywhere. A small beginning has been made this year by the Council Commissions on Peace, on Rural Work, on Women in Industry; a much greater progress has been made in Race Relations, in general Social Service, and by the Commission on Woman's Place of Service in the Church. All these beginnings should be conserved, and not only that, but be firmly established as integral parts of the Council program. If additional personnel and additional funds are needed for them, they should be secured. Constitutions and by-laws may be easily adjusted to include these subjects. There are great new movements among the women of the Protestant Churches; there are repeated and insistent calls for teamwork along civic and general welfare lines. Our women cannot afford to neglect placing their impress on the social application of the gospel, through the strongest organization it is in their power to form.

BUREAUS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Through the Bureau of Social Service work in interracial relations has been carried on which has modified the attitude of many people, but the effect upon race conditions is still pitifully inadequate. The subject needs to be established as a Bureau with its own supervised lines of activity. There may well be also a Bureau of Extension of Organization, particularly among women of other lands. The present Bureau of Social Service, thus having its functions divided among commissions, committees, and other bureaus, may be retired as a phase of our history which has served well its day and generation and has inspired a larger and deeper cultivation. It has served to make our denominational work distinctive; it has been a revelation in service not only to the women, but to the Church at large.

Commissions have proved their value. Without such research groups we should not know in what direction to advance. They are the guideposts to new spiritual adventures. The Commission on Woman's Place of Service in the Church should be continued. Laws

and traditions are still inimical to the highest expression of woman's personality, and, so long as they are, woman's place is still an unredeemed area in human life. How little have we heeded the situation of woman in industry! There is another area in human life needing assistance in every land in which our Church is established. A Commission on Industry will have a tremendous task. We have but touched the fringes of the rural problem in our own Church; we know little or nothing of it in other lands. There is opportunity for another hard-working commission. A fourth topic which will yield a wealth of material is that of unoccupied mission areas. An analysis of that situation will drive us to efforts heretofore unknown. A Commission on Unoccupied Mission Areas is recommended.

New lines of work will demand a different list of Council committees. Some of those now listed may well be replaced by others: on International Relations and World Peace, on Coöperation with Civic and Welfare Agencies, on Christian Citizenship and Law Observance, and on Spiritual Life and Message. Possibly it has been taken too much for granted that the spiritual life of the age and the spiritual message comes to individuals as a process of growth, but there are frequent outpourings of spiritual power and new discoveries in Christian experience. A group of women leaders, formed into a standing committee, praying and studying together for a quadrennium, may profoundly affect the spiritual atmosphere of the entire organization.

An interesting experiment for another year would be for the Council to modify its present plan of annual meeting by giving the work of the new bureaus and commissions and standing committees central place. Addresses by experts in these fields, supplemented by discussions in public and in groups in which every member of the Council may have a part, would all contribute toward making the week vital, potent, and inspiring. Similar plans put into operation in Conferences would bring new life and interest. By these methods would we utilize that phrase in our constitution which says "shall promote missionary intelligence."

If the Council really wishes to keep abreast of the times, there is another great theme worthy of study and needing all the support Christian thinkers can give it, the subject of Church unity. More and more time is being devoted by groups of leading Churchmen to the consideration of unity. There is scarcely a denomination which does not have a commission on this question or is not actively planning consolidation with some other Church body. The United Church of Canada is proof that it can be done. Pamphlets and books are constantly coming from the press on different aspects of the great subject. The World Conference on Faith and Order is a concerted attempt to promote the cause of Christian unity by means of conferences. It invites the Christian world to consider the things on which we agree and those on which we disagree. The New England Con-

ference on Christian Unity is working in six States. The Churches of India, Burma, and Ceylon, of several denominations, have prepared a scheme of union for presentation to their governing bodies this year. Two of your number attended the Conference on Church Unity at Buck Hill Falls last June, at which time about one hundred representatives of Protestant Churches in the United States sat together for four days discussing the next steps toward a unified Church. As the militaristic mind is changing all over the world to a peace mind, can the denominational mind be changed to a universal Christian mind? In listing the hindrances to unity one noted was the gap between Church leaders and the members of the local Churches. It has always been the function of the Council to close this gap, no matter what information was to be disseminated. Perhaps the most important single sign in favor of unity is the fact that youth organizations and missionary organizations work together as a matter of course. The statement has been made many times that if Church unity depended upon the young people and the women, they would be able to set aside ecclesiastical differences and get together on a working basis. The subject is inexhaustible as a fascinating study; it is vital to the spiritual welfare of the world. Consider one picture alone, the one presented by sixteen divided Methodisms in the United States to an unbelieving world. This year is the anniversary of Pentecost, the beginning of the Christian Church. In studying that it is well also to study the present status of unchristian differences in the group of Churches and the way to transpose them into a glorious force for the redemption of the world.

In speaking of recent government commissions, President Hoover points out that the truth is hard to discover. It takes time and patience, but the women have both those qualities. So if there be established more and more committees, commissions, conferences, researches, remember that they are one of the sound processes for the search, production, and distribution of truth, that truth which the Master said was the essence of real discipleship, the truth which shall make men free.

CONDENSED REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1929-30

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council met at the Andrew Jackson Hotel, Nashville, Tenn., during the annual session of the Board of Missions, May 7, 1929, at 6 P.M.

The following members of the committee, members of the Board of Missions, and visitors were present: Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Miss Julia Lake Stevens, Miss Althea Jones, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. W. F. Tillett, Mrs. Luke G. Johnson, Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. Lee Britt, Miss Esther Case, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. T. J. Copeland, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. C. W. Nichols, Mrs. K. C. Childers, Mrs. E. J. Harper, Mrs. E. P. Peabody, Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, Mrs. D. N. Bourne, Mrs. J. A. Mercer.

1. Mesdames Perry and Parker were instructed to take under consideration the time of the Mid-Year Meeting and that of the Program Committee in the light of possible conflicts with the dates of Annual Conferences which may include among their delegates members of these committees.

2. A request from Mrs. Emily Dobes for help in the expense of holding the Czechoslovakia Woman's Missionary Conference was presented. Discussion of the question revealed duplication in gifts from the Council and appropriation from the Board for one of the European fields; therefore it was voted that adjustment of the needs stated in the request of Mrs. Dobes be left with the Conferences which had volunteered help for Belgium.

3. Voted that the Executive Committee shall adopt as a Council Life Membership Pin, the little pin designed and used for that purpose by the Virginia Conference; that this shall be done on the financial basis adopted by said Conference—*i. e.*, twenty-five dollars for the Life Membership and one dollar for the pin; also that the Council shall pay half the price of the die and have the pin copyrighted.

4. Mrs. Stephens was authorized to prepare a statement for publication in the *Voice* in regard to a statement contained in a circular letter sent to members of the Woman's Missionary Council by Mr. C. H. Deal of the Character Products Company, of Salisbury, N. C.

5. Attention was called to invitations received by four members of the committee to attend a Conference on Church Unity soon to be held at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

6. Concerning the Founders' Floor in the tower room of the Bennett Memorial, it was voted that a committee be appointed to consult with the builder, Mr. Lee, who had charge of the construction of the Bennett

Memorial, in an effort to secure all information necessary to the carrying out of the plans adopted by the Council. The Committee was appointed as follows: Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. Ina D. Fulton, and Mrs. Luke G. Johnson.

7. Voted that the list of deaconess appointments be inserted in the printed report of the Woman's Missionary Council.

8. Voted that the executive session of the Council ordered for the 1930 session of the Council be held Wednesday and Thursday, March 12 and 13, and that the formal opening of the meeting take place Thursday evening, March 13.

9. Voted that, if it becomes necessary, there shall be an *ad interim* consecration service for those candidates who were unable to attend the Council meeting in Washington, and that this service shall be held during the Scarritt College commencement.

Record was made of the report received from Miss Virginia Atkinson of the successful Jubilee celebration held in China. The report had been acknowledged by the President and placed on file in the office of the Secretary.

Attention was called to the death, on April 27, of Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, who for twenty years served as Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. A floral offering had been sent from the Council, and members of the body had attended the funeral.

The Secretary stated that letters had been received from the office of President Hoover, expressing his appreciation of action taken by the Council as recorded in the resolution sent to him; from Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin, expressing regret because of his inability to keep his engagement with the Council for the Washington meeting; and from Mrs. Thomas Nicholson, President of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, expressing her pleasure in the Council's acceptance of the invitation from that body and in their choice of a fraternal delegate to their sixtieth anniversary celebration.

MID-YEAR MEETING, November 12-14, 1929.

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council met in mid-year session in the Doctors' Building, Nashville, Tenn., November 12-14, 1929.

The following answered to roll call: Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Miss Julia Lake Stevens, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Miss Daisy Davies, Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. J. C. Handy, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. Henry S. Owen, Miss Louise Young, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Esther Case. Dr. W. G. Cram and Miss Eliza Perkinson were also present. Messages were reported from absentees. It was voted that flowers be sent to the absent ones in the city and messages to those out of town.

10. The letter from Mrs. W. F. Tillet, Member at Large, containing her resignation was read and laid on the table. The following day it was taken from the table, and the following motion was carried: Inasmuch as there

are but four months to the end of the quadrennium, that action upon this resignation be deferred until the annual meeting of the Council. The Secretary was requested to explain this action to Mrs. Tillett.

11. The minutes of the only Executive Committee meeting held since the meeting of the Council, that of March 7, were read. Attention was called to incompleteness of two items as recorded in the typed copies of the minutes. Therefore it was voted to amend these items as follows: Amend item 3 on page 1, which concerns the Life Membership pin designed and used by the Virginia Conference, by the addition of the words "that the Council pay half the cost of the die." Amend item 9, page 2, which concerns an *ad interim* consecration service, by the addition of the words "that the consecration service be held during the Scarritt College commencement."

12. The Secretary further reported two votes of the Executive Committee taken by correspondence late in May. These questions submitted by the President of the Council requested the opinion of the committee on a proposal signed by a committee of seven women of the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America as follows:

"Inasmuch as the changing organizational order along many lines of missionary work makes it highly desirable that a World Federation of Christian Women be effected by an agency which has the necessary background of fact and heart interest, we therefore believe that the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America should proceed as rapidly as is consistent with safety to complete this task which was in a measure begun some years ago."

The following reasons are given for such a step:

(1) Closer spiritual union and better acquaintance of all Christian women in Europe, Asia, the Americas, the Islands of the Sea, and Africa.

(2) The need of the evangelization of women (who in many mission fields are a very small proportion of Christian Church membership).

(3) To urge upon women in Oriental countries their responsibility for personal work among women.

(4) To place the leadership in the hands of nationals who may carry the gospel message to women of their own nations (working with missionaries).

(5) To encourage women trained in mission schools to coöperative effort, not only with sister denominations, but with international welfare societies, such as Peace, Temperance, Child Welfare, Public Health, Christian Literature, etc.

It is therefore recommended:

a. That denominational boards of women be asked to approve such a world federation (stressing the simplest possible affiliation, *not* an over-head organization).

b. That, the World Day of Prayer be devoted to prayer for power in personal service.

c. That simple leaflets teaching the way of salvation be translated into all languages for use in this objective, "Winning the Womanhood of the World to Christ."

d. That if the Board approve the plan in general, each Board appoint a representative, or designate a federation representative, to serve on the committee of the federation, looking toward definite plans for the future.

(a) To the question, "Do you approve in general the plan for a World Federation of Christian Women?" twenty-one votes were cast, all in the affirmative.

(b) To the question, "Whom do you desire as a representative on the committee?" twenty-one votes were cast, one for Miss Case, six and one-half for Mrs. Lipscomb, thirteen and one-half for Mrs. Stephens. (The half vote is explained by one woman voting "Mrs. F. F. Stephens or the woman who is our official representative.")

Therefore the vote in favor of the idea of a World Federation of Christian Women was unanimous, and Mrs. F. F. Stephens was the choice as representative.

13. It was voted that Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb be named as alternate on the World Federation of Christian Women.

Mrs. J. W. Perry made her report as fraternal delegate to the sixtieth anniversary celebration of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was held in Columbus, Ohio, in October.

Miss Appenzella, President of Ewha College, Seoul, Korea, was introduced. She spoke of this work, beginning her remarks with words of praise of Miss Lillian Nichols, whose help has been much appreciated by the faculty of Ewha. She commended the girls sent to Ewha from Holston and Carolina Schools and said that the largest number of students received from one denomination in 1929 had come from Southern Methodist institutions. After speaking of the success of the college as represented in fine characters of girls there, she referred to prospects and plans for the much-needed new plant for Ewha. The necessary land had been received as a gift, while upon Miss Appenzella had been placed the responsibility of raising funds for buildings, etc. The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church are planning to secure funds for one building. She hoped the women of Southern Methodism would do likewise, and she wished to have a representative from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as a member of the Executive Committee charged with the duty of developing all plans for greater Ewha College.

14. Miss Esther Case was appointed Council representative on this committee for the promotion of greater Ewha College.

Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton made her report as Treasurer. This was accepted with appreciation.

15. During the consideration of this report, it was voted that in view of a change in circumstances some other disposition be sought for the Marianne Moore Steele fund, listed in the report, and that the Treasurer have charge of the matter.

16. Because of its historical value, the following report made by Mrs. F. F. Stephens was ordered spread upon the minutes:

There are two funds for the use and benefit of Brevard Institute now in the hands of Mrs. F. H. E. Ross as special treasurer. These funds are:

(1) The John Bennett-Ethel Smith Loan Fund, which is used for aiding worthy students at Brevard Institute.

(2) The Keener Fund and some other small amounts which are invested, the interest being used for the library or for small expenditures about the buildings at Brevard.

These funds represent donations placed in the hands of Mrs. F. H. E. Ross as treasurer while she was still living in North Carolina, before her election as Council Treasurer. They have never been a part of the funds of the Woman's Missionary Council, and Mrs. Ross has had full control of their use by the request of the donors.

Mrs. J. W. Downs and Mrs. F. F. Stephens reported on the Conference on Church Unity supported by the *Christian Herald* and Mr. J. C. Penny, which held its first session at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., early in the summer. Emphasis was given to the value of the conference and the proposal to make it permanent. The Conference had in mind the unity of all denominations in the United States, this much to-be-desired aim to be preceded by a federation of the denominations.

Dr. J. L. Cuninggim made an encouraging report of Scarritt College.

The following officers reported: Miss Esther Case for the Foreign Work; Miss Estelle Haskin, for Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, for Home Promotion; Mrs. H. R. Steele for Student and Candidate Work; Miss Estelle Haskin for the Department of Literature; Miss Julia Lake Stevens for the Young People and for the Children's Work, for since the death of Miss Althea Jones this responsibility has been laid upon her; Mrs. W. A. Newell for Social Service, with special emphasis upon Inter-racial Work; and Mrs. J. W. Downs for Home Missions. Mrs. Downs's report included recommendations which resulted in passage of the following resolutions and motions:

17. Whereas it is manifest that the financial needs in the Foreign Department for the last two years have been far in excess of the basis of appropriation for that Department; and

Whereas by close economy and through the help received from the auxiliaries, the Home Department had been able to provide for its necessities within its Basis; therefore

Be it resolved: (1) That the portion of the action of the Executive Committee, page 7, Record Book 1914-1918, under date of June 10, 1914, which states that "dues, pledges, and any other undirected funds shall be prorated by the Council—40% to the Home and 60% to the Foreign "Work" shall be rescinded.

(2) That these funds for maintenance and extension of work shall be prorated by the Council Treasurer on a ratio of 66 and 2-3 per cent to the Foreign Department and 33 and 1-3 per cent to the Home Department.

(3) That this change shall take effect when the appropriations for 1931 are made.

18. Three recommendations were approved: (1) That \$18,000 Centenary money in hand for Bethlehem Center, Nashville, Tenn., be applied to the gymnasium at this place and such other rooms as may be possible.

19. That \$15,000 Centenary money in hand for Paine College, Augusta, Ga., be used for the library and for laboratory equipment at Paine Annex.

20. That money already accumulated in the treasury for dormitories be allowed for Brown Hall at William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.

Following the report of Mrs. Newell, the following recommendations from the Standing Committee on Inter-racial Work were adopted:

21. Recommendations from the Committee on Social Service:

"Whereas it has not been found advisable or practical to carry out the action of the Executive Committee of the Council concerning the employment of a full-time worker for the inter-racial work,

"We recommend that the Executive Committee grant a postponement on the employment of such a worker.

"Believing that in making plans for the summer schools for Negro women it is desirable to have the thinking and the judgment of both the white and colored groups,

"We recommend that authorization be given to the Standing Committee on Social Service to negotiate with the Woman's Council of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church for the appointment of a committee of three to act with a sub-committee of three from the Social Service Committee in making plans for the summer schools of 1930.

MISS LOUISE YOUNG, *Chairman;*

Mrs. J. W. PERRY, *Secretary.*

A sketch of the report of the Commission on Woman's Place of Service in the Church was presented by Mrs. J. C. Handy, chairman of the commission.

The report of the Committee on General Conference Legislation was read by the secretary of the committee, Mrs. J. C. Handy. This report set forth the results of study without definite recommendations. The principles underlying the need for a woman's organization in the Church were restated, and a conviction of the necessity for an enlarged program for the Council set forth.

The Vice President took the chair while the President, as acting chairman of the committee, led in a general discussion interpreting the trend of present activities in the organizations of Christian women with special reference to those of the National Council of Federated Church Women.

22. The recommendation of the committee that it be granted permission to hold conferences with members of the Board of Missions as the committee shall judge desirable was approved.

Concerning the Commission on Reevaluation, Miss Howell stated that the three sections would each report. Miss Louise Young, representing the Home Section, spoke of the projects being worked out and of the hope that reports from them may be available within a few weeks.

Mrs. J. W. Mills, chairman for the Foreign Section, reported as follows: The Foreign Section of the Reevaluation Commission has organized its work for the year, and each member is carrying definite responsibilities. It is planning to bring in a final report which will embrace among other considerations the following subjects: (1) The kind of leaders that should

be prepared for the new day; (2) the place of the woman evangelistic missionary; (3) the classes or groups that are not being reached by the present program; (4) proposed changes in our present policies and methods; (5) the new basis of appeal in terms of the new day. The final report of the Foreign Section will be worked out in terms of principles set forth in the Jerusalem Conference and in other conferences recently called to consider present-day foreign mission policies.

Mrs. J. W. Perry, in reporting on the Home Base Section, spoke of the difficulties encountered because of illness of committee members and stated that Mrs. W. A. Newell had been transferred to this section because her work is more intimately related to the Home Base than to the Home Section, to which she was originally assigned.

A verbal report of the Commission on Industry was made by Miss Louise Young, Secretary, and supplemented by Mrs. W. A. Newell.

A full report of the Commission on Peace was made by Mrs. E. B. Chappell and the following recommendations were approved:

23. Recommendations from the Commission on Peace:

"We recommend: (1) That the Woman's Missionary Council appoint a Committee on Peace, which will provide for continued cultivation of our constituency in international relations.

"(2) That definite plans be made for a Mission Study course on peace. We request the Secretary in charge of Mission Study to list this course among those recommended for study in auxiliaries and to bring it to the attention of the women. MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL, *Secretary.*"

Mrs. J. W. Downs submitted for information the following informal report from the Committee on Rural Work:

"Inasmuch as it has been impossible to have a full committee meeting, Mrs. Downs and Mrs. Piggott in an informal discussion agreed that this commission was set to study specifically the rural conditions in the sections where our Church operates.

"This viewpoint would necessarily include the rural populations in foreign lands when a complete study is made, but for a starting point we believe we should begin with a study of the rural territory of the Church at home, comprised under the divisions of the Rural Agricultural and Rural Industrial groups. Under these general heads we would need to study: (1) Needs for local leadership; (2) economic conditions; (3) educational conditions; (4) religious and moral conditions; (5) recreational conditions; (6) health conditions.

"We are considering a study of the Indian, but rather as a separate group than under the two general divisions mentioned."

Miss Case, in her report of the Latin-American and African work, included a brief account of her visit to the Hispanic American Evangelical Congress held in Havana, Cuba, June 20-30, 1929.

Mrs. R. L. Hobdy reported briefly concerning the Committee on Educational Requirements for Workers, stating that no progress had been made, as the members of the committee from Searritt had not been appointed.

In regard to the Committee on Searritt College and the General Mis-

sionary Council, Mrs. J. W. Mills stated that effort is being made to have the two bishops on the Scarritt Board present the interests of the college to the General Council.

24. The report of the Joint Committee on Rest Home for Deaconesses and Missionaries was presented by Mrs. Downs and adopted as follows:

"We, the Joint Committee on Deaconess and Missionary Rest Home, make the following report:

"After careful study, we recommend:

- "1. That a Deaconess and Missionary Rest Home is necessary.
- "2. That such a home be provided as soon as possible.
- "3. That a committee be appointed to formulate plans and policies for the home, this committee to bring a recommendation as to the plans for financing the home to the Woman's Missionary Council in 1931.

MRS. J. W. DOWNS, *Chairman*;
GRACE GATEWOOD, *Secretary*."

25. It was voted that the committee ordered in this report be composed of the Administrative Secretaries, Home and Foreign, the President of the Council, two members of the Council to be appointed by the President, one foreign missionary and one deaconess.

26. The Chair appointed Mrs. George Nunn, of the South Georgia Conference, and Mrs. E. F. Ellis, of the North Arkansas Conference, as Council representatives on this committee.

27. The program for the twentieth annual meeting of the Council was considered and suggestions and recommendations were made. Inasmuch as the Committee had planned to have the reports of the Commissions on Peace and Industry presented at evening sessions, each respectively preceding an address on its particular theme, it was voted that the sessions held on the evenings in question, Thursday and Friday, should be business sessions.

28. Voted that the *Announcer* be continued as a time saver, and that Mrs. C. W. Nichols of the Memphis Conference have charge of this daily sheet.

29. Voted that the Convenors of large Session's Committees should appoint the committees and notify the members in advance of the meeting. Further, that Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb be convener of this appointing committee.

A verbal report of the Committee on Bethlehem House, Winston-Salem, N. C., was made by Mrs. J. W. Downs and supplemented by Mrs. W. A. Newell.

30. The report of the committee to suggest a suitable memorial for Mrs. Juliana Hayes was read by Mrs. Lee Britt and with a minor amendment approved as follows:

Report of Committee to Suggest a Suitable Memorial for Mrs. Juliana Hayes. Your Committee recommends:

"That the Jubilee Building now being erected at the Hiroshima Girls' School, Hiroshima, Japan, or the Chapel Uuit of this building shall bear the name of Mrs. Juliana Gordon Hayes as a memorial to Mrs. Hayes; to

be known as the 'Juliana Hayes Jubilee Hall' or 'The Juliana Hayes Chapel.'

MRS. LEE BRITT, *Chairman.*"

Mrs. D. N. Bourne, a member of the General Education Commission of our Church, led in a discussion of the items of the report of this Commission which relate to the work now promoted by the Woman's Missionary Council.

31. The report of the Committee on Leadership Training, read by Miss Julia Lake Stevens, Secretary of the Committee, contained the complete minutes of the committee meeting. It was voted to grant the Committee's request to make a small survey seeking to determine the desirability of enlarging the leadership program to include Institutes and local Schools of Missions in which leadership courses may be available for women in the Churches in a given community.

32. It was then voted that the Secretary in charge of Promotion and Education be requested to take up with Mr. J. Q. Schisler of the Sunday School Board the matter of content courses on missions to be credited by the Board with a view to having more of such courses included in the Standard Training Schools.

33. The report of the Scarritt Bible and Training School property in Kansas City was made by Mrs. Henry S. Owen. After a discussion of the report the following resolution, offered by Miss Howell and seconded, was passed.

"Be it resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council in session in Nashville, Tenn., Thursday afternoon, November 14, 1929, accept the offer of the Health Culture Company, by Dr. S. E. Ball, President, Excelsior Springs, Mo., to the Woman's Missionary Council, of \$20,000 for the Scarritt Bible and Training School property, 330x168 feet, situated at No. 3600 Norledge Avenue, Kansas City, Mo., \$1,000 paid upon making the offer, \$1,000 to be paid when the contract is signed, \$3,000 when the deed is passed. It being understood that said corporation will give deed of trust for \$15,000 payable as follows: \$5,000 in six months, \$10,000 in twelve months, with 6 per cent interest on deferred payments."

The above offer was later supplemented by "payments being made on market conditions dependable on panic (if one should occur), in which case payments would be deferred not to exceed one year."

34. The following resolution was passed:

"Resolved: That the Executive Committee on the Woman's Missionary Council empower Mrs. Henry S. Owen with full authority to take any necessary steps to effect the sale of the property, known as the Scarritt Bible and Training School, owned by the Woman's Missionary Society, in Kansas City, Mo., and to sign all the necessary contracts."

35. The Secretary was requested to write to Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Owen expressing the thanks of the Committee for their untiring service in the interest of the Council and for Mr. Owen's generosity in setting aside the large commission which should have been his for carrying out the transaction recorded above.

Verbal reports from the committees on Brevard, Vashti, and Paine College were made by Mrs. J. W. Downs.

The report of the Committee to formulate rules for the granting of Jubilee Scholarships was read by Miss Esther Case, Secretary, considered seriatim and amended, and adopted as amended as follows:

36. Report of Committee to Formulate Rules for Granting Jubilee Fellowships.

Your Committee had before it the rules formulated by the Woman's Missionary Council for the guidance of this Committee and submits the following recommendations:

1. That the term "specialized training" shall be interpreted to mean:

(a) For Missionaries: Training for highly specialized work beyond the requirements of the Bachelor's degree or its equivalent.

(b) For Foreigners: Training for highly specialized work for an applicant with the Bachelor's degree or its equivalent and who has been designated by the field and can speak English.

"2. That fellowships shall be awarded for only one year to the same student, unless the beneficiary is agreed upon as being an exceptional case.

"3. That the beneficiary shall pledge a return in service, the amount to be determined by the amount received in the fellowships.

"4. That the responsibility for granting these fellowships be placed in the hands of a committee of three to be composed of Miss Case, Miss Howell, and Miss Haskin, for the present.

"5. That a maximum of five beneficiaries be set for any one year.

ESTHER CASE, *Chairman*;

MRS. LUKE JOHNSON, *Secretary*."

The report of the Committee on the "Founder's Floor of the Room of Remembrance of the Tower of the Belle H. Bennett Memorial," made by Miss Mabel Howell, set forth the facts secured in the intent to carry out the original plans for the floor. Two plans had been offered by J. W. N. Lee of the Rock City Construction Co. In the carrying out of the second plan, which involved an expense of \$4,476, there was a suggestion of danger to the arched ceiling below the present floor.

The question of the practicability of either plan called forth a motion to abandon the original plan to place the Founder's names on the floor and to place them on the wall of the room. Difficulties in making this change of plan were stated.

37. The following substitute for the motion to abandon the original plan was carried: That the Committee accept the first of the two offers from the Rock City Construction Company submitted by J. W. N. Lee, viz: "To install the marble floor in this room on top of the present slab, installing the bronze tablets, but not including the lettering on these, will cost the sum of one thousand and nine hundred and thirty-seven dollars (\$1,937). This will raise the level of the present floor approximately two and one-half inches. The difference in level will have to be cared for by a sloping floor at the two entrances the width of the door jamb, making

raise of floor on each side two and one-half inches in a distance of about thirty inches."

38. It was voted that the Committee on the Founder's Floor be continued and empowered to complete necessary arrangements for the placing of the floor.

39. The following delegates to the federated conferences which will meet at Atlantic City January 8 and 9, were appointed: Members of Council of Women for Home Missions for the quadrennium: Mesdames Downs, Stephens, Newell, Johnson.

Delegates to Federation of Foreign Boards, Atlantic City, January 11-14: Mesdames Stephens, Lipscomb and Perry, Misses Howell and Case, Mesdames Steele and Britt, and Miss Stevens.

Delegates to Conference on Cause and Cure of War, Washington, D. C., January 13-16: Sitting with Home Council: Mrs. Stephens, Miss Haskin, Miss Howell, Mrs. Parker, Miss Davies, Mrs. Newell. Sitting with the Foreign Section: Mrs. Perry, Miss Case, Mrs. Britt, Mrs. Chappell, and Miss Annie Peavy.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MAINTENANCE

40. The report of the Committee on Maintenance was amended and adopted as amended as follows:

In the meeting of the Committee on Maintenance held on May 8, two proposals were made:

1. Recommendations concerning funds were referred to Committee on By-Laws:

"(1) That the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council be asked to work out a table showing the per capita gifts of the conferences and that this be submitted to the committee for study.

"(2) That the Administrative Secretary of the Home and Foreign Departments make estimates of the immediate financial needs for the life of the work, setting forth such facts as should be presented to the Conferences."

In accordance with these proposals three studies have been made, and the results are as follows:

The statement prepared by the Treasurer of the per capita gifts in the Conferences has been distributed and is presented as Exhibit A.

The statements in regard to the need for an increase in the budget of the Home and Foreign Departments are presented as Exhibit B. They have also been distributed.

Based on the above studies the Literature Committee prepared the dialogue "Our Finances" which has been distributed with the literature for the first quarter of 1930. Exhibit C.

We recommend:

"(1) That a carefully prepared statement setting forth the objects for which auxiliaries are authorized to raise funds be prepared for the Handbook, those which are authorized and those which are to be used locally, and distinction drawn between these funds and those held in the local treasury. These instructions to be referred to the proper committee.

"(2) That when new or revised leaflets of the work on the fields are made, notices be sent the Conferences and special attention be called to the same in the Bulletin.

"(3) That each monthly Bulletin shall contain a short statement concerning some particular need and that this need be made a prayer special for the month."

41. Voted, that the Chair appoint a committee to plan the tablet to Miss Maria L. Gibson to be placed on the organ in the Wightman Memorial Chapel, at Scarritt College, to secure it and put it in place. This shall be financed from the Belle Bennett Memorial Fund. The committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. F. S. Parker and Mrs. J. W. Perry.

42. Vacancies on committees were filled as follows: Committee on Literature—Mrs. J. W. Perry was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. L. G. Emberson, Missouri Conference. Committee on Laws—Mrs. T. H. Tyson, Alabama Conference, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Harvey Boney, North Carolina Conference. Commission on Women in Industry—Mrs. R. P. Neblett, North Mississippi Conference, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. E. B. Watson, St. Louis Conference.

"IN MEMORIAM"

The worship service the second morning of the meeting was devoted to the Hour of Memories of two who had so recently entered their heavenly home—Miss Althea Jones on June 3 and Miss Lockie Rankin on September 13. Miss Julia Lake Stevens led this tender service, using hymns and scripture passages typical of the life and work of Miss Jones. The hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," was sung and lessons were read from Miss Althea's copy of "Weymouth's New Testament," Matthew 18: 11-16 and 24: 34-40. Miss Althea's love for her work and her love for children were stressed, also the dominant hope that she might work to the end of her life. Prayer of thanksgiving was offered for the radiant life so freely given in consideration for others, and consoling grace for those most bereaved, sisters, friends, and the work bereft of its leader. Miss Haskin spoke of Miss Jones in her office, Miss Fulton of Miss Jones as a friend, and Mrs. Stephens of Miss Jones in the Council, loving tributes testifying to the beauty of character manifested in devotion to duty, loyalty in friendship, faithfulness, unselfishness, and amiability. A composite summed up by Mrs. Stephens as "a vivid, colorful personality."

Miss Mabel Howell spoke of Miss Lochie Rankin, especially of her touch upon Scarritt College, where she spent the last two years of her long and useful life. In spite of feebleness of age the unselfish eagerness to serve was ever present, for service was the heart of her life. Such was her ideal that in the fullness of her love she had never done enough for others, and she went out of life as she had lived, in joy and peace and the Spirit of service, "representing one of the most beautiful characters we have in the annals of history." Miss Esther Case spoke of Miss Rankin on the field, where she was greatly beloved. a woman of wonderful adaptability.

Miss Louise Young with a vision of the same qualities said that Miss Rankin was an untold blessing in Scarritt.

Attention was called to messages of sympathy and resolutions of appreciation received by the Secretary after Miss Jones's tragic death, and the service came to a fitting close with the hymn "Lead Kindly Light"

"Till the night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!"

A meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions was held to consider the offer for a tract of land held by the Board in Deland, Fla. It was voted to hold the land for a while.

February 7, 1930.

During the midyear meeting authority was granted to Mrs. Henry S. Owen to sell the Scarritt property in Kansas City to certain definite persons and on certain definite terms. The sale has not been consummated. Experience has shown that if an offer is made it should be accepted promptly; therefore at the advice of the Council's lawyer in Kansas City, the following resolution was submitted by mail to the Executive Committee, and passed:

"Resolved, That Mrs. Henry S. Owen be and is hereby authorized, as agent of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, an unincorporated, voluntary Association of Nashville, Tenn., to sell the following described real property situated in Kansas City, Mo. (or any part thereof from time to time until the whole thereof may be sold), to wit:

All of lots One Hundred and Thirty-Nine (139), One Hundred and Forty (140), One Hundred and Forty-One (141), and the west fifty (50) feet of lot One Hundred and Forty-Two (142), all in East Melrose, an addition in said city, as the same are marked and designed on the recorded plat thereof; subject to Zone Ordinance of said city, No. 45608, approved June 4, 1923, and any amendments thereof; for such price or prices and on such terms (whether cash or credit or part cash and part credit), as she may think best, taking from the purchaser, in each instance, a first deed of trust on the property so sold to secure all deferred payments thereon, and the said Mrs. Henry S. Owen is hereby authorized to sign in the name of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by herself as agent, such contracts of sale as she may think proper in carrying out any such sale or sales.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *President*;

MRS. FITZGERALD S. PARKER, *Recording Secretary*.

MARCH 11, 1930.

The Executive Committee met in the Herring Hotel, Amarillo, Tex., the afternoon of March 11, 1930.

All members were present except Mesdames Britt, Newell, Tillet, Smith, and Miss Howell.

A telegram of greeting, appreciation, and regret because of inability to be present was read from Mrs. W. F. Tillett, and a verbal message of love and greeting from Mrs. L. P. Smith was given by the secretary.

Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, who in the absence of Mrs. C. W. Nichols, had consented to take over the responsibilities of the *Daily Announcer*, spoke in detail of plans and business arrangements for this paper, and stated that Mrs. Frank Neal, of Amarillo, would be her assistant.

1. It was voted (1): That the *Announcer*, which would make its first appearance on Wednesday, be issued also on Thursday. (2) That One Thousand (1,000) copies of the *Announcer* be issued daily. (3) That the Executive Committee should endorse the contract made with the printer, of Five (\$5.00) dollars an issue. (4) That the committee for the *Announcer* be composed of Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, Mrs. Frank Neal, and Mrs. F. S. Parker.

2. The Special Committees for the Council were appointed. (See list of committee in record of Wednesday morning's session.)

3. It was voted that the appointment of the committee to nominate the members of the Standing Committees for the next quadrennium be held in abeyance until after the consideration of the reports which would be a part of the agenda for Wednesday and Thursday.

4. The Rules of Order were read and considered seriatim. Definitions of terms: Committee, Commission, and Bureau were amended and adopted as Rules of the Council. Items 1 and 2 of Rules on the printed page of Rules of Order were stricken off. Item 3 became item 1, and the paper was adopted as amended. (See Rules of Order, page 6.)

5. Relative to the hearing of Church women before the judiciary of the Senate, the Executive Committee ordered that a telegram be sent at once to Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, National Chairman of the Woman's Committee for Law Enforcement. The telegram was sent as follows:

"MRS. HENRY W. PEABODY, WASHINGTON HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D. C.: The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Annual Session at Amarillo, Tex., Tuesday March 11, 1930, reaffirm their conviction of the validity of the Eighteenth Amendment. They believe there should be no modification of the Volstead Act in favor of wines and beer. They certify their personal allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and their personal observance of the law. They appeal to Congress to uphold the law as it now stands."

6. It was voted that the Executive Committee request the Council in session Wednesday morning to send a day letter to Mrs. Peabody as soon as possible after organization of session.

7. The report of the Scarritt Bible and Training School property in Kansas City, Mo., was made by Mrs. Henry S. Owen. This included a statement detailing the difficulties attendant upon efforts to sell the property, also an itemized financial report.

8. It was voted that a second One Hundred (\$100) Dollars be granted Mrs. Owen for necessary expenses incident to the care of the property.

9. The program for the annual meeting of the Council was presented by the Chairman, Mrs. J. W. Perry and received by the committee with appreciation.

10. The report of the committee to prepare and place a tablet to Miss Maria L. Gibson on the organ in the Wightman Memorial Chapel of the Belle H. Bennett Memorial was made and accepted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON TABLET TO MISS MARIA L. GIBSON.

The committee appointed to prepare and place a tablet on the organ in the Wightman Memorial Chapel of the Belle H. Bennett Memorial gave careful attention to this matter (1) in regard to harmony with other fixtures in the building; (2) to the size of the plate, which it seemed best to place on top of the console; and (3) to the inscription on the tablet.

A small copper plate five by three and a half inches was selected.

Upon this was engraved the honored name, Maria Layng Gibson with the dates of her service as Principal of Scarritt Bible and Training School; the date of the installation of the organ, and the inscription of the name so lovingly applied to her by the Scarritt graduates, "The Mother of a Thousand Daughters."

MRS. FITZGERALD S. PARKER,

MRS. J. W. PERRY.

11. A brief verbal report of the Committee on the Founders' Floor was made by Mrs. Ina Davia Fulton.

12. It was voted that the committee send a courteous reply to a letter from the New York Chautauqua, stating that it does not seem wise for the Council to participate in the suggested plan of appointing a representative to attend the Institute at the Chautauqua.

MRS. FITZGERALD S. PARKER, *Recording Secretary.*

REPORTS

FOREIGN WORK

ESTHER CASE, SECRETARY

NEW life is tingling and teeming in the fields! This knowledge has come through letters and reports and personal interviews with national Christians and missionaries. There is renewed vision and hope, in spite of a revolution here, difficult days of reconstruction there, and new laws in other places, which impinge upon the principle of religious liberty and the teaching of religion in primary schools. The high tide of nationalism has not swept our people off their feet, as many had feared it would, and now national Christians and missionaries are counseling and working together with a new sense of responsibility and mutual understanding. Calls are coming for greater numbers of missionaries trained for specific lines of work, and the demand grows for more adequate training of national workers. Requests for increased appropriations for these new phases of work are urgent. There are evidences of deepened spiritual life and reports of new evangelistic activities under the impulse to reach all the people with the gospel message.

Our workers in China have identified themselves with the "five year movement" and are praying with the great body of Christians there: "O Lord, revive thy work, beginning from me." Our Japanese Christians and missionaries are working with hearts aflame in the "Kingdom of God Movement" to win Japan for Christ in three years. This movement is headed by Toyohiko Kagawa, who has been called "The Outstanding Japanese Christian." Detailed plans are on foot for a great evangelistic campaign to extend over the Latin-American countries on two continents. This was initiated for South America at the Congress in Montevideo in 1925, and was intensified at Havana in June, 1929. The need for such a movement and its scope have challenged the imagination and fired the zeal of Christians all the way from the Southern extremity of South America to the Rio Grande, including Mexicans, Cubans, and other Latin groups in our own country.

CHINA

The Central Council, which was set up in China in the fall of 1928, has functioned for more than a year, and its various committees, composed of Chinese and missionaries, are working so well that in some quarters the question is being raised as to the advisability of placing this temporary organization on a more permanent basis. Recently a request came from the China Council for the following women missionaries to be sent out within the next two years: five for educational work, seven for evangelistic work, four nurses and two doctors for the medical work; at least nine to be sent in 1930. This seems to indicate that the opportunities before the missionaries in that field are increasing. We rejoice that two splendid

young women who have completed their work at Scarritt will be ready to go to China next summer, but we are saddened because seven of the calls for this year must remain unanswered. Will the others be available in 1931? Recently a request has been made for a scholarship and other expenses for the successful Chinese principal of one of our schools, in order that with the added years of training in this country she may do more effective work.

There is rejoicing over the prospect of several new buildings which will greatly increase the comfort and efficiency of our workers—the Florida Home in Taichang; the Moka Garden Building in Soochow, the gift of the North Alabama Conference women; a home for women workers at St. John's Church in Soochow; and the Nurses' Home in Changchow. Other requests have been made for new buildings, prominent among them, a building for social evangelistic work in Wusih where the workers are crowded out of their living quarters because of the rush of the mill people to enroll in the classes, and our share of \$30,000 for the Changchow General Hospital Building, for which the Council obligated itself a number of years ago. At Laura Haygood School in Soochow, the student body, faculty, and alumnae demonstrated their appreciation of the school and their coöperation with its authorities by furnishing the funds for a gymnasium which was greatly needed and which has been completed and formally opened recently.

The enrollment in the schools and attendance on clubs, playgrounds, and other forms of work in the social evangelistic centers have been greater this year. Students are taking an active part in young people's missionary societies and the Sunday schools. The adult missionary societies, many of which hold their meetings in our institutions, have increased their activities. The missionaries and Bible Women in the rural districts are busily engaged in house-to-house visitation, short term Bible schools and evangelistic campaigns which have resulted in many conversions. Mr. Charles Vane, principal of Atkinson Academy, our only school for boys in China, says; "We feel that our school is a very good place to spread the gospel and lead many people to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour." Although the chapel attendance and Bible study are elective under Chinese laws, our workers are greatly pleased by the large number of students attending chapel and electing Bible courses. In some cases the whole student body attend the chapel services. Glowing reports have been received of a great revival in Soochow in which students of the Soochow University and Laura Haygood School accepted Christ. Mention has been made already of the plans for a nation-wide evangelistic campaign in which all our workers and Chinese Christians are to have a part.

JAPAN

Our workers in Japan are happy over the progress on "Jubilee Hall" at the Girls' School in Hiroshima, the chapel unit of which is a fitting Jubilee memorial to Mrs. Juliana Gordon Hayes, the great pioneer president of our foreign missionary organization. We owe a debt of gratitude to the alumnae of Hiroshima Girls' School who, in honor of Miss Nannie B. Gaines, first principal of the school and pioneer in education for girls in

Japan, contributed funds for a dormitory which has been completed and formally dedicated and turned over to the School. This building contains an apartment which was especially planned to be the home of Miss Gaines and her sister, Miss Rachel. A splendid piece of property has recently been added to the Hiroshima Compound through the generosity of the Misses Gaines, who have donated their accumulated savings over a long period of years to us, on the annuity plan, for this purpose. We are still further indebted to Miss Nannie B. Gaines who now has the relation of a retired missionary under the General Work of the Board of Missions, for stepping into the breach as acting principal of the school when Rev. S. A. Stewart was obliged to take an early furlough for health reasons. Rev. Hinohara has been appointed principal of the school and will enter upon his duties in the month of April. It is gratifying to know that Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were the guests of the city officials at luncheon before they left Hiroshima and that the city officials and prefecture, members of the Parents' Association of the School, prominent lawyers, doctors, teachers, preachers, business men, and the presidents of the four largest banks went to the railroad station to see them off. This indicated the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are held and also the standing of the Hiroshima Girls' School in the community.

The buildings for the Palmore Woman's English Institute in Kobe are also nearing completion, and now comes the request for funds to open two new kindergartens in Japan, an evangelistic plant in the slums of the great city of Osaka, and another evangelistic plant to be located at some other point in our work, also seven new missionaries are asked for to help carry out the enlarged program: one music teacher, one trained kindergartner, one playground worker, one evangelistic singer, one experienced city slum worker, one general evangelistic worker, one rural evangelistic worker. Let us thank God for the one new missionary available for Japan in 1930 and pray that splendidly prepared young women may be available soon for the other places indicated. The opportunity for extension of work into the rural sections is appealing strongly to our workers and if this new program is put into effect it will demand a larger number of evangelistic missionaries, Bible Women and kindergarten teachers.

Mention has already been made of the "Kingdom of God" evangelistic campaign which is nation-wide. The Lambuth Bible and Training School in Osaka is closely related with this great evangelistic movement through its extension work among factory girls, women bus conductors, nurses, and girls in department stores; and in other forms of evangelistic work in the community.

KOREA

After reading the report of the Seoul Evangelistic Center, there can be no wonder at the pleading for new buildings, where the total enrollment of classes, clubs, and other activities ascends to the number of 2,830 in a city of over 400,000 inhabitants. This number could be greatly enlarged if the plant were adequate. This is an example of the way opportunities for service multiply in Korea. Practically every institution we have is over-

flowing and many applicants for places in the various classes and groups are having to be denied for want of sufficient space. An example of coöperation of Koreans with our Missions and an expression of their appreciation is being shown in a material way in a new dormitory for Lucy Cuninggim School in Wonsan, which the patrons have undertaken to build. It is well under way, and we hope it may be completed at some time within the near future. Recently the girls in the boarding department at Carolina Institute, who conduct the dormitory on a coöperative basis, saved enough money to build a new dormitory unit to accommodate one hundred more girls, showing in this way their interest in the school and in prospective fellow students, and proving themselves to be excellent managers and administrators of their funds.

Ewha Woman's College in Seoul, in which we have begun to coöperate with the Methodist Episcopal women, has added a department of home economics. We are told that our appropriation to the maintenance of Ewha made possible the opening of this department, and if the Council will recommend an increase of this appropriation by \$1,000 for 1931 we are told its continuance will be assured. Miss Alice R. Appenzeller, the president of the College, is at home on furlough and has been authorized by the Northern Methodist women to put on a campaign for funds to erect buildings on the beautiful new site for the college, which was given by a tourist several years ago, with the understanding that it would be a union institution. It is estimated that \$450,000 will be needed to lay out the grounds, build roads, and complete the number of buildings necessary. Ewha is the only institution in Korea affording higher education for girls and the only place to which a large number of the graduates from our three high schools can go to college. How fine it would be if our Southern Methodist women could furnish the funds for at least one of these new buildings so greatly needed!

There is great distress now among the student bodies in Korea owing to wholesale arrests of students under suspicion of disloyalty to the government; this has enlisted the sympathy of their fellow students in all parts of the country. Our hospitals are rendering service to the sick and are also training nurses for hospital service and health work in the rural districts.

Again Mr. Ryang is pleading for a home for missionaries and extension of work among the Koreans who have refuged into Manchuria.

The economic situation of the people, as well as their spiritual poverty, is appealing in the extreme, and our workers are endeavoring to meet these needs through even more definite evangelistic efforts. This is evidenced by the urgent requests for seven missionaries trained for evangelistic work as well as for at least two music teachers for the schools. Unfortunately, only two missionaries are available for Korea in 1930. Our workers in Korea seem to feel that the greatest need for extension is into the rural sections of the country, where already Bible Women and missionaries are engaged in supervision of primary schools and in holding evangelistic services.

CUBA

The outstanding event in Latin America last year was the Hispanic-American Congress held in Havana during the last ten days of June. This Congress was planned and directed by national Christian workers in the various countries of the Caribbean Basin. Workers in our Church in Cuba and Mexico had a large share in the plans and also in the program of the Conference. Secretaries of our Board of Missions and missionaries to Cuba and Mexico were present as delegates. It was expected that from this Congress would come a plan for intensifying and enlarging the denominational programs and for launching coöperative movements in that whole region, but the results far exceeded the expectation, because among the findings were recommendations that were much wider in extent, such as national federations of women's organizations and a great international organization to be composed of delegates from these various national bodies; broad programs for international coöperation in educational work, social service, and Christian literature. Enlargement of the program for medical work was proposed and the importance of more definite industrial and rural work was emphasized. Recommendations were made to provide for a great interdenominational and international evangelistic effort, in the conviction that the time is ripe for such a campaign, due to the fact that many people have lost confidence in their ancient religion, that popular education is leading many into spiritism, theosophism, and Buddhism, and the industrial and economic conditions are serious. It was acknowledged that such a campaign should present the full message of Jesus Christ to all classes of society and that it should be carried on largely by national Christians, with special provision to meet the needs of the *intelligentsia*, of rural workers, of the migratory class moving from one republic to another, of the youth of this generation, and of the great body of womanhood, in an effort to win the best women leaders for Christianity. One of the largest ideas emanating from the Congress was for a Federal Council of Churches in each country and a federation of such councils to include each of the Latin-American countries on this hemisphere and also Spain and Portugal.

In our own educational work there has been closer coöperation with the Cuban department of education in the development of high school courses, and an indication of a desire to do more social service work in connection with our schools and the Quinta Tosca Center. In spite of the agitation in the United States Congress for increased tariff on sugar, with corresponding financial depression on the island, the enrollment in our institutions has not decreased perceptibly and the returns from tuition fees have been exceptionally fine.

Recent letters from the principals of our institutions indicate that they are counting on the three new missionaries for whom appropriations were made for 1930, but we are able to furnish only one new missionary for Cuba this year, while four missionaries are due their regular furloughs to begin in the summer of 1930.

A new building for the Eliza Bowman School in Matanzas is still the most outstanding physical need in our work in Cuba, and in my opinion it is the outstanding need for building in all of our Woman's Foreign Work

At the Council a year ago the need for a driveway from the street to the Eliza Bowman School Building was stressed, and the Northwest Texas Conference responded to the need with a special pledge of \$1,000. Before this was known in Cuba, the faculty, students and patrons had pledged money to meet this urgent need and to give the Council a surprise. It was indeed a surprise to this Secretary, when she made a little visit to Matanzas while attending the Hispanic-American Congress last summer, to be driven through the grounds and to the very door of the school over the completed driveway. Fortunately the women of the Northwest Texas Conference are willing for their gift to be used for equipment of the high school, which is very greatly needed.

MEXICO

Provision was made in the estimates for 1930 for three new missionaries to Mexico, but, unfortunately, there is not a single new missionary available for that needy field, with three missionaries coming home on regular furlough and two detained at home indefinitely by family conditions. Requests have come for financing teachers in our schools, for study at Scarritt College for Christian Workers.

It has been unusually difficult for missionaries in Mexico during the past year, owing to the enforcement of educational laws, which has been pending for several years, particularly the financial adjustments concerning income tax on the institutions themselves and the professional tax of missionaries and teachers. In some cases schools have had to pay fines and back taxes on members of the faculty who severed their connection several years ago and refused to make themselves responsible for these amounts. The enrollment in our institutions has been smaller than usual in some cases, owing to the economic situation which seems to be due in large measure to the unsettled political condition of the country. At some places the work was closed temporarily, owing to revolution. This was true in Monterrey, during which time eighty-four patients, wounded in battle, were cared for in Hospital Monterrey where our nurses were assisted by the missionaries in our other institutions there, students in Instituto Laurens and wives and daughters from families prominent in social circles. During the three months of revolution, for twelve days, the only communication Saltillo had with the outside world was through radio and air plane communication. Nevertheless, the school work continued and the excitement was not an unmixed evil, because in all our stations the conditions afforded many opportunities for personal evangelism and for the formation of new friendships among the people.

In Chihuahua, the bank which from the beginning of our work had served our Mission and was patronized by missionaries in three of our stations, was forced to close its doors as the result of the revolution. This has caused great hardships in our work in Chihuahua, Durango and Parral, and it was necessary to draw on our contingent fund to furnish much needed relief. Arrangements have been made by the bank whereby none of our funds will be lost permanently, but will be paid over a period of three years.

The social evangelistic centers are carrying out definite religious programs and in the schools English has been made such a vital subject in the classes that it is serving as a medium for personal evangelism. One missionary is actually rejoicing that the boarding department is small, thus giving better opportunity to make it a real home, where Christian character can be built. The students of Colegio Roberts in Saltillo are active in Church and Christian work in the community and in near-by towns. This, coupled with the work of the two Bible Women, has prepared the way for an evangelistic campaign.

BRAZIL

Three new missionaries were requested for Brazil for 1930; two are available, and four missionaries are to come home on regular furlough. Reports from the missionaries indicate larger opportunities for each of our institutions and a branching out into new areas, including social and community activities which have brought them into contact with city and national officers in a way that has enlarged their scope of influence.

Yellow fever has scourged Brazil during the past year and in several of our schools the students coöperated with the authorities in campaigns against yellow fever, particularly in Porto Alegre, Piracicaba and Rio de Janeiro. In Piracicaba this public health and sanitation work and the organization of students' clubs have resulted in a request for a trained social worker. The students at Bennett College organized a society to help lepers in Brazil several years ago, and when later a national society for work among lepers was organized the girls at Bennett attended the meeting, told of their work, and contributed \$800 which they had earned throughout the years, for a building for girls and women at the new leprosarium which is to be built near Rio de Janeiro. These girls took active part in the campaign against tuberculosis and are contributing to domestic missions in the state of Matto Grosso. They are teaching Sunday School classes, coöperating with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and engage in intercollegiate athletics. Of the ten graduates of Bennett, seven are evangelicals and four are scholarship girls who are going out into the interior schools of Brazil to pay back in service the benefits they have enjoyed through their scholarships.

The *Bem-Te-Vi* is still a joy to the children who receive it. This paper has quadrupled its subscriptions within the last two years. Miss Leila F. Epps, who is appointed to organization work in connection with the missionary societies in the three Conferences in Brazil, has been recognized officially by each of them and is coöperating with the women in a great program of advance, one item of which is the publication of "*A Voz Missionaria*" ("*Missionary Voice*").

Earnest requests have come from all the missionaries in Porto Alegre for the purchase of a residence property adjoining the school which is offered for \$25,000, with the promise of making the school, Collegio Americano, self-supporting except for missionaries' salaries, if accommodations for boarders could be enlarged by the purchase of this property which has already been rented, the rent having been secured locally.

POLAND

Although conditions have been very discouraging in our Woman's Work in Poland because "Little White Russia" lies on the very border of Soviet Russia, our workers are pleading for a new missionary. Unfortunately, we are unable to send her this year. It had been hoped that a missionary for organization work among the Polish women might be provided this year, but as yet nobody is available for that important piece of work. It became necessary to close the hostel for girls in Radoszkowicze and the one projected for Kleck could not be opened. Nevertheless, our missionaries are undaunted and are endeavoring to take up new lines of work, particularly in summer conferences with women and more intensive work with the girls in the *internat* in Wilno. At last, they have secured from the Polish government passport visas for a year and are no longer under the necessity of seeking permission from one month to another to remain in the country. Our work in Poland sustained a great loss when Miss Louisa May accepted a position under the United Church of Canada, where she is working with European immigrants to Canada.

CONGO

The party of three missionaries, after spending a number of weeks in Belgium studying French, sailed December 31, 1929, and had arrived in Leopoldville, Congo Belge, on January 20, and were ready to start on the long journey up the Congo River toward our Mission. Three new missionaries expect to go out to the Congo in 1930 and it is hoped that they may arrive before the three who are due furloughs this year start home.

The problems of education, health, and evangelism are being attacked vigorously by our missionaries in the Congo, while more of their attention than ever before is given to the care of lepers and infant welfare. Bishop James Cannon, Jr. sailed early in January for the Congo and doubtless while the Bishop is on the field the long discussed question of the removal of the leper colony from Wembo Nyama will be decided, as well as the question of the removal of the Minga Station to another site.

An example of what can be done through itineration is the trip made by Miss Anne Parker through a number of villages. There had been only two little girls in the home at Tunda. Miss Parker returned from her trip bringing twenty-five more and now has one of our most satisfactory institutions of this kind in which these little girls are being trained into Christian womanhood. The work in saving orphans whose mothers die in childbirth has far outgrown the funds we are able to furnish for this important work. Scientific experiments are being made by the medical missionaries on the field and on furlough, in an effort to discover a proper diet of native foods which may be used as a substitute for milk. The missionaries are happy to have the coöperation of natives in caring for these waifs, by taking them into their homes and following the instructions of the missionaries regarding feeding, bathing, and general care.

FACING THE NEEDS

A word of appreciation should be said about the substantial financial

advance in pledges, dues, and life members. This, together with the increase of the percent for foreign work from 60% to 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % by the mid-year Executive Committee of the Council, on the recommendation of the Home Secretary, has furnished a basis of appropriation for foreign work without the necessity of using permanent funds in the basis, for the first time since the close of the Centenary period. But even with this enlargement of the regular foreign basis, it has been necessary to scale the estimates by eliminating askings for repairs, libraries, equipment, and new work. Reference has been made to the requests for large numbers of new missionaries. Forty-nine new missionaries have been asked for, to be sent out in 1930 and 1931. Eleven of this number expect to sail in 1930. If the additional thirty-eight should be ready to go in 1931, we would still be doing little more than "marking time" in our work, because of the loss due to illness, personal and family reasons, marriage, automatic retirement by having reached the age limit of active service, and extended and irregular furloughs for study or personal reasons. In view of the new life and enlarged vision in the fields, where undoubtedly the spirit of our Lord is moving mightily in the souls of our workers, let us pray that in this, the anniversary year of Pentecost, our Lord may thrust many splendidly prepared young people out in response to his call, which is just as clear and urgent to-day as it was two thousand years ago. Let us be willing, under his impulse and direction to undertake our full share of the support and equipment of those who answer this call to the most stupendous task which has ever challenged humanity.

HOME DEPARTMENT

MRS. J. W. DOWNS, SECRETARY

The report of the Home Work for 1929 as it comes from the field is encouraging, and there is evidence that many of the workers are planning programs of progress in keeping with the spirit of the time.

Forty-four years ago Home Mission work was begun by the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in response to a pressing need in the new and frontier sections of our country. As the organization grew, the needs of large groups of people from the countries to which we were sending missionaries and the underprivileged groups of American people in isolated sections for religious, physical, and educational advantages made an appeal from which they were not able to turn aside.

From year to year, as the field was studied and the needs became apparent, institutions naturally grew up as a means of serving the people. The trained worker was necessary to carry out the program of the institution and in making Christian contacts with the people.

The need for educational opportunities in some sections was so great that the establishment of boarding schools for Southern Highlanders was undertaken. This also gave opportunity for religious training and care, which not only reached the students but the parents of the students.

The first of these schools to be established was Sue Bennett School, London, Ky., which was opened in 1897. A little later, Brevard Institute,

Brevard, N. C., was opened, and following, as the needs became apparent and the funds available, was the school in Laredo, Tex., for Mexicans, the school in Thomasville, Ga., for dependent girls, the school in Augusta, Ga., for negro girls, the school in Houma, La., for the French people, the school in Dallas, Tex., for delinquent girls, and the school in Pharr, Tex., for Mexican girls.

Thousands of boys and girls and young men and young women have received their grade and high-school training in these institutions, while the State and counties have been encouraged to undertake enlarged educational programs.

Still the needs have not been met, and it will be necessary to maintain a number of these schools, possibly for many years to come, while new ones may be established for other groups.

The Christian social center could be adapted to meet the needs of a larger number of groups than any other institution. "Wesley House" was adopted as the name of the social center for white groups and "Bethlehem House" for Negro groups.

There are twenty Wesley Houses and two Bethlehem Houses owned and supported by City Mission Boards; there are nine Wesley Houses and two Bethlehem Houses held in the name of the Board of Missions for the Woman's Missionary Council and supported from the Council treasury; there are three Wesley Houses owned and supported jointly with City Mission Boards and the General Department of the Board of Missions.

These institutions are located in different sections of the South and West where the Southern Methodist Church operates.

Nashville, Tenn., and Dallas, Tex., were the first to undertake the new work of the Wesley House; Nashville, Tenn., and Augusta, Ga., were the first to undertake Bethlehem House work. Later, Birmingham, Ala., and Chattanooga, Tenn., established Bethlehem Houses.

Missionary work, both foreign and home, was undertaken in order to minister to women and girls. Young women going into the business world found salaries small, while living expenses were comparatively high. It was soon demonstrated that many of them were unable to live in decent places for the amount they were able to pay.

In order to overcome this difficulty and to conserve the Christian training which has been given to these young women at home, homes for young business women were established, in different centers, where they might have at a minimum of cost comfortable rooms, wholesome meals, Christian influence, and a place to meet with other young people, together with wholesome recreational opportunities.

Seven of these homes have been established, and, according to the statements of the young women themselves, have served efficiently and have also led the way for the establishment of such homes by other agencies.

The training for Christian leadership was apparent from the beginning, and as many of the fine young Methodist girls went into State schools, which were not responsible for religious training or care, halls for young college women were built at five State colleges and universities.

Following the establishment of the halls for college girls came the re-

quest for the beginning of Bible Departments in State schools and universities. Since the first Bible Department was established many other schools have asked us to provide Bible Departments. Only a few requests could be granted.

The Bible classes are not large, although in one school the individual students number more than three hundred, but the contacts made by the teachers and the opportunity for association with the college girls have proven most valuable, the teacher serving as a connection between the local Church, the Church back home, and the young women.

For the immigrant in our Southern ports, help was very greatly needed. It was not the responsibility of the government to provide friendship or religious interest for these people who came and went from our ports. In order to meet a very great need, immigration work was undertaken in two or three places. As the needs were met, the work at some ports was closed or changed until now there is only the port work at Galveston, Tex., which has been done for twenty-one years by Rev. J. E. Reifschneider. Brother Reifschneider supplies, according to the government agent in charge of the port in Galveston, a much-needed and appreciated help by his care of the immigrants who are deported, thousands of them having his kindly, Christian service each year.

The city has, from the beginning of our enlarged organization and program, been given much consideration. The largest number of our Wesley Houses serve city groups and help to meet the great needs of the city. Without minimizing the service to the city or in any way decreasing the help given the city communities, the needs of the country are receiving consideration. This we are sure is but a beginning of what must and will be undertaken in the future. At the present time there are fourteen women who are giving their thought and effort to this task. The plans and programs are most interesting, and the response from the people indicates their appreciation and is an assurance of their full coöperation, which must give results in the future.

The child has always appealed to women and always will. As the Church at large was making very good provision for orphan children, the Woman's Missionary organization felt there was a need for them in providing for children of broken homes for a shorter period of time and help that would enable the parents to make provisions for them.

To meet this need, Spofford Home was established in Kansas City. The property was the gift of a local woman, and the Home was maintained by the Church people of Kansas City until a new type of institution was needed.

Attention has been increasingly focused on the problem child, a child who is not able to fit into the program of his own home or the home in which he must live, so the vision of Deaconess Daisy Ritter led to the beginning of a study home, which has taken the place of Spofford Receiving Home, with a view to leading to the establishment of other homes of this type in different sections.

This home is staffed by a group of specialists in the field of psychology,

psychiatry, medicine, a social case worker, and especially prepared literary teachers.

The programs of work in the different institutions, which have been set up in the Woman's Missionary Societies, reach thousands of people daily from the day nursery and nursery school ages to the adult classes and activities in the different institutions.

The school group includes the ages from the third grade through Junior College, and the school influence is felt on the home and the adult members of the family.

Through the Wesley Houses and Bethlehem Houses the various forms of training that are received are entirely in keeping with the needs of the particular groups they are to serve.

The day nursery and nursery school provide for the child from infancy up to kindergarten age, giving the training that could not otherwise be had while the mother is engaged in some gainful occupation in order to secure, or to help secure, a living.

There are baby clinics of two kinds. First, the well baby clinic, which has for its object keeping babies who are well in good physical condition. The doctor and nurse give special attention to this type of clinic work, and it is found to be a much better method than waiting until the baby has become sick. Second, there is the clinic for the sick baby where particular attention is paid to curing the baby through methods of diet and care as well as the necessary medicine and any surgery that may be deemed best.

The kindergarten, with its hours of teaching and times for play and relaxation, prepares the child for the public day school and insures a much more rapid progress in the school classes than it could have had otherwise.

Various clubs and classes are organized and conducted for the primary boys and girls. At many places there are playgrounds with more or less equipment, but always with the necessary supervision.

For the junior boys and girls there are the organized Boy Scout troops with well-chosen Scout leaders and the Girl Reserves and other organizations for girls of the same age, with cooking and sewing classes for all, and in many places the use of the gymnasium, and in a few the use of the swimming pool.

Effort is being made always to secure attendance at Sunday school with the different age groups.

There is perhaps not so large a number of intermediates reached as of the younger groups. At this age, both the boys and girls begin to come to that period where they are more difficult to influence and to provide training and entertainment for. There are, however, still hundreds of these who come under the influence of the teachers and workers in our Wesley Houses. The group of young ladies and young men are being given more attention now, and an effort is being made to interest them in music and dramatics. Provision is made also for a community parlor where young men and young women may be together, especially where there are no places in the homes provided for them.

There are also adult classes and clinics for all age groups. Now, when larger emphasis is being given to adult education, the program for adults will be enlarged and hundreds more will be enrolled.

The young woman especially has her opportunity in the home that is provided for her as in the case of business women and college women. Further than this, we have not made special provision for young women.

When we think of the multitudes that pass through these different institutions each day and consider the splendid young women who are devoting their lives to the service there and that each of them has the message of the "more abundant life" to give with every task she undertakes, we can but be sure that the results will be more far-reaching than we are able to judge by our less intimate knowledge of them, but we should be thankful that we have this opportunity of service even though the part we may perform may be no more than paying our dues or pledges or giving our prayers and our thought to these people.

In order to carry out the programs and to do the work in these many different institutions, it was necessary to have women who could devote all of their time to the task. In answer to this need, the commissioned worker became a part of the Southern Methodist Woman's Missionary program. The first class of these workers was commissioned in 1903.

At the present time there are one hundred and ninety of these consecrated workers. A few of them are retired; a few are on leave of absence for health and other reasons; but the majority of them are assigned to the different tasks which have been undertaken by the missionary women of the Southern Methodist Church.

There has never been a sufficient number of the commissioned workers to meet the needs, so there has always been a large group of trained, employed women, almost as many as the commissioned workers. At the present time there are seventy-five of these.

It has also been necessary to secure trained teachers for the schools established. There are over one hundred teachers in the schools, including Bible teachers in State schools.

In addition to all of the above-named workers, still there is need for a larger number of workers in almost every field. There has been an increasing emphasis on the need for volunteers. In response to this demand hundreds of women, young and old, have volunteered their services in the different institutions. This has meant much to the institution and the people whom they serve, but has probably meant more to the people who render the service.

The leisure of the young matron to-day makes it possible for her to do many splendid pieces of work for which she receives the background of her training while in college.

There should be an ever-increasing number of these helpers so that the minimum of full-time workers would meet the requirement and the volunteer workers would be able to do what is necessary in each local community.

The desire of the missionary women to assist in the local Church led to the appointment of pastors' assistants. There is conviction on the part of

many of the leaders in our work that one of the largest contributions the missionary women can make is to lend all possible assistance in making the local Church program adequate to meet the needs of the community. There should be a time in the near future when the leadership in the local Church should be so far visioned and so well trained that there would be need for but few outside leaders and workers.

With each group of workers the standards have been continually raised until the requirements for commissioned and employed workers are standard high-school training, two years of college, and two years of specialized study.

Finances from the beginning were built on the small gifts. Before the numbers in the organization increased to where the finances were sufficient to meet the needs of the growing work, the commissioned worker was paid a small stipend with an allowance for her living. That stipend has been increased to a minimum salary of \$75 a month and furnished room. The worker's travel is paid to her field of service; insurance is carried for her; and a retirement allowance, after ten years of successive service, is assured. This, together with the scholarships furnished for the specialized training and the seventh year which is allowed for furlough, the time to be spent in study and recreation, places the commissioned worker on a financial basis with the average young business women.

There is need for mature, experienced women to be placed at the heads of our institutions under whom the splendidly-trained woman who wishes to render the greatest service may have her experience. This need is apparent everywhere and is one to which we must give earnest thought and consideration.

The call to-day in all fields is to undertake a definite task and do it better than it has ever been done before. To concentrate on the task of the Church through the different Church organizations is becoming more the thought of to-day instead of scattering into different lines of activities. The field truly is white unto the harvest, but the number of laborers will not be sufficient until every woman and man who belongs to the Church has accepted the responsibilities that must be met in order to bring in the Kingdom of our Lord.

There is need of a policy for relating young negro women to our organized work, a policy that will make provision for their preparation, their employment, and their pay. This will begin to provide in a better way for the development of one of the largest groups of those so closely related to.

FINANCIAL REPORT

MRS. INA DAVIS FULTON, TREASURER

RECEIPTS BY DEPARTMENTS

CONFERENCE.	Adult.	Young People.	Juniors.	Baby	Primary.	Totals.
Alabama.....	\$ 33,743 02	\$ 1,100 00	\$ 800 00	\$ 332 77	\$ 354 62	\$ 36,330 41
Arizona.....	2,025 65	19 89	111 19	43 81	5 30	2,205 75
Baltimore.....	33,301 14	5,579 90	2,188 67	323 55	287 78	41,681 04
Brazil.....	22 89					22 89
Central Texas.....	28,499 95	560 00	746 21	72 46	121 38	30,000 00
China.....	176 61					176 61
Denver.....	570 13	2 34	10 00	2 25	4 21	588 93
East Oklahoma.....	14,263 79	317 27	362 57	202 04	62 02	15,207 69
Florida.....	40,686 14	850 00	529 19	256 32	217 16	42,538 81
Holston.....	37,796 00	5,721 00	1,237 29	425 18	350 08	45,529 55
Illinois.....	916 19		96 78	11 01	17 20	1,041 18
Indian W. M. S.....	260 00		7 00			267 00
Kentucky.....	21,076 42	2,130 00	415 83	102 85	291 32	24,016 42
Little Rock.....	25,305 72	1,300 00	741 90	174 02	278 36	27,800 00
Los Angeles.....	4,955 57	8 20	117 44	3 45	9 42	5,094 08
Louisiana.....	36,231 33	800 00	605 14	156 94	188 24	37,981 70
Louisville.....	23,586 81	1,518 96	466 69	170 73	82 01	25,825 20
Memphis.....	35,551 30	3,115 24	1,581 93	790 35	637 72	41,676 54
Mexico.....	46 88					46 88
Mississippi.....	28,201 35	450 09	902 00	215 00	200 05	29,968 50
Missouri.....	12,304 00	676 42	328 49	25 12	46 39	13,380 42
New Mexico.....	6,700 00	250 00	208 28	18 75	22 97	7,200 00
North Alabama.....	46,025 00	1,800 00	895 81	1,105 16	399 03	50,225 00
North Arkansas.....	20,309 42	750 00	444 81	130 57	87 54	21,722 34
North Carolina.....	45,277 90	989 66	1,512 77	850 89	1,798 42	50,429 64
North Georgia.....	57,075 00	3,500 00	2,701 92	1,751 20	1,546 88	66,575 00
North Mississippi.....	27,334 87	1,000 00	1,224 86	139 21	220 94	29,969 88
North Texas.....	33,312 05	864 65	491 89	491 18	75 73	35,235 51
Northwest.....	1,612 10	21 05	9 53	75		1,643 43
Northwest Texas.....	23,503 03	609 38	445 97	122 18	31 45	24,712 01
Pacific.....	3,752 63	53 45	153 97	3 55		3,963 65
South Carolina.....	24,501 56	544 88	785 28	38 66	39 01	25,909 39
South Georgia.....	58,025 92	490 31	939 40	640 52	266 17	60,362 32
Southwest Missouri.....	12,156 00	600 00	442 02	102 00	86 15	13,386 17
St. Louis.....	10,579 41	1,146 03	224 31	39 50	50 70	12,040 00
Tennessee.....	29,234 46	1,588 06	981 57	349 35	269 08	32,422 52
Texas.....	33,428 09	688 42	700 00	600 00	208 59	35,625 10
Upper South Carolina.....	29,700 26	936 44	639 73	173 33	159 12	31,608 88
Virginia.....	53,369 73	4,900 00	1,670 15	364 16	440 69	60,744 73
West Oklahoma.....	11,110 61	465 85	301 83	162 37	45 34	12,086 00
West Texas.....	29,781 78	591 23	838 07	301 97	196 48	31,709 53
Western North Carolina.....	57,993 60	3,627 66	1,674 15	454 75	652 04	64,402 20
Western Virginia.....	14,300 00	1,775 00	444 79	171 58	183 63	16,875 00
Total.....	\$1,008,604 43	\$51,341 34	\$28,979 43	\$11,369 48	\$9,933 32	\$1,110,227 90
Total for 1928.....	1,017,351 20	50,736 23	32,232 62	10,338 27	8,827 69	1,119,486 01
Increase.....		\$ 605 11		\$ 31 21	\$1,105 53	
Decrease.....	\$ 8,746 77		\$ 3,253 19			\$ 9,258 11

RECEIPTS FOR 1920

CONFERENCE.	Foreign.	Home.	Scarritt.	Jubilee.	Totals.
Alabama	\$ 21,094 24	\$ 14,252 27	\$ 983 90		\$ 36,330 41
Arizona	1,321 72	810 03	74 00		2,205 75
Baltimore	24,031 66	17,010 94	638 44		41,681 04
Brazil	22 89				22 89
Central Texas	18,404 24	10,929 95	639 30	26 51	30,000 00
China	176 61				176 61
Denver	354 74	224 38	8 21	1 60	588 93
East Oklahoma	8,680 03	5,455 18	1,056 25	16 23	15,207 69
Florida	24,615 60	16,823 21	1,100 00		42,538 81
Holston	26,664 56	18,073 85	778 14	13 00	45,529 55
Illinois	615 72	425 46			1,041 18
Indian Woman's Missionary Society	160 20	106 80			267 00
Kentucky	13,776 72	9,511 01	704 21	24 48	24,016 42
Little Rock	16,526 50	10,904 75	368 75		27,800 00
Los Angeles	3,387 37	1,631 71	40 00	35 00	5,094 08
Louisiana	20,037 34	17,132 27	810 09	2 00	37,981 70
Louisville	14,916 70	10,479 30	419 55	9 65	25,825 20
Memphis	24,819 19	15,813 35	1,044 00		41,676 54
Mexico	28 13	18 75			46 88
Mississippi	17,473 13	11,757 30	718 51	19 56	29,968 50
Missouri	7,587 79	5,063 15	710 05	19 43	13,380 42
New Mexico	4,280 69	2,759 21	152 10	8 00	7,200 00
North Alabama	30,181 78	18,667 66	1,364 60	10 96	50,225 00
North Arkansas	12,734 97	8,323 71	632 86	30 80	21,722 34
North Carolina	30,101 39	18,827 66	1,500 59		50,429 64
North Georgia	36,486 99	26,557 41	3,530 60		66,575 00
North Mississippi	17,851 39	11,612 26	447 96	58 27	29,969 88
North Texas	19,914 48	14,001 78	1,319 25		35,235 51
Northwest	855 34	598 30	150 00	39 79	1,643 43
Northwest Texas	14,741 55	9,371 58	544 40	54 48	24,712 01
Pacific	2,398 33	1,195 40	312 34	57 58	3,963 65
South Carolina	15,433 00	9,903 89	572 50		25,909 39
South Georgia	33,658 61	25,457 53	1,044 83	201 35	60,362 32
Southwest Missouri	8,268 91	4,658 58	429 20	29 48	13,386 17
St. Louis	6,717 04	4,333 96	989 00		12,040 00
Tennessee	18,686 09	12,474 08	1,262 35		32,422 52
Texas	19,991 76	14,872 77	760 57		35,625 10
Upper South Carolina	18,410 08	11,878 80	1,320 00		31,608 88
Virginia	37,671 69	21,744 04	1,329 00		60,744 73
West Oklahoma	6,996 13	4,585 82	501 05		12,086 00
West Texas	18,256 49	12,700 60	726 55	25 89	31,709 53
Western North Carolina	38,047 26	25,452 55	891 64	10 75	64,402 20
Western Virginia	9,369 50	7,202 85	302 65		16,875 00
Total	\$645,748 55	\$433,604 10	\$30,180 44	\$ 694 81	\$1,110,227 90
Other Sources	40,905 55	57,090 45	437 94	1,800 00	100,233 94
School Funds		44,908 13			44,908 13
Totals	\$686,654 10	\$535,602 68	\$30,618 38	\$2,494 81	\$1,255,369 97

DIVISION OF RECEIPTS

Bequests: W. B. Wright (Foreign).....	\$ 980 06	
Mrs. Martha Overall (Foreign).....	-7,500 00	
Mrs. Martha Overall (Home).....	2,500 00	
W. B. Wright (Home).....	980 06	
Interest—Mrs. Clara M. Davenport (Home).....	182 00	
Interest—Mrs. Clara M. Davenport (Foreign).....	182 00—	12,324 12
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Bible Women.....		36,275 43
Brevard Permanent Fund.....		250 00
Day Schools.....		2,899 23
Dues.....		423,017 37
Dormitory Funds.....		13,348 34
Interest.....		39,095 26
Jubilee Fund.....		2,494 81
Key West, Florida, Property.....		400 00
Life Members.....		5,349 35
Literature Sales.....		10,814 84
Missionary Voice Salary.....		1,300 00
Option on Property at Augusta, Ga.....		25 00
Pledge.....		474,579 87
Refunds.....		11,666 53
Rent.....		415 00
Retirement and Relief.....		18,043 69
Scholarships (Foreign).....		13,697 57
Scholarships (Home).....		16,050 84
School Funds.....		44,908 13
Specialized Training.....		1,280 48
Scarritt Maintenance and Scholarships.....		30,618 38
Specials.....		15,561 77
Young People, Gift to Hiroshima.....		2,729 70
Week of Prayer (Maria Layng Gibson Memorial).....		76,224 26
J. W. Miller Bequest (in bank at Biloxi).....		2,000 00
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		\$1,255,369 97
<i>Centenary:</i>		
Foreign.....	\$ 4,109 85	
Foreign Refunds.....	3,000 00	
Home.....	1,137 05—	8,246 90
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<i>Christian Education Fund:</i>		
Home Schools.....		760 34
<i>Bennett Memorial:</i>		
From Conferences.....	\$ 611 00	
Interest.....	597 27	
Bequest: Mrs. Mary E. Matthews (St. Louis Conference).....	100 00—	1,308 27
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Total receipts.....		\$1,265,685 48
<i>Funds Collected:</i>		
Foreign Department.....	\$ 66,060 00	
Home Department.....	25,000 00	
Jubilee.....	25,000 00	
Scarritt.....	500 00	
Bennett Memorial.....	8,750 00	
Bennett Memorial sale of ten shares of stock in Greer Bank and Trust Com- pany, Greer, S. C.....	1,300 00—	127,410 00
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Note Payable:

Money borrowed from Fourth and First National Bank for purchase of new lot for Isabella Hendrix, Bello Horizonte, Brazil, to be paid from sale of old school property.....	\$ 50,000 00
Total deposited.....	\$1,443,095 48
Bank balance at close of 1928.....	554,012 63
	\$1,997,108 11

Disbursements:

Regular expenditures.....	\$1,215,511 03
Investments.....	214,885 22
Cash advances in 1930.....	122,820 68—
	1,553,216 93
	\$ 443,891 18

Balance accounted for as follows:

Foreign Cash.....	\$ 55,973 55	
Foreign Centenary.....	97,645 50	
Home Cash.....	247,225 59	
Home Centenary.....	23,873 64	
Home Education.....	2,454 27	
Scarritt College.....	14,593 28	
Bennett Memorial.....	248 52	
Jubilee (Foreign).....	1,085 99	
Jubilee (Home).....	790 84—	\$ 443,891 18

DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1929-1930

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

	1929	1930.
Annuities.....	\$ 2,703 79	
Contingent.....	5,756 98	\$ 169 00
Inter-Board expense.....	3,074 00	768 50
Interest on money borrowed for new property for Isabella Hendrix School.....	687 50	
<i>Investments:</i>		
Bills receivable.....	45,805 00	
Bonds.....	3,130 00	
Scarritt College Appropriation.....	20,500 00	5,125 00
Scarritt College from Belle H. Bennett Bequest for Library.....	439 97	
Scarritt College Interest—Gatlin Scholarship.....	75 00	
Scarritt College Interest—Hendricks Scholarship....	300 00	
Scarritt College Interest—Hotchkiss Scholarship....	300 00	
Specialized Training.....	6,076 15	
Specials.....	1,506 38	
Retirement (Missionaries)...	5,480 91	
Week of Prayer: Parral....	2,291 25	
Week of Prayer: Isabella Hendrix.....	34,694 75	

Borrowed \$50,000 less interest, \$687.50.....	\$ 49,312 50		
Week of Prayer: Woman's Business Institute, Kobe, Japan.....	33,500 00		
Miscellaneous.....	1,245 55	—	\$216,879 73
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<i>Brazil</i> : Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	49,813 57	\$	7,486 84
<i>China</i> : Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	\$114,863 27		1,701 83
Woman's Union Medical Work.....	12,977 50	127,840 77	2,947 50
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<i>Congo</i> : Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	17,904 73		3,048 79
<i>Cuba</i> : Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	29,011 43		7,045 45
<i>Japan</i> : Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	103,010 01		1,619 62
<i>Korea</i> : Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	134,239 46		31,236 40
<i>Siberia</i> : Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	2,420 00		705 00
<i>Russia</i> : Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	7,347 65		1,588 75
<i>Mexico</i> : Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	84,750 16		21,662 70
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Total, Foreign Department.....	\$773,217 51	\$	85,105 38

HOME DEPARTMENT

	1929.	1930.
Annuities.....	\$ 885 88	
Centenary:		
Work on Pacific Coast, Oriental.....	6,000 00	
Oriental Work.....	20,000 00	
Purchase of new property at Richmond, Va., for Wilson Inn.....	20,000 00	
Contingent.....	5,976 38	\$ 750 00
Bethlehem House Building Fund, Augusta, Ga.....	61,226 35	
Dormitory Funds.....	3,336 67	
Fort Worth Wesley House Special.....	1,200 00	
For Educational Work, Biloxi, Miss.....	900 00	

Holding Institute Building Fund.....	\$ 5,527 45		
Investments:			
Bills Receivable.....	30,695 00		
Certificates of Deposit....	32,262 72		
Certificates, First National Bank, Biloxi.....	1,100 00		
Bonds.....	6,342 50		
Retirement, Home Workers.	6,762 07		
Scarritt College appropriation.....	23,000 00		\$5,125 00
Scarritt College Interest, McKenzie Scholarship.....	300 00		
Scarritt College Interest, South Georgia Scholarship.	483 75		
Scarritt College, Belle H. Bennett Bequest for Library.....	480 00		
Scholarships.....	9,592 04		
Specials.....	1,108 70		
Terry, Tex., Special.....	400 00	—\$237,579 51	
Bible Teachers.....		8,216 05	877 26
City Mission and Conference Appropriation.....	\$ 8,645 00		
Birmingham City Mission.	600 00		50 00
Fort Worth City Mission.	1,000 00		83 33
Pacific, San Francisco....	400 00	10,645 00	33 33
<i>Cuban Work:</i>			
Ruth Hargrove.....	\$ 2,666 85		195 00
Rosa Valdez.....	4,833 33		505 70
Wolf Settlement.....	7,026 22	14,526 40	566 00
<i>Delinquent Girls:</i>			
Virginia K. Johnson Home.		12,306 25	1,025 00
Refrigeration.....		1,679 72	
<i>Dependent Girls:</i>			
Vashti Industrial School..		27,598 94	1,304 25
Vashti Week of Prayer...		172 60	
<i>Gulf Coast:</i>			
Galveston, Tex.....	\$ 2,400 00		200 00
Biloxi, Miss.....	6,142 86		1,252 93
Centenary, work at Biloxi.	464 40		
Houma, La.....	10,461 78		1,300 50
Centenary, work at Houma	900 70		
New Orleans, La.....	7,583 92	27,953 66	2,913 16
<i>Mexican Work:</i>			
Holding Institute.....	\$ 16,559 04		1,217 91
Homer Toberman.....	4,121 41		333 33
Repairs at Homer Toberman.....	274 00		
San Antonio, Wesley House	3,438 16		275 00
Valley Institute, Pharr, Tex.....	6,183 67		416 66

Valley Institute Building Fund.....	\$ 854 40		
Valley Institute Week of Prayer.....	469 50		
Community Center, El Paso, Tex.....	7,645 07	\$ 39,545 25	\$ 425 00

Miners:

Hartshorne.....	\$ 1,000 00		83 33
Picher.....	900 00		75 00
Lyra and Strawn.....	1,000 00		83 33
West Virginia Coal Fields.....	5,101 00		425 00
West Virginia Coal Fields, Week of Prayer.....	1,413 00	9,414 00	

Mountain:

Sue Bennett School.....	\$ 36,244 85		2,097 50
Brevard Institute.....	29,036 28	65,281 13	1,513 33

Negro Work:

Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga.....	\$ 3,186 41		354 33
Bethlehem Center, Nashville.....	8,813 02		691 25
Bethlehem Center, Nashville, Week of Prayer...	216 41		
Paine College.....	9,050 80		755 41
Centenary, work at Paine.....	50 00		
Winston-Salem.....	900 00		75 00
Social Training.....	900 00		75 00
Committee on Interracial Work.....	2,000 00	25,116 64	

Western Work:

Tucson, Ariz.....	\$ 1,700 00		75 00
Walsenburg, Colo.....			83 33
San Francisco.....	2,689 40		180 00
Phoenix, Ariz.....	900 00		75 00
Spofford Home.....	3,600 00	8,889 40	300 00
Deaconess expense and travel Furloughs.....		4,799 04	550 00
		11,725 00	3,000 00
Council of Women for Home Missions.....		616 00	
Rural workers.....		2,775 00	275 00
Columbus, Ga., worker in Cotton Mills.....		900 00	75 00
Income Specials.....		6,500 00	490 00
Miscellaneous.....		287 14	
Total, Home Department.....	\$516,526 73	\$ 30,181 17	

UNITED FUNDS

Christian Education Fund:

Vashti Industrial School..	\$ 2,240 00
Sue Bennett School.....	500 00

Jubilee:

Foreign.....	\$ 25,266	42	
Home.....	561	41	
Investments, Certificates of Deposit—Foreign and Home.....	90,000	00	\$115,827 83

Scarritt Fund:

Scholarships and Maintenance.....			18,501 26
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Bennett Memorial:

Balance on organ.....	\$ 7,047	85	
Investments.....	6,150	00	
Miscellaneous.....	1,686	90	14,884 75

Total, United Funds.....\$ 151,953 84

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries: Secretaries and Treasurer.....	\$ 10,800	00	\$ 900 00
Salary and clerical help: General Secretary.....	2,952	23	236 67
Bishops' Travel.....	2,084	41	
Clerical help, office expense, and travel....	11,566	14	1,090 97
Board meetings.....	1,698	73	
Regional Conference.....	571	64	
Rent.....	3,762	12	
Total Administration.....	\$ 33,435	27	\$ 2,227 64

EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

President of Council: Office expense and travel.....	\$ 1,500	00	\$ 375 00
Vice President: Office expense and travel...	250	00	150 00
Recording Secretary: Office expense and travel.....	200	00	50 00
Superintendent of Social Service: Office expense and travel.....	2,600	00	550 00
Superintendent of Young People and Children: Office expense and travel.....	8,037	42	602 04
Secretaries' salaries.....	10,200	00	850 00
Clerical help: Office expense and travel....	10,853	19	1,290 21
Committee meetings.....	5,640	18	532 41
Service Department.....	9,023	69	801 83
Publications.....	23,290	42	
Literature Committee.....	174	96	
Schools of Missions.....	2,037	48	
Council meeting.....	8,896	37	
Junaluska general expense.....	216	29	
Rent.....	3,459	76	105 00
Total Education and Promotion.....	\$ 86,379	76	\$ 5,306 49

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS, 1929

Foreign Department.....	\$672,320	43
Home Department.....	493,653	83
Administration.....	31,266	99

Education and Promotion.....	\$ 81,201 16	
United Funds (Scarritt and Bennett Memorial).....	33,386 01	
Christian Education.....	2,740 00	
Jubilee.....	115,827 83	—\$1,430,396 25

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS, ADVANCES ON 1930.

Foreign Department.....	\$ 85,105 38	
Home Department.....	30,181 17	
Administration.....	2,227 64	
Education and Promotion.....	5,306 49	— 122,820 68

Total disbursements.....\$1,553,216 93

ADVANCES IN 1928 ON 1929 WORK.

Foreign Department.....	\$100,897 08	
Home Department.....	22,872 90	
Administration.....	2,168 28	
Education and Promotion.....	5,178 60	—\$ 131,116 86

RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION

(15)	Foreign Work.	Home Work.	City Missions.
1878-79.....	\$ 4,014 27		
1879-80.....	13,775 97		
1880-81.....	19,362 10		
1881-82.....	25,609 44		
1882-83.....	29,647 31		
1883-84.....	33,873 52		
1884-85.....	52,652 12		
1885-86.....	51,588 76		
1886-87.....	50,092 63	\$ 261 55	
1887-88.....	69,729 65	3,837 51	
1888-89.....	68,165 34	4,258 40	
1889-90.....	75,476 54	2,954 88	
1890-91.....	85,969 44	3,046 83	
1891-92.....	66,448 59	3,727 51	
1892-93.....	71,199 12	4,628 20	
1893-94.....	66,377 90	4,995 37	
1894-95.....	63,951 98	8,457 87	
1895-96.....	74,403 16	17,553 79	
1896-97.....	82,880 47	15,346 11	
1897-98.....	86,418 76	18,896 43	
1898-99.....	83,587 07	31,566 82	
			Cash.
1899-1900.....	94,638 55	33,914 04	\$ 5,400 92
Twentieth-century offering.....	2,426 39		
1900-01.....	82,674 22	48,249 17	6,237 76
Twentieth-century offering.....	36,135 45		
			Voucher.
1901-02.....	104,017 97	46,197 27	4,186 12
1902-03.....	112,458 78	51,799 56	6,105 50
1903-04.....	132,143 37	59,414 98	11,110 23
1904-05.....	146,151 51	74,574 31	19,585 64
1905-06.....	155,951 10	79,975 74	21,587 57
1906-07.....	174,597 82	100,996 65	22,985 27
1907-08.....	226,192 88	118,044 64	29,864 98
1908-09.....	235,440 97	127,093 97	40,724 53

Sale of property \$	23,737 31			
1909-10	254,554 75	\$ 139,799 19	\$	42,770 68
Sale of property	10,007 71			
1910-11	274,355 17	151,209 39		54,303 06
Sale of property	5,797 90			
1911	244,952 44	141,587 41		46,851 33
1912	292,206 14	181,461 42		59,677 45
Sale of property	1,617 81			
1913	282,684 75	198,277 11		69,596 19
1914	277,569 09	186,747 68		81,160 91
1915	292,629 61	199,384 26		76,584 95
1916	318,395 94	212,314 75		69,540 54
1917	350,545 95	225,581 62		76,687 12
1918	410,277 42	264,205 25		81,418 77
1919	481,114 52	386,052 13		88,906 92
1920	556,342 56	400,292 31		98,420 67
1921	544,738 16	402,749 68		135,500 76
1922	529,547 08	397,029 80		105,448 00
1923	544,225 66	412,762 28		64,093 66
1924	562,656 01	451,654 16		59,258 89
1925	629,672 80	455,857 57		
1926	631,590 77	464,313 50		
1927	678,404 19	490,851 11		
1928	640,703 26	481,314 68		
1929	686,654 10	535,602 68		
Jubilee, 1928	52,198 31	52,198 30		
Jubilee, 1929	1,247 41	1,247 40		
Centenary, 1920	498,511 35	174,583 12		
Centenary, 1921	479,490 31	164,501 94		
Centenary, 1922	152,311 70	27,594 34		
Centenary, 1923	285,678 84	106,430 29		
Centenary, 1924	78,683 48	3,152 25		
Centenary, 1925	81,348 26	24,471 26		
Centenary, 1926	39,184 18	18,986 81		
Centenary, 1927	7,448 74	2,746 03		
Centenary, 1928	5,392 40	1,331 64		
Centenary, 1929	7,109 85	1,137 05		
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	\$13,897,644 08	\$8,216,200 01	\$1,378,008 42	

SCARRITT FUNDS

Balance on hand from 1915	\$	2,025 40
Amount received in 1916		7,028 12
1917		7,256 53
1918		6,206 98
1919		12,992 45
1920		16,791 38
1921		27,095 55
1922		25,228 50
1923		22,078 42
1924		32,757 15
1924 Centenary		331 32
1925		22,284 16
1926		24,424 92
1927		27,862 26
1928		34,540 14
1929		30,618 38
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	\$	299,521 66

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FUNDS

1921: Home schools.....	\$	6,101	82
1922: Home schools.....		12,102	80
1923: Home schools.....		9,131	95
1924: Home schools.....		7,512	20
1925: Home schools.....		7,720	81
1926: Home schools.....		6,074	69
1927: Home schools.....		1,899	36
1928: Home schools.....		1,013	16
1921: Scarritt.....		2,806	00
1922: Scarritt.....		9,279	90
1923: Scarritt.....		7,096	45
1924: Scarritt.....		6,527	26
1925: Scarritt.....		4,596	04
1926: Scarritt.....		4,399	80
1927: Scarritt.....		578	00
1928: Scarritt.....		50	00
1929: Scarritt.....		760	34
	\$	87,650	58

BENNETT MEMORIAL FUNDS

1923: Bennett Memorial.....	\$	46,325	07
1924: Bennett Memorial.....		80,228	92
1925: Bennett Memorial.....		124,673	57
1926: Bennett Memorial.....		388,356	99
1927: Bennett Memorial.....		9,725	11
1928: Bennett Memorial.....		3,901	11
1929: Bennett Memorial.....		1,308	27
	\$	654,519	04
1927: Jubilee.....		100	00

Grand total cash.....\$23,165,635 37

MRS. INA DAVIS FULTON, *Treasurer.*

EXTRACTS FROM AUDITOR'S REPORT

Pursuant to engagement, we have made an examination of the records of account of Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Treasurer of the Woman's Work of the Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the period from May 1, 1929, date to where the former auditors' services applied, to the end of the records for the year 1929 on January 31, 1930, and submit the following statement of income and appropriations for the entire year of 1929 and Balance Sheet showing the financial condition of the Woman's Work at the close of the year's work, January 31, 1930, as shown by the books.

The Cash in Banks was verified from January 31, 1930, statements of the banks, after checking all paid checks against entries for same in Cash Disbursements Book and all deposits from Cash Receipts Book to bank statements, for the period of our examination.

All Investments were verified by examination of all Certificates of Deposit, stock certificates, Bonds, and Notes Receivable.

The Drafts Outstanding are as shown by the Draft Register.

Notes Payable to the Fourth and First National Bank were verified by the bank as \$50,000.

The Advances to Funds and Institutions and Advances on 1930 Appropriations are as shown by the Ledger, as are the Funds Held for Restricted Uses.

The foregoing statements are from our audit report, which presents supporting exhibits giving details of the asset and liability items and also covers examination of the Scarritt College, Bennett Memorial, and Jubilee Funds handled, and makes report on same.

Respectfully submitted,
 HOMER K. JONES & COMPANY.
 By THOMAS PICKENS,
 Certified Public Accountant.

NASHVILLE, TENN., February 24, 1930.

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

BALANCE SHEET

January 31, 1930.

	Total Assets.	Foreign.	Home.
<i>Current:</i>			
Cash in banks.....	\$ 427,172 55	\$153,619 05	\$273,553 50
<i>Investments:</i>			
Certificates of deposit....	89,595 88	1,000 00	88,595 88
Stocks and Bonds.....	101,127 50	65,385 00	35,742 50
Notes Receivable.....	401,181 68	174,136 20	227,045 48
	\$ 591,905 06	\$240,521 20	\$351,383 86
<i>Advances:</i>			
To Funds and Institutions\$	59,813 77	\$ 53,187 42	\$ 6,626 35
On 1930 Appropriations...	170,067 88	137,408 10	32,659 78
	\$ 229,881 65	\$190,595 52	\$ 39,286 13
Total Assets.....	\$1,248,959 26	\$584,735 77	\$664,223 49

Current: LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS.

Drafts			
Outstanding.....	\$ 50,210 63	\$ 50,210 63	
Notes Payable.....	50,000 00	50,000 00	
	\$ 100,210 63	\$100,210 63	

Funds for Restricted Uses:

Annuities.....	\$ 48,033 20	\$ 35,783 81	\$ 12,249 39
Bequests.....	108,016 69	53,093 12	54,923 57
Permanent Endowments..	55,450 00	6,700 00	48,750 00
Centenary.....	213,639 83	85,699 07	127,940 76
Restricted contributions and credits, Sundry....	526,256 71	217,701 68	308,555 03
	\$ 951 396 43	\$398,977 68	\$552,418 75
Total Liabilities.....	\$1,051,607 06	\$499,188 31	\$552,418 75

Surplus:

Surplus, January 31, 1929.\$	285,823 92	\$123,714 18	\$162,109 74
Adjustments reducing	65,382 66	1,000 00	64,382 66
Adjusted, January 31, 1929, surplus \$	220,441 26	\$122,714 18	\$ 97,727 08
Deficit or surplus* for year 1929	23,089 06	37,166 72	*14,077 66
Surplus, January 31, 1930.\$	197,352 20	\$ 85,547 46	\$111,804 74
Total Liabilities and Sur- plus	\$1,248,959 26	\$584,735 77	\$664,223 49

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND APPROPRIATIONS, REGULAR WORK

Year 1929.	Total.	Foreign.	Home.
<i>Income:</i>			
Dues \$	423,017 37	\$253,809 93	\$169,207 44
Pledges	474,579 87	283,385 00	191,194 87
Bible Women	36,155 43	36,155 43	
Scholarships	13,697 57	13,697 57	
Day Schools	2,899 23	2,899 23	
Life Members	5,349 35	3,208 35	2,141 00
Specials	4,276 53	2,598 49	1,678 04
Interest	16,250 34	5,511 70	10,738 64
Total Income \$	976,225 69	\$601,265 70	\$374,959 99
<i>Appropriations:</i>			
Field Work \$	785,130 14	\$559,481 20	\$225,648 94
Training School	43,500 00	20,500 00	23,000 00
Education and Promotion	70,786 90	34,994 06	35,792 84
Administration	32,688 20	17,716 11	14,972 09
Centenary	55,833 00		55,833 00
Contingent	11,376 51	5,741 05	5,635 46
Total Appropriation \$	999,314 75	\$638,432 42	\$360,882 33
Deficit or surplus* for year.\$	23,089 06	\$ 37,166 72	*\$ 14,077 66

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

Organization

MRS. B. W. LIPSCOMB

A QUADRENNIUM OF QUADRENNIUMS

I am bringing the report of a year, a quadrennium, and a quadrennium of quadrenniums. It is a rare privilege to report for so many eras, especially when each report contains such gratifying data.

We shall take the long distance view from the beginning and come by stages to the report of the year.

Each quadrennium of our history since this department was erected has contained an outstanding achievement. As these are surveyed in our review, they constitute an inspiring story. It is evident that the missionary society is no humdrum piece of business; always there is in the horizon the beckoning of some great, adventurous enterprise, always there is present the thrill of an achievement.

Throughout the quadrenniums, there has been a steady growth in all departments of the work—in membership and number of auxiliaries. Better plans have developed for education and promotion which cannot be itemized in this brief survey. Too much cannot be said of the splendid loyalty of hosts of missionary women in making this advance possible.

FIRST QUADRENNIUM

This era of my service as Home Base Secretary was characterized by the completion of organic union of the Home and Foreign Organizations which had been begun in 1910. While the consolidation had been initiated, in some Conferences and auxiliaries, my first statistical reports were made under two heads as were those of the treasurer. The union progressed steadily, and by the end of 1915, the first united reports of the treasurer and home base secretary were made: 4,582 adult auxiliaries, 107,347 members, and \$452,336.56 collections. Miss Bennett said in her message to the Council in 1916: "At the last annual meeting of the Council, two splendid missionary organizations of devoted Churchwomen, separated for more than a quarter of a century by a policy that grew out of the spirit of the times, impelled by a greater world-conquering spirit, became one, and to-day organic union has had its initial year of trial and is an accomplished fact.

"Fears and forebodings have been proved groundless. Faith has become sight. We come together in this meeting with stronger faith, greater courage, and higher hopes." In her next report she reiterated this: "We have again reached the close of the quadrennium, a quadrennium that will be recalled in the years to come as having consummated a strong Church-wide organic union of the Woman's home and foreign missionary forces of Southern Methodism. That which eight years ago was begun in dou t

and fear has been accomplished in a loving fellowship of service that has brought the joy of the Lord to many hearts and to many others the blessed assurance of things hoped for in faith and prayer through long years of watching and waiting. Who among us now would have it otherwise? Who among us would again separate this united division of our Lord's Church militant "Created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared, that we should walk in them?"

It is with glowing hearts from our present vantage point we survey the achievement which so fully demonstrated the loyalty of our women and made possible for all time the oneness of their efforts for a common task. Surely God's spirit had right of way in the hearts of missionary women, and an earnest has been given of the successful solution of all future problems.

SECOND QUADRENNIUM

The second quadrennium saw the celebration of the Centenary of Methodist Missions. The spirit of idealism that animated our country during those days found expression for the Churches in this great movement of the Methodisms and in similar movements in other communions. As an organization, the Woman's Missionary Council most enthusiastically sponsored the movement and the missionary women in every congregation gave their energies and prayers toward making it a success. Miss Bennett's message contained these ringing words: "The Woman's Missionary Society is the best mobilized arm of the Church, and you members of this Council are the chosen leaders of your Conference organization. At your call twenty thousand trained women from the Adult and Young People's Auxiliary could be ready in thirty days to use that little dynamic sentence now so luminous with sacrificial love, ready to 'go over the top' in every congregation. You are the woman called of God to lead in this great awakening of his sleeping forces. In all of these congregations there is a 'No Man's Land' where ignorance, indifference, and spiritual coldness keep silent watch. These must be won to a study of God's Word, to a close, loving knowledge of our divine Leader's life, and to a passionate desire to walk in his footsteps. There must be a great league of prayer, prevailing prayer, undergirded with that humble confession of sin and disobedience that only a broken heart and a contrite spirit can make."

There were some disappointments, but we cannot review the event without realizing what large returns in increased staffs, enlarged fields, adequate plants, spiritual uplift it brought to us. The treasurer's books show that more than one million seven hundred thousand dollars came into the the woman's treasury from Centenary gifts.

THIRD QUADRENNIUM

The removal of Scarritt Bible and Training School from Kansas City to become in Nashville the Scarritt College for Christian Workers and the launching of the Bennett Memorial was the distinguishing feature of this quadrennium. The completion of the plans overlapped into the next Quadrennium, but they were laid within the third quadrennium. Miss

Bennett was committed to the change of location and enlargement of the school, but ere the work was done, she had gone into the light and love of the life eternal leaving in our hands the consummation of her plans.

Mrs. F. F. Stephens, our new President, said in her message to the Council in 1923: "We have lost a leader who saw the missionary work of her Church grow from its beginning to a mighty force operating in nine great mission fields, an influence only the Father knows. Miss Bennett guided the women of the Church so patiently, so lovingly, so wisely during the years she was President of the Council that her memory is enshrined in our hearts. It is fitting that the women of Southern Methodism shall do something to keep her name and her memory before the Church in perpetuity, and at the same time honor her in specific work. The Scarritt Bible and Training School was perhaps the greatest single work of her lifetime, and it is the opinion of the officers of the Council that a memorial to her should be connected with that school. It was she who first realized the need of a place where missionaries might receive specialized training for their life work. It was she who presented the cause to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and was thereupon appointed to undertake the task of establishing the school. This was her first public work, and she felt very much alone as she entered upon it. Very few others believed in the enterprise. Its success as an institution, which has 'elevated the efficiency of our Church in the mission field very greatly' is now a matter of history."

I am sure that when the time of busy activity for each of us is over, we shall have great joy in reflecting on the fact that we participated in the building of this memorial. It will never appear to the women of the Missionary Society as a building merely as beautiful as it is in that particular, but will be remembered and rejoiced in as a spiritual experience which was shared by hundreds of thousands of women in every section of our Church.

FOURTH QUADRENNIUM

One word comes to our minds as we reflect upon the quadrennium having its ending now, and that word is *Jubilee*. The new leader of our Council body said in her message: "The fiftieth year of organized work among the women of Southern Methodism is not far away. . . . Fifty years of such history as this merits a Jubilee, one with ample preparation, full plans, and deep thanksgiving to Almighty God who has led through the years to this good hour. Let it be a time of thanksgiving for the women of the past and of the present who have had courage and insight to lead the way; of thanksgiving for good and earnest women who are yielding faithful service of many kinds throughout the bounds of the Church; of thanksgiving that women are learning that the teachings of Jesus have enlarged for womanhood the conception of duty, of humanity, and of God. Let it be a year of high endeavor, a year of accomplishment, a year that shall remain one blessed among all years of our history as marking a veritable Golden Jubilee."

Straightway there fell into step the missionary women of our Church and

every woman enlisted for the celebration. Some special inspiration moved upon the hearts of the small committee to whom the planning was committed, that five such thrilling and compelling objectives resulted: An appreciation of our inheritance, a deepened spiritual life, extension, reëvaluation, and an offering. From their announcement till the report of the completion of the enterprise was made at the last Council meeting, these "Goals" furnished the inspiration and program of work. To a greater degree than any of us could have anticipated, each was realized. With a hearty accord we say here to-day "I am glad I lived to see the Jubilee."

THE YEAR

The last year of the present quadrennium has been a most satisfactory and gratifying one from every viewpoint. The Conference and auxiliary officers have been dilligent in behalf of every interest of the work, giving emphasis to the "Special Events" of each quarter around which we have built the year's program. The "Officers' Training Day" in the first quarter, is being observed more and more by the district secretaries with great enthusiasm either as a district wide occasion which can be done in all city districts or in the first round of zone meetings. I can think of no more fruitful feature of our year's program than that of making it possible for every officer to face at the beginning of the year the duties and plans of her office and prepare herself for performing them intelligently.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

During the summer months, women's classes were conducted in connection with the Pastors' and Leadership Schools in the following places; Coquille, Oregon; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dallas, Tex.; Lakeland, Fla.; Durham, N. C.; Grenada, Miss.; Emory, Va.; Phœnix, Ariz., and the Pastors' School for Negroes at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

The Summer Schools at Mount Sequoyah and Lake Junaluska have been held as usual and were successful. The work in all the schools was of an unusually constructive type. As a result of this training, a number of leaders from Conferences and districts were prepared to conduct Schools for Mission Study leaders in their Conferences and districts. The Little Rock, Texas, North Texas, Florida, and North Mississippi Conferences have put on mission study leadership training days in all districts. New Mexico Conference held a Training Day in connection with its annual meeting with twenty-three women present representing twenty auxiliaries distributed over the Conference. Many training schools were held in districts scattered over the Church.

For the adults "Roads to the City of God," by Basil Matthews, has been the leading text for foreign mission courses. About 10,000 copies have been used. The study has created much enthusaism. From the plans and outlines of the instructors in the leadership schools a simple book of Helps for Leaders has been compiled making the text usable for even inexperienced groups. Many classes are reaching the standard required for the

Council Certificate. A small handbook for mission study leaders was prepared during the summer.

The total number of members of mission and Bible study classes for the year are as follows:

Mission study classes reported by Conference Superintendents, 10,437, an increase of 978 over 1928.

Adult	8,259
Young People	1,101
Children	1,077

Total number members enrolled in these classes 197,882, which is 1,110 less than 1928.

Conferences leading in Mission Study as reported by Superintendents: North Mississippi, North Alabama, Virginia.

Leading book for year: "Roads to the City of God."

Total number Bible Study Classes 7,249, an increase of 355 over last year.

Adult	6,436
Young People	754
Children	59

Total number of members in these classes 162,299, an increase of 14,629 over 1928.

Conferences leading in Bible Study as reported by Superintendents: North Alabama, North Georgia, Western North Carolina.

RETREATS FOR CONFERENCE OFFICERS

One feature of the year's program has brought much rejoicing. In compliance with the recommendations of the Woman's Missionary Council in its meeting at Washington several of the Conferences have held, during the summer, meetings of their Executive Committees in the form of retreats in a quiet place for two days of intensive study of their Conference problems and program and for a period of spiritual fellowship. Just how many of these meetings have been held has not been determined, but detailed reports have come from the Western Virginia and the North Carolina Conferences. North Alabama and South Georgia have also held such meetings, but have not reported fully. In both of these Conferences, thorough preparation was made for the use of every hour of the days and evenings, scheduling the time carefully between the several officers and district secretaries so that every department of the work was studied in detail. Periods were reserved for meditation and prayer and devotional study. The Executive Committee of one of the Conferences addressed a joint letter to the Secretary at the close of the retreat as follows: "It has been a blessed experience to all of us as we talked to our Heavenly Father, shared our experiences of the spirit with one another, and discussed the problems of and plans for our work in his Kingdom. The Kingdom of God goes forward on its knees, and we know that by "retreating" we have advanced; for we are going away from here understanding each other bet-

ter, the work more on our hearts and really knowing him in whom we believe as we never have before." This is the beginning of a mighty spiritual power in our work.

SUPPLIES

This department has been the hand of mercy to many needy situations during the year. The Conference Home Mission institutions have been the chief beneficiaries, of its service, and the workers have enjoyed comforts and had means of serving others without which their plans would have fallen short.

An outstanding service for Foreign Missions rendered by this department was that of donations of bed supplies for the Huchow Hospital made by North Arkansas and North Carolina.

OFFICE WORK

Making allowance for Sundays, there are 313 days of office work. If one is lost, its duties must be sandwiched into another, and in them we must attend to the assignment of and reports of specials, must send out Life Membership Certificates, must prepare Council Certificates for Mission Study classes, attend conferences and committees, and must *write letters* about "*what not*"?

We try to make this an effective agency for the helpful influence of the office in the experience of Conference and auxiliary leaders. Away back in the first quadrennium, I was greatly amused when a woman wrote to ask "What was appropriate to wear at the funeral of a member"—nothing amuses me now. At the other end is a woman wanting something. Sometimes she writes to "*Woman's Department* of Board of Missions, Dear *Sirs*," but we try to get back to her an answer that reveals a woman on the job on whom she can call in person next time.

THE RESULTS OF REEVALUATION

With painstaking earnestness, we have carried forward the Jubilee plans for the reevaluation of our organization and program of work. The results are summed up in the Home Base Section of the Commission's report which you have heard. They will call for larger plans, more efficiently and earnestly performed. We go to future enterprises with adventurous spirits. to larger undertakings in keeping with the day in which we live.

OUR WORLD SISTERHOOD

Through the quadrenniums the world sisterhood which is the home base extension has been becoming more and more a reality. Until the Jubilee, it existed in spirit with now and then a face-to-face contact. But, when the Jubilee came, these missionary sisters journeyed across the far spaces of land and water and our sisterhood became personal. It took on human shapes and voices. Henceforth we are sisters in the flesh. We are all striving to answer the same calls of need. In the main, we are similarly organized. We are using the same courses of study. We observe the

World Day of Prayer, and I find that we are not only listed together in the Council Minutes, but all printed as Methodist Missionary Societies of our respective Conferences with our statistics in the General Minutes of the Southern Methodist Church. From this source, I find there are a total of 735 auxiliaries, 14,863 members and that the collections amounted to \$17,709.24. No event of the quadrenniums exceeds this in importance.

The following brief reports from the younger divisions of our sisterhood will be interesting to us all:

BRAZIL, CENTRAL BRAZIL, SOUTH BRAZIL

Societies, 104; members 3,450.

Miss Epps is giving full time to the cultivation of missionary societies in these three Conferences. She has translated an abbreviated edition of "Women and the Kingdom" for their use. They have a twelve page periodical published quarterly named the *Missionary Voice* containing programs and Bible Study for their meetings. They have a page in the Church paper. The missionary women are contributing to the local Church work and various home mission enterprises.

During January, South Brazillian women held their annual meeting in Collegio Centenario. Forty women were present. It was a most spiritual and harmonious meeting.

CHINA

Societies, 94; members 3,744; collections \$1,589.35.

The Chinese women have celebrated their tenth anniversary. They contribute to the Manchurian Mission, established by the Chinese Church and to the home mission work in Hunan Province. They conduct evangelistic services among women and girls.

CONGO BELGE.

"An orphan baby girl was brought to us, and we committed it to our hospital Kapita and his wife. She was named Eseter in honor of Miss Case. We are feeding this baby on condensed milk and the woman of our native Missionary Society are helping to pay for it, but they haven't sufficient funds after paying the salary of a native evangelist. They have been paying an evangelist for more than a year."

CUBA

Auxiliaries, 25; members, 371.

These societies feel deeply the need of financial help for the production of programs and Bible studies. They carry on simple forms of social service, contribute to the local Church work, and provide scholarships.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Auxiliaries, 26; members, 463. The first annual meeting is planned for April 21, the place being Prague. The presidents of auxiliaries are delegates to the meeting. They much desire the presence of an American member of the Council.

JAPAN

Auxiliaries, 164; members, 2,720; money collected, 5,219 yen.

These societies contribute to the Manchurian evangelistic work, retired Bible Women, theological students, and to the relief of illness in homes of Christian workers. Their president writes: "Through the societies we have been greatly helped and blessed. Carrying on a society like this is an education to us in Japan. We have problems, but take much joy in serving others."

The missionary women of Japan are pressing two great national reforms, temperance and the abolition of licensed prostitution.

KOREA

Auxiliaries, 195; members, 2,650; money raised, \$1,060.04.

A native missionary to Japan is supported by these societies. They are undertaking two home missionaries; are providing a scholarship in a Bible School for the training of a worker; caring for a superannuate Bible Woman. Nothing has so developed the women of the Church in leadership as the missionary societies, missionaries write.

MEXICO

Auxiliaries, 35; members, 826; collections, \$3,480.25.

POLISH

Auxiliaries 6; members 121; collections \$131.;00

SIBERIA-KOREAN MISSION

Auxiliaries, 26; members, 518. They do local work only, but they long for a relationship with the mother Church in America and ask for the prayers of the women of the Council. They have 13 Bible Women who are supported by the Council.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSES (ADULT, YOUNG PEOPLE, AND CHILDREN) IN MISSION AND BIBLE STUDY BY CONFERENCES FOR 1929

CONFERENCE.	Classes Mission Study.	Members.	Classes Bible Study.	Members.
Alabama.....	345	7,381	172	3,757
Arizona.....	10	116	6	96
Baltimore.....	219	3,538	67	1,833
Central Texas.....	2,6	5,189	153	3,807
Denver.....	3	40	2	30
East Oklahoma.....	152	2,842	75	1,562
Florida.....	445	13,367	212	8,427
Holston.....	451	8,266	301	10,604
Illinois.....	5	60	1	15
Kentucky.....	120	2,003	53	1,045
Little Rock.....	216	4,669	114	2,490
Los Angeles.....	36	1,259	17	816
Louisiana.....	157	3,971	158	4,149
Louisville.....	164	2,978	104	1,841
Memphis.....	399	7,087	354	8,100
Mississippi.....	154	3,720	101	2,331
Missouri.....	129	2,601	61	1,154
New Mexico.....	67	1,354	43	780
North Alabama.....	688	10,156	638	11,608
North Arkansas.....	263	5,001	154	2,862
North Carolina.....	306	3,038	111	2,066
North Georgia.....	523	15,863	506	16,032
North Mississippi.....	760	12,260	464	7,157
North Texas.....	439	9,332	290	6,124
Northwest.....	.....	.....	1	14
Northwest Texas.....	285	4,986	212	3,668
Pacific.....	48	820	26	545
St. Louis.....	110	1,90	72	1,471
South Carolina.....	113	1,761	741	1,079
South Georgia.....	488	8,878	456	8,979
Southwest Missouri.....	101	1,894	49	1,194
Tennessee.....	332	5,474	231	4,219
Texas.....	300	5,514	248	4,842
Upper South Carolina.....	227	4,762	118	3,444
Virginia.....	666	12,012	340	6,543
Western North Carolina.....	594	11,621	488	10,798
West Oklahoma.....	341	5,937	263	5,437
West Texas.....	325	6,081	288	5,570
Western Virginia.....	136	2,654	60	1,346

REPORT OF SUPPLIES BY CONFERENCES FOR 1929

CONFERENCE.	Donations to Institutions.	Donations to Missionaries and Needy Preachers.	Total Number Donations.	Value of Donations.
Alabama.....	146	61	207	\$ 4,481 69
Arizona.....				
Baltimore.....	198	43	241	4,081 09
Central Texas.....				7,926 70
Denver.....				
East Oklahoma.....	35	25	60	1,792 00
Florida.....	167	95	262	3,350 26
Holston.....	50	16	66	1,302 13
Illinois.....	4	1	5	75 40
Kentucky.....	27	19	46	1,389 39
Little Rock.....	37	22	59	1,644 00
Los Angeles.....				539 15
Louisiana.....	344		344	7,424 07
Louisville.....	70	119	189	5,761 26
Memphis.....	354	82	436	6,412 27
Mississippi.....	195		195	4,609 22
Missouri.....	124	4	128	1,879 77
New Mexico.....			41	457 97
North Alabama.....				4,814 94
North Arkansas.....	59	84	143	981 50
North Carolina.....	67	53	120	1,036 07
North Georgia.....	207	28	235	7,438 75
North Mississippi.....	78	36	114	1,988 86
North Texas.....	1,436	41	1,477	14,757 69
Northwest.....	3	1	4	27 50
Northwest Texas.....	77	24	101	2,598 28
Pacific.....				311 25
St. Louis.....	32	32	64	2,021 34
South Carolina.....	28	45	73	1,951 88
South Georgia.....	181	59	240	3,635 67
Southwest Missouri.....	69	2	71	2,550 50
Tennessee.....	141	42	183	5,218 75
Texas.....	114	24	138	2,091 60
Upper South Carolina.....	191	41	232	2,609 94
Virginia.....	115	15	130	9,895 41
Western North Carolina.....	85	6	91	1,099 20
West Oklahoma.....	92	7	99	5,224 9c
West Texas.....	233	11	244	3,611 75
Western Virginia.....	5	58	63	516 52
Total.....	4,964	1,096	6,101	\$127,608 72

STATISTICS FROM CONFERENCES FOR 1929

CONFERENCE.	Adult Auxiliaries.	Adult Members.	Young People's Auxiliaries.	Young People's Members	Junior Epworth Societies.	Junior Epworth Members.	Primary Divisions.	Primary Members.	Baby Divisions.	Baby Members.	Auxiliaries Observing Week of Prayer.	Auxiliaries on Honor Roll.
Alabama	225	5,436	48	565	70	1,174	51	750	75	1,425	222	180
Arizona	21	484	3	50	14	192	.....	28	7	69	18	4
Baltimore	215	6,255	133	2,795	140	2,886	52	690	84	1,004	310	40
Central Texas	212	5,714	33	748	62	1,398	27	322	23	355	116	31
Denver	7	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Oklahoma	140	3,248	25	1,005	32	540	18	215	20	487	85	28
Florida	245	8,38	36	736	95	3,079	58	1,136	62	1,536	.....	19
Holston	219	7,959	94	2,227	90	1,959	58	937	67	1,176	222	124
Illinois	21	178	.....	.....	21	416	.....	.....	19	79	9	1
Indian	83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky	122	3,374	49	908	27	493	21	238	20	225	98	32
Little Rock	134	4,145	36	685	59	1,316	42	565	36	541	.....	.....
Los Angeles	20	890	.....	.....	6	149	3	32	3	14	14	.....
Louisiana	203	5,362	16	332	67	1,332	40	506	36	420	155	63
Louisville	221	5,021	56	1,011	41	927	31	422	37	324	132	56
Memphis	233	8,106	93	1,646	129	1,521	116	807	166	1,389	338	170
Mississippi	219	4,843	21	335	62	1,083	44	652	44	510	136	7
Missouri	117	2,856	39	669	58	856	14	191	23	224	120	66
New Mexico	57	1,420	7	147	11	200	4	110	4	93	45	2
North Alabama	266	7,816	96	1,779	96	1,843	83	843	65	1,011	184	105
North Arkansas	166	3,999	27	407	46	871	23	244	18	183	121	34
North Carolina	318	8,022	35	698	121	2,734	139	2,398	74	1,331	330	77
North Georgia	368	11,921	71	1,282	263	4,93	256	3,701	304	5,499	527	38
North Mississippi	217	5,426	53	971	85	1,661	58	681	58	624	180	94
North Texas	174	6,108	21	488	47	1,514	22	399	39	1,143	157	25
Northwest	24	377	2	19	19	181	4	30	3	18	15	.....
Northwest Texas	201	4,426	16	342	61	2,181	31	501	30	456	132	67
Pacific	46	995	5	114	25	441	4	40	3	43	32	1
St. Louis	104	2,686	25	521	46	1,112	17	224	21	216	.....	12
South Carolina	173	5,125	48	690	67	763	16	215	16	153	127	.....
South Georgia	277	8,017	37	497	85	776	59	511	65	553	183	.....
Southwest Missouri	105	3,032	26	353	29	685	18	362	21	311	77	5
Tennessee	211	5,812	55	726	84	1,635	48	554	76	1,158	159	85
Texas	223	5,550	24	403	64	724	36	456	49	869	163	49
Upper South Carolina	219	5,626	36	616	66	1,137	43	531	46	601	144	41
Virginia	416	14,520	171	3,908	161	3,376	90	1,419	118	1,524	378	126
Western North Carolina	263	8,966	93	1,832	125	2,430	81	1,274	76	1,148	159	66
West Oklahoma	129	4,145	32	554	49	1,133	22	479	23	350	101	40
West Texas	186	5,444	31	441	70	1,368	42	642	53	968	164	69
West Virginia	80	2,314	22	490	27	479	22	250	19	152	60	20
Total	6,880	194,190	1,615	31,043	2,620	51,503	1,693	23,355	1,904	28,182	5,213	1,846

PUBLICATIONS

ESTELLE HASKIN, EDITORIAL SECRETARY

THE past year has been filled with most interesting projects for the editorial office, and we hope that we may have been able to pass on at least some of the interest and enthusiasm that has generated here. The contacts outside the office have been of incalculable personal help. The secretary had the privilege of attending the annual meetings of the following Conferences: North Mississippi, Louisville, and East Oklahoma; she also spent one month during the summer in two schools, the Pastors' School in Durham, N. C., and the School of Missions in Mount Sequoyah. The experience at Mount Sequoyah was particularly outstanding. As we studied with a fine class of fifty earnest and enthusiastic members, there came an enlarged vision of our task and a new impetus for service.

PROGRAM MATERIAL

Adults.—The theme for 1929 for the adult program material was *Homes Around the World*. Never before have we been able to secure so many experts to prepare our leaflets. We realize that a few of the writers were too technical for many of our constituency, however for the most part the topics seem to have been treated in a way that proved most helpful to the auxiliary members. The criticisms coming from the Publicity Superintendents of the Conferences and auxiliaries were very revealing. Most of those who responded to the request on the report blank, "Give your candid judgment of the literature sent out from Headquarters," were enthusiastic in their expressions. Their general estimate was that the material was on the plane of the experience of the members and as a result, more helpful discussions were elicited from the members than ever before. One Conference Publicity Superintendent says: "The literature is making an appeal to our women to study conditions and to a certain extent to try to remedy wrong conditions. Women who ordinarily look upon a program as something formal and beyond their comprehension are ready to enter into the discussion. In other words, the literature is making its appeal to the universal Mother Heart." Concerning the topic dealing with *daughters*, one auxiliary superintendent says: "The material on Mothers and Daughters was especially fine. We followed our program with a service for daughters and a Mother and Daughter banquet. The girls were delighted and appreciated being honor guests."

The December material, written by Miss Bertha Condé, dealt with the home as a Christ center. This program received the greatest number of favorable comments. One auxiliary superintendent says: "The December literature is especially fine. As a result of the inspiration of this program we as a community have had the loveliest, most spiritual Christmas we have ever had. It inspired a special Christmas service which resulted in taking most of the rush and extravagance out of our Christmas. Therefore, Christmas was a more real joy than it had ever been."

When the literature committee was in session last May it faced with more than usual concern the missionary situation of the day and its obligation for the ongoing of the missionary enterprise. The program material for 1929, one of the publicity superintendents suggests, had given to the women a much broader conception of missions. Yet the committee realized that with this broader conception there is the danger of our membership having a less vivid vision of our original missionary objective. It is possible for its meaning to become so broad that there is lack in definiteness, the result of which will be a great hurt to the work already established on the fields. In view of this danger, programs on our Woman's Work are in the process of careful preparation for 1930. A special group of secretaries was asked by the Literature Committee to prepare the January leaflet on finances. We believe that they have set before the women a most comprehensive statement of how the money contributed by them is spent. Every effort is being made to secure the latest word from the fields for use in the program material.

Young People.—Two sets of material, one for the Senior and one for the Intermediate Young People, were prepared during the summer and came from the press in November. In the Senior Young People's material there was somewhat of an innovation. The regular Yearbook was discontinued and all material placed in the Program Suggestions. A change was also made in the *type* of material, encouragement being given for larger research. Much latitude was left also for program building on the part of the young people themselves. The book of programs for Intermediate Young People was prepared by Miss Noreen Dunn. It contains stories of the work in our Wesley houses located among foreign groups. She spent three weeks last spring visiting some of our Home Mission institutions which are attractively presented in this booklet. Program suggestions are incorporated, but a large latitude is given for this group also to form their own programs.

Another innovation on Young People's program material is in the publication of the *Book of Specials*, containing pictures and descriptions of the institutions to which they are to make their offering.

Children.—The Primary Leaders' Helps for 1930 were prepared by Corneille McCarn Rucker. This book sets forth *friendship projects* in cities and contains many attractive stories about adventures in a settlement house. Miss Noreen Dunn prepared an attractive cut-out sheet to accompany the Primary Leaders' Helps.

Upon the recommendation of Miss Althea Jones, for the second time we subsidized a Missionary Education Junior Mission Study Book, to be used for program material from September to June. "In an African Bush" was the one chosen. This we have been selling for 25 cents per copy, not much more than a sufficient amount to cover the charge of handling.

The baby leaflet, under the title "Priskilla," which is the story of an African baby, was prepared by Miss Mary Entwistle, of England. Miss

Entwistle has written many charming books for little children, which have been widely used on both sides of the ocean.

The Week of Prayer.—Much time and prayer and effort was spent in seeking to make the 1929 Week of Prayer in reality a time of prayer and self-denial. The programs were made for three days of worship and meditation with a fourth for the presentation of the *special*. It is impossible to determine the result of this plan, but echoes commending the distinct spiritual emphasis that was given have been received. The collection of over \$76,000, the largest in our history, with the exception of Jubilee Year, leads us to believe that the more thoroughly we can spiritualize this week, making the offering a part of the worship, the larger will be the results in every respect both for ourselves and for the week.

The editor had the experience of trying out her own programs at McKendree Church. The results were gratifying in many respects. The committee had made careful preparation for the hours of worship and meditation, not only in their well-planned programs but also by as piritual preparation. The leader had only to suggest to these prepared hearts. The result of the hours spent together was a deep realization of the presence of God. This experience was very valuable to the editor; it helped her to check up on desirable changes in the programs for the future.

Other Materials.—In addition to the program material the *Bulletin of Missionary News* has been published as usual; the budget has also carried a bi-monthly bulletin for young people.

During the year we have published a packet of material for social service committees to use in helping Negro Church Women's Missionary Societies also a number of new organization leaflets. The material for Negro women was made possible through the coöperation of Mrs. W. A. Newell, Superintendent of Social Service. Miss Juanita Brown, who was employed by the Social Service Department for work with Negro women in summer schools, gave some time to the preparation of this material. The packet contains forty leaflets, some of these are new, others have been selected from our stock and still others are those which have been revised for this particular purpose. The new organization literature has been put up in attractive form and will be valuable for use during membership campaigns. These leaflets include the following: "Your Money at Work," "What the Missionary Society Does for Methodist Women," "On Our Way to the Missionary Society," "Inasmuch" which is a short appeal for Africa, "Social Service in Korea," and "Through a Looking-Glass" which is a story of rebuilding a family. There have been many reprints of leaflets and other material already in stock.

EXPENSE OF PUBLICATION

Council Minutes.....		\$ 4,060 25
Council Bulletin, Reports, Estimates and Programs.....		881 10
Bulletins (Adults' and Young People's).....		1,567 06
Record and Report Books.....		1,124 35
Program Material:		
Adult:		
Yearbooks.....	\$1,702 85	
Leaflets.....	2,846 85—	4,549 70
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Young People:		
Program Suggestions for Seniors.....	679 08	
Book of Specials.....	389 75	
Intermediate Book of Programs.....	498 84—	1,567 67
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Children:		
Study book "In an African Bush".....	495 89	
Primary Leaders' Helps.....	710 35	
Picture Sheets.....	126 50	
Baby Leaflets.....	345 75—	1,678 49
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Week of Prayer Leaflets.....		1,030 83
Organization material (for all divisions)		
Leaflets.....	1,480 58	
Handbooks.....	553 30	
Roll of Honor Certificates, Pledge Cards, etc..	657 65—	2,691 53
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Leaflets for Colored Women's Missionary Societies.....		273 50
Studies in Prophecy (reprint).....		68 30
Fellowship Group Pamphlet.....		220 10
Material Purchased from Other Agencies:		
Plays, Pageants, Leaflets, etc.....	485 42	
Y. P. M. S. Pins.....	133 30	
Mite Boxes.....	238 66—	857 38
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Total.....		\$20,570 26

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The work of the Service Department has gone forward under the able direction of Miss Martha Lawrence. This is a piece of work which is managed jointly by the two sections of the Board of Missions and serves not only as a literature depository but also for many other purposes.

Receipts from Literature Sales

Record Books.....	\$ 2,987 98
Yearbooks.....	4,006 30
Bulletin (Council).....	534 50
Pins.....	137 30
Pageants.....	459 09
World Day of Prayer Material.....	122 87
Social Service Packets.....	51 75
Junior Study Books.....	671 85
Council Minutes and Postage on Council Minutes.....	316 77
Miscellaneous.....	1,526 43
Total.....	\$10,814 84

Service Department Expenses

Pay Roll.....	\$ 4,833 46
Postage.....	2,049 23
Wrapping Supplies.....	835 45
Machine and Machine Repairs.....	721 50
Hauling and Incidentals.....	391 18
Total.....	\$ 8,830 82

THE MISSIONARY VOICE

Important changes have been made in the *Missionary Voice*. The number of pages have been increased to forty-eight, eight of this number being devoted to a rotogravure section. This gives an opportunity to make a larger *eye appeal* to our constituency and will serve many who do not take the time to read the letter press section. This section has helped to make the magazine valuable for every member of the family, children and young people as well as adults. Because of the enlargement it was found necessary to withdraw the special rate of 75 cents per annum after the 1930 membership campaign. This is in accordance with suggestions that have come from some of our constituency. With the added rotogravure section and the type of articles furnished, we are confident that our readers realize that the rate of one dollar is most reasonable.

The *Missionary Voice* is a most valuable asset to every auxiliary woman. It carries supplementary articles for the monthly missionary topics, comments on the devotional and a spiritual cultivation page which is intended to develop the spiritual life of individuals and groups. It carries also articles on the work of the fields and on outstanding world problems. Among our contributors there are found many of the best experts not only in America but also in England.

The editor was told of one large auxiliary that uses the *Voice* articles once each month as a basis of discussion in its circle meetings. It was reported to be most interesting to the entire auxiliary membership.

The life of the magazine depends almost wholly upon the *Voice* agents and the coöperation of the auxiliaries. Their willingness to bear this responsibility is as usual, remarkable. Valiant work has been done in securing renewals and new subscriptions.

JUNIORS

Juniors is the official 32-paged monthly magazine of the Epworth Junior Society of our church. It is published jointly by the Epworth League Board and the Board of Missions and has a circulation of approximately 16,500. The major portion of the material contained in *Juniors* is devoted to stories, poems, and pictures which appeal to the interests of junior boys and girls. In addition to this, there are detailed plans for the weekly devotional programs and suggestions for the fourth Sunday missionary program. Each month the page "Junior Fun" gives plans for recreational activities in keeping with the special days and seasons of the year. The section "What Other Juniors Are Doing" gives opportunity for the exchanging of working ideas in regard to the various aspects of Epworth Junior work, as well as for the expression of friendliness and good will on the part of the boys and girls themselves. Two pages "For the Superintendent" and "For the Associate Superintendent" are given in each issue of the magazine to a discussion with Epworth Junior leaders of matters relating to their work.

The underlying purpose of *Juniors* is to implant in the minds of the junior readers Christian ideals and attitudes which shall ultimately be translated into Christian conduct, as well as to give practical aid to the women in their great work of leadership.

THE QUADRENNIUM

The quadrennium just drawing to a close has registered the largest output of literature of any quadrennium during the history of the work. A very conservative estimate shows that six million leaflets and booklets have come from the press and been distributed throughout the church. This included a large amount of extra material for the Jubilee celebration. Three books were published, also a number of pamphlets. One book was written for the Missionary Education Movement.

During this quadrennium the Woman's Section of the *Missionary Voice* has been placed in the Department of Literature, and the Secretary in charge has had the entire responsibility for its editorship. *Juniors* is completing its third year as a joint magazine for children in coöperation with the Epworth League Board. Miss Noreen Dunn, as office assistant, has rendered a service on this periodical worthy of the highest praise.

The work of the Department includes so many lines that it has been found necessary to secure extra help during the summer months. Miss Juanita Brown, a graduate of Scarritt College, served one summer and Miss Mary De Bardeleben was with us for two seasons.

CANDIDATE WORK

MRS. H. R. STEELE, SECRETARY

THE work in the office of the Candidate Secretary has gone forward along authorized lines. We have conducted the usual correspondence with students in colleges and with after college volunteers. An effort has been made to round up during the last year of the quadrennium plans which were made the first year so as to evaluate the work in the department.

STUDENT WORK

The literature of the Board has been mailed regularly. This year the report of the Jerusalem Council was brought to the attention of student groups, and "Roads to the City of God," *Matthews*; and "Human Needs and World Christianity," *McConnell*; and "All in a Day's Work," *Phillips*; were recommended for study. Letters have been received indicating an interest in the study, and saying that the books would be ordered and used in study groups.

Visits to colleges have been made upon invitation. Your Secretary has had a cordial reception from faculty members and students, and if the plans made for the year carry, a round of the colleges in which we have groups of interested students will be made in the quadrennium. This was all we hoped to do in the limited time in which it is convenient to go to the colleges. One Secretary could not do more than cover the territory in four years.

An effort has been made to coöperate with the Secretaries responsible for student work under the Board of Education. This has resulted in good will rather than a more systematic cultivation of the colleges. The Board of Education has greatly enlarged its program for student cultivation. A young student secretary, Nat Long, was employed the second year of the quadrennium, and has done a very fine piece of work.

STUDENTS AND MISSIONARY EDUCATION

In interviews with students, your Secretary is impressed with the lack of missionary information and enthusiasm on the part of the young people. They have the service motive, but they think of service in terms of activity—they lack the urge which is the basis of service for life. This, I am sure, comes from lack of information, and is due to a weakness in the program of missionary education in the local Church. This lack of missionary objective has been noted by the leaders of other boards, and by the leaders in the Student Volunteer Movement, and the Committee

on Missionary Preparation. It is the thesis of many papers and books at present, indeed many leaders of missionary education realize that there has been failure to put the proper emphasis on missionary education in the programs of religious education which are being put on in the Churches. Our young people lack certainty in their faith, and a real life purpose. Many girls to-day have a service motive, but in many it does not lead to sacrificial living.

The quadrennium has been characterized by a change in attitude toward missions on the part of many young people. Few are thinking in terms of life service. In a way this is the result of propaganda; in a way, it is the result of the lack of definiteness in our own program.

At a recent meeting of the Committee on Missionary Preparation, a letter from a prominent educator regarding the preparation of new missionaries was read. He said that in a large number of candidates for missionary work studying in the University with which he is connected, he noted lack of interest in courses designed to give students a better understanding of the life, thought, and cultural background of the people to whom they would go. Also a lack of preparation on the part of a number of missionaries in English Bible and in the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

He also stressed what seems to him to be too frequently a policy of opportunism on the part of the boards, resulting in out going missionaries not knowing the fields to which they are to be assigned until within three or four months of sailing.

To meet the changes in the thinking of young people, and to guide them in the choice of their life work, candidate cultivation should be on a different basis. Your Secretary is led to think that the cultivation by the Board of Missions should be of after college girls. We need a different kind of candidate, and a better candidate if we are to meet the needs of the fields and furnish leaders with the technical training asked for by the nationals who were at the Jerusalem Council.

After the Council, the Committee of Reference and Counsel addressed letters to fifty-two nationals who were at Jerusalem, asking three questions:

1. Have the Christian Churches of your land a well-thought-out program of their own which seeks to meet the needs not only of individuals, but of communities and the nation?
2. In the light of this program, clearly defined or in the making, what is your honest conviction regarding further need for new missionaries from the West? Where would you use them?
3. What special types of missionary service, and therefore what special qualifications in new missionaries are most needful in your land to-day?

Replies were received from thirty nationals. This material was sent to Candidate Secretaries, and at the recent meeting of the Committee on the Preparation of Missionaries, it was voted that the material should have a wider circulation. It was sent to seminaries and teachers of missions in different schools, also to a few leaders. Your Secretary made a

digest of the letters, which are most interesting and revealing. These nationals say, with few exceptions, that they need missionaries. They emphasize the need of missionaries with special training, and for types of work which cannot be done as yet by nationals.

In the recent meeting of the Committee on the Preparation of Missionaries, a Committee was appointed to make a study of the principles, methods, and material involved in the selection of missionaries. A conference of Candidate Secretaries was held in January to discuss the findings of this Committee.

In the discussion which resulted in the appointment of this Committee, it was said that the future of the missionary program depends upon the *selection* of the right type of candidate for service on the field, if we are to fit the missionary program into the changing times and into the program of the nations.

It was said among other things, that young people with potentialities should be selected, guided through the days of preparation, and trained especially in some line of work needed on the field, and that records should be predictive rather than of achievement and experience. We must have a criteria for appraisals and definite elements of personality which we are seeking in the missionary

Two questions were asked:

1. Do the boards go out to select a missionary for a definite task?
2. Or are they doing the best they can with the available material?

It was said that a representative of a New York firm visited one hundred colleges, interviewing 2,500 men, and selected sixty-five for business positions. And yet his work was not nearly so important to the life of the world as the missionary enterprise.

When we note the program of the development of the national Churches on the mission fields and the emphasis on evangelistic campaigns to double the membership of the younger Churches and strengthen the Church's program; when we note the need of trained leaders for rural work, for religious education, also for physical education, art and architecture and music, we know that missionaries must be more carefully selected than ever before, and given specialized training to equip them for their work.

Your Secretary thinks the time has come for a different cultivation of young people. Candidates should be personally selected because of equipment and personality and health, and given specialized training for a specific piece of work.

CONFERENCES

A Methodist Student Conference was held at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va., and was attended by a large group of students from the schools and colleges in the State. This conference was held under the auspices of the Board of Education. Your Secretary attended this conference and conducted a discussion on the family. A second

conference will be held at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va., in March.

A conference of Methodist students was held in Jackson, Miss., in the spring, and a similar conference will be held at Grenada, Miss., in the near future.

A CONFERENCE AT SCARRITT COLLEGE

Students from the near-by colleges were invited to spend the day at Scarritt College. Twenty students from three colleges came. Types of service in the foreign fields and in the home field, and in the local Church were presented; and the requirement for missionaries and deaconesses were presented and discussed. A fine spirit of fellowship prevailed.

SUMMER CONFERENCES

Representatives of the Council attended the Southern Y. W. C. A. Student Conference at Blue Ridge, N. C., in June, 1929. A denominational rally was held, in which a large number of students were present.

Your Secretary attended the Northwest Assembly at Coquille, Oregon in July, and taught a course on Principles and Methods on Organization of Woman's Work in the local Church.

Your Secretary represented the Council at the School of Missions at Lake Junaluska in August.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER UNION CONFERENCE

Representatives of the Council attended the North Texas, the West Texas, and South Carolina Student Volunteer Union Conferences.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Letters received from the Student Volunteer Movement report a revived interest in missions, and twice as many volunteers signing the decision card, as in the same number of months last year.

The names of thirty-one young women have been reported to our Board to date, an increase of ten over the number reported during the same period last year.

CANDIDATES ACCEPTED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CANDIDATES

Thirty-seven young women were accepted for Scarritt College this year.

Thirty-two juniors are in Scarritt College.

Ethel Sugg, a trained nurse, was accepted but was sent to Mexico to meet an emergency in one of our hospitals.

Two young women who had a year in Scarritt College, are in training at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York City.

You will be interested to know that we have three women physicians in training—one in her senior year, one in her junior year, the third in her sophomore year.

Dr. Kathryn Buckner has finished her medical course, and had one year internship in City Hospital, Dallas, Tex. She is having a year in New England Hospital for Women and Children, Boston, Mass. We thought she would be ready to go to the field this summer, but she will be detained by the illness of her mother.

The following young women are hereby presented to the Council for consecration at this meeting:

Deaconesses:

NAME	CONFERENCE
Pederson, Selma Mae	West Oklahoma
Webb, Edith	Northwest Texas
Shick, Hazel	St. Louis
Rogers, Obra May	Florida
Hodkins, Margaret Irene	Southwest Missouri
Drinker, Esther Elvira	East Oklahoma
McCracken, Grace	Kentucky
Head, Janet C.	Mississippi
Hyde, Marthina	Memphis

Foreign Missionaries:

NAME	CONFERENCE	FIELD
Glenn, Sarah	Upper South Carolina	China
Leggett, Robbie Lee	Mississippi	China
Cronk, Althea May	West Texas	Japan
Foster, Susie Peach	Alabama	Korea
Wallis, Ann	East Oklahoma	Korea
White, Annimae	North Georgia	Africa
Smith, Mrs. Ethel Shuler	South Carolina	Africa
O'Toole, Ruth Adelia	St. Louis	Africa
Burns, Aultie Pauline	Tennessee	Brazil
Anderson, Ruth Dewey	Northwest Texas	Brazil
Goodwin, Grace	Upper South Carolina	Cuba
Dyck, Anna Belle	Southwest Missouri	Mexico

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

JULIA LAKE STEVENS, SECRETARY

No year's work of the quadrennium has been finer or more satisfactory than this year, 1929. A careful study of the work of the department for the year reveals a solidarity of interest and strength, a steady and continuous growth of the work in every Conference. In previous years there has been marked advancement in the larger and stronger Conferences which counterbalanced the less forceful program in some of the smaller ones, but the records for this year show a more unified program of work, a vitality, and an awakened and deep-rooted interest in every Conference where the Young People's Work is organized. The young people themselves are taking more interest in the whole question of missions. They are more keenly alive to all of the great issues of the day and are discussing such questions as war, peace, industry, racial relationship in their monthly meetings. There is a willingness and an eagerness on their part to share responsibility, to assume more difficult places of leadership, and to launch out with Christ in more challenging fields of service.

The Superintendents have been diligent and alert and have given themselves unreservedly to their task. We determined at the first of the year to make this the banner year of the quadrennium. Our figures in every instance do not show an increase, but one cannot judge a great educational program merely by figures. If we think of the year's work in terms of the spiritual, religious, moral, and social values that have been implanted in the hearts and minds of our young people, and of those same forces that have been let loose in the world at large, we know that this has been a glorious year in every way, and that our young people are advancing as never before toward the full promise of a world-wide brotherhood.

ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

There is a total enrollment in the Young People's Department of 1,615 societies, with 31,127 members. This year eleven Conferences reported an increase in organizations; eighteen Conferences reported an increase in members. The following Conferences made the largest percentage of increase in organizations: Pacific, 150 per cent; South Georgia, 117 per cent; Memphis, 40 per cent; North Alabama, 37 per cent; Tennessee, 34 per cent. Those making the largest percentage of increase in members are: South Georgia, 600 per cent; East Oklahoma, 179 per cent; Pacific, 137 per cent; North Alabama, 59 per cent; Northwest Texas, 29 per cent.

An effort was made this year to surpass the Jubilee record in the organization of new societies and in the enlistment of new members.

This goal was not achieved, however, for we are able to report only 300 new societies and 8,404 new members as against 352 new societies and 9,826 new members of the Jubilee Year.

The Conferences having the largest percentage of gain in new societies are: Pacific, 60 per cent; South Georgia, 59 per cent; East Oklahoma, 48 per cent; Texas, 45 per cent; Memphis, 44 per cent. Those having the largest percentage of gain in new members are: South Georgia, 73 per cent; Pacific, 63 per cent; Texas, 60 per cent; Mississippi, 48 per cent; North Alabama, 47 per cent.

Honorable mention should be given the Memphis, South Georgia, and Texas Conferences for their splendid gains in organizations and membership. The Superintendents of these Conferences set high goals the first of the year, and quarter by quarter endeavored to attain them.

There are in the Young People's Society two age groups: the senior-young people's group, which includes young people from seventeen through twenty-five years of age, and the intermediate group, which includes those from thirteen through sixteen years of age. The majority of the societies are composed of the senior-young people's group, but there are a large number of intermediate circles. These young boys and girls are doing a magnificent work and, as one Superintendent said, are the key to the success of our Young People's Work, since the personnel of the older group is constantly changing, some members advancing to the adult auxiliaries and some dropping out for one cause or another. It is hoped that special thought and attention will be given this age group this year and every effort made to organize an intermediate circle in every Church where there is an Adult or Young People's organization. Special literature has been prepared for them. All that is needed is for some missionary woman to volunteer to serve as their Superintendent.

MISSION AND BIBLE STUDY

The work in mission and Bible study for the year is most gratifying. An appeal was made the first of the year to standardize this work and place it on a more educational basis. The requirements for a Council Certificate were kept before the young people, and a large number of societies met it and received certificates. It has been felt that the standard was a little too high for the intermediates, and we have not been issuing certificates to them, but because of their deep interest in their mission study and the splendid type of work that they do, we feel that they should have the same recognition as the senior group, and we hope to make the Council Certificate available for them.

Graded courses in mission and Bible study were offered. The mission and Bible study books that were used during the year were "All in a Day's Work," by Godfrey Philips, and "Jesus's Teachings," by Sidney A. Weston. The intermediates studied "Pioneers of Good Will," by Hunting, and "Going to Jerusalem," by Applegarth.

There were held during the year 1,495 mission study classes with 23,628 members; and 1,201 Bible study classes with 20,967 members. We are able to report an increase in mission and Bible study classes and members over 1928. The Conferences having the largest increases in mission study classes are: North Georgia, 38; Louisiana, 31; South Georgia, 25; Memphis, 17; South Carolina, 13. Those having the largest increase in members are: Louisiana, 577; North Georgia, 561; North Mississippi, 490; South Georgia, 349; Northwest Texas, 342.

The Conferences having the largest increases in Bible classes are: Louisiana, 35; North Georgia, 29; Baltimore, 21; Northwest Texas, 18; South Georgia, 14. Those having the largest increase in members are: Baltimore, 668; Louisiana, 617; North Georgia, 606; Northwest Texas, 405; Holston, 346.

SOCIAL SERVICE AND SUPPLIES

No one phase of the Young People's program is more important or interesting than their social service work. Their deeds of kindness and loving service are expressed in their homes, their schools, their Churches, communities, and extend out into the world wherever the Council has work. Their services at the Wesley Houses have opened up for them places on the City Board of Missions which give them a more personal interest in the Wesley House work and make them feel a greater responsibility for the success of its program. During the year, 1,084 definite social service projects were reported to headquarters. This is only a partial report.

The Superintendents of Supplies reported 712 boxes valued at \$8,153.27. This, too, is only a partial report.

The young people were asked to direct their supplies during the year to their Home Special, the Rural Work. In some instances valuable assistance was rendered the deaconesses, especially at Christmas time. I am sure that I speak for all the Superintendents and young people when I say that it was a privilege to have had a small share in the program of rural work these past two years, and that we have never enjoyed a Home Special more than we have this one.

FINANCES

The young people's pledge for the year was \$49,819. They paid \$48,611.64 of this, leaving a deficit of \$1,207.36. Besides raising the \$48,611.64 on their Council pledge, they raised \$2,729.70 as a love gift to the Hiroshima Girls' School, their foreign special; spent \$8,153.27 on supplies; and raised \$8,935.50 for other purposes. Their total gifts for the year, as reported to the Council Superintendent, amounted to \$68,430.11.

This year thirty-three Conferences paid or overpaid their pledge to the Council. Since there is no Young People's Work in the Illinois Conference, this means that only five Conferences failed to meet their

pledge, and one of these only lacked \$10.34 of meeting their pledge of \$1,000. This is the finest record we have had.

Since the young people have been allowed to make their own pledge to the Council and more of the responsibility of meeting it has been placed upon them, they have taken a greater interest in their Council obligation and have put forth a greater effort to meet it.

In the majority of Conferences the young people have the full responsibility of meeting their pledge; in a few Conferences they are still assisted by the adults. Beginning with the new quadrennium, we are asking that in no Conference will the adults assist the young people with their Council pledge, but that they let them meet it or fail to meet it, as the case may be.

THE LOVE GIFTS FOR HIROSHIMA GIRLS' SCHOOL

One of the most interesting projects of the year was the raising of \$2,729.70 as a special love gift to the Hiroshima Girls' School Hiroshima, Japan, which has been the young people's foreign special for the quadrennium.

The young people had come to feel a very personal interest in the school as a result of their study of it for four years, and a happy idea was conceived to express their interest in and love for the school by the raising of a special fund which was to be applied on a grand piano and sanitary plumbing, two of the most urgent needs of the school at this time.

The Council favored the plan and granted permission to carry out the project, on the condition that only money raised over and above the Conference pledges might be applied on the love gifts. Department-wide interest was manifested in the project, and the young people set to work immediately to raise the pledge and this special fund. In order to get the work before the young people, each Conference was asked to raise a stated amount, this being in most instances ten per cent of their Conference pledge.

The young people were confronted with two difficulties: one, that no money could be applied on the gifts until the whole Conference pledge was paid; the other, that in most instances they had pledged as large a sum to the Council as they could meet before assuming this extra responsibility.

At the close of the year when all of the money was in, we found that the young people in nineteen Conferences had raised \$2,729.70 over and above their pledges which might be applied on the love gifts. Young people in the other seventeen Conferences raised extra money for the love gifts, but this had to be applied on their pledges, since they were not met in full.

The nineteen Conferences sharing in the love gifts are: Alabama, Arizona, Baltimore, East Oklahoma, Holston, Memphis, Mississippi, Missouri, North Alabama, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Pacific, St. Louis, South Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, West Oklahoma, West Texas,

and West Virginia. Of this number, Alabama, Arizona, Holston, Memphis, North Alabama, Northwest Texas, Pacific, South Georgia, Texas, West Texas, and West Virginia paid or overpaid their full apportionment on the love gifts.

The South Georgia young people overpaid their assessment by \$290.31, and the young people of the St. Louis Conference overpaid theirs by \$196.08.

The young people of the Holston Conference made the largest contribution of \$521; Baltimore came second, with \$379.90; and Memphis third, with \$315.24.

We are indeed proud of our young people, and we rejoice in their responsiveness, their willingness to give and to serve. Their gift is truly a gift of love and will not only afford satisfaction and pleasure to the students at Hiroshima, but will serve as a symbol of friendship and better understanding between the young people of our Church and the students of the Hiroshima Girls' School.

THE ESSAY CONTEST

One of the high points of the year was the sponsoring of an essay contest for the young people by the General Section of the Board of Missions. The contest began the first of September and closed December 25. It was limited to the members of the Young People's Missionary Society between thirteen and twenty-five years of age. The following ten subjects were selected for the young people to choose from, all of which center about the missionary work of the Church: *The Bible as a Missionary Book*, *The Protestant Movement in Europe*, *The Redemption of the Congo*, *Our Relations with Latin America*, *Christianity and the Orient*, *The United States as a Mission Field*, *Christian Service and the Negro*, *The Immigrant of the South*, *The Future of the Rural Church*, *The Church and Industry in the South*.

Four prizes were offered: first, the Missionary Award of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and \$100 in gold; second, \$75 in gold; third, \$50 in gold; fourth, \$25 in gold.

Sixty-two essays were submitted by the young people from the following Conferences: Baltimore, 19; Central Texas, 1; Kentucky, 1; Louisiana, 3; Memphis, 5; Missouri, 2; North Alabama, 1; North Carolina, 4; North Georgia, 2; North Mississippi, 8; North Texas, 6; Tennessee, 2; Texas, 1; Virginia, 4; West Oklahoma, 1; Western North Carolina, 2.

The essays were first judged by a preliminary committee composed of Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Miss Elizabeth Claiborne, Miss Noreen Dunn. Eight essays were selected by this preliminary committee and were sent to Dr. W. J. Young, of Emory University, Dr. A. W. Wasson, of Southern Methodist University, and Prof. James Gannon III, of Duke University, for final judging. They were: *The Church and Industry in the South*, by Miss Virginia Hale, Baltimore Conference; *The United States as a Mission Field*, by Miss

Ella Sue Kiser, Baltimore Conference; *China Needs Christianity*, by Miss Jimmie Woodward, Central Texas Conference; *The Future of the Rural Church*, by Miss Juanita Lunsford, Louisiana Conference; *The Bible as a Missionary Book*, by Miss Willard Chandler, Memphis Conference; *Christian Service and the Negro*, by Miss Beatrice Johnson, North Mississippi Conference; *Christian Service and the Negro*, by Mr. Walter N. Vernon, Jr., North Texas Conference; *The Bible as a Missionary Book*, by Miss Katherine Lois Martin, Virginia Conference.

The following prize essays were selected: first—*China Needs Christianity*, by Jimmie Woodward, Central Texas Conference; second—*Christian Service and the Negro*, by Beatrice Johnson, North Mississippi Conference; third—*Christian Service and the Negro*, by Walter N. Vernon, Jr., North Texas Conference; fourth—*The Bible as a Missionary Book*, by Willard Chandler, Memphis Conference.

We are deeply grateful to the General Secretary of the Board of Missions for taking this interest in our young people, and we would especially like to express our appreciation of Dr. Clark for the valuable assistance in promoting the contest and for his help in making it possible for our young people.

The contest served as a means of giving the young people a wider knowledge of the missionary work of our Church, of stimulating their interest in missionary service, and of acquainting them with the great unchristian areas that still lie untouched. We consider it one of the most valuable projects that has ever been launched in the department, and only those young people who entered the contest will be able to estimate its true value.

SUMMER CONFERENCES AND DISTRICT MEETINGS

The usual summer camps and district meetings were held, which resulted in an enlarged interest in the program of work and quite a number of new organizations and members.

It was my privilege to attend young people's district meetings in the Baltimore, Tennessee, and Northwest Texas Conferences, a joint camp of the Mississippi and North Mississippi Conferences, and camps in the Virginia and Northwest Texas Conferences.

The young people of the Virginia Conference held their first Annual Conference meeting. It was attended by one hundred and twenty-five young people from all over the Conference. They were delighted with the meeting and considered it most worth while and essential to their program of work. They voted for a second meeting to be held this summer.

It has been found that those Conferences that hold district meetings for their young people each consecutive summer do the most constructive work. This has been especially true of the Holston Conference and the Memphis Conference. The camps are splendid, but only a limited number of young people are touched. Through the district meetings young people in every district and in almost every

society are reached and the work is put before them in a practical, interesting way that makes for a more unified and constructive program. I hope that every Conference Superintendent will begin now to arrange for district meetings for her young people for this summer and that Conference officers will make them possible for her.

A RÉSUMÉ OF THE QUADRENNIUM

As I look back over the work of the quadrennium I see signs of progress here, and development there that are most encouraging. I shall mention a few of these in order that you can see how step by step the plan of work has developed and enlarged until at the beginning of a new quadrennium we are ready to advance with a great educational program that will challenge our young people to their fullest.

In 1926 only eight Conferences were holding district meetings for their young people. Now in twenty-four Conferences the women are making these meetings possible for their young people, and in most Conferences the meetings are held in every district. During the quadrennium five Conferences held their first young people's camp; two Conferences held their first young people's annual conference meeting. These special district meetings, camps, and annual conferences have afforded larger opportunities for self-expression for our young people, for special training in leadership, and have made them feel a more vital part of the Woman's Missionary Society. These meetings have also served to build up a department spirit and have helped to vitalize their organization.

In many Conferences young people are now serving as assistants to the district secretaries. This relieves the district secretary of some of her responsibility, places it upon the young people, and gives them splendid training in district work.

We are especially happy over our *Young People's Bulletin*. It enables us to keep every phase of our work before the young people and to keep them in vital touch with the whole Council program. It seems indispensable to our work, and we are grateful that it is now a monthly publication.

An effort has been made this quadrennium to standardize our work. Through our new system of reporting our roll is cleared each year of all inactive material and in this way is kept accurate. The full responsibility of meeting the Council pledge has been placed upon the young people. The adults have kindly assisted us at times, but we feel that until the young people are made to feel the full responsibility of making and meeting their pledge that their giving cannot be placed on an educational basis.

After carefully studying the personnel of the Young People's Department, we found that in many societies girls of thirteen and fourteen years of age were in the same societies with young women twenty-two and twenty-three. Realizing the inconsistency of such a grouping, we advocated the use of the circle plan. We now have in the Young Peo-

pie's Missionary Society two distinct groups: the senior-young people, ages 17 to 25, and the intermediates, ages 13 to 16. Separate literature is prepared for each group.

Another cause for gratification is that the Young People's Work is becoming more and more a world organization. During the quadrennium societies have been organized in Cuba, Brazil, China, and Korea. We shall not be satisfied until we have Young People's Missionary Societies in every foreign country where the Council has work.

There has been a constantly growing interest in the young people and their work on the part of the women. The great problem of our department has always been lack of leadership. This is a serious problem in many Conferences, but the eyes and hearts of the women have been opened to the beautiful and important task of directing youth's vast energy, ability, and idealism into channels that will build for eternity.

The thing that has made the work of the quadrennium so challenging and beautiful has been the fine spirit of the superintendents, the young people, my office secretary, Mrs. Gaines, and the host of interested women who have lovingly assisted in our work. No task has ever been too difficult for them, no responsibility too heavy; but with whole-hearted loyalty and a great love for their Master and for the principles for which he stood, they continually pressed forward, remembering that in as much as they did it unto the least of his children, they did it unto him.

CHILDREN'S WORK

JULIA LAKE STEVENS, SUPERINTENDENT

After the tragic death in June of our beloved Children's Superintendent, Miss Althea Jones, I was asked by the Board of Missions to direct the work of the Children's Department until a new superintendent was elected to take her place. I gladly consented to do this, because of my love for Miss Jones and of my close association with her in the Young People's and Children's Work these past three and a half years, and because of the opportunity it would afford of serving with the Superintendents in their beautiful work with the children. The responsibility of the two departments has proved a little strenuous at times, but this period of fellowship and service with the Children's Superintendents has been one of the most enriching experiences of my life. I have never known anything finer than the way in which they took up their work after losing their leader and quietly and determinedly pressed onward toward the realization of the goals that had been set for them. Their undaunted courage, their deepened loyalty, their determination and willingness to carry on in spite of difficulties have made more real the beauty of sacrificial love and service. The report that I bring is of their work and achievements. My only contribution has been words of encouragement and cheer when I felt that they were needed.

I should like to say a word in appreciation of Miss Jones's office secretary, Mrs. Griffin. The work in the office could not have gone on as smoothly and successfully as it did if it had not been for her untiring efforts and loving assistance. She, too, pledged anew her loyalty to Miss Jones and her coworkers and made the office work a joy and blessing to the new Superintendent.

The following statistical report is brought with a feeling of pride and of joy, for it represents the loving work of thousands of missionary women throughout the Church who are giving themselves unreservedly to the task of implanting in the hearts and minds of our children great, abiding Christian principles that will make for a richer and a more beautiful world in which to live.

ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

Total Divisions:

Baby.....	1,902; increase,	30
Primary.....	1,687; increase,	176
Epworth Junior Society.....	2,643; increase,	45
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Grand Total.....	6,232; increase,	251

Total Members:

Baby.....	28,041; increase,	744
Primary.....	23,332; increase,	2,333
Epworth Junior Society.....	51,529; decrease,	3,020
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Grand Total.....	102,902; increase,	57

There are now on roll in the Children's Department 6,232 divisions and 102,902 members. This is a gain of 251 divisions and 57 members for the year. The only decrease shown is in the membership of the Epworth Junior Society, for which I am not able to state the exact cause.

Thirteen Conferences report an increase over 1928 in total number of divisions. The Conferences reporting the largest percentage of increase are: West Oklahoma, 70%; West Texas, 52%; Florida, 50%; Alabama 30%; and North Mississippi, 23%.

Fifteen Conferences report an increase in total number of members. The Conferences reporting the largest percentage of increase in total membership are: Florida, 100%; Northwest, 95%; Louisiana, 37%; North Carolina, 32%; and North Georgia, 32%.

There were 1,255 new Baby, Primary, and Epworth Junior Divisions organized during the year with 36,785 members; a decrease of 469 divisions and an increase of 4,822 members. Of the 1,255 new divisions, 516 were Epworth Junior Societies; 369 Primary Divisions; and 370 Baby Divisions. Of the 36,390 new members, 17,274 were Epworth Juniors, 8,614, Primaries; and 10,897, Babies.

The following Conferences report the largest percentage of increase in number of new divisions: West Oklahoma, 81%; Holston, 72%; Tennessee, 69%; South Georgia, 62%; and Louisiana, 20%.

Twelve Conferences report a net increase in number of new members. The Conferences reporting the largest percentage of increase in new members are: South Georgia, 358%; North Carolina, 256%; Florida, 176%; Alabama, 124%; North Georgia, 73%.

The large number of children that are being touched in this department is most gratifying. However, there is still need and opportunity for more Baby and Primary Divisions and Epworth Junior Societies. The superintendents report a comparative small number of fully organized children's departments. There will be Epworth Junior Societies or Primary Divisions or Baby Divisions or perhaps two divisions, but seldom three. The problem involved here is lack of leadership for there are always children in every Church and in comparatively few of the Churches are they receiving intensive missionary training.

FINANCES

Divisions:	Pledge:	Amount paid:
Baby	\$51,030 38	\$11,369 48; increase, \$1,031 21
Primary		9,933 22; increase, 1,105 53
Epworth Junior Society.		28,979 43; decrease, 3,253 19
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Total	\$51,030 38	\$50,275 13 decrease \$1,116 45
Indian Work		7 00
		\$50,282 13
Amount spent locally (partial)		1,062 78
Amount spent on supplies (partial)		379 98
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Grand total		\$51,724 89

The Children's pledge for the year was \$51,030.38. Of this amount \$50,282.13 was paid, leaving a deficit of \$748.25. The Superintendents made every possible effort to meet their pledge in full this year, but it was impossible to do this in several of the Conferences. The adults stood right behind the Superintendents and gave them assistance in every way that they could, for which we are deeply grateful.

In the Baby Division there is an increase of \$1,031.21 over their gifts of last year; an increase of \$1,105.53 in the Primary Division; and a decrease of \$3,253.19 in the Epworth Junior Society. The decrease in the Epworth Junior Society, I think, is due to the educational principle of not stressing money and letting the children's giving grow naturally out of their study. We all agree that the principle is a splendid one and should be used, but care must be taken to see that the children are kept vitally interested in their missionary work, so that the cause of missions will not suffer for more personal and less worth-while appeals.

Thirty-one Conferences paid or overpaid their pledge, which is the finest record of the quadrennium. The Conferences making the largest percentage of increase in their pledges are: Pacific, 54%; Florida, 44%; West Texas, 39%; Southwest Missouri, 29%; and West Oklahoma, 23%.

Besides contributing to the Council pledge the children reported 322

boxes of supplies for the home institutions, valued at \$379.98. They reported \$1,062.78 spent locally. Their total gifts to missions for the year as reported to the Council Superintendent is \$51,724.89 which is an average gift per capita of fifty-one cents.

SPECIAL ITEMS

If our compilation of figures is correct, we are able to report 586 Children's Departments attaining the Standard of Excellence. While this is an increase of 271 over 1928, it is a comparatively small percentage of the total number of divisions.

A most necessary part of the Children's work is the Mothers' Meetings that are held each quarter. Regardless of how effective a piece of work the children's Superintendents may do with the children at Church the fullest results cannot be realized without proper coöperation and training at home. During the year 755 Mothers' Meetings were held, and the Superintendents report them well attended. There is a great need for literature for these meetings. A number of the mothers are members of the Adult Missionary Society, but a large number are not and have little missionary background and little training in child psychology. For these Mothers' Meetings to be meaningful and helpful, special literature will have to be furnished the superintendents.

The Social Service work done by the children cannot be fully estimated. Two notable social service projects were the placing of Miss Jones' name on the Memorial Roll by the children of the Northwest Texas Conference and the making of a beautiful quilt in memory of Miss Jones by the children of Natchitoches, La. The quilt was given to Scarritt College.

A large number of scrapbooks were sent to Japan, and the children shared some of their scrapbooks with Japanese and Mexican friends in the States.

The Week of Prayer was observed by 4,068 divisions of the Children's Department. The children's offering is not reported separately, and consequently cannot be estimated, but it is gratifying to know that the children are sharing in the observance of these special days of prayer. A special children's program is prepared each year, and it is hoped that no Week of Prayer Service will be held without the children having a part in it.

MISSION STUDY.

Mission Study Classes	3,190; decrease, 1,509
Mission Study Members	49,977; decrease, 3,157
Classes during Intensive Study Period	1,164; decrease, 745
Members during Intensive Study Period	22,056; decrease, 9,050

There were held during the year 3,190 Mission Study Classes with 49,977 members, and during the Intensive Mission Study Period in June and July 1,164 Mission Study Classes were reported, with an attendance of 22,056.

The mission study books used by the juniors in their fall, winter, and spring work were "Our Japanese Friends," by Seabury and "In the African Bush," by Schwab. It was necessary for Miss Haskin to make a

reorder of "Our Japanese Friends," as the first order of a thousand books were sold within a few months. The book used by the primaries was "Rafael and Consuello," by Means. This book was not used so extensively on account of its high cost.

One of the most important pieces of work done during the year is the Daily Vacation Schools of Missions that are held in June and July. During these two months the children are under the direct supervision of the missionary leaders, and a splendid opportunity is afforded for intensive missionary cultivation. At least a thousand schools were held during June and July, with over twenty-two thousand children in attendance. These schools are not limited to the members of the Children's Department, nor to the children of our Church. Since this is true we have not begun to do the work during this period that should be done. The 22,056 children enlisted in the Schools of Missions this year is hardly one-fifth of the members of our own department. We shall not be meeting our fullest obligation to the children until a School of Missions is held in every Church where we have a Children's Department. We ask the presidents of every local Adult Auxiliary and of every Young People's Missionary Society to give the Superintendents of Children's Work their fullest support in the planning and putting on of these Schools of Missions. It is a heavy responsibility that the children's workers cannot meet alone.

THE WORK OF THE QUADRENNIUM.

It will be impossible for me to give an adequate estimate of the Children's work for the quadrennium. I can only make a few general statements based upon these past few months of experience and a careful study of the records and reports of the three previous years.

Although there was a radical change in the organization of the Children's Department the work has moved steadily along. The records show an appreciable gain in members and divisions and an increase in mission study classes. There has been a falling off in finances each year, which is due in part to the changes in organizations and policies.

The majority of the Conference Superintendents feel that the correlated plan of organization of the Epworth Junior Society is a workable one and should be continued for another quadrennium. There is still much misunderstanding and a lack of unity and even of coöperation on the part of the leaders in some Conferences and local Churches, but it is felt that when the program is thoroughly understood and the Christian development of the child is kept in mind and not certain loyalties to organizations, that the plan will be successfully used in all of the Conferences.

While over one hundred thousand children are enlisted in the Children's Work, this is a small number in comparison to the total membership of the Church, and our missionary women should not be satisfied until every child in the Church is receiving missionary instruction.

The children's literature is splendid and will adequately meet their needs when a few special leaflets are furnished for Mothers' Meetings, on the Babies' Special, and for certain phases of the Junior work. New record and report books are also needed for this department.

A noted leader of children recently said "that what you want for the future you must hide away in the heart of the child." No truer statement could be made and because the child is the leader of to-morrow we should give him the most enriching Christian training that is possible for him to have. If we are to build adequately for to-morrow it will take the very finest leadership that our Woman's Missionary Society affords. The women have never realized this to be the fullest, but they are beginning to see it more and more. They are not only furnishing leadership for this department of work, but they are endeavoring to secure the right woman for the place and to support her in her work. This is a day of preparation and of study. The Children's Superintendents are longing for an opportunity to prepare themselves adequately for their work. They are willing to take the time for this special training if the opportunity is only given them. This is the greatest need in the department, as I see it, and I hope that it will be met early in the new quadrennium.

In many of the Conferences the Superintendents are not able to do the necessary promotional work. This places the full responsibility upon the district secretary, who, as a rule, is overburdened with the adult work and can give comparatively little time to the Children's Work. Where this is the case, it would be well for her to secure a young woman from the Adult Auxiliary or the Young People's Missionary Society to assist her in this work since the Children's Work, as all work, grows in proportion to the time and thought that are given it.

There has been a gradual decrease in the Children's finances. This is due to the changes in principles and policies that have been made during the quadrennium. If the Children's finances are to be placed on a standard basis it will be necessary for the Conference Superintendents to estimate their children's pledge to the Council each year; for the children to meet their pledge themselves without assistance from the adults; and for their missionary program and specials to be made so interesting that the children will want to give to missions from a sense of love and not from a sense of duty.

The superintendents and children passed successfully through the days of readjustments and changes under the loving and efficient leadership of their leader, who dreamed great dreams for the work of her department and was able to realize many of them. They stand now waiting and prepared for a greater advancement.

BUREAU OF SOCIAL SERVICE

MRS. W. A. NEWELL, SUPERINTENDENT

FOR the first time in the ten years that this superintendent has been in charge of the Bureau an especial efficiency standard was set up, in 1929, as a goal for study of social welfare enterprises, and for prompt and thorough discharge of the ordinary duties pertaining to the office of Superintendent of Social Service in the auxiliary. Although a year had not yet passed since the publication of this Efficiency Standard, a number

of auxiliaries have won the recognition through fulfillment of the conditions set by the Council at its 1929 session.

The standard required (a) the enrollment of the members of the Social Service Committee in the Mission Study Class for study of the Home Mission Text; (b) meeting of the Committee for the study of the three social service handbooks, *Adult*, *Young People's* and *Interracial*, and the section on Social Service in the *Manual for Leaders of the Children's Department*; (c) study of one or more of the especial packets of literature on Recreation, Child Labor, Race Relations, Sex Education, and Child Care; (d) presentation of the two social service programs to the auxiliary; (e) four quarterly reports sent to the Conference Superintendent.

The recognition has taken the form of a personal letter of commendation from the Superintendent of the Bureau and the Conference Superintendent to the winning auxiliary.

The influence of this emphasis of study has been shown in the reports of auxiliary work sent in by Conference Superintendents, as well as that of the recommendations concerning study of mothers' pension laws and child labor laws, and of Negro rural schools, although in the last-named purpose we have been handicapped by delay in getting the proper outlines for surveys and studies from the organizations responsible for their preparation. It has been deemed best, in consultation with the Directors of the Commission on Interracial Coöperation, to make this a study of *all* schools, white as well as colored, in rural communities (including towns of 2,500 inhabitants or less) in order to get fair and just estimates of school facilities for all children of both races. The coming year will see more adequate guides for this study.

Our slogan for social service study has been this year: "Our people perish for lack of knowledge."

LEGISLATIVE WORK

A quarterly letter has been sent out to auxiliary superintendents from the Bureau Superintendent on some particular issue or movement with the request that the message be taken directly to the auxiliary, asking them to share in the movement, sometimes by concerted action, sometimes in ways best suited to their own situation. In the past year two of these letters have dealt with the national issue of maternity-infancy protection. The first asked support of the Newton Bill, successor to the Sheppard-Towner Act, which expired by limitation in July, 1929. The second asked the auxiliaries to send messages to their senators and representatives in Congress asking them to support the two bills for maternity and infancy protection known as Senate Bill 255 and House Resolution 1195 which were presented to Congress in December. A large majority of the Conference Superintendents reported having heard from auxiliaries as having complied with this request, and since the appeal reached every auxiliary in the connection it is to be supposed that many acted who did not report.

A "hurry call" went out to such Conferences as could be reached asking

them to communicate with their senators in support of the ratification of the Peace Pact, which received due attention. For the current quarter, Conference Superintendents have been asked to bring the entrance of the United States to the World Court before their annual and district meetings. The message to auxiliaries presents plans for a ceremony of Acceptance of the Peace Pact by Church Organizations. We believe that these presentations have a wide educational value for the women and hope that their responses will win a measure of respect for the significance of the Church's attitude toward measures of deep meaning in national and world welfare.

In addition to these major interests in national and international legislation several Conferences have reported activity in their auxiliaries for the passage of state welfare legislation. The five Texas Conferences have continued their mass movement for State support of the School for Delinquent Negro Girls through letters and petitions to their representatives.

The Conference Superintendents of the Mississippi and Florida Conferences circularized their auxiliaries asking their support of the Workman's Compensation Bill, as did the North Carolina Conference the previous year. Arkansas, Florida, and Mississippi are the only Southern States as yet without these laws.

The Educational Director of the Interracial Commission has also sent material to the Florida Conference Superintendent giving full publicity to conditions of peonage in the turpentine camps of Florida and the reasons why state laws prohibiting enforced labor are not enforced. This superintendent writes: "Our women appreciate the fact that one of their women is in the state legislature, and they are working with her for better state laws for women and children."

In addition to these concerted efforts to secure progressive legislation, there is a long list of activities on the part of auxiliaries in support of protective ordinances and laws.

North Carolina, Denver, and Southwest Missouri Conferences worked for better child labor laws. Letters from the Missouri League of Women Voters attribute the passage of the bill in that state largely to the efforts of the women of the Southwest Missouri and Missouri Conferences directed by Mrs. Whitfield, Conference Superintendent of the former.

North Arkansas, Northwest Texas, South Carolina, and Little Rock Conferences report work to get women to register and vote. Two conferences report jury duty for women; Alabama, a study of juvenile court and other court procedure and of delinquency; two stress establishment of county health units, two the five-day marriage notice; East Oklahoma auxiliary presented merchants with copies of the nine-hour maximum work day law of Colorado and secured observance of the law; Alabama, Florida, Holston, Little Rock, and Pacific Conferences report auxiliaries as studying measures presented to state legislatures; many conferences petitioned their city council to ban billboard pictures of smoking women. Three legislative reports from three conference superintendents are quoted below as illustrative of good work.

Tennessee: study of bills before state legislature, efforts to get certain bills passed by direct communication with legislators, also using influence with county courts on matters of public welfare; urged women to use their suffrage rights wisely; attended sessions of court; find increased intelligence among women on laws and law making.

Little Rock: jury service; two secured county prohibition officers, campaigned for added school tax, interest in Kellogg Peace Pact; women reading on "Cause and Cure of War," women urged to vote on sanitary and health ordinances.

Texas: coöperated with county judges; worked to secure full-time matron of police court; studied bills before legislature; urged women to vote in city elections; sent letters and telegrams urging appropriation for School for Delinquent Negro Girls; worked for school bond issue; sent letters of appreciation to officials for upholding law; supported maternity-infancy bill, helped close liquor joint.

RACE RELATIONS.

Interest in this work is growing among the auxiliaries. Some conferences report a large increase in auxiliaries doing interracial work. The two social service conferences in February, 1929, probably helped spread this interest; committees reported show an increase of five per cent over the previous year.

The outstanding work was the promotion of the three Leadership Training Schools for Negro women at Paine College; Mississippi Industrial Institute, Holly Springs; Texas College, Tyler, Texas, and a Daily Vacation Bible School at South Boston, Va., with the preparation of a kit of leaflets, programs, and Bible studies for Colored Methodist Episcopal Missionary Societies. The Training Schools were financed jointly by the auxiliaries of the Conferences located near the schools, and the Council through its Social Service Office Expense Fund, and appropriation for Social Service meetings. While they were primarily designed for the training of women of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church all denominations were welcome. Publicity was sent out through the bishops of their church in the respective areas to their missionary societies. The schools were well attended and most of the women took credit for courses in Missionary Organization and Methods, Mission Study, others in Methods with Children and Young People. The need was felt at Paine and Holly Springs, for a progressive Course of Study to provide growth for those who attended on successive years. Miss Blessing and Mrs. Andrews took care of this emergency at Paine most effectively with courses.

At each school there was a colored instructor in courses on Home Management and Child Care. Mrs. Florence Williams at Tyler and Holly Springs did a splendid piece of interracial work in addition to her class work. At Holly Springs there was no Pastors' School to offer elective courses, and it was necessary to expand our own program. Too much cannot be said for the tact and executive skill of Miss Juanita Brown in her

management of all this work and to the enthusiasm which resulted in the enlistment of three fellow conference officers as teachers at Holly Springs, and the contribution to the expenses of twenty-two women by local auxiliaries. We feel that the North Mississippi Conference has set a new standard in ideals and efforts for race relations in the devoted work of Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Neblett, Mrs. Page, and Miss Brown in teaching and building interest throughout their conference. An ideal grows for such Leadership Training Schools planted in every Southern Conference society, as a basis for Christian leadership training for our sister church women and a basis of racial contacts in the Christian life. The Mississippi women helped with contributions and delegates in a fine spirit of coöperation.

North Arkansas, Little Rock, North Texas, Central Texas, and Texas Conferences showed their interest in the new project at Texas College by sending women from the local communities.

The local interracial work is of the usual variety and extent: Visiting and helping Negro schools, sending books to their libraries, working for better teachers and better buildings through school bond issues; establishing and helping in baby clinics, school clinics, and promoting public health nursing service, sending women to the training schools; looking into house conditions; helping with day nurseries, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, community clubs. Meeting with Negro missionary societies, helping them prepare their programs and conduct business, and aiding the poor and sick and supplying clothing and school books to children.

APPEAR WITH FREQUENCY IN MANY CONFERENCE REPORTS.

We quote from the Louisville Conference: "Reports of interracial work are very gratifying this quarter; am greatly encouraged, with the progress the women are making in this work. Some reported studying interracial problems, others assisted in religious education, in missions, visited Negro schools, helped with programs, crippled children cared for, helping in placing prohibition posters in Negro schools (according to a neglected Kentucky law), one made survey of schools and helped to plan for observance of Negro Health Week; (this won two national awards), others invited Negro societies to meet with them and contribute to the program."

CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES.

This coöperative form of social work is very general in the auxiliaries and of great variety in types. The Bureau has coöperated with the National Child Labor Committee in creating two leaflets on the status of child labor legislation in the Southern States, and in promoting study of child labor standards and the standing of the several states.

We have coöperated with the General Commission on Interracial Coöperation which has reorganized the work with Women's Organizations after a period without special direction. Your Superintendent serves on an Advisory Committee of six, three white and three colored, with Mrs. Ames Director of Women's Work, and feels much encouraged as to the outlook for definite growth in this line. She has helped in two ex-

periments, both in direct line of church coöperation. One week was spent in the as yet unorganized state of Mississippi in two institutes, lasting two days each, at Jackson and Clarksdale, wholly educational in character and composed largely of white and colored church leaders. These will be followed up in a few months with similar meetings, with the aim of building a stable foundation for racial understanding and helpfulness. Much remains to be done there to clear away misconceptions as to the aims of interracial workers. State and county officials spoke at each institute on the state programs of health, education, and agriculture to the illumination of all present. Our Mississippi and North Mississippi Council members were present and were factors in effecting continuation work.

The "Alabama Experiment" is a project worked out in the Tuscaloosa District of the Alabama Presbyterial by Mrs. Winsborough and Mrs. Ames in coöperation with your Superintendent and the Conference Superintendents of Social Service in Alabama and North Alabama Conferences. The local missionary societies of both denominations have received personal letters from Mrs. Winsborough and myself, in which the Presbyterian social service chairman is asked to take the lead in calling the Methodist superintendent into consultation on a study of racial relations in the community and the Methodist Superintendent is urged to respond. Mrs. Ames, of the Commission, has prepared a simple survey for their use in the beginning. If this experiment promises results it will be repeated in other areas where the Methodist women will take the Initiative. The plan is a long-needed device for making our "paper" interracial Committees truly active in the communities and in welding all denominations in the common cause.

Our superintendents have helped Mr. Eleazer of the Commission in arousing interest in the white high schools of the South in the essay contest on "The Tenth Man."

We have coöperated with the Commission on the Church and Social Service by attending a meeting of the Commission, a meeting of their Committee on recasting the *Social Creed of the Churches* to meet modern conditions, a meeting of the Committee on Industrial Communities, to discuss possible activities in view of the growing unrest in textile industry, both of which have entailed study of publications and projected publications and meetings, correspondence, and writing. We have assisted the Industrial Secretary of the Commission on the Church and Social Service in a study of the Gastonia strike, and have participated in the work of the Western North Carolina Conference Industrial Commission in its study of textile industrial conditions. Your superintendent also conducted a Round Table on Women in the Textile Industry at Blue Ridge, and opened correspondence with the Methodist women of four Southern cities to arouse interest in interdenominational institutes on industrial relations similar in type to those described on race relations. Through the efficiency and enthusiasm of the Nashville members of the new Council Commission on Women and Industry an institute was put on successfully

in Nashville at the instigation of this Bureau. The time is now here when church women must both study and express themselves on fair conditions for industrial workers.

Your Superintendent has coöperated with the Secretary of the Federal Council Commission on International Justice and Good Will by spreading items of news on matters of international interest to all looking hopefully toward world peace. We profit by the keeping in close contact with the reliable and prophetic announcements and advices of Dr. Gulick. It was the treat of the Council year to be included among the delegates attending the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War and to realize that our constituency were members of that vast host of women planning so wisely and so definitely for world peace through education as to the significance of military training in schools and colleges, economic ambitions of nations, steps to disarmament, and the entrance of the United States into the World Court. We realized that this must be one of the prime goals of the Council—to educate ourselves in the measures that lead to world peace and to play an effective part in making them operative.

Your superintendent has attended meetings of the General Conference Commission on Christian Education, the General Board of Temperance and Social Service, the World Alliance of International Friendship through the Churches, the General Commission on Interracial Coöperation, and the various Commissions of the Woman's Missionary Council.

The work of Social Service has grown to a point where it ramifies into many channels, all provocative, all rewarding, in that they lead to so many various and challenging ways in which the Church is needed to lead in bringing about that better Social order which we call the Kingdom of God on earth. How to follow these leads without waste and without confusion is the problem we face.

SCARRITT COLLEGE FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

J. L. CUNINGGIM, PRESIDENT

As I bring you my report from Scarritt College, I wish to express my deep appreciation of the service the missionary women have rendered the Church in the establishment, maintenance, and development of this institution. Scarritt is a monument not only to its sainted founder, Miss Belle H. Bennett, and the heroic band of leaders associated with her, but also to the host of missionary women throughout the Church upon whose faith and prayer and loving sacrifice the institution has been builded.

I am well aware that the legal ownership of the institution is now in the General Conference of our Church; that its scope has been so broadened as to serve not only the woman's missionary work, but the many agencies of the Church at home and abroad; and that now it has a just claim upon the love and loyalty of the entire connection. And yet I realize full well that Scarritt, as the training center for the woman's great missionary program, sustains a relation to the mis-

sionary women of the Church that is entirely unique; and no one woman's great missionary program, sustains a relation to the missionary women the institution with its present resources could not continue its work for even one year.

It is therefore with a clear realization of the peculiar relation that the women sustain to Scarritt that I voice my appreciation and admiration of the contribution that they are thus making to the Church. I have an increasing conviction that the service rendered will, in the end, prove to be far beyond its original design. Established for the purpose of training young women for foreign mission service, I should not wonder if it turns out to be one of the leading educational institutions of the Church and a dynamic center of spiritual power for the entire connection.

THE RECORD FOR 1929

You will be interested in several significant facts regarding the student attendance. For the summer, fall, and winter quarters the enrollment, eliminating all duplicates, numbered 174, as against 149 last year. Of this number, 133 were registered at Scarritt and 41 at Peabody College, more than half of the Peabody students working at Scarritt being registered during the summer quarter. A notable advance has been made in the academic standing of the student body. Of the 133 students registered at Scarritt, 67, or more than half of the total number, are graduate students, 43 senior college students, the same number as last year, and 23 special students as against 34 last year. This is a good index of the steady development of the school in educational rank. The wider geographical significance of the institution is indicated by the fact that the student body represents twenty States and seven foreign countries—Brazil, China, Cuba, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and South Africa.

Not the least gratifying phase of the year's record is the progress made in the development of the spirit of the institution. At no time have there been in the Scarritt group so little unrest, and so much unity of spirit, and such fine coöperation of effort. Corresponding to the growing character of the institution is the increasing appreciation of it manifested by the community. During the five years Scarritt has been located in Nashville it has steadily grown in favor and has become widely known not only for the beauty of its buildings, but for the high standard of its educational work and for the quality of its social and religious service.

Perhaps the most significant feature of the school work during the year was the inauguration of the Summer Quarter. Under the able direction of Professor Barnett and the coöperation of those members of the faculty, who were in residence, the Summer Quarter surpassed our expectations. The attendance was larger than anticipated for the first summer; the student body was composed of well-trained, serious-minded students; the enrollment included a dozen or more fine young

men; the interest of Peabody students in the advantages offered at Scarritt were quite marked; and the whole tone and spirit of the Summer Quarter most gratifying.

Since my last report to you there have been no large additions to our maintenance funds, but numerous small donations have been made. Our annuity funds have been increased by a donation of \$9,000 from a friend who wishes, for the present, to remain unknown. We are indebted to the Woman's Missionary Council for an additional donation of \$1,100 to the Belle H. Bennett Endowment Fund for teaching the Bible. The Board of Missions has made an appropriation of \$3,600 for the maintenance of a Chair in Scarritt College, using the name "Walter R. Lambuth Chair of the Bible." We are deeply grateful to the Board of Missions and to the General Secretary, Dr. Cram, for this evidence of their interest in and coöperation with the work that we are doing, and we consider Scarritt College greatly honored to have the name of Bishop Lambuth thus connected with the institution.

We are under obligations to various friends for evidence of their interest in Scarritt College: to Mrs. Dempsey Weaver for the donation of a scholarship to meet the expenses of a student from South Africa; to Miss May Pitts for funds to illuminate the tower on every Sunday night in honor of her mother; to the women of the Baltimore Conference for the gift of a splendid painting of Mrs. Juliana Hays, the first president of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions; to the women of the Kentucky Conference Missionary Society for two beautiful silver services; and to many other friends too numerous to mention.

It is fitting in this connection to report also that the effort of the alumnae to raise \$50,000 to be used in helping to build the Maria L. Gibson Dormitory has resulted thus far in securing approximately \$35,000 in cash and subscriptions. Many of the alumnae, because of their meager resources, have not been able to make any contribution, and many others have contributed at great sacrifice. This work is still going on, and it is to be hoped that friends throughout the Church will come to the assistance of the alumnae so that this dormitory may soon become a reality.

DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZATION

From the organization of Scarritt College its purpose has been to do for Christian workers of various types what a high-grade teachers' college does for teachers. It is not a college of arts of the usual type, nor a school of theology for training preachers, but a teachers' college for teachers and workers in the social and religious field. While this is true, the terminology and point of view which we inherited are, to a large degree, those of a school of theology. It was important that these should be brought into harmony with our purpose. Only by doing so could we be educationally consistent, avoid the

charge of being a school of theology, make evident the distinctive character of the institution, and receive proper educational recognition.

During the past year the faculty has given many hours to the study of this problem, and as a result the Board of Trustees, on recommendation of the faculty, adopted certain modifications in the departmental organization. These modifications do not involve any change in the fundamental character of the institution or in the work now being done, but are designed merely to define the school in keeping with its purpose rather than in terms of a school of theology. In the light of this action, the new departmental organization of the school is as follows:

- I. History.
- II. Literature and History of the Bible.
- III. Religious Thought and Life.
- IV. Sociology.
- V. Religious Education.
- VI. Music and Pageantry.
- VII. Missions.
- VIII. Health and Physical Education.

The first of these departments will undertake to supplement and enrich the previous history study of the student and provide the historical background for Christian service. The second will acquaint the student with that particular field of literature and history that has for the Christian worker a peculiar and essential significance—the literature and history of the Bible. The third is designed to aid the student in formulating a satisfying system of thought, which includes a vital faith and an adequate reason therefor. The fourth will deal with society in which we live and seek to furnish the student with the knowledge and skill essential to effective Christian service. The fifth will include a study of psychology and the principles and methods of education in their application to religion. The sixth will provide courses in the study of music and pageantry and in the utilization of these arts in Christian work. The seventh will seek to utilize the contribution of all the foregoing departments in dealing with the problems of extending Christianity at home and abroad. The eighth will deal with physical well-being and training which are fundamental to all effective Christian service.

According to this arrangement, the work heretofore scheduled in the Department of Home Missions will be divided between the Department of Sociology and the Department of Missions. Considered from the standpoint of a teachers' college, this would seem to be a much better arrangement of the work. But this readjustment makes desirable a change in the name of the MacDonell Chair of Home Missions, which was so named by the Council in honor of Mrs. R. W. MacDonnell. I trust it will be your pleasure to modify the name of this

chair in harmony with the departmental reorganization adopted by the Board of Trustees.

CULTIVATION PROGRAM

There has been a continuous and increasing effort made to bring Scarritt College to the attention of the constituency, and this has resulted in widespread interest in the institution. The College is known much more widely and more favorably than was the case a few years ago. But what has been done in this regard is only a beginning of what must be done. As a connectional institution Scarritt must be placed upon the heart and conscience of the entire Church. To this end the Board of Trustees has created a Department of Cultivation and Finance, which shall cooperate with the President of the College in making the institution in its distinctive emphasis known to the constituency and in securing funds sufficient to provide for its future development.

Among the financial needs perhaps the most urgent is an adequate endowment to maintain not only the present chairs or departments of instruction, but to make possible the addition of others. Mention may be made, for example, of a chair of Elementary Religious Education, of Young People's Work, of Christian Home Making, of Recreational Leadership, of Social Research, and of Rural Life. The need for additional material equipment is scarcely less than that for endowment. Most urgent is the demand for the Gibson Dormitory and a recreational building. Without these the College is seriously embarrassed in its domestic life and its recreational program. Then comes the need for special funds for scholarships, student loans, library maintenance, field work, extension work, lectureships, etc.

There are three types of people to be reached and interested in our institution: (1) Individuals who have been blessed with large means, who wish to invest their means in the advancement of the Kingdom of God, and who are in sympathy with the purpose and character of Scarritt College. (2) Those who are not able to give large sums, but who would like to be associated in the work that Scarritt is doing and who could make from time to time a small contribution to this end. (3) Those who perhaps are unable to render any financial assistance, but who through prayer and personal service can interest others in the work of the institution.

The members of the Woman's Council and the members of the Missionary Societies throughout the Church as the group best acquainted with and most interested in Scarritt College can render a very great service in helping us to reach these parties. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, covers a very extensive territory, and there are within this territory thousands of men and women who, if they were intimately acquainted with the distinctive service that Scarritt is rendering, would doubtless desire to have some part in its work. The president and members of the College staff would be most happy to

make contacts with those friends and earnestly solicit the coöperation of the missionary women in doing so.

MISSIONARY SUPPLY AND TRAINING

One of the important facts that confront us at the present time is the inadequate supply of competent, well-trained missionaries. There exists the feeling on the part of many that the need for missionaries is rapidly passing, but the fact is that the present demand far exceeds the supply. There are many reasons for the failure of young men and women to offer themselves for missionary service, particularly for service in foreign fields. Mention may be made of the atmosphere of uncertainty and questioning regarding the most fundamental things of religion which pervades many of the colleges and universities to-day, the extraordinary definiteness and attractiveness of the scientific and commercial opportunities, the apparent futility and formality of ecclesiastical organizations and agencies, the revolution going on in missionary thinking and motivation, and the rising tide of nationalism which has created most difficult problems on the mission fields. I need not take time to discuss these and other aspects of our problem, but I wish to express my opinion that the lack of missionary supply is not due primarily to the young people themselves. I do not believe we have ever had as many young men and women ready to give themselves to unselfish service as there are to-day. They are ready to respond to the most heroic challenge that can be brought to them. It is my conviction, however, that Church agencies need to have a more sympathetic understanding of the problems and viewpoint of young people to-day and perhaps modify their methods of dealing with them.

You will be interested to know also that the testing of missionary candidates is more rigid now than formerly. Past experience has taught the importance of exercising the greatest care in the choice of those who are to be accepted for missionary service. In addition, therefore, to the efforts of the Candidates Department to select those that are most suitable for such service, the faculty of Scarritt College gives special attention to this matter. At the end of every quarter the faculty checks the list of students to see what assistance can be given them in their preparation. Through this personal attention some are eliminated and others helped to overcome the difficulties that stand in the way of their acceptance for missionary service.

By way of illustration let me give you a few facts regarding a recent class. In that class there were thirty-one first-year students granted scholarships by the Candidates Committee and reported to us. Two of this number did not come, leaving twenty-nine who entered on scholarship. Of this number, one was found not to have sufficient preparation for Scarritt work and was advised to get further training before returning, and she is doing this. One dropped out at the end of the first quarter because she was unhappy, critical in her attitude, and indifferent in her work. On account of health two dropped out to

teach rather than to continue at Scarritt. One was advised to teach for a year at least before returning to Scarritt in the hope that teaching would give her needed experience and development. One was considered to be quite deficient in necessary attitudes and qualities, but, because of her large possibilities and earnest effort, was advised to return for a second and perhaps a third year, if a scholarship could be had. However, she did not return. One was advised that in the judgment of the faculty she was not adapted to work in a foreign field and that she should prepare for other service. She did not return for the second year. One did not return because of conditions in her home. Thus eight out of the twenty-nine juniors admitted on scholarship dropped out during or at the end of the first year. Two others have decided to marry. Of the nineteen remaining, three were accepted for service with one year of preparation, twelve were accepted with the two-year course, and four are to have additional training before applying for service. Thus out of twenty-nine received on scholarship, fifteen have been appointed to service, and four others are still in training, a total of nineteen, while ten, for the time being at least, have dropped out.

Not only is there need for the rigid testing of missionary candidates, but also a growing demand for more thorough training. The conditions confronting religious workers to-day, whether at home or abroad, are extremely complex and difficult, and Scarritt desires to provide such training as will most fully meet these conditions. In the case of those students who secure their Bachelor's degree before coming to Scarritt, our requirements are as high as we can afford to make them at the present time. But for those who enter Scarritt with only two years of college work it is quite desirable that the training at Scarritt should be extended from two to three years. This would make possible the enrichment of the course with more cultural values and give the degree received higher standing in the educational world. It would give opportunity also for the inclusion of more practical training for whatever vocational service the student has in mind to do. The additional year at Scarritt furthermore would add greatly to the maturity and general development of the student. There is, of course, the problem of increased expense involved in the additional year's training, but it is earnestly hoped that a way may be found whereby this problem may be met.

SCARRITT'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE HOME BASE

The fundamental purpose of Scarritt College has been and is the training of full-time workers for various Christian vocations, but there has been an increasing conviction that the institution should render a larger and larger service to many who do not belong to this group. There is no good reason why its resources should not be available for the enrichment of the Home Base without in any wise defeating its major purpose.

For one thing, there ought to be and doubtless are a large number of leaders in the work of local congregations who could arrange to take short courses of six or twelve weeks at Scarritt in better preparation for such work. If it should develop that there are a sufficient number of those desiring to prepare for more efficient part-time service, Scarritt could arrange for such short courses to meet the need. Something is being done in this direction even now, for we have a few students enrolled who are not expecting to be salaried workers, but are seeking to make themselves more effective in their local congregations. Increased emphasis is to be given to this type of work in connection with the next Summer Quarter, when, through the cooperation of Mrs. J. W. Downs, Secretary of the Home Department of the Board of Missions, Woman's Section, special courses dealing with the country Church are to be provided. In this way the work of many congregations may be measurably enriched.

A much larger service perhaps lies in the direction of training young women for Christian home makers. There is no hope of Christianizing the nation without making the homes of the people centers of Christian training. Nothing, therefore, is more important than for young people to prepare themselves effectively for such an important task. There are large numbers of young women from the very best families throughout the country who might add to their general education a year or two at Scarritt, not to prepare for missionary service, but for the explicit purpose of equipping themselves to make their future homes genuinely Christian and educationally effective. The work now offered at Scarritt would be of inestimable value to such young people, and later we hope largely to increase the advantages in this direction by the addition of a Department of Christian Home Making. For this we must wait for larger financial resources.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON HOME PROMOTION

I

The Committee on Home Promotion recommend:

That we continue through the coming quadrennium the plan outlined in the last Session's Committee report regarding the schedule of special quarterly events:

(a) *First Quarter*.—An officers' training day in district or zone groups.

(b) *Second Quarter*.—A membership and enlistment campaign.

(c) *Third Quarter*.—A training day for mission study leadership.

(d) *Fourth Quarter*.—Week of Prayer and Harvest Day.

II

Whereas the greatest need of our organization at present is an enlarged membership; and whereas there are no extra objectives for the coming year, therefore we recommend:

1. That the membership campaign for 1930 begin as the special event for the second quarter, according to our adopted program, and that it extend through as many months as are necessary to complete it.

2. That the campaign shall be an intensive effort to reach, with an appeal for membership in the Woman's Missionary Society, a minimum of 35,000 women, selected personally by the auxiliary leaders.

3. That these selected women be cultivated over a period of months by a succession of letters from the (1) Council President and Promotion Secretary on behalf of the Council; (2) Conference President and Corresponding Secretary on behalf of the Conference; (3) District Secretaries on behalf of the districts; (4) Auxiliary officers on behalf of local society, with a personal approach to these women.

The details of the plan will be outlined and given to the Conferences, districts, and auxiliaries by the Promotion Secretary.

III

The following books are recommended for mission study for 1930-31 for adults:

(a) *Foreign*.—"Trailing the Conquistadores," by Samuel Guy Inman. "India Looks to Her Future," by Oscar MacMillan Buck.

(b) *Home*.—"Between War and Peace," by Mrs. Florence Boeckel.

(c) *For Reading Circles*.—"A Cloud of Witnesses," by Elsie Sing-

master. "Peace of Women in the Service of the Church," by Council Commission on Status of Women in the Church.

IV

The Committee considered the following memorial from the Texas Conference:

"We memorialize the Woman's Missionary Council to give the women of St. Paul's Church, Houston, Tex. (and of the Texas Conference), permission to dedicate an endowment in loving memory of our fellow worker, Miss Althea Jones, that her life and labors for the progress of the Kingdom of God may continue through the years; this endowment to be used as a Conference Fund for training women for better service as officers in whatever place they are needed."

The committee recommends concurrence.

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

MRS. J. N. THORNTON, *Treasurer*;

MRS. W. W. FONDREN, *President of St. Paul's Auxiliary.*
(*All members of Texas Conference Finance Committee.*)

V

Owing to the great diversity of courses and plans of Bible study which have come into use through the years, this department is in need of reorganization; therefore we offer the following recommendations as to the plans of the future:

1. That the only selected and listed topical studies and sections of the Scripture of a missionary nature be accredited as Council Bible Study.

2. That carefully selected courses of suitable content, prepared for use in adult department of the Sunday school, and taken under prescribed conditions, be accredited by the Council.

VI

The Committee considered the memorial from the Louisiana Conference requesting an extension on the time required for recognized mission study classes from six weeks to three months.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

MRS. E. A. TYNES, *Chairman*;

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

COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Whereas this is Pentecostal year, and whereas we believe that the Young People's Work can go forward only as it is founded upon the spirit of Jesus Christ,

We recommend:

1. That in observing this year the Young People seek a knowledge

of the power of the Holy Spirit through a closer acquaintance with Jesus in their Bible study.

2. That the Bible study book, "Jesus and Youth," by Basil Mathews be used as widely as possible.

Whereas young people in high schools and colleges have unlimited ability and are assuming more important places of leadership in many organizations than they have ever done before,

We recommend:

1. That definite opportunities be given the members of the Young People's Missionary Society for full self-expression for leadership.

2. That the young people be allowed more initiative in making their plans and more responsibility in directing their work.

3. That the young people in districts and Conferences be encouraged and assisted in developing their organization to meet their needs.

4. That auxiliaries and Conferences be allowed to choose a definite special within the list of specials assigned by the Council.

We further recommend:

1. That the young people's educational plans, such as mission and Bible study classes and leadership training work, shall permit of the fullest coöperation with other young people's organizations, such as Young People's Department of the Sunday school and Epworth League.

2. That we emphasize the freewill offering as the basis of the young people's giving and as the financial condition of membership.

3. That the young people within each Conference be allowed to state how much of the Council budget they will assume each year.

4. That the young people be encouraged to contribute to the Conference Expense Fund and that an amount of money not less than the Conference Expense money given by the young people be used for the promotion of the Young People's Work within the Conferences.

5. That the mission study books for the young people for 1930-31 shall be: Senior-Young People—Foreign: "India on the March," by Alden H. Clark. Home: "Between the Americas," by Jay S. Stowell. Intermediate—Foreign: "The Star of India," by Isabel Brown Rose. Home: "West Indian Treasures, by Winifred Hulbert.

6. That special effort be made to see that the young people have a part in the observance of the World Day of Prayer.

7. That the social service project for the young people for June and July shall be to assist the superintendent of children's work in her Daily Vacation School of Missions.

8. (1) That the young people's superintendents and Conferences and district officers give special attention this year to the intermediate group of Young People's Missionary Society, organizing boys and girls of this age in every Church wherever it is possible.

(2) That in our programs and plans of work we try to find a more definite interest and appeal for the boys of the intermediate group.

Whereas comparatively few young people are able to attend the Woman's Annual Conference meetings on account of their being held at a time when the young people are in school, and whereas successful young people's Annual Conference meetings have been held, we recommend that separate young people's Annual Conferences be held in those Conferences where the young people desire them.

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Whereas the great issue before us to-day is that of World Peace, and whereas World Peace can never be realized until youth catches the significance of it and lends its voice and influence toward its realization, we recommend:

1. That the Literature Committee integrate peace education in the lesson material for our young people for 1931.

2. That peace education be included in the 1930-31 programs in summer Conferences, camps, and district meetings.

3. That the senior-young people's groups be encouraged to study Mrs. Boeckel's "Between War and Peace."

4. That the following activities for peace education be included in the young people's program this year: four-minute speeches at each meeting; peace declamation contests between young people of the Missionary Society, Epworth League, and Sunday school, Armistice Day parades for peace, contact through letters with youth in other countries; special peace articles in the Young People's bulletin; peace pageants; discussion groups.

5. That Literature Headquarters make available for the young people some of the published material dealing with peace education.

6. That the young people be encouraged to communicate to President Hoover and to the Senators of their respective States their convictions on peace.

7. That as missionary women we use every influence to prevent military training in high schools and colleges.

MRS. H. E. BARROW, *Chairman*;

MRS. SETH A. CRAIG, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S WORK

The Committee on Children's Work recommend:

1. That the plan of organization of the children's department be continued for another quadrennium.

2. That all Conference and auxiliary officers make a restudy of the plans of organization and programs of the Epworth Junior Society and give it their most loyal support.

3. That the superintendent of Children's Work shall coöperate with the children's workers in other departments of the Church in enlisting every child in the Church in religious and missionary education and service.

4. That the Literature Committee give immediate attention to the need for special pieces of literature in the Children's Department, such as leaflets on the babies, primaries and junior specials and materials for mothers' meetings.

5. That the Literature Committee be requested to provide a new handbook in which the statement of the plan or organization and reporting shall be simplified.

We further recommend:

1. That the fall-winter-spring mission study books shall be, Juniors: "The Golden Sparrow," by Irene Mason Harper. Primaries: "Bhaskar and His Friends," by Clara G. Labaree.

2. That the president of every adult auxiliary give special attention to this department of work and that the auxiliary choose for the children's work the finest leadership available.

3. That definite opportunities for leadership training be made available for Conference and auxiliary superintendents.

4. That in every district where it is practicable a young woman be selected to assist the district secretary with the promotion of the children's work.

We further recommend:

1. That the specials for the children for this year shall be, Babies: Kindergarten work. Primaries and Juniors: the Primary Department of our schools in the home and foreign fields.

2. That the privilege of estimating the amount of the children's pledge to the Council rest with the Conference Superintendent of Children's Work.

3. That in so far as it is possible the children in the local societies be responsible or meeting their pledge themselves.

4. That in no Conference will the adults make up a deficit accruing in the children's department at the close of the year.

5. That every Conference set aside a certain amount of money each year to be used for promotional work in the children's department.

We further recommend:

1. That every auxiliary superintendent of children's work shall endeavor to observe the intensive mission study period during June and July either by means of a Daily Vacation School of Missions or coöperation in a Daily Vacation Bible School.

2. That the members of the adult auxiliary and young people's missionary society shall assist the superintendent of children's work with the program during this special period.

3. That the study books for the intensive mission study period shall be; Juniors, "Jewels the Giant Dropped," by Edith Eberle and Grace McGavron; Primaries, "Filipino Playmates," by Jean Moore Cavell.

4. That the superintendents shall promote during this period the World Friendship project among children, which is the sending of Friendship Treasure Chests to the Filipino children.

REPORT No. 2

Your committee considered the memorial from the Florida Conference requesting that the attempt to correlate the work of the Woman's Missionary Society and the Epworth Junior Leagues be discontinued, and offering suggestions with a plea that the Woman's Missionary Council so change our laws that there may be no further over-lapping.

The committee voted nonconcurrency.

REPORT No. 3

Whereas, the theme of the children's fall-winter-spring mission study for 1929-30 is Africa; and whereas, their foreign special for the year is Africa; and whereas, the project suggested for this field, that of sending pencils, paper, and cloth, was discouraged on account of the high duties and transportation charges; and whereas, Miss Armstrong has brought before us the need of a piano for her work; we recommend that during the months of May and June of 1930 every primary and junior be given the privilege of contributing one or more pennies toward a piano fund, thereby making possible this much-needed piano for our children and young people in Africa.

MRS. H. R. STEELE, *Chairman*;

MRS. WALTER D. TAYLOR, *Secretary*.

SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

GENERAL PROMOTION SERVICE

Your committee recommend:

1. That wherever capable women can be found to serve as District Assistants to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service they be appointed to assist her in explaining the general principles on which social service is carried on in the auxiliary, and to further the understanding of such measures as may from time to time be advanced by the Council and Conference Superintendents and Committees on Social Service.

2. That where the circle plan of organization is adopted a member of the social service committee be designated for each circle to aid in carrying on social service through the circles in a unified and effective way.

3. That in cities having two or more Methodist missionary auxiliaries that auxiliaries authorize their Social Service Superintendents and Committees to form a Social Service Federation, with such delegated membership from their respective auxiliaries as the Federation may determine for the sake of more effective coöperation in community enterprises in the various lines of social service in child welfare, family welfare, family welfare and relief, interracial coöperation, social legislation, civic and community organization.

4. That the Council Standard of Efficiency in Social Service be

continued as for 1929 with the addition of study of a pamphlet to be supplied on motion pictures.

LEGISLATIVE

1. That, since the year 1931 is legislative year in many Southern States, and since the organized Church women have been effective in bringing to successful issue advances in child labor legislation, we recommend that each Conference Society stress the study of existing State legislation in its own State and form an alliance with other organizations of women working for higher standards; and that a leaflet be prepared setting forth the requirements of accepted standards as to age, health, hours, education, and hazardous occupation.

2. Since the motion picture industry has become one of the major industries of the nation and since, although the better pictures produced are both educational and entertaining and thus render an essential public service, many pictures are below the level of good morals and thus become a social menace, and since trade practices in the production, distribution, and exhibition of motion pictures, silent and talking, makes it impossible for the independent exhibitor or the community to have any voice in the character of pictures produced; we recommend the support of House Bill 9,986 as introduced by Representative Hudson, of the Seventy-First Congress, which provides for a Federal Motion Picture Trade Commission, whose duties shall be the correction of those evils in the industry, and that a digest of this bill be prepared for use in auxiliaries.

We further recommend the wide use of the pamphlet, by Fred Eastman, "The Menace of the Movies," issued by the *Christian Century*, by social service committees, mothers' clubs, and in auxiliary programs.

INTERRACIAL CO-OPERATION

Your committee recommend:

1. That, since Leadership Training Schools for Colored Women have met with such hearty response from our own auxiliaries in the Texas, Arkansas, Georgia, and Mississippi Conferences, we continue the policy of coöperating with the Board of Missions in the Pastors' Schools at Paine College and Lane College, and that we coöperate with the Conference Societies in Mississippi again in a school at Holly Springs.

2. That we grant the request of the officers of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church for a teacher of organization and methods for a class of women assembled at their General Conference at Louisville in May.

3. That, in accordance with the wish expressed by the officers of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, an invitation be extended to representatives of that Council to attend the annual meetings of our Council in 1931.

GENERAL CO-OPERATION

Since an urgent request has come to the Council from the Secretary of the Commission on the Church and Social Service to send representatives to the newly organized National Conference of Church Social Work, we recommend that a delegate be sent from the Woman's Missionary Council with expenses paid to the first meeting in Boston, June 9 to 14, 1930, and that the Deaconess' Conference be requested to appoint their own delegate to the National Conference of Social Work as a delegate to this Church Conference of Social Work also.

MRS. J. E. McDONALD, *Chairman*;
MRS. W. P. McDERMOTT, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN FIELDS

We, your Committee on Foreign Fields, recommend:

I

That the recommendation of the Korea Annual Conference concerning rural work, proposing an intensified program, including the establishment of a model village where Christian principles of life may be practiced and practical training may be given, be indorsed and that the Council take steps toward the preparation of a worker to coöperate in the plan already launched by the Board of Missions.

II

1. That authorization be given the missionaries in Cuba to engage in advance study in the University of Havana in order that they may comply with the standards set by the Cuban government for persons holding the position of principals of Cuban schools.

2. That these scholarships be provided from the Jubilee Thank Offering.

III

That the recommendation of the missionaries in Cuba for increased salaries and additional funds for principals of institutions, being a matter which concerns all missionaries, be referred to a joint committee from the Council and the Board of Missions, which committee shall make a thorough study of the matter of salaries; that the Council appoint three members of this committee and request the Board of Missions to appoint a like number. [EDITOR'S NOTE.—The Board of Missions in annual session ordered an advance in salaries of missionaries in Cuba.]

IV

That the recommendation for a more adequate training for Christian workers in Cuba as pastors' assistants and deaconesses become the policy of the Council whenever the finances are available for this purpose.

V

That, while the request from the Japan Mission for funds to complete the endowment of the Hiroshima Girls' School makes a strong appeal to the committee, it be not granted because of the building program which has already been entered into in accordance with the understanding that we furnish the plant and the Japanese themselves furnish the endowment.

VI

Regarding the program of extension recommended by the Japan Mission for the coming quadrennium which includes the opening of one new women's evangelistic plant in each of the three districts, the location and order of importance to be determined by the Mission Executive Committee and the employment of seven additional workers, that the Council approve this enlarged program and authorize its development as rapidly as funds become available.

VII

That the Council concur with the recommendation of the Ginling College committee that the same pension provision be made for the members of the staffs in union institutions as that for missionaries engaged in our own institutions.

VIII

That for the present no action be taken on the repeated requests for missionaries, property, and equipment for the Siberia-Korea Mission.

IX

That, since Mrs. Nat G. Rollins and Mrs. J. N. McEachern expect to be in Europe this summer, they be given credentials authorizing them to represent the Council in their contacts with the European groups of the Woman's Missionary Society.

X

That Miss Ida Hankins be appointed to serve for one year on the committee to confer with the committee on the deaconess Retirement Home.

XI

That the request of the Brazil missionaries for the change of the name "Bible Woman" to "Church Visitor" be granted.

REPORT No. 2

Your Committee on Foreign Fields recommend:

1. That the Council authorize the sale of one acre of land located outside the city gate of Seoul, Korea, to the Methodist Episcopal Church for the consideration of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).
2. That since this land was left to the Council by Mrs. J. P. Camp-

bell, who founded Carolina Institute, this sum be directed to that institution when it has a definite need.

MRS. A. M. GATES, *Chairman*;
MRS. K. C. CHILDERS, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON HOME FIELD

The Committee on Home Field recommend:

1. Whereas the name of Sue Bennett Memorial School as it now stands is misleading, implying that no college work is done in the institution; and whereas the term "college" carries an appeal to the high school students doing junior college work, we recommend that the name be changed to Sue Bennett College.

2. That the Virginia, Missouri, and North Georgia Conferences be allowed to raise home mission specials in the following amounts: Virginia Conference, \$1,200 annually for five years to provide the salary of a regularly appointed worker to industrial plants in Hopewell, Va., where women are employed; the Missouri Conference, \$500 annually for five years to help provide the salary of another worker in the Wesley House, St. Joseph, Mo.; and the North Georgia Conference, \$500 annually for a period of five years for city mission work in Atlanta, Ga., provided the conditions for raising home mission specials have been met.

3. That the North Alabama Conference be allowed to direct gifts through the Supply Department to equip the Bethlehem House at Birmingham, Ala.

4. That the Bethlehem House plant at Augusta, Ga., be named in honor of Mrs. Luke Johnson.

5. That we indorse the six weeks' summer school at Scarritt College for rural leadership training.

REPORT No. 2

The committee had before it the following resolution from the North Carolina Conference:

"Whereas during the past fifty years permanent memorials have been erected to many of the pioneer women of the North Carolina Conference which have helped to perpetuate the memory and the work of those women whose names we revere; and whereas there remains with us yet one of our most faithful pioneer Conference officers who served us zealously and loyally with great efficiency in the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, the Conference and auxiliary societies for thirty-five years, from the time of our organization in 1878 till she resigned in 1913, to whose vision and keen judgment our society owes a great part of its continuous forward movement during all those years; and whereas our Conference has undertaken no specific work as a project of our year of Jubilee of an abiding nature;

"Therefore we request that the Woman's Missionary Council author-

ize the creation of the 'Swindell Memorial Fund, with which to establish in permanent form an expression of appreciation of our pioneer Conference officer, Mrs. F. D. Swindell; that the amount to be raised for this purpose be fixed at \$10,000, to be collected in such manner and with such time limits as shall be agreed upon, said amount to be used in accordance with Council provisions.

The committee recommend that this request be granted.

MRS. A. M. GATES, *President*;

MRS. W. C. CHADWICK, *Corresponding Secretary*."

MRS. FRED A. LAMB, *Chairman*;

MRS. I. MORRIS, *Secretary*.

APPROPRIATIONS

BASIS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Dues, Pledges, and Life Memberships	\$ 905,080 92
Bible Women and Day Schools	39,054 66
Scholarships	29,683 51
Interest	16,172 79
Specials	14,472 90
Literature Sales	10,814 84
Balances	45,153 10
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Total Basis for Appropriations	\$1,060,432 72

APPROPRIATIONS

Foreign	\$ 635,769 00
Foreign Administration	17,599 00
Home	315,832 82
Home Administration	14,419 00
Education and Promotion	39,946 00
Education and Promotion Administration	36,814 00
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Total Appropriations	\$1,060,378 82

FOREIGN

China, \$141,824; Japan, \$111,165; Korea, \$135,648; Siberia-Korea, \$2,820; Brazil, \$53,104; Mexico, \$77,711; Cuba, \$28,214; Congo, \$21,261; Poland, \$10,428; Interdenominational, \$2,924; Scarritt College, \$20,500; Contingent, \$30,169; Total, \$635,768.

FOREIGN ADMINISTRATION

Salaries, \$5,547; Clerical Help, \$4,240; Office and Travel, \$1,684; Rents, \$1,628; Board and Committee Meetings, \$1,500; Bishops' Travel, \$3,000. Total Foreign Administration, \$17,599.

HOME

Mountain Work, \$43,421; Mexican Work, \$33,166.50; Gulf Coast Work, \$27,954; Cuban Work, \$15,363; Negro Work, \$31,940; Work with Minors, \$7,200; Dependent Girls, \$20,038; Bible Teachers in State Schools, \$7,200; Industrial Work, \$3,300; Delinquent Girls, \$14,450; Western Work, \$9,650; Rural Work, \$3,500; Home Mission Specials, \$15,480; Miscellaneous, \$19,358; Scarritt College, \$23,000; City Mission and Conference Appropriations, \$10,643; Contingent, \$15,084.68; Specials, \$15,084.64. Total Home Appropriations, \$315,832.82.

HOME ADMINISTRATION

Salaries, \$5,547; Clerical Help, \$2,860; Office and Travel, \$2,183; Rents, \$1,529; Board and Committee Meetings, \$1,500; Regional Conferences, \$800. Total Home Administration, \$14,419.

EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

Travel and Office Expense of Council Officers, \$4,100; Service Department, \$8,280; Publications, \$10,810; Committees and Conferences, \$6,200; Council, \$7,000; Schools of Missions, \$2,700; Interboard Work, \$650; Junaluska Building, \$206. Total, \$39,946.

EDUCATION AND PROMOTION ADMINISTRATION

Salaries, \$16,947; Clerical Help, \$10,780; Office and Travel, \$4,983; Rents, \$4,104. Total, \$36,814.

Total appropriations for all departments, \$1,060,378.82.

COMMITTEE ON MAINTENANCE

The Committee on Maintenance, which has held two meetings, has canvassed the financial plans and policies of the Conferences and auxiliaries as these have been revealed in questionnaires sent out by other committees; has obtained from the administrative secretaries a statement of the causes of the present financial situation; and has made a tabulation of the per capita giving of the Conference societies.

As the result of these studies and discussions, the following recommendations are presented:

1. That Conference and auxiliary leaders be urged to keep before the societies the facts regarding the need of expansion of the work as they come to us from the workers, thereby stimulating them to respond to askings for increases in these funds that can be used for the basis of appropriations for the regular work—namely, dues, pledges or freewill offerings, life members, and budget specials.

2. That the privilege and necessity of large individual gifts to the regular work be constantly kept before the membership of the societies and that appeals be made to women who are in position to make these.

3. That an intensive promotion for annuity investments in the

Woman's Department be made among the missionary society membership and that the Council Treasurer prepare a leaflet for this purpose.

4. That the following statement regarding the funds be printed in the handbooks for officers and given publicity through every possible channel.

STATEMENT REGARDING FINANCES

The Woman's Missionary Society is a great financial enterprise, a corporation in which every member is a partner. Through half a century the investments in this enterprise have amounted to more than twenty-three millions of dollars in workers and evangelistic, educational, and medical institutions for womanhood and childhood in eight foreign countries and in many areas in the United States of America. A million dollars are now being invested each year in this enterprise for its rebuilding and maintenance.

For this vast program the investments of the membership are the sole support. From no other source whatsoever is there any income; hence it is vital to the life of the enterprise that the constituency shall intelligently and loyally give through its channels adequate funds for its support and growth.

The growth of the missionary enterprise and changed financial conditions have greatly increased the demands upon our treasury in recent years. Since the Centenary Movement the Home Department has been appropriating annually only the fixed amount of the standard year, using all money collected above this sum to meet unpaid Centenary claims; hence needed expansion has been delayed, and there is now an urgent call for enlarged programs of work and equipment which must be met from the regular income. In the Foreign Department, since the Centenary Movement, the regular funds are having to meet the salaries of all missionaries sent out during that period; the outfit, travel, and support of all new missionaries sent annually, which salaries have been increased; the upkeep of all institutions that were opened by Centenary funds, some of which are: Social Evangelistic Center, Seoul, Korea; three Centers in Mexico, the schools at Parral, Mexico, and Santa Maria, Brazil; and the following new work has been undertaken since the Centenary: Siberia-Manchuria Mission; Centro at Quinta Tosca, Cuba; Hiroshima Girls' School in Japan.

The result of these heavy increases is that repairs and upkeep and necessary expansion have been made impossible for many of our institutions, and the work has either remained stationary or suffered decline. The missionaries who naturally desired to see the work grow have been discouraged by the lack of funds to make the forward move.

All of these embarrassing situations have developed during a period of unprecedented prosperity in the Church and while vast sums were being expended upon the expansion and equipment of the local Church enterprises.

Because the Woman's Missionary Society is so well organized and active, many causes that lie outside of its distinctive program of work bring their claims for support to its treasury. Many of these causes are good and are entitled to support from the Church and community. Furthermore, every missionary woman, because she is a churchwoman and a citizen of her own community, is under obligation to support these causes personally through the proper channel in so far as she is able to do so. But these causes have no claim upon the Woman's Missionary Society for support, and money given to them should not be given through the Missionary Society or as missionary money.

Especially must the Missionary Society women consider carefully those calls of the local Church which encroach upon the support of their specific program. Provision is made in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Missionary Society for local work, including a share in the upkeep of the parsonage and the local Church. But these obligations should never be the outstanding feature of the Missionary Society budget and activity. The obligation for local Church enterprises belongs to the Church as a whole and not to the Missionary Society in particular, and the obligation assumed for this purpose by the society should be in proportion to their share of responsibility of the Church as a whole. Obligations for local building enterprises should not be assumed by the Woman's Missionary Society. These facts and conditions should be constantly and widely promulgated by Conference and auxiliary leaders who have voluntarily accepted their leadership in an organization which is committed to the support of a definite program of work of far-reaching importance to the Kingdom of God and who should consider the maintenance of this work as their first responsibility.

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

MRS. LEE BRITT, *Secretary*.

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 3

Whereas the Foreign Lectureship, known as the Bennett-Gibson Lectureship, for which the Council appropriated \$50,000, was loaned to McTyeire School, Shanghai, China, as a part of its building fund, on condition that an amount equal to the interest on \$50,000 at 5%, or \$2,500, would be included in the Council's annual appropriations to China with the understanding that it be used for the lectureship; and whereas this item has been included each year in its appropriations, although the greater part of it has remained unused—

We recommend:

1. That, when the unused annual appropriations, together with the accrued interest on this fund, shall have amounted to \$50,000, the appropriations be discontinued.
2. That, if possible, the annual appropriation be increased and, further, that other means be devised to complete the principal in order to release for other purposes the sum paid annually for interest.

3. That the lapsed annuities and bequests in the Foreign Department, together with the interest on same, be allowed to accumulate as a special fund, the object to which this fund shall be directed to be designated at a later time.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Chairman*;

MRS. J. W. PERRY, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON LECTURESHIPS

Whereas in the judgment of those who established the Bennett-Gibson Lectureship it seemed that the best way to meet a special need of that day was by sending men and women of marked spiritual power to visit the different mission fields for the spiritual upbuilding of the missionaries; and whereas in the light of the interpretation of missions as given by the Jerusalem Council Ministry to Nationals is deemed equally as important as to the missionary; and whereas the need of this day is for specialized training to prepare both nationals and missionaries for a larger service—therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That we broaden the scope of the lectureship to include ministry to nationals.

2. That we send experts with experience to the various fields to aid in the development of the program of the institutions for the training of Christian leadership.

3. That the Lectureship Committee shall recommend the man or woman to be sent to the field for this service.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Chairman*;

MRS. H. R. STEELE, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON JUBILEE FELLOWSHIPS

At the mid-year Executive Committee meeting held in November rules for the granting of Jubilee Scholarships were adopted. These rules provided for a committee of three with power to grant the scholarship in accordance with the provisions laid down.

This committee herewith submits to the Woman's Missionary Council its first report. Jubilee Scholarships have been granted to two young women during the year 1929-30:

1. To Miss Althea Cronk, of the West Texas Conference, a graduate of the University of Texas with degree of B.S. in home economics. Miss Cronk had the benefit of a two-year scholarship from her Conference Society and was granted the Jubilee Scholarship to make possible advanced study in home economics as preparation for work in Hiroshima College, Hiroshima, Japan. She will receive her Master's degree from Peabody in home economics.

2. To Miss Hamaka Hirose, of Japan, an A.B. graduate of Central College, Fayette, Mo. She desired special preparation in English in order to teach English in Hiroshima College, Hiroshima, Japan. She will receive her Master's degree in English from Peabody College.

ESTHER CASE, *Chairman*;

MABEL K. HOWELL, *Secretary*;

ESTELLE HASKIN.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY TRAINING

The Special Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to confer with a similar committee from Scarritt College to consider the educational requirements for missionaries and the extension of the time for missionary training wishes to report that the joint committee has had one meeting and has given consideration to the questions referred to it. It has not, however, been possible for the committee to reach any conclusions that it desires to recommend to the Council. If it should be the pleasure of the Council to continue the committee, we shall be glad to give further study to the questions involved and submit a report later.

MABEL K. HOWELL,
MRS. J. W. DOWNS,
ESTHER CASE.

COMMITTEE ON FINDINGS

There is no human condition, no phase of life's relationships unrelated to the new interpretation of the world mission of Christianity. This was the gripping thought running through all the messages, reports, and discussions concerning the missionary outlook for this new era.

The many-angled approaches to the task served to lay a new emphasis on the need for a unity between the inward individual, spiritual side of religion and the outward, collective human side. It was borne in upon the consciousness with a new and vigorous clarity that, as expressed in the message of the President, "we must go forward toward a new type of Christianity in friendly alliance with all spiritual and intellectual forces of our time, learning from them, directing them to higher aims."

To appreciate and apply the full Christian gospel is the inspiring task of Christianity to-day; to this end all peoples must work together to realize this ideal which can be accomplished only by coöperation, mutual appreciation, leading to mutual progress.

A continuous process of survey of all phases of our work is essential that plans for extension may be developed as rapidly as needed.

A type of organization with enlarged opportunities for service is an imperative in order that greater numbers of women with vision and qualities of leadership may be enlisted and that the power of the group thinking of this body may help mold public opinion for human relationships that are in accord with the Divine will.

After careful study of the messages, discussions, and reports, your Committee on Findings desires to register the following convictions:

HOME FIELDS

The Church as a Christian Fellowship

We believe that the Church is a fellowship and a service group and that the essential task in the Kingdom of God on earth is the perme-

ation of all areas of life with the spirit of fellowship and service, and that missionary women should endeavor to break down barriers and create understanding by establishing fellowship between people of different economic classes in the local Church and between neighboring Churches.

Therefore we recommend:

1. That City Mission Boards provide from time to time for the interpretation of information secured through study and investigation of social and economic conditions in Wesley House neighborhoods as they relate to the State-wide, nation-wide, and world-wide social problems, thus keeping before them the larger issues bound up in their task.

2. That Boards of City Missions provide through committees for the constant study of changing conditions in the neighborhoods in which they serve that their program may meet the changing needs.

The Church in Rural Areas

We believe that the Church should enlarge its service to its rural constituents to a degree commensurate with their numerical and social importance.

Therefore we recommend:

1. That continuous and active committees on Rural Life be established in each Conference Society for the study of country life problems as revealed in their own territory with a view to the subsequent establishment of Boards of Rural Missions for the strengthening of Christian forces in rural areas.

2. That missionary women as members of local congregations work toward a consolidation of small Churches in over-churched areas whenever practicable, adopting as an ideal for rural areas the standard agreed upon by the Home Missions Council of the United States and Canada—namely, one active Protestant Church with a full-time resident pastor for every one thousand inhabitants of one race and speaking a common language.

Work Among Negroes

We believe that the Christian Church should give itself wholeheartedly to the extension of the abundant life to all races, and especially to negroes within our own territory.

Therefore we recommend:

1. That in certain mining sections where the Council has established work among white people and where there is now a large negro population a center be established for negroes under the charge of trained negro workers, and that similar provision be made in some rural community.

2. That a committee be appointed to work with the Home Administrative Secretary and a committee from the Deaconess Conference to formulate a plan for affiliation that will give a definite status to negroes employed as workers.

Work Among Mexicans

We believe that missionary women should give themselves to the creation of more Christian attitudes toward Mexicans within our borders and to more adequate provision for their welfare.

Therefore we recommend that committees on relationships with Mexicans be established in all Conferences in which there are considerable numbers of Mexicans to study economic and social conditions among these people, especially as regards proper provision for schools and public recreation and adequate housing standards.

Work Among Indians

We believe that the Council should extend the service of its trained workers to include the Indian people.

Therefore we recommend that the Council provide a trained worker for a rural Indian community at the earliest time practicable.

Leadership Training

We believe that leaders for the new day should have such training as will make them interpreters between groups who represent different and interdependent factors in the social and industrial order.

Therefore we recommend:

1. That training for deaconesses include a year of foundation courses in religion and social science and at least one year of training appropriate to the type of service to which each looks forward.
2. That the Council cooperate with Scarritt College in devising means for lengthening the period of training with especial reference to an increase in amount of time given to field experience.

FOREIGN FIELDS

Missionary and Leadership Training

We believe the new day in foreign missionary service demands that greater emphasis be placed upon the training of both nationals and missionaries.

Therefore we recommend:

1. That at home: (a) The program of training for missionaries shall be enlarged and strengthened and longer periods of study provided for certain lines of specialization.

(b) That the regulations requiring specialized training be made more flexible, that undue delay may not be caused when mature workers with successful experience (who are much in demand) are found for service.

2. On the fields: (a) We should look to the establishment and strengthening of training centers in all mission fields, that the national Christians may be prepared for leadership in such lines as religious education, rural work, industrial work, and all social problems.

(b) When specialized study is necessary, provision should be made for those who have completed such training as their native land affords to continue advanced work in America.

Adult Education

Since education for adults in many of our fields presents an opportunity for rapid extension of the work of the gospel, we recommend:

1. That greater emphasis be placed on adult education, and in such fields as are developing government schools that less emphasis be placed on primary education.
2. That new missionaries who can devote their efforts to adult education and teacher training classes be sent to the fields.

Work with Young People

There is a large field for evangelistic effort among the young people of every land.

Therefore we recommend:

1. That renewed effort be made to give religion the first place in life and to combat the type of purely secular civilization.
2. That special methods be sought to reach students groups through discussions and opportunities to know that Christianity is sufficient for the social, economic, and other problems that are in their making to-day.

Foreign Lectureship

We recommend that the basis of the use of the foreign lectureship of the Woman's Missionary Council be restudied, with the view of aiding in types of service which may be more needed under changing conditions.

Scholarships

We recommend that a committee be appointed to cooperate with the Secretaries of Home and Foreign Fields, and the Secretary of Promotion and Education in the restudy of the whole subject of specials, including Scholarships and Bible Women. (See Committee on Specials in Report of Committee to Name Committees, etc.)

The New Missionary Appeal

In order to set forth the claims of the missionary movement in terms of money and life that will have force to-day there is need for a re-statement of the basis of the missionary appeal.

Therefore we recommend that the Department of Literature be charged with the task of seeing that the "New Missionary Apologetic" be made applicable to the Home Field, and also made available for auxiliaries.

HOME BASE

Promotion of Membership, Missionary Education, and Finances

We believe in the general plan of our organization and that its program has functioned well in the past; but it is our conviction that the organization and program should be made more extensive, looking toward the realization of larger objectives for the future. Any appeal for this extension must be based upon a larger conception of the missionary enterprise.

We believe that this enlarged conception must be kept before the women of the missionary society and of the Church if an intelligent and dependable basis of support is provided.

The content of mission study must include the full import and scope of the task, as included in the new apologetic.

The standards set for missionary education must more nearly conform to those of secular education.

The methods used in promoting missionary education should be suited to the different types of groups and of individuals. Graded courses should be available for societies according to their experience and ability. Such courses should include studies for adult, young people, and children.

A decided need is felt for graded Bible studies which will not exceed the prices charged for regular mission study books.

We believe that an enlarged conception of our task demands opportunities for leadership training suited to the duties of Conference, district, and auxiliary officers, and too few of such leaders can avail themselves of our leadership schools.

We believe that an enlarged conception of missions necessitates a more extensive financial policy. Larger gifts from more women who are entrusted with means must be secured, and a financial plan that permits participation in our missionary organization by every woman of the Church must be made.

We believe that the largest opportunities possible should be given our young people for initiative and full self-expression in the form of their organization, in the planning of their programs, and in their education and participation in giving to missionary causes.

We believe that the present organization provided for the children is more adequate than heretofore and that fuller opportunity should be given for securing complete coöperation and for working the plan more effectively.

In the light of the above affirmatives and in order to reach the great groups of unenlisted women and to present such an appeal as to make more effective our program, we recommend:

1. That a plan of coöperation between the Council and Conferences be worked out through our department of promotion whereby the services of part- or full-time workers shall be secured, who shall assist the officers by field work in promotional activities.

2. In order that the great need for mission and Bible study may be more adequately met than heretofore, we recommend that an assistant Secretary of Missionary Education be added to the Department of Education and Promotion whose duties shall include both office and field work.

3. That courses of study for officers, especially for superintendents of mission study, social service, and of young people's and children's work be planned; that improved printed instructions be made available, and that well-planned training periods be provided.

4. That a committee on budget be appointed which shall make a study of our financial policy with a view to devising such plans as will stimulate the highest degree of generosity, of self-denial in giving and which shall recommend such changes in by-laws as may be needed to carry out such plans.

5. That the secretary in charge of the young people take into consideration a method whereby some of the outstanding young women of our Church may be associated with her in planning the policies of the young people's missionary society.

6. That the missionary women continue their efforts to enlist all of the children in our missionary organization and to give adequate missionary education.

Promotion of the Enlarged Program in Christian Social Relations

We believe that a study of the reports of the Commissions on Re-evaluation and Place of Women in the Service of the Church and of the Committee on General Conference Legislation, as brought out by Council members in discussion from the floor at the time of their presentation, reveals unanimity of opinion as to the need of an enlarged program in social relations for the woman's organization.

We believe an enlarged program means freedom to express new moral and spiritual adventures in social relations through methods of research and the application of the findings of research to human needs.

We believe the new conception of missions shows that the larger social need of the world is more subjective than objective; that the influence of missionary agencies will be spread in the spirits of people rather than in their material lives; that material betterment grows out of spiritual welfare.

We believe the new conception of missions and the missionary enterprise reveal that the emphasis is changing, not because of mistaken policies in the past, but because of developing understanding of the application of the gospel of Jesus to human life.

We believe the missionary enterprise is therefore becoming less institutional and more thought and attitude producing.

We believe the inspiration of thought and attitude will eventuate not only in rich inner life, but in a perfection in the use of material things for the material life.

We believe that social welfare in all its departments is contingent upon a better understanding of how to bring out of attitudes the fullest life in the home, in economics, in education, in government and politics, in the Church, and in all the relationships in actual living in which human beings find themselves.

We believe the foregoing ends will be accomplished by a great enlargement of our Christian social program, and that through bureaus, commissions, and committees this enlargement may find a beginning in research and in the application of the findings of research.

Therefore we recommend:

1. That bureaus, commissions, and committees be set up as need arises and ability to handle them financially and otherwise appears possible.

2. That at present these shall consist of two bureaus, four commissions, and five standing committees, as follows:

(1) A bureau of coöperation with Women in Other Lands (nine members).

(2) A bureau of Christian Social Relations (nine members).

(3) Four commissions:

(a) Industrial Relations (five members).

(b) Rural Development (seven members).

(c) Research and Study of the Status of Women (five members).

(d) Unoccupied Mission Areas (five members).

(4) Five standing committees:

(a) International Relations and World Peace (five members).

(b) Coöperation with Civic and Welfare Agencies.

(c) Christian Citizenship and Law Observance (five members).

(d) Spiritual Life and Message (five members).

(e) Interracial Relations (seven members).

3. That the heads of these commissions and committees shall compose the Bureau of Christian Social Relations, which shall have for its chairman a Council officer to be known as the Superintendent of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations.

MRS. W. J. PIGGOTT, *Chairman*;

MRS. HELEN P. BOURNE, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS FOR STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND BUREAUS

Your committee reports the following nominations:

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive Committee.—Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Miss Julia Lake Stevens (Superintendent of Children's Work), Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Miss Constance Rumbough, Miss Bess Coombs, Miss Louise Young, Miss Daisy Davies, Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. J. C. Handy, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. Henry S. Owen, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, Miss Berta Ellison.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.—Mrs. Wallace Rogers (Superintendent of Children's Work), Mrs. F. S. Parker, Miss Mabel K. Howell, Miss Emma V. Peppler, Miss Julia Lake Stevens, Mrs. W. D. Taylor

Committee on Literature.—Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Julia Lake

Stevens (Superintendent of Children's Work), Mrs. W. A. Newell, Miss Bess Combs, Mrs. A. M. Gates, Mrs. W. J. Piggott.

Committee on Laws.—Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Mrs. T. H. Tyson, Mrs. W. P. McDermott.

Committee on Estimates.—Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Miss Esther Case, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Constance Rumbough.

Committee on Scarritt College for Christian Workers.—Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Miss Esther Case, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. Henry S. Owen, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Mrs. Walter Taylor, Mrs. D. B. Carré.

Committee on Lectureships.—Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Bess Combs, Miss Esther Case. (Refer to Committee on By-Laws.)

Committee on International Relations and World Peace.—Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Miss Julia Lake Stevens, Mrs. A. R. Walker, Mrs. J. E. McDonald.

Committee on Coöperation with Civic and Welfare Agencies.—Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. W. A. Newell.

Committee on Christian Citizenship and Law Observance.—Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. A. F. McGarr, Mrs. J. C. Lewis, Mrs. H. E. Barrow, Mrs. J. H. Stewart.

Committee on Spiritual Life and Message.—Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. T. J. Copeland, Mrs. George Morgan, Mrs. Seth Craig, Mrs. Harwell Wilson.

Committee on Interracial Relations.—Miss Louise Young, Mrs. Ernest Moore, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, Mrs. E. W. Berry, Mrs. W. C. Chadwick, Mrs. Henry S. Owen.

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BUREAUS

Bureau of Coöperation with Women in Other Lands.—Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Miss Bess Combs, Mrs. T. C. Banks, Mrs. K. C. Childers, Mrs. George Nunn, Mrs. Johnson Tiger, Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne.

Bureau of Christian Social Relations.—Mrs. W. A. Newell; Chairmen of four commissions, on Industrial Relations, Rural Development, Research and Study of the Status of Women, and Unoccupied Mission Areas; and the chairmen of the five Standing Committees on International Relations and World Peace, Coöperation with Civic and Welfare Agencies, Christian Citizenship and Law Observance, Spiritual Life and Message, and Interracial Relations).

III

COMMISSIONS

Commission on Industrial Relations.—Miss Berta Ellison, Mrs. L. A. Tynes, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. T. I. Charles, Mrs. I. Morris.

Commission on Rural Development.—Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. Charles N. Clark, Mrs. L. W. Alford, Mrs. R. P. Neblett, Mrs. E. F. Ellis, Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Mrs. J. W. Downs.

Commission on Research and Study of the Status of Woman.—Mrs. J. C. Handy, Mrs. E. A. Kitchell, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Miss Julia Durham.

Commissions on Unoccupied Mission Areas.—Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. S. M. Black, Mrs. C. C. Weaver, Miss Mae Sells.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee on Negro Workers.—Miss Louise Young, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. J. W. Downs.

Committee on Specials is recommended to the Committee on Financial Policy in accordance with rule of order No. 4.

Committee on Financial Policy.—Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Mrs. Homer Tatum, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. J. P. Harvill, Mrs. D. B. Carré.

MRS. WALTER D. TAYLOR, *Chairman*;
MRS. K. C. CHILDERS, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON SCARRITT COLLEGE FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

This committee have considered items in the report to Dr. Cuninggim to the Council in 1930 and recommends:

1. That the name of MacDonell Chair of Home Missions be changed from "The MacDonell Chair of Home Missions" to "The MacDonell Chair of Sociology."

2. That the Standing Committee on Scarritt shall investigate and restudy the whole subject of scholarships at Scarritt and candidates for missionary work under the Council and report to the Executive Committee of the Council.

3. That a Conference having a scholarship, but no candidates, be requested to put the scholarships at the disposal of the Candidates Committee for use by another candidate.

MRS. R. L. HOBODY, *Chairman*;
MRS. D. B. CARRE, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY VASHTI SCHOOL

Realizing the need for the highest standardization of Home Mission Institutions conducted by the Council, a special committee was appointed to study Vashti School during 1929 and 1930. The findings

of the committee are to be used as a basis for enabling the institution to render a more efficient service.

Mrs. J. W. Downs, Home Secretary of Woman's Work, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. E. P. Peabody, and Mrs. Wallace Rogers were appointed to serve, and one other member to be chosen by those named. Dr. Comer Woodard, professor in Emory University, was agreed upon as the fifth member. He was invited by the Home Secretary to assist, and accepted the invitation.

A study of reports, catalogue, and work of Vashti was made during the summer and fall. The date for the committee to visit Vashti was set for November 16-18, 1929. Mrs. Downs and Mrs. Mills traveled together from Nashville to Thomasville, following the mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee of Council. Mrs. Peabody arrived a few hours earlier. Mrs. Rogers, being a delegate to her Annual Conference, did not feel justified in leaving before the session closed. Dr. Woodward made no report of why he did not attend.

Thomasville is a typical small city, hemmed in by "estates" or "plantations"—the winter playground of Northern capitalists. Each has his hobby: prize milch cows, packs of fox hounds, golf courses, hot houses, hunting preserves, miles of azalea hedges, and so on. Millions are spent pursuing these fads. Vashti is the 65-acre estate of the Woman's Missionary Council. Its interest, in the words of Superintendent Dye, is "first of all to develop girls." Buildings, equipment, and finances are inadequate for the needs. But it is God's work, and much is being accomplished through his leadership and the fine group of workers.

The three members present was given *special* studies to make, and all were to make general observations.

The Superintendent and faculty were attentive and untiring in their efforts to help acquaint the committee with every detail of the school, the property, the work, and its needs. The committee visited the classroom, the sewing room, the craft shop, the laundry, and the various buildings; saw the beautiful flowers, the twelve fine jersey cows, the chickens, the grounds, and all the workers; held a conference with the entire faculty, and with various members of the same, hearing from each what she felt were the most pressing needs, what readjustments might be made for better work in line with the Council's Jubilee thought of "Thinking Forward." Another meeting was held with the senior girls to hear of the things they most wanted.

The meals were wholesome, abundant, well cooked, and well served. The girls do all the work, under the excellent direction of capable house-mothers. Saturday and Sunday nights, special programs of music and pageants were given. Sunday school is held in the chapel, and the Leagues meet Sunday afternoon and evening. In pleasant weather, the girls attend Church in Thomasville, and ministers and speakers visit the school. The Presbyterian minister said to one member of the committee, "We all feel that Vashti belongs to us."

Students, Number and Ages.—There are 103 students; 4 being 10 years of age; 4, 11; 10, 12; 17, 13; 12, 14; 19, 15; the remaining number are between the ages of 15 and 18, and one, 20 years of age.

The girls are divided into three groups for sleeping and seating. Those under 13 years—about eighteen or twenty—live in the cottage for small girls. The group from 14 to those in the junior class—about fifty-six—sleep in the dormitories on the third floor of the main building, which was remodeled from the old cigar factory. The building provided by Week of Prayer money serves as their dining hall.

The older girls comprising the junior and senior classes—about thirty in number—live in the dormitory of the Remer Young Hall, the Centenary building. Sixty-nine of the girls are from cities; fourteen are from towns; twenty came from the rural districts.

It was reported that the mentality of the girls is higher than at any time since intelligence tests have been used. The majority of the girls have average mentality. About eighty-five per cent are fully normal mentally; about thirty ranked as dull; twelve had border line mentalities; five were classed as mentally deficient. The majority of the thirty who were classed as dull did good school work the quarter previous. The records showing their reports were better than those of some of those who were ranked as normal. Knowing that the tests were to be made seemed to make it impossible for them to react normally.

Former Environment.—Of the number of girls who are in the school, nineteen have at some time been through the juvenile courts. The record shows that, with the exception of one or two, these girls were placed under the jurisdiction of the court because of neglect or cruelty of their parents or parent. Of these nineteen court girls, fourteen came through the regular channels to Vashti—that is, were provided for by Missionary Societies, other religious organizations, and individuals. Five have been sent by the juvenile court and are financed by the court. Sixteen of the girls came from homes where the father and mother are separated; some of these do not know where either the father or mother is. Thirty-seven come from homes without a father; fifty-three have no mothers; thirteen have neither mother nor father; six have parents that are living together but are so poor that they can do nothing for the children. In one case the parents are feeble-minded, but the child has a normal mentality.

Characteristics.—The characteristics of the group are quite similar because the majority of them come from similar environments. There is a tendency to wastefulness and shiftlessness which would be natural under the circumstances. They also lack appreciation of the value and care of property. This is often as much a characteristic of youth as of this particular group of girls. They have an attitude of thinking that what they want should be given them. This may be because many of them have been dependent on charity most of their lives, and no effort has been made previous to their coming to Vashti to develop

a spirit of self-dependence or independence. Many seem ungrateful during the period they are at Vashti until the time they are confronted with the fact that they are to leave. This seems to bring them to a realization of what the school has meant to them. Their letters show that they do appreciate the training in religion, in home making, and the opportunity for recreation and good times which they had at Vashti. In this they are not so different from other girls and boys. Many who are in normal homes lack appreciation until the time when they are obliged to depend upon themselves. The spirit of this generation is demonstrated at Vashti by an element which has not had respect for rules and regulations. The faculty reports that this attitude has decreased in a very large per cent. This does not mean that there are no conduct problems; it does mean that the problems which must be met can be solved by wise judgment and sympathetic understanding. These girls need the loving care and tenderness for which their meager lives have reached out, but which has never been their good fortune. This must come to them from wise and experienced leaders who are able to judge what is best for girls.

While there are a few girls who do not regard carefully the trust placed in them, the average is perhaps no greater than in other schools.

There is a marked increase in pride in personal appearance in the student body. One of the hopeful signs is that when a girl has been guilty of a misdemeanor the individual is not known; the student body themselves have restricted the entire class as punishment for the misdemeanor or disobedience. The student body seem to be moving toward a healthy method of self-government.

The plan at Vashti is for the development of Christian character. It is significant that in January a revival began at Vashti which seems to have broken out spontaneously.

School Work.—The curriculum of school work at Vashti conforms to the Georgia State Educational Department in the grades which are taught. This includes the second year of high school work. Since a new, up-to-date high school is in walking distance, the question of sending our students there instead of maintaining a high school department was considered. On the surface this seemed an unnecessary expenditures of teachers and money, but closer study convinces one that the present plan is much wiser. Every child is the product of maladjustment in some way. Each needs the influence of Christian environment and training. The schedule of work is arranged so that each girl learns the practical things of living—cooking, serving, cleaning, sewing, doing handcraft, taking care of chickens, cows, gardens, and flowers. This would be impossible if the last two years were spent in public school. The graduates of Vashti, through junior high, easily enter ninth-grade public school, Young-Harris, Sue Bennett, and other such schools.

Faculty.—The faculty is composed largely of our own deaconesses,

women with degrees and special training for Christian work, and women trained for specific types of work, such as domestic science, handcraft, music, etc.

It seems that in an institution of that size the superintendent should have the assistance of an educational director. The committee suggested the use of a more systematized course in Bible study, probably the new closely graded Sunday school lessons, giving a unified and correlated program of religious education.

More books are needed for the library, both for reference and parallel reading. Better equipment in the way of desks of the right size and other school supplies should be provided.

Present Equipment and Needs at Vashti.—The faculty seems to regard a change from the present dormitories, especially those on the third floor of the main building to single rooms as the outstanding need. The two large dormitories, each occupied by twenty-eight girls, could not be made into single rooms without much waste of space. Both dormitories could be used to advantage in the school work, one for a gymnasium which is badly needed. This would give opportunity for a schedule of systematic recreation. The other dormitory could be divided between the domestic arts department, which must have larger quarters, and a play room for smaller girls. If this were done, two or three smaller buildings would be needed where the girls could have single rooms. This would give more of the family life, so desirable in an institution of this kind.

The Remer Young Hall provides for smaller groups of the older girls and fills the needs.

The little girls' cottage is overcrowded and needs repairs and rearrangement.

Furniture.—In the large dormitories the only furniture is beds, dressers, and chairs. The dressers have come to the school second-hand and, having served a long time, can no longer be repaired and should be replaced, unless new dormitories are possible in the very new future.

The schoolrooms are well lighted and ventilated and have excellent blackboards. Desks are badly worn and should be replaced by sizes comfortable for the age groups.

The chapel should be more attractive; and new seats, which are a necessity, will go far toward making it so.

The work done in the domestic art department is most beautiful and artistic, but the department is badly overcrowded. This department could be made one of the best methods of advertising the school. More space and equipment should be allowed and contacts established with women in our Churches who could help dispose of the really exquisite work done.

A need which should be met at once is better equipment for the laundry. The laundry for a family of one hundred and twenty-five, personal and household, is not a small matter. A drying room is

greatly needed. An electric washing machine of the best type should be installed, adjustable ironing boards, and electric irons, and such equipment will make for efficiency and comfort. During bad weather, and especially busy seasons, help should be employed to assist with the household linens and the work for the smallest girls.

The flowers at Vashti are lovely, and their cultivation has been encouraged. A small hothouse has been built with prize money won by flowers at the fair. This should be enlarged and space made for starting more flowers and vegetables.

Twelve fine Jersey cows provide milk and butter for the members of the home. Certain girls have been trained to care for the cows, milk, manage separators, and do the other work of the dairy.

Chickens require more time and care than a busy school can give; so only enough fowls are kept to provide eggs for the home.

Case Worker.—The committee strongly recommends the employment of a trained case worker, one who can (1) investigate girls and conditions before receiving them at Vashti (as to mental ability, no subnormals should be taken; as to morals, no delinquents; as to support, if promised, she should see that the condition of those responsible is such that debt will not be incurred by the institution). (2) Follow-up work—try to provide higher educational advantages for those who desire such when they finish work at Vashti; keep in touch with those who leave to take up work; those who establish homes of their own. (3) Often, with the right adjustments, girls can be placed in homes where love, training, and education will be given rather than in institutions.

One or two women are needed to help with the dormitories, especially to relieve of night duty the teachers and deaconesses who carry full daily programs.

It seemed to the committee that a problem of discipline would be helped if the unruly and discontented girls—about one-fifth of the number—were not closely associated with the others, communicating their spirit of unrest. If they had a cottage, until they come to see that only what is right and best is being done for them, it would help discipline.

The organization of an alumnae association was suggested by the committee, and the suggestion was favorably received by the senior class.

Some of these readjustments will give the teachers more time and opportunity for association and recreation with small groups of girls.

The girls in their interviews showed that they wanted to be considered trustworthy and to learn to be capable of judging values. We think that they should be taught to shop carefully, for the best values, learning the use and best expenditure of money.

The institution is excellently managed. The buildings and grounds are well kept. The schedules of work are well arranged. The girls look well. The discontent is largely with the new girls.

Much is being done to make useful Christian women of those who, except for the opportunity given at Vashti through the Woman's Missionary Council, would have no chance.

MRS. J. W. DOWNS,

MRS. J. W. MILLS,

MRS. E. P. PEABODY.

COMMITTEE ON BREVARD INSTITUTE

A special committee to study Brevard Institute was appointed at the Council meeting in 1929. This committee was composed of Mrs. H. A. Dunham, Mrs. W. A. Newell, and the Home Secretary, Woman's Work, and one other member to be selected by the three named members. Miss Jane C. Sullivan, Supervisor of Rural Schools in Buncombe County, N. C., was asked to serve as the other member of the committee.

The committee met at Brevard Institute February 13. Mrs. Dunham, Miss Sullivan, and Mrs. Downs were present. Mrs. Newell was not able to attend the meeting.

The committee studied the curriculum as set forth in the catalogue and secured information from the Superintendent of the school and from the student files. They looked over the buildings, the campus, and the farm.

The student body at Brevard for 1929-30 numbers approximately 150, about an equal number of boys and girls. The largest per cent of the enrollment is from North Carolina, which is 58 $\frac{3}{4}$ %; 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ % comes from South Carolina; the remaining number is divided among several States, six coming from New York.

The age of the student body as a whole, like other school groups, is young. About one-half are between the ages of twelve and fifteen; the others, except three, are from the ages of fifteen to eighteen; three are over twenty.

There are fourteen members of the faculty—ten women and four men. Five of this group are our appointed deaconesses. The employed members of the faculty are trained Christian men and women who are devoting their lives to the service of character building.

The farm and campus consist of about one hundred acres of land lying almost in the heart of the little town of Brevard. A mountain stream runs through the farm. The campus is very well shaded with spruce, cedar, and maple.

The buildings consist of the Superintendent's home, which is a two-story roomy and comfortable old house, but a bit out of date; the Administration Building, which is a three-story brick; the Girls' Dormitory, which is a three-story brick; the old building formerly known as Taylor Hall is grouped with the Girls' Dormitory and the Administration Building, this building being a three-story brick; the Boys' Dormitory is also a three-story brick and is beautifully located on a hill about a fourth of a mile from the main

campus. There is a large dairy barn, a work shop, and the farmer's home.

There is a dairy herd of eighteen cows, which supplies milk and cream for the school. There are a number of hogs raised each year, which furnish a good part of the meat supply during the fall and winter. The garden supplies plenty of fresh vegetables. There are apples from the orchard and syrup from the cane grown on the farm.

The curriculum of the school is based on the North Carolina school requirements, and the work is fully accredited. Beginning with the sixth grade, grade work is given. There are four years of high school. In addition to this, music, commercial courses, and Bible are provided for. The Bible is taught in every class.

There is nearly always a small group of Cuban boys who come to Brevard. Sometimes they number a dozen. There is also a small group of boys preparing for the ministry who do their high school work at Brevard.

Many of the students are sent to the school by missionary societies, individuals, the juvenile courts, and some other organizations. More than 45% of the present student body come from abnormal home conditions; 20% of the remainder are sent to Brevard because the parents have not been able to direct the children as they would like to have them go.

So great is the number who need particular personal care and attention that your committee is making special recommendations touching this opportunity for service.

The Administration Building, which is the oldest of the buildings, is much in need of repair. It also needs to be repainted and have new furniture.

Both the Boys' and Girls' Halls need to be redecorated and a small amount of repair.

The Superintendent's home needs to be completely renovated.

A new dairy barn is an immediate necessity.

The old building known as Taylor Hall should be torn down, as it has been condemned for a number of years, and a new gymnasium erected over the basement of the building.

The dining room and kitchen, which have always been in the basement of Taylor Hall, should be made over and left in the building.

The laundry should either be completely renovated or moved to the new Taylor Hall.

The gymnasium could be used for all recreational purposes and for large assemblies as well as for physical education classes and organized play.

Your committee recommends:

1. That as far as practicable the changes needed in buildings

should be provided for. There is in the treasury to the credit of Brevard Institute \$24,060 from the Week of Prayer offering, \$539 to the Brevard Permanent Fund, and \$2,769 in the laundry fund. The laundry fund was given by the North Carolina Conference.

2. (1) That, since the original need of bringing educational advantages to the homes within reach of the isolated mountain section is no longer necessary, we plan definitely to provide for children who need rehabilitation because of abnormal home conditions.

(2) Instruction for a few whose homes are still remote from school facilities.

(3) Those who desire definite Christian training as distinct from that to be found in State schools.

3. That the number permitted to enter the school shall not exceed the present dormitory capacity, which is approximately sixty-eight girls and fifty-five boys.

4. That the board and tuition for the year be \$200, payable in two installments, one-half in advance at the beginning of each regular term.

5. That the campus and registration fees be \$15 per year, due with the application, this to cover medical attention, library and registration fees, and such cultural entertainment as the school has been in the habit of providing, \$3 of this amount to be deposited against breakage and property damage, returnable if not required for that purpose.

6. That each student be expected to do at least six hours of assigned work each month, this to be in part payment of expenses. Failure for any cause to be paid for in cash at the rate of fifteen cents an hour.

7. All students entering the school to be recommended by the pastor of the local Methodist Church from which they come and the officers of the Woman's Missionary Society who can vouch personally for the character of the student and for the fact that the circumstances of family make the services of the school necessary, this not to be construed to mean that the student must be a Methodist.

8. The student must agree to observe the regulations of the school and to stay throughout the term, unless conditions arise that in the judgment of the school authorities justify leaving.

9. That in order to provide for the proper training and care of the students an increased number of scholarships be asked for from the Conferences.

10. That, with a view to vitalizing the life of the home, an Opportunity School be provided for adults who would be interested in coming for a ten days' period of time; that the Christmas vacation be extended ten days, and that such provision be made

for an instruction, recreation, and social life as would meet the needs of the group; that each person coming be asked to pay at least \$10 for the room and board during this period.

11. That a three weeks' program for girls in industry be offered during the month of August and that two officers from each of the North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia Conferences constitute a committee whose duty it shall be to communicate with the different persons interested in industrial centers located in their States, with a purpose of interesting them in selecting a number of girls to attend this school and to provide their expenses, this committee to be appointed by the Conference societies.

12. That the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference in which Brevard Institute is located be named as a committee to assist the Superintendent and faculty of Brevard Institute and the Secretary of Home Section, Woman's Work, Board of Missions, in making plans for an Opportunity School, and the School for Young Women in Industry.

MRS. H. A. DUNHAM,
MRS. J. W. DOWNS,
MISS JANE SULLIVAN.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S EQUITY IN THE DOCTORS' BUILDING AND MISSION BUILDING

Whereas a part of the Centenary collections directed to the Board of Missions was used for the purchase and erection of two buildings for the use of the Board known respectively as the Doctors' Building in Nashville, Tenn., and the Mission Building in Lake Junaluska, N. C., this being an undirected fund; and whereas both sections share in the upkeep of the building at Lake Junaluska and there have been distributions of the proceeds of the said building upon the basis of the percentage in which the two sections participated in the Centenary and no participation by the Woman's Section in the income of the Doctors' Building—therefore be it

Resolved, That the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session at Amarillo, Tex., March 12, 1930, request the Board of Missions to determine and establish the Woman's equity in these two properties and the income therefrom.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Chairman*;
MRS. H. R. STEELE, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON DEACONESS AND CITY MISSION WORK

The Deaconess Committee held a meeting for the discussion of matters concerning this field of work, and recommend that this committee be continued for another quadrennium.

MRS. LEE BRITT,
MRS. FRED A. LAMB.

COMMITTEE ON BETHLEHEM HOUSE, WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

Inasmuch as your committee expects developments in the near future which will enable them to make an interesting and final report, we request that the committee be continued.

MRS. W. A. NEWELL,
MRS. C. C. WEAVER,
MRS. J. W. DOWNS.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The committee had before it for consideration three recommendations, two of which had been referred to it at the 1929 Council meeting. It was deemed inadvisable to bring the members of the committee from distant point to Nashville for a meeting, hence the votes were taken by correspondence. The proposed amendments, with the committee's action, follow:

1. Memorial from the North Georgia Conference, referred by the 1929 Sessions Committee on Literature:

Amend By-Law 13 for Conference Societies, page 336, Nineteenth Annual Report, by inserting in the ninth line, preceding the last sentence of the by-law, the words, "She shall be responsible for the promotion of the *Missionary Voice*," so that the by-law shall read:

"The Superintendent of Literature and Publicity shall make a careful study of the literature published by the Woman's Department, Board of Missions, with reference to the needs of the Conference, and make recommendations to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature. She shall be responsible for the distribution of the literature throughout the Conference, shall promote the dissemination of missionary news through the Church and secular press, and shall collect clippings of missionary news to be forwarded to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature. She shall be responsible for the promotion of the *Missionary Voice*. She shall make quarterly reports to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature."

The committee recommends concurrence.

2. Recommendation from the Special Committee on Maintenance, referred by the Executive Committee of the Council:

Amend By-Law 9 for Conference Societies, page 335, Nineteenth Annual Report, by striking out "all" after "receive" in the first line and substituting "the" instead, and by inserting in the third line after the words "submitting the same annually to an auditor" the following, "She shall handle only such funds as are to be used for programs of work authorized by the Council." The by-law will then read:

"The Treasurer shall receive the funds of the society, keeping an account of each auxiliary and submitting the same annually to an auditor. She shall handle only such funds as are to be used for programs of work authorized by the Council. She shall disburse the Conference funds on the written order of the President and the Corresponding Secretary. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and shall send itemized reports promptly, on the fifteenth

day of April, July, October, and January, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, therewith transmitting such funds as are collected for the general treasury. She shall also send an itemized statement to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and to the President."

The committee recommends concurrence.

3. Memorial from the Brazil Conference:

Amend By-Law 3 for Conference Societies, page 335, Nineteenth Annual Report, by striking out the words, "Council missionaries at home on furlough," and substituting the following, "members of the Missionary Society at that time in the United States," so that the by-law shall read:

"Two members of the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be elected at each annual session as alternates to the Woman's Missionary Council. Alternates from Missionaries Societies in foreign fields may be elected from among members of the Missionary Society at that time in the United States."

The committee recommends concurrence.

MRS. C. W. NICHOLS, *Chairman*;
EMMA V. PEPPLER, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS

The Committee on Laws submits the following report:

1. The Council minutes have been bound for the use of the Laws Committee into four volumes with a quadrennium of reports in each volume. The fifth volume for this last quadrennium will be bound when the minutes of this session of this Council session are ready.
2. The committee has furnished information concerning the law of the body when necessary.
3. All standing and special committees have reported either in executive committee or in the Council.
4. All memorial laws have properly referred to committees.
5. All reports and resolutions are off the calendar.

MRS. J. H. STEWART, *Chairman*;
MRS. J. C. HANDY, *Secretary*;
MRS. T. H. TYSON.

GENERAL CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 1

I

The General Conference Legislative Committee appointed at the Council meeting in Nashville March 21, 1928, has held eight meetings: In Nashville, May 10, 1928; at Signal Mountain, Tenn., July 2-4, 1928; in Memphis, Tenn., December 31, 1928, to January 2, 1929; in Nashville, January 31, 1929; in Washington, D. C., March 12, 1929; in Decatur, Ga., September 17-19, 1929; in Nashville, November 11, 1929;

and in Nashville, January 27, 28, 1930. Mrs. Luke Johnson served as chairman with her usual distinguished ability and interest until her death, December 2, 1929. The committee has been not only in sorrow because of her going, but has felt keenly her loss in completing the work committed to its hands by the Council.

At the January 27, 1930, meeting Mrs. F. F. Stephens was elected chairman of the committee.

The attendance at all of the committee meetings was practically perfect, so that the work and findings of the committee represent the mind of a large and interested group: Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. J. C. Handy, Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. H. B. Bourne, Miss Estelle Haskin. The interest and attention to the task set for the committee has been commensurate with the sense of responsibility felt by its members.

The committee made a report of its work to date to the Executive Committee of the Council November 12, 13, 1929. This report contained the principle upon which legislation might be made. A thorough discussion of the report followed its reading. The committee has faithfully and in detail studied the constitution of the Board of Missions, the By-Laws of the Woman's Missionary Council, and other constitutional forms. It has had before it for analysis the report of the General Conference Education Commission, to determine its bearing upon our organization. A paper referred to the committee concerning the Oklahoma Indian Woman's Mission Conference has received the required attention. Previous plans of change in organization have been consulted. The recommendations to the committee from the Executive Session of the Council in Washington have been considered, and their import will be found in this report.

The Legislative Committee has attempted to approach and pursue its work *de novo*, casting aside preconceived viewpoints and attacking the problem in the light of present-day needs and outlook. The status of the organization and the issues involved have been honestly faced, and this final report is intended to represent neither parliamentary nor negative changes, but fundamental and constructive legal policy. The committee decided to present to the Council not only those vital and this final report is intended to represent neither palliative legislation, but the processes of thought leading to their conclusions.

II. PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THE NEED FOR A WOMAN'S ORGANIZATION

In the report presented by the Legislative Committee to the Executive Session of the Council in Washington were listed the principles underlying the need for a woman's organization. In reference to these principles, the minutes of the committee entitled "Committee of the Whole" of the Executive Session at Mount Vernon Place Church, Washington, D. C., bear the following motion:

"It was voted that when the final statement of the Committee on

General Conference Legislation is made that it be made in two sections, one related to the womanhood of the organization and one to the womanhood of the Church."

In going over the reasons why a woman's organization in the Church is deemed necessary at this time, as recorded in the report given to the Executive Session, the General Conference Legislative Committee meeting in Decatur, Ga., September 17-19, 1929, found it advisable to rearrange and restate the principles, bearing in mind the distinction between women in the organization and women in the Church.

The principles restated are as follows:

1. A woman's organization is needed in the Church in order to place the impact of Christian womanhood upon the unredeemed areas of human life and to furnish a basis of coöperation with those civic and welfare groups which are working to bring in the Kingdom of God. We believe the Church at the present time cannot afford to do without the emphasis which women place upon the social application of the gospel.

2. There is need for a woman's organization in the Church in order that women may work coöperatively with women of all lands in efforts to bring in the Kingdom of God.

3. There is need for a woman's organization in the Church in behalf of missions in order to break the shackles and traditions that bind women to a more or less degree everywhere.

4. There is need for a woman's organization in order to develop womanhood around the world through their own initiative and self-direction.

5. A woman's organization is essential to the welfare of the Church in order to conserve for it the work and influence of woman, which influence would otherwise be dissipated into channels and organizations outside the Church which are attractive to women because of the scope of their activities and the democracy of their methods.

6. There is need for a woman's organization in the Church in order that the Church may have the benefit of the collective and detailed thinking of women on methods and policies of Christian work.

7. Being without representation on practically all of the boards of the Church, and being a minority group on the boards on which they have representation, women recognize the need for group organization in order to encourage women to assume full responsibility on the boards or committees of the Church open to their membership.

8. A woman's connectional organization is necessary to aid in securing for womanhood its proper place in the entire program of the Church.

9. There is need in the Church of the spiritual power generated by women through corporate prayer life and by new discoveries in Christian experience.

10. So long as the Woman's Missionary Society is deemed essential in the raising of funds for missions, there is need of an organization

representative of women which shall have a voice in directing the distribution of the funds so raised.

11. There is need for a connectional woman's organization for world service to direct the energies of women into authorized channels and to protect their treasuries from dissipation of funds to other causes within and without the Church.

12. A woman's organization is essential to-day in order to maintain the work already established by the organization in the past fifty years of service.

III. THE CONVICTION OF THE NECESSITY OF AN ENLARGED PROGRAM FOR THE COUNCIL

The principles just read carry the thinking of the Council as it met in Washington in March, 1929, concerning the basis upon which a woman's organization should be built. Keeping in mind these principles to which the Council gave approval, the Legislative Committee, since that time, has made a detailed study of the Council program and organization with the view of finding wherein the program of the woman's organization may be enlarged to meet the changing conception of missions.

The study has led to the conclusion that the Woman's Missionary Council has before it two possible alternatives for its future organization and program:

1. To be simply a money-raising body for missions; or
2. To enter upon an enlarged program of missionary activity in addition to money-raising functions.

In the light of the accepted principles we are convinced that the second of these alternatives—namely, an enlarged program—should be the objective of our organization, and to that end we should direct our legislative efforts.

Certain ones of the principles have special weight with us in bringing us to this deep conviction. The first is Principle 1, as follows: "A woman's organization is needed in the Church in order to place the impact of Christian womanhood upon the unredeemed areas of human life and to furnish a basis of coöperation with those civic and welfare groups which are working to bring in the Kingdom of God."

We feel deeply the need of a larger mobilization of women in behalf of the unredeemed areas of life. We have initiated work in race relations that has largely contributed to changed thinking, but this benefit has reached the thought of but few women, and the resultant effect upon race conditions is still far below its possibilities.

In the questions of peace, rural conditions, industry, and the stabilization of family life we have barely made a beginning. As to coöperation with other established bodies, we have made a beginning, but we are face to face with the fact that there are great new movements among the women of the Churches. We refer especially to the new movement which will organize and is organizing women for all

social activities effecting the Christian welfare of the race—namely, the National Council of Federated Church Women. Unless we as churchwomen are so organized as to cooperate as a unit, we will become disintegrated through losing individual women who might be held to a Church program if it were sufficiently challenging.

The second consideration which has had large influence with us is Principle 2, as follows: "There is need for a woman's organization in the Church in order that women may work cooperatively with women of all lands in efforts to bring in the Kingdom of God."

We desire to have an organization free enough to be a unit in an interdenominational federation of women around the world and to function actively in the cultivation of women of all lands. Since our last Council meeting a federation of Christian women around the world has been definitely organized—namely, the World Federation of Christian Women. The Woman's Missionary Council should be an active cooperating unit of this federation and have an active share in lifting womanhood in every land to full Christian personality and in cooperating with them in efforts to bring in the Kingdom of God around the world, thus promoting Christian internationalism.

The third consideration that has influenced us has been Principle 3, which reads as follows: "There is need for a woman's organization in the Church on behalf of missions in order to break the shackles and traditions that bind women to a more or less degree everywhere." We desire to have a program that will give a larger place for research and action in the attainment of a fuller service for women. We are convinced that the status of women is an unredeemed area of human life to which we must address the efforts of the organization.

IV. CONCEPTION OF THE ENLARGED PROGRAM

Since it is recognized and accepted that by the present constitution, the Woman's Missionary Council does not have administrative control of missionary institutions, which control now inheres in the Board of Missions in which woman have limited representation, the Legislative Committee outlines the enlarged program in line with the duties and prerogatives of the Council. This enlarged program is conceived in terms of new moral and spiritual adventures, as herein suggested, and in terms of a fuller occupation and development of those objectives committed to the Woman's Missionary Council, such as the promotion of missionary societies, the raising of funds, the recommendation of estimates, the making of recommendations regarding our work, the creation of bureaus, and the promotion of missionary education among women and children.

V. PROPOSED LEGISLATION

(1) The study of the woman's organization—viz., the Woman's Missionary Council, the Conference, and the auxiliary—in relation to the larger program herein proposed; (2) the analysis of the twelve

accepted principles; and (3) the contemplation and conception of an enlarged program working out in commissions, bureaus, committees, and otherwise, in such a way as to accomplish the larger end, have brought the General Conference Legislative Committee to make the following recommendations for constitutional changes which will give freedom and initiative to the Council to carry out a program which will be in harmony with the conception of missions that the forward thought of the day demands.

Whereas the reasons for change in the Constitution of the Board of Missions, as implicit in the foregoing discussions, are deemed adequate ground for such change; therefore the General Conference Legislative Committee recommends to the Woman's Missionary Council:

1. The following amendments to the Constitution of the Board of Missions.
2. That the Woman's Missionary Council present these constitutional changes to the General Conference of 1930 for action.

Amendments

Amend paragraph 474, Article XIII (1) by inserting after the word "prosecution" the sentence, "It shall plan and promote its activities and those of the Conference and auxiliary societies." Further amend the paragraph by inserting the words "missionaries (Woman's Work) and" before the word deaconess, so that the whole paragraph shall read:

"The Council shall hold annual meetings for the purpose of hearing reports from the home and foreign fields, and from the societies, to consider the fields, lines of work, and various enterprises. It shall make recommendations to the Board of Missions regarding all its work, including estimates needed for its prosecution. It shall plan and promote its activities and those of the Conference and auxiliary societies. It shall consecrate the women who have been accepted for service as missionaries (Woman's Work) and deaconesses, and shall make recommendations to the Board concerning their employment and support."

Amend paragraph 463, Article II (2) by inserting at the end of the paragraph the words "(provided that the women secretaries, assistant secretaries, and treasurer shall have been previously nominated by the Woman's Missionary Council)," so that the paragraph shall read:

"(2) On nomination of its Nominating Committee, one of whom shall be the General Secretary, the Board shall elect a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Treasurer for the Section of Woman's Work (who shall be a woman), two Secretaries for the Foreign Work Department (one whom shall be a woman), two Secretaries for the Home Work Department (one whom shall be a woman), two for the Education and Promotion Department (one of whom shall be a woman); and such assistants as it shall determine upon by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting (provided that the women secretaries,

assistant secretaries, and treasurer shall have been previously nominated by the Woman's Missionary Council)."

Amend paragraph 472, Article XI, by inserting the words "and to carry on such activities as will help in establishing a Christian social order around the world" after the words "foreign missions," so that the paragraph shall read:

"The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, are authorized to organize and conduct missionary societies among women and children in the Annual Conferences and in the Churches in the interests of home and foreign missions, and to carry on such activities as will help in establishing a Christian social order around the world. The societies shall promote missionary intelligence and activity and secure missionary funds by means of membership dues, life and honorary membership fees, from devises, annuities, bequests, voluntary offerings, and collections at meetings appointed in behalf of the society."

VI. CONCERNING THE REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Whereas the Committee of the Whole of the Executive Session of the Woman's Missionary Council, meeting in Washington, D. C., March, 1929, requested the General Conference Legislative Committee to take to the General Conference a recommendation to substitute the word "promote" for the word "further" in paragraph 474, Article XIII (2); and whereas the import of this request is covered in the proposed amendment to paragraph 474, Article XIII (11) by the insertion of the sentence, "It shall plan and promote its activities and those of the Conference and auxiliary societies," as is heretofore noted in the section on proposed legislation;

Therefore the General Conference Legislative Committee recommends that the Council accept the substitution as covering the intent of the requested amendment.

REPORT No. 2

Concerning Representation of Woman's Missionary Council at the 1930 General Conference

1. Whereas the Woman's Missionary Council will need a representation at the General Conference to care for the interests of legislation concerning Woman's Work; therefore your committee recommends:

(1) That the Chairman of the General Conference Legislative Committee, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, the secretary, Mrs. J. C. Handy, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. J. W. Mills, and Mrs. W. J. Piggott represent the Council at the General Conference.

(2) That if the committee finds it necessary in emergency to summon any special person for a particular service that it be privileged to do so.

2. Whereas there are members of the Council who are members of the General Conference, but not members of the General Con-

ference Legislative Committee; therefore your committee recommends:

(1) That the women who are members of General Conference and also members of the Council shall be members of the Council representation at the General Conference.

(2) That in emergency the whole representation, including all members of the Council present at the seat of the General Conference, be given power to act for the Council.

REPORT NO. 3

Concerning Women in the Ministry

Whereas the General Conference Legislative Committee has considered favorably the resolution referred to it by the Commission on the Place of Woman in the Service of the Church concerning women in the ministry; therefore your committee recommends its consideration by the Council.

Resolution

Whereas there is in the attitude of Jesus toward women no teaching limiting her activities or assigning to her a restrictive place of service in his kingdom; and whereas true and capable daughters of the Church called to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ are hindered in this exercise of their faith and calling by a disciplinary prohibition imposed because of sex (Paragraph 717, 1926 Discipline): therefore be it

Resolved, that the General Conference be memorialized to grant to faithful, called, and prepared women the rights of the clergy on the same basis as they are granted to faithful, called, prepared men.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Chairman*;

MRS. J. C. HANDY, *Secretary*.

COMMISSION ON PEACE

Your Commission appointed at the Council meeting in 1929 met and organized with Mrs. A. B. Smith as Chairman and Mrs. E. B. Chappell as Secretary.

The Chairman and Secretary have given much time to the Commission and have been able to make valuable contacts with leading peace organizations and to secure a wealth of literature from many of the organizations.

The Secretary, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, states that she has had a cordial response from all the agencies with which she has corresponded. She thinks especial mention should be made of the National Council for the Prevention of War, as they have been most helpful.

The interest of the many organizations, with the wealth of literature that is available, is encouraging; but when we remember that

tradition is still on the side of war and that war is a government industry, we begin to understand the necessity for an overwhelming sentiment in favor of peace. The process will be educational and will take time.

We present the following affirmations and recommendations:

1. That a study of the science of peace is the first business of every nation and the responsibility and duty of the Church, for a new age stands as just begun outlined against the sky, open to every threat of storm that clamors by; scaffolding veils the walls and the dim dust floats and falls, as moving to and from the tasks the masons ply, and voices are calling the morning of this new day, a day in which man must live in terms of the world, for his news is world news, his markets are world markets. He calls upon the ends of the earth to supply his daily needs, and only world coöperation can successfully solve its problems, and coöperation necessitates peace.

2. The history of mankind shown by modern research is marked by interdependence from generation to generation and from group to group. "Within the last hundred years science has all at once leveled the barriers, created a world environment, made every man, before he knew it, a world citizen, but the ideas and institutions that grew up behind the barriers have remained, and men are not living as brothers."

3. We know, when we stop to think, that our daily lives are dependent upon the ends of the earth and that our prosperity is wrapped up with the prosperity of other men, but we have not so absorbed this knowledge that we consistently act upon it.

4. The peace movement is primarily an effort to bring international relations into line with international facts. Already a number of things have been attempted to accomplish the purposes of peace. Among them is a plan to decrease armament, to educate the generation of to-day and the rising generation. The Churches have seen that war and the teachings of Christ are incompatible. Teachers face the fact that if they are to prepare children to live successfully and happily in an interdependent world, they must cultivate in them a spirit of world good will and of readiness to coöperate with the peoples of all nations.

5. The peace movement and the woman's movement are actually two phases of the same movement toward the freedom and recognition of the worth of the individual. We believe peace is inevitable. The question is not whether we shall have peace, but how soon shall we have peace. It is not only a question that involves practical and economic matters, but one in which the Church and Christianity must play their parts. The time will come when "swords will be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks; nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

We recommend:

1. That the Woman's Missionary Council express its regret and disappointment of military training for high school and college youths and that they use their influence for the removal of the same.

2. That the Standing Committee on International Relations and World Peace be requested to draw up a statement setting forth the policy of the Woman's Missionary Council on peace and its relation to the peace movement.

3. That we memorialize the General Conference to appoint a Commission on Peace for research and experimentation in order to change the attitude of many Church people toward peace and war.

MRS. J. W. DOWNS, *Acting Chairman*;

MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL, *Secretary*.

COMMISSION ON WOMEN IN INDUSTRY

The Commission on Women and Industry met in Nashville in May to set up its program of study and work. The members realized that in the short year available for their work only a beginning could be made. The commission was especially interested in a study of workers' education, as carried on at the summer session of Athens College, and at the school for Industrial Workers at Burnsville, N. C. It was agreed that summer courses for workers should lay considerable emphasis on the study of economic history and of the present organization of industry, in addition to health and recreation activities and religious education. The commission believes that such education has an important part to play in the improving of industrial conditions and thinks that this movement should continue to have the sympathetic study of some committee of the Council in order that we may lend support and coöperation whenever practicable.

Plans were made for consultation with other national groups interested in industrial conditions, notably the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor, at Washington, the National Consumer's League, and the National Y. W. C. A. Suggestions were made for the study of bulletins of the Women's Bureau and other publications.

It was voted that the program committee be requested to include on the program for the annual Council meeting a speaker on modern industry as it affects the lives of women.

Individual members of the commission were asked to promote interdenominational conferences on industry in their respective communities. Louisville, Nashville, Atlanta, and Meridian were thought to be suitable cities for such conferences. Louisville and Meridian were found to be not yet ready for such a venture, and it seemed inadvisable to promote an industrial conference in Atlanta because of plans already launched by the National Y. W.

C. A. for a regional conference in Atlanta, which would consider, among other subjects, Southern industrial conditions. The two Nashville members of the commission, Mrs. Harvill and Miss Young, agreed to do their best to promote an industrial conference in that city.

It was found that there was already considerable interest in the following local organizations: The recently organized Women's Inter-Church Federation, the local Y. W. C. A., and the Federation of Women's Club, especially through the interest of its national chairman for industrial problems, resident in Nashville, Mrs. Arch Trawick, formerly a Council member. The final success of the undertaking was due, in no small measure, to our good fortune in securing as chairman for our Community Industrial Conference, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Vice President of the Council. The following women's organizations participated: Y. W. C. A., denominational groups of Protestant Church Women, Council of Jewish Women, the Catholic Women, League of Women Voters, District Federation of Women's Club, the Local P. T. A., the W. C. T. U., Business and Professional Women's Club, the local Auxiliary of the American Legion, the Centennial Club, and the Women's Trade Union of Garment Workers.

The one-day institute was held at one of our best hotels with morning, luncheon, and afternoon sessions. The morning session was given to a study of the growth of the industrial system, especially in the South. There were talks by college professors, discussions from the floor, and a moving picture, sent out by the Women's Bureau at Washington, showing women's part in industrial and commercial processes. The luncheon meeting centered around protective legislation for women and children in industry. The afternoon session was given to a study of unemployment, the subject that apparently elicited the greatest interest of all. A Findings Committee, made up of members chosen from the participating organizations, mailed its report a few days later to officers of the various organizations, as embodying suggestions for future study and action.

It is the belief of your commission that such community conferences on industrial relations can be of real service in the rapid expansion which the South is now experiencing. It is also their belief that in such conferences missionary women may gain new insight into the life problems of industrial workers and their families. Perhaps through such study and action growing out of it local social service and our Wesley House work may gain new meaning, as it leads from personal service and fellowship in industrial neighborhoods to vigorous and united action for the amelioration of social injustice and the building of a more Christian industrial order.

MRS. J. P. HARVILL, *Chairman*;

LOUISE YOUNG, *Secretary*.

COMMISSION ON RURAL WORK

The new missionary ideal involves a coöperative effort to Christianize all of human society. In this connection the question naturally arises, Do the needs of rural peoples require special study with a view to working out special programs of service when plans are being made for the Christianization of the whole of life for other groups? Can a program that attempts to Christianize human industry and the conditions surrounding it neglect the work and environment of the soil tiller?

At the historic Jerusalem Conference the discussions on Christianity and rural problems focused the thinking of missionary agencies on the vital need for special programs of work in the rural fields, and the addresses of Dr. Kenyon Butterfield illumined the subject with facts and figures concerning the problems arising from rural conditions.

Dr. Butterfield pointed out that the land has a great significance for human welfare, because there are one billion people living on it. All the mission fields are seventy-five to eighty-five per cent rural. The United States is one-half rural socially and one-third rural industrially.

It was further stated that the success and power of urban and industrial life calls for special attention to the social and religious needs of rural people, for by the work of the farmer is civilization supplied with food and all other soil-grown products. The plant food found in the upper levels of the soil is of more value to humanity than all the minerals and precious stones found in the deep recesses of the earth.

If a comparative scale of human values were reasonable, one might be tempted to say of more value than all workers providing for human need and comfort is the farmer, upon whom the utilization and conservation of soil resources depends.

The huge numbers involved in rural life, the apartness of country folk, and the isolation behind which urgent needs are hidden have caused a relative neglect of rural peoples by the various agencies dealing with human welfare. The Church, which should be the greatest agency of them all sees the decay of the rural life surrounding many Churches and the consequent decay of the Churches because of her inability to send full-time pastors to rural communities who are experienced, trained, and equipped to break the bread of the abundant life to the people.

That the Woman's Missionary Council has had a growing sensitiveness to these situations is evidenced by the establishment of rural work centers at several points with trained workers in charge and by the appointment of a commission on Rural Work which should give special study to rural conditions and needs.

Your commission has experienced more than the usual hindrances

in its preliminary work due to the difficulties of meeting and also to the peculiarities of a study which has become of world-wide interest because conditions have brought a sudden conviction of its importance.

A study outline was accepted by the commission, and plans were developed to profit by the surveys made by the Home Missions Council in Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma by the Virginia Military Institute, and the survey of a typical rural community in the Louisville Conference made by the deaconess in charge.

Your commission realizes that in the campaign for a better world there is danger that a vast human force may not be mobilized because of isolation, occupational habits of life, and poorly developed educational opportunities, also because there is no adequate program of Church and social work to meet the requirements of people handicapped by a minimum of leadership with a maximum of need.

It is a conviction that the situation demands the development of personnel wholly devoted to the tasks of rural service and adequately prepared to assume the responsibilities. There should be a Christian force prepared to develop a program of work insuring coöperation with all the agencies concerned with rural welfare to the end that the abundant life may be the portion of these children of God.

The task is but just begun, and as the breadth of the study is revealed the conviction has grown that the committee should be enlarged.

This report could not conclude without reverent mention of that member of the commission whose alert mind and wise counsel made her so vital a factor in the work of any group with whom she served. The loss of Mrs. Luke Johnson is keenly felt by the commission, for effective service in this new venture demands that thoughtful study, patient research, and discriminating effort which the qualities of her mind and spirit enabled her to contribute in such large measure.

MRS. W. J. PIGGOTT, *Chairman*;

MRS. R. P. NEBLETT, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

A year ago, in the nation's capital, the Woman's Missionary Council was invited to visit Texas in 1930, and Amarillo was designated as the place of meeting.

As the President of the Northwest Texas Conference extended the invitation, her words were tipped with the tints of the Northern Lights as she sought to convey some idea of your beloved State: of the *greatness* of Texas; of the natural resources of Texas; the wealth, the hospitality, the "magnificent distances" of Texas!

Interest was awakened, curiosity aroused, and the Council said:

"I'll hie me away to those far-distant plains, and see what manner of place that is."

So in response to this call Council members have come from the Golden Gate to Charleston Harbor, from the surf-lashed shores of the Chesapeake to the sunny isles of the Florida Keys. Representatives are here from China, Japan, Korea; from Mexico, Brazil, Cuba; from far-away Africa.

And now, after seven sunlit days in the "Magic City of the Plains," there is a feeling that justice has been betrayed at the hands of your Conference President, for of Amarillo's *hearty hospitality*, "the half has not been told."

You, the women of the Northwest Texas Conference, have given the Woman's Missionary Council a more complete understanding of that Indian word "Texas," meaning "friend." The translation of your State name into cordial welcome, into unfailing kindness, has been the *most beautiful* thing which we have seen in your wonderful State.

Your guests did not journey thousands of miles to the Panhandle to sink a shaft in search of oil, but they staked a claim in the golden heart of Amarillo, and all unsought the "oil of joy" and "oil of gladness" have been their daily anointing. The women of the Woman's Missionary Council did not come to extract helium, but by a *higher* power their spirits have been borne aloft on wings of kindred aims. As they crossed the Rio Grande, the Mississippi, the Appalachian Range, the Sierras, they were not seeking for precious gold, yet golden deeds have attended their every hour. Your abundant hospitality is deeper than your flowing wells, broader than your rolling plains, and quite as typical of your State as the bright bluebonnets blossoming 'neath a summer's sun.

For Amarillo's every thought of us, whether in this temple, or in your homes, or hotel, we are grateful.

The pæans of praise and song by your talented musicians will long make melody in our hearts. The courtesy of cars, of club, of press, and every plan arranged for our pleasure, we deeply appreciate. The abundant noontide hospitality in Fellowship Hall, the daily "surprises," the "chuck wagon," the five-pointed star, shall each be held in happy memory.

O, new-found friends, we know not *how* to thank you! As you have lived and fought with skill and courage under six flags, so with a greater zeal and loyalty may you find victory under love's white banner with its cross of gold.

To those who built the Council program, with its Pentecostal message, and speakers from each continent, our thanks are due. Because of your careful planning, visions and dreams are becoming *realities*.

It is with peculiar pleasure that we voice our appreciation of the Artist's daily contribution to peaceful thinking and to each one who assisted in the distribution of world peace literature.

With appreciation we acknowledge the work of each commission

whose intensive study has extended through the quadrennium. Climbing a steep and narrow trail, you have paved a *road to understanding*.

It is with hearts aglow that we acknowledge our debt to Scarritt College, who this year sends to us twenty-one corner stones, "polished after the similitude of a palace," ready to be used in building the Kingdom of God.

"In the book of Judges, in the song of Deborah, these words occur: "In the division of Reuben there was great searching of hearts." This experience the members of the Woman's Missionary Council have recently shared. Heart searchings have been ours each morn and noontide, when, laying aside the work of the hour, "with one accord" we waited in *silence* for "the still, small Voice."

The Pentecostal flame, daily burning upon the altar, has warmed our hearts and quickened the desire to witness "both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." "The highest cannot be spoken," and to these, our *prophets*, to whom "the Spirit hath given utterance," we can only say "I thank you." Amen and amen.

MRS. HARWELL WILSON,
MISS MAE SELLS,
MRS. HOMER TATUM.



MEMOIRS

MISS LOCKIE RANKIN

The one to whose memory this tribute of honor and love is paid occupies a unique place among the women of Southern Methodism.

Fifty-two years ago next May a band of women sought the authority of the Church to form a connectional organization through which they might engage the womanhood of the Church in missionary endeavor. They went to the General Conference reënforced with many convincing arguments. One that was well-nigh irresistible was the fact that a young woman, Miss Lockie Rankin, had offered herself for missionary work in China, and the women had the money in the treasury to support her for a year.

Dr. D. C. Kelley, one of the Secretaries of the Board of Missions at that time, said of her: "She combines those rare characteristics which will fit her for the work—linguistic talent, which has been tested in the acquisition of English, Latin, Greek, and German; mental equipoise and sufficient individuality to enable her to be aggressive; youth which fits her for learning to speak a new and difficult language; yet experience in the field, which most of all others would prepare her for this work." For two years she had been teaching in the New Hope Indian Boarding School in the Indian Territory, a school located twenty miles from the railroad.

When a letter was read from her to the Board of Missions in session at that time, there was the unanimous decision that she was the woman to go as the first representative of the women of Southern Methodism to the women and children of China.

Miss Rankin's first work in China was the study of the language and teaching English in the Clopton School, which had been established a number of years before by Mrs. J. W. Lambuth in Shanghai.

It was not long, however, until it became apparent that a larger opportunity was opening in Nanzing, a city which was fifteen miles from Shanghai and which could only be reached by boat or wheelbarrow.

Here she opened Pleasant College with fourteen boarding pupils.

A call was made for some one to go to assist Miss Rankin, and her dear sister Dora answered her call, going out in October, 1879.

With undaunted courage and unwavering faith their work was carried forward under trying circumstances of complete isolation and strange surroundings. For nearly seven years the two sisters wrought together in beautiful companionship when an insidious disease began its ravages, and within a few weeks Miss Dora Rankin entered into her eternal reward.

The blow was a severe one to Miss Rankin, but she never abated her efforts, and she seemed to consecrate anew her mind and soul to the enlargement of the work.

One of the outstanding events in her life in China was found in accepting the invitation from the Literati of Kading to open an Anglo-Chinese school in that city. She was the first foreign woman to stay overnight in that walled inland city. It took no little courage to enter such a situation, and yet this is only one of many instances of her unflinching heroism and courage as she pioneered the way for others who have followed in her footsteps.

The story of her long years of service is a thrilling and interesting one. In that period marvelous changes took place in China and in the United States, changes that revolutionized the civilization of both nations. For forty-nine years she gave the best she had to China. It would be impossible to evaluate the contribution Miss Rankin made to the development of the womanhood and childhood of China.

I have in my possession a letter from a young woman at Ginling College to Miss Rankin in which she expressed the gratitude of her heart for what she had meant to her and her sister. This letter is indicative of the sincere devotion of a multitude of others in her adopted country who bow with us in reverence, in deep affection and profound gratitude for her whose life formed the first link in a chain of sisterhood that to-day reaches around the world.

After completing nearly a half century of service in China, Miss Rankin came back to take up life in her native land. One of the crowning events of the Jubilee celebration of the Woman's Missionary Society was the benediction of her presence on that occasion and the privilege of conferring on her the honorable relation of emeritus missionary.

She went out young and fresh and vigorous. She came back to us with the brown hair turned to silver, with the body frail and stooped, but with her spirit enlarged and enriched, her intellect alert, and an interest in life akin to that of youth.

She was a gentlewoman of the old school—quiet, modest, and retiring; gentle, tender, and courteous; yet full of courage and determination, and with a loyalty to duty worthy of all emulation.

It was marvelous that one of her age, after so long a period of residence in another and radically different civilization, could so easily adapt herself to the changed life of the present day. Fortunately

for her that she came into the beautiful and loving atmosphere of Scarritt College.

How fitting and beautiful that she should come back to shed the radiance of her beautiful life upon the lives of the younger generation of Christian workers at Scarritt College! How appropriate that her memorial service should be the first one to be held in Wightman Chapel, and that she should be laid to rest in Nashville, her native city!

Death is robbed of its sting and bitterness in the presence of a translation like this.

C. T. P.

MISS AMELIA ELERDING

Miss Amelia Elerding went to Brazil as an evangelistic missionary in the summer of 1892 and was appointed to Rio de Janeiro. She gave faithful service in that city for five years. In 1898, at the end of her first furlough, she was transferred to Sao Paulo, where she remained continuously, except while on furlough, until the summer of 1920, when she came home because of an injury resulting from a fall. She did not recover sufficiently to return to the foreign field and was given the relationship of a retired missionary. Eager to render further service to her Church, she was grateful for a place in the Home Department as an employed worker and as such remained at Thurber, Tex., until failing strength required her withdrawal from active service under the Board of Missions. After she returned to her home in Illinois, she continued to do what she could in her local Church at Freeport until a few months before her death.

Miss Elerding's love for the work in Brazil and her loyalty to it never wavered. She sent letters of interest and encouragement to the workers, and seven-tenths of her retirement allowance went regularly to the aid and support of the Bible women she had trained and with whom she had labored. Simple in her tastes and economical in her habits, she was able to save a large part of her earnings, and she gave an annuity bond of \$4,000 to the Woman's Work of the Board. In addition to her regular remittances to the field, Miss Elerding gave freely to the support of various phases of the work and was liberal in answering appeals for financing the Church at home and abroad.

Her prayers went up continuously for the messenger of the gospel and the unsaved in all lands. Through her influence many souls were brought into the kingdom, and she lives in the hearts and lives of many who knew her and loved her in Brazil.

Miss Elerding passed away at the home of her sister, Mrs. O. C. Gummell, of Freeport, Ill., on Wednesday, April 17, 1929, and her body was laid to rest in the family lot near Sheridan, Ill., on the following Saturday.

E. P.

MISS LUCY COLEMAN HARPER

Miss Lucy Coleman Harper was born at Georgetown, Tex., on November 24, 1852. She was well educated in the schools of that day and lived and taught many years in Georgetown. For more than ten years she was principal of the Elementary Department of the Ladies' Annex of the Southwestern University, where she proved herself to be a competent and painstaking teacher of excellent qualifications. Her success in enlisting the young in the cause of missions and other benevolent enterprises was remarkable, and aside from her work in the schoolroom she was a faithful teacher in the Sunday school and a leader in the missionary societies for children and young people.

She was accepted as a missionary by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in 1890 and sent to Laredo on the Mexican border, where she had charge of the boys' department in the school. In two and a half years she was transferred to Colegio Engles, in San Luis Potosi, where she remained until 1895, when she was sent to Colegio Palmore, at Chihuahua, to take charge of the boys' department in that school. Miss Lizzie Wilson was principal of the school, and together they built up one of the outstanding mission schools in Mexico.

In 1913, when driven out of Mexico by the revolution, she and Miss Wilson moved to El Paso, taking many of their pupils with them. In 1915 they retired from the Board of Missions, and Prof. S. Y. Esquivel, who was one of Miss Harper's first pupils in Laredo Seminary and had been a coworker with her in Colegio Palmore for many years, became the head of the school. Miss Harper continued teaching, mostly young Mexican boys, until she became almost totally blind, in 1927. An operation for cataract removed the blindness, but she was worn with service and unable to continue teaching. She returned to Georgetown in 1926, where she lived until she passed away. Death came while she slept at four o'clock Sunday morning, May 5, 1929, at the home of her niece, Mrs. J. E. Cooper. E. P.

MRS. G. B. HESTER

The death of Mrs. G. B. Hester, of the Oklahoma Conference, brought to a close a life of unusual service and devotion. Born in 1839 of Methodist parentage, her father a preacher in Atlanta, Ga., she received her education in Masonic College, Covington, Ky. While a very young woman she accepted work under appointment of her Church in the Chickasha School at Tishomingo, then the capital of the Chickasha nation. Within a few months she met and married Capt. G. B. Hester, of the United States Army. She continued to teach in the Indian school until the Civil War interfered with its continuance. She was a resident of the Indian Territory for more than seventy years.

She attended the notable General Conference of 1878 and came home to devote herself to organizing missionary societies, the first that were organized in the Territory and in Oklahoma. She served in Conference, district, and auxiliary work, and to an advanced age was a force

for righteousness and missionary enthusiasm. "Mother" Hester attended every general meeting held by the women, including all the meetings of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and also those of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. At the Golden Jubilee of Women's Mission Work, held in Nashville in 1928, she was an honored member of the pioneer group which attended this notable Council Session.

Mrs. Hester was the mother of three children, only one of whom is living, Mrs. R. L. Owen, wife of U. S. Senator R. L. Owen, of Oklahoma.

Her life was a benediction to hundreds, and her ministry to the sick and unfortunate was like that of her Lord and Master. She truly went about doing good, seeking out those in need. Hers is a blessed memory, and her heritage to her family and to the missionary organization, to which she devoted her life, can never be wasted nor lost, but will grow in ever-increasing ratio with the passing of the years. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me."

J. D. C.

MRS. H. N. MCTYEIRE, JR.

In the calm of a Sabbath evening in the closing days of April, 1929, the gentle spirit of Mrs. Kate Marianne McTyeire entered its eternal home.

The moment of going was quiet and full of peace. At her bedside were the loved daughter, her own namesake, and the son who had been her constant companion through the years of his life. There is left also one grandson who came under the gentle touch and inspiration of "Mamma Kate." Her death was not unexpected, for she had been in declining health for a number of years.

Mrs. McTyeire was born and reared in Nashville, Tenn., of parents who were themselves natives and leading citizens. She was the widow of Holland N. McTyeire, Jr., the youngest son and namesake of Bishop McTyeire. She attended a school for young women at Bowling Green, Ky., and all through her life maintained a deep concern for education at its highest and best. Her life was cast in a mold that gave pre-eminence to things of mind and spirit. She gave the best of her strength and her energy for the advancement of the spiritual and cultural; all other interests were secondary. Even in the closing months one found her thinking on the unparalleled opportunities for young people of to-day and what vast fields lay out before them.

Mrs. McTyeire's ministry to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions through twenty-seven years of service as Treasurer could best be characterized by two words raised to their highest value, *efficient*, *faithful*. Those were the early days of woman's work in the Church, and few there were who were able to catch the vision of a Church with its womanhood aroused to the call of Christ and set to the great

task of serving humanity. Mrs. McTyeire and the other elect women who led the women of Southern Methodism in the work of foreign missions for women must needs be very sure of their calling and wise in the discharge of it. It was theirs not only to bring the immediate work of their hands to the attention and approval of the Church, but to establish ideals, to set standards that would insure success to the cause in the coming years. How wisely these pioneers conceived and executed is evidenced in the spread of organized work for women in foreign and home fields of Southern Methodism to-day.

How fresh and fragrant come the memories of meetings of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions entertained in the home of Mrs. McTyeire for an all-day meeting! Her hospitality was gracious and bountiful. It had much to do with cementing the interest and fine loyalty of that group to the cause of missions. Here were considered questions of large moment and small detail. It was on these days that one member of meager experience gained her first-hand knowledge of close fellowship "in the bonds of service." Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer, were fellow workers under whose leadership the work advanced rapidly and surely.

Mrs. McTyeire was always a central figure in the annual meetings. The moment for the reading of the Treasurer's report was one of expectancy, and Mrs. McTyeire's grace of manner and beauty of person had no small weight in its impress on the hearers. Never were her charms of person more compelling than in the unconscious giving of self to the work she loved and for which she labored unceasingly.

Mrs. McTyeire's last home was at Monteagle, Tenn., where she drew about her friends whose delight in her made them often gather there. She loved this mountain home. Talking to a friend as they looked out on the magnificent trees in her yard during a visit in the summer of 1928, she said, "This has been my retreat."

She was truly a gentlewoman. Her loved ones and friends will hold her close in memory as one who embodied the graces of Christian womanhood and who filled to the full her measure of usefulness.

She was laid away in beautiful Mount Olivet at Nashville, Tenn., with the simple rites of the Church she loved. J. D. C.

MRS. W. B. HIGGINBOTHAM

On the 21st day of February, in the year 1853, a baby daughter came to bless the home of Ann Whitaker and George Hendree Winston in West Point, Ga. They named her Mary, but throughout her life she was lovingly called "Mollie."

The baby girl proved to be a blessing to many besides those in her own home, for early in a lovely young womanhood she gave her life to the Master, and he used the life in a wonderful way.

Many years later a beautiful love came into her life, and she became the wife of William Buford Higginbotham. There being no children

in the home, she dedicated herself to the service of her fellow men and chose the Church as the channel through which she might best render this service. In her own Church she gave herself without reserve, teaching the same Sunday school class for thirty years.

As is often true of the faithful, she was called to a broader field of service and a greater responsibility when, in July, 1888, she was elected secretary of the LaGrange District for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. On August 30, 1899, she was elected President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference. When notified of her election, she replied by telegram from her home in West Point, quoting the promise in Isaiah 41: 13, "For I, the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee." Believing this promise, she carried her duties well.

In June, 1894, she was elected manager of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. In 1910, when the Home and Foreign Conference Societies united, she was made President of the North Georgia Conference Woman's Missionary Society, which office she held until February, 1926. At this time failing health limited her activities, and she retired to the place of honor as president emeritus. In 1910 she was also made an honorary life member of the Woman's Missionary Council, and with her going the last name but one on the old list has been transferred from the honorary life roll to the memorial roll.

In her twenty-eighth and last annual message to the North Georgia Conference as its president, she quoted the "Tapestry Weavers," which seemed to anticipate the approaching close of the earthly life. On December 15, 1929, she slipped quietly away.

"The years of man are the loom of God,
 Let down from the place of the sun,
 Whereon we are weaving always
 Till our appointed task is done.
 Weaving blindly, but weaving surely,
 Each man for himself his fate,
 We may not see how the right side looks—
 We can only weave and wait.
 But, looking above for the pattern,
 Only let him look clear to Heaven;
 The perfect Pattern is there.
 If he keeps the face of the Master
 Forever and always in sight,
 His weaving is sure to be perfect,
 His work is sure to be right.
 And at last, when the task is ended,
 And the web is turned and shown,
 He shall hear the voice of his Master;
 It shall say unto him, "Well done."
 And the white-winged angel
 To bear him thence shall come down;
 And God for his wage shall give him
 Not coin—but a golden crown."

W. M. R.

MRS. LUKE G. JOHNSON

After weeks of painful illness, Mrs. Luke G. Johnson fell asleep on December 2, 1929, in Atlanta, Ga. Her death brought keen sorrow to the members of the Woman's Missionary Council and a loss that cannot be estimated.

Mrs. Johnson was the daughter of the Rev. William Asbury Parks and Mrs. Ann Moore Parks. Her father was a minister and educator in the Southern Methodist Church. Other members of that household came to places of leadership in their respective spheres, for the beauty and worth of service were the ideals which fed the daily life of the boys and girls who grew up there. Mrs. Johnson's memories were fragrant with gratitude and delight in the family circle of her childhood and young womanhood.

At eighteen she suffered a bitter disappointment when youth and frail health made it impractical for her to accompany Miss Laura Haygood to China. This longing later found its satisfaction in the completeness with which she gave herself in service.

Her marriage to Dr. Luke G. Johnson occurred during his pastorate of the First Methodist Church in Decatur, Ga. Together they set up the ideal home which, in the words of her daughter, "was always the happiest place in the world. . . . She was a true pal to her boy and girl." But the genius which so happily guided her loved ones into the realm of high idealism and service led her to give herself and her wealth of talents to the service of her Church and the calls of human need.

Wrapped in her experiences were the history of some of the significant movements of Woman's Work for women of the present day. Always first in claim on her time was the organized mission work of her own Church, but this by no means comprehended the range of her interests. Her love was as God's love, for every race of man under whatever name or color, and she spent herself without stint that she might travel that love. The ardor of her prayer for the children of the whole earth is unforgettable, and none who heard her spoken word could escape the conviction of her consuming passion for humanity everywhere.

She counted her close association with great leaders of the Church, both men and women, as among her priceless blessings. A bond of fellowship in service knit her life to the lives of Miss Belle Bennett, Miss Mary Helm, Mrs. John Hammond, and others, and it became an important part in the building of the woman's missionary organization, our heritage to-day. Together they planned and prayed and wrought with vision and creative faith. Their lives of adventurous courage are a challenge to those who follow in their train.

Mrs. Johnson was a woman of statesmanlike ability. She could but lead, for her qualities were those of a leader. She undertook great things in untraveled paths, and nothing was impossible. Undaunted in the face of open opposition or indifference, she knew no defeat, and

no small part of the scope and reach of missions in her own Church is due to her courageous endeavor. An enumeration of the organizations of her own Church and international agencies in which she took leading part would go beyond the limit of these pages. A charter member of the Woman's Missionary Council and eight years a member of the Woman's Board of Home Missions previous to 1910, when the Council came into being; an untiring worker and the campaign manager of laity rights for Southern Methodist Women; charter member of the Woman's National Committee on Law Enforcement; member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South; member of the Board of Trust of Scarritt College for Christian Workers and of Paine College; charter member of the Commission on Race Relations; a member of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America—these and other places of influential leadership she filled with thoroughness and sound judgment. Her last work was on the commissions of the Woman's Missionary Council, where she rendered invaluable service and brought to completion ideals of which she had dreamed for past years.

As daughter, sister, wife, mother, friend, she filled the measure of responsibility of one to whom God gave much. Her family, her Church, her age is the richer for her life. It is a beacon light that burned unsparingly with intensity and brilliance and is to-day throwing itself far into the future in a constructive, Christlike love for men and women.

J. D. C.

MISS ALTHEA JONES

The news of the sudden tragic death by automobile accident of Miss Althea Jones on June 2, 1929, came as a great shock to her loved ones and to her many friends throughout the Southern Methodist Church.

Miss Jones' entire life seemed to have been divinely planned, so perfectly did each even lead her nearer to the work in which she was engaged at the time of her death. She was born in Columbus, Tex., on October 18, 1878, being the second daughter to enter the family circle of Mr. and Mrs. William Byrd Jones. For more than a quarter of a century her father was one of the leading Methodist laymen of the Texas Conference. From her birth Althea was nurtured in a Christian atmosphere.

When she was twelve years of age she was treasurer of "Bright Jewels," and at sixteen she was president of the Juvenile Foreign Missionary Society. After her college days at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex., were over, she returned to Houston, where she entered upon an active career in religious work. She became secretary to Bishop Sam R. Hay when he was pastor of the St. Paul's Methodist Church in that city. When she was twenty-one years of age she was president of the young people's home missionary society, the Gleaners, and later she was president of an adult society in

Houston. It was in the days before the united work, during the years that she served the Gleaners, that she was called to be second vice president of her Conference and was thus given charge of young people's work for both the home and foreign societies.

In 1912, after the work was united, she dropped the young people's work of the Conference and became secretary of the Houston District for three years. In 1915 she again became a Conference officer, this time in the capacity of superintendent of mission study and publicity. So efficient was her work in this particular field that in 1918 she was called by the Woman's Missionary Council to serve as superintendent in charge of children's work. Eight years later she came to headquarters at Nashville as a regular secretary of the Board of Missions, in charge of children's work, continuing as superintendent in the Council. She was on her way to meet a series of engagements in Mississippi, fulfilling the duties of this last office, when she met her death.

Miss Jones had the distinction of being the first woman delegate to be elected from the Texas Conference to the General Conference. It was she who presented the proposed Bennett Memorial to the Texas Conference, and her name, together with the names of her two sisters, appears on the Bennett Memorial honor roll.

As a friend she was invaluable, always looking for an opportunity to do the little things that brightened the lives of those about her. But it is as a worker with children that we shall most often think of her. She gave herself lovingly, enthusiastically, unstintedly to the interests of children the world over. No higher tribute could be paid her than that spoken by Maymie Barksdale Griffin, her office secretary and comrade for three years: "She knew more about children, never to have had any of her own, than anyone I ever saw. Indeed, she was a constant help through her advice and encouragement to scores of her friends who were mothers of little ones."

Although the loss of her has been keenly felt, we cannot fail to be thankful that she walked with us even for a little while; for truly she has left a lighted path, and those of us who follow will ever be guided by her inspiration and love.

REPORTS FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD

AFRICA

MINGA STATION

ANNE PARKER

I have been able to make only one itinerating trip during the year due to the limited number of workers on this station and limited funds. The outpost schools in this district are poor. They are not properly organized. Many of the evangelists are inefficient teachers, while a few of them do wonderfully well.

In the early part of the year I read our appropriation and realized that I could not maintain our enrollment in the station school. Thus one morning we dismissed forty boys. We were sorry to have to send them back to their heathen villages without giving them an opportunity to secure an education and come to know Christ. However, we sent them away, saying: "Remain in your villages one year and return to us. We will then be able to receive you into our school." The year has passed, but alas, with the recent reduction in appropriations, I cannot receive any new pupils into the school.

The school attendance has been good during the year. The pupils have been faithful. They are slowly but surely making progress in the first elements of an education. We have some boys who have a real desire to become teachers and preachers.

In our station school half of the pupils still do their recitation work out under the trees because there is not room for all of them in the church. We are eagerly looking forward to the time when we can have proper buildings. However, we are earnestly working and praying while waiting for our dreams to be realized.

GIRLS' HOME

It is a joy and privilege to be allowed to work with the girls in this benighted land. At the beginning of the year there were only two little girls in the Girls' Home here. As a result of one itinerating trip, in the early part of the year, we secured several girls; others came, and soon we had twenty-six in the Home. We then learned that there had not been enough money appropriated for the year 1930 to take care of the girls; so no further effort has been made to secure girls.

The girls attend school each morning. They have responded well to training. I am pleased with their progress. They work in their forest gardens in the afternoons.

It is my earnest desire to lead each girl to accept Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour before she leaves the Home. It is a joy to me to hear them quote Scripture, sing, and pray at their evening worship services. If we can have girls here in the Home, we can give them Christian training, and when they are grown they will marry young evangelists and go out and establish Christian homes. It is most difficult for a young man to be a true Christian leader if he is married to an ignorant heathen woman. Thus I feel that the progress of Christianity will be greatly retarded unless we have an opportunity to train the girls.

GIRLS' HOME, TUNDA

MRS. H. T. WHEELER

I took over the work of the Tunda Girls' Home about the middle of January of this year just closing. I feel that very little progress has been made in this work during the year, but perhaps foundations have been laid for a more progressive work in the future. Whatever has been accomplished has been due to the coöperation of the other women of the station.

During the third quarter Mrs. Lewis conducted a class in native pottery, and Mrs. Ayres has done a fine work for the smaller children in her kindergarten and has also had a class in basketry for the older girls during the last quarter. Miss Moore and also Dr. Lewis have looked after the health of the children for me.

The girls belong to a circle for children in the Missionary Society for the village women. Their dues are ten centimes a month, and we give them work to do to earn their dues, hoping thus to train them in real giving.

The regular work in the home includes pounding and cooking their own food, keeping their house and premises clean and washing their clothing. They also do some gardening. The coöperation of the children is as good as could be expected. None of the girls are very large, and many of them are too small to do an equal share of the work. At the close of last year we had ten girls. We have lost none during the year and have taken in one new one.

At the beginning of the new year we are making a change in matrons, which I feel will be a decided change for the better. The former matron was not capable of effective coöperation in the sort of work we want to do with the girls. We have employed the wife of one of our evangelists who was trained in the Girls' Home at Wembo Nyama and has been in training in kindergarten work during the past year under Mrs. Ayres. She is doing well in the school work, and we believe will be a help with the children in the Home. She and her husband will live in the Home with the children, and we hope to establish for them as near as we can an ideal African Christian home. We are using all economy that is practical in order to save out of our appropriation a nucleus for a building fund, hoping in a few years to have a large Home here in order to bring in to our station school from outvillages a large number of girls as well as boys and to send them out as wives of evangelists and as Christian workers to establish Christian homes in many villages and to labor for the salvation of women and children.

BRAZIL

COLLEGIO BENNETT, RIO DE JANEIRO

EVA LOUISE HYDE, PRINCIPAL

The closing weeks of 1929 found faculty and students at Collegio Bennett busy and excited over the commencement festivities of the largest class of graduates which has ever gone forth from these halls. There were ten fine girls, and nine of them received diplomas. As we consider the need of well-trained teachers the most vital one in our woman's work in Brazil, this event naturally gave us much pleasure. The graduating exercises took place in the beautiful social hall of the Fluminense Club, the most luxurious athletic club in South America. Dr. Coelho Netto, the greatest prose writer of Brazil, was the official orator. But neither the artistic setting nor the distinguished speaker

were necessary to make the occasion a memorable one for us. The large group of lovely, earnest girls who received their diplomas was sufficient for that. Seven of the ten were evangelical Church members and four were scholarship girls, who are now going out to our interior schools to pay back in service the benefits they have enjoyed during their course here.

This class was rather remarkable for the initiative and leadership displayed during its high school course. In their freshman year the girls became interested in the problem of leprosy in Brazil and founded a society to help the lepers. During each of the four years they gave a big festival to raise funds. All of the work of planning and execution was done by them without any help from teachers; and so well was it done that the Collegio Bennett programs acquired fame, and I was at times embarrassed with the number of requests received for our pupils to furnish numbers for other philanthropic affairs. A year after their initial effort a national society for combating leprosy and helping the lepers was founded in Sao Paulo and has had a steady growth. (It is worthy of note that the founder of this national society was a woman.) In October of this year a special Leper Week was observed in the large cities of Brazil, and on the night of its formal inauguration here in Rio, at a public meeting presided over by a distinguished judge, our girls had the pleasure of telling about their little society and of turning over to the national organization their accumulated funds amounting to about \$800, which they designated to be used in helping construct a building for young women and children at the new leper asylum near Rio.

This year has been notable in Rio for community enterprises on behalf of good health, and in each one Bennett has taken an active part. The two outstanding ones besides that against leprosy were for the extinction of yellow fever and tuberculosis. In the yellow fever campaign Bennett was cited frequently in the papers for its splendid cooperation.

During the year we had a visit from Dr. Boville, founder of the Daily Vacation Bible School Movement, and his talks inspired some of our girls to undertake new fields of service. This summer a number of them are planning to either direct or help teach in such schools.

The girls' missionary society has been unusually active, raising more than double the amount of money of any previous year and enlarging their sphere of interests considerably. Our new domestic mission to the Indians of Matto Grosso especially appealed to them and received their hearty support. Even the girls who are not Protestants were intensely interested in this work after hearing a lecture on the subject and seeing some splendid lantern slides of the Indians, and they helped generously in gathering clothes for the Indians (who suffer greatly in cold weather) and in contributing to the fund for a Ford car for the missionaries so that they could extend their services over a wider territory.

But my report would be too long if I told all of the interesting activities of Bennett students. I shall merely enumerate a few others: Sunday school classes in the poorer districts, Church enterprises of various kinds, W. T. C. U. contests, life service band activities, and intercollegiate athletic contests. Thus they are striving for that threefold development which will make them useful citizens of their country and of God's Kingdom.

In numbers Bennett has passed the three-hundred mark, practically the limit with its present accommodations. In finance it has attained self-support while at the same time giving to poor children this year about \$4,000 in free tuition and board. The number of

girls who stay on to complete the high school course has steadily increased, manifesting a growing interest in higher education for women. This desire for a better preparation is typical of the general awakening of Brazilian women to the opportunities for an enlarged sphere of activity and a more abundant living. What is our outlook, our opportunity for the future? A glorious one in the self-sacrificing women if Southern Methodism will back us up. We want to make Bennett fulfill the dream of the noble woman whose name it bears. It should become a woman's college, a thing which does not exist in Brazil. We want these fine Brazilian girls to have a chance to exercise their splendid capacity for leadership in social service and everything else that is worth while, furnishing them the training which they need to liberate and make available their gifts. Will you help us do this? Then send us missionary teachers who are specialists of the very highest type and training, and send us funds which will enable us to put over our program worthily. Unless we can render a unique service and make Bennett an institution representative of the very best the United States has to offer, we have no excuse for existence in this magnificent capital of a great nation.

MARY ALICE LAMAR

At the end of my fourth year after furlough, I find myself uprooted and thrown into a new and, from all accounts, critical situation. At any rate, I face it with some trepidation, as I have had no experience in any school but Bennett and its predecessor, Colegio Americano de Petropolis. A reading of the reports of the several school principals will acquaint those interested in our activities with the differences existing between any two schools in spite of their essential likenesses of ideals and purposes. My vacation task, therefore, is to form the acquaintance of a new people and a new school situation, and my hope is that I may learn the lesson well enough to allow Miss Putnam to go on her furlough with a mind fairly free from worry about the school she loves so dearly and has served so well.

My last year in Bennett afforded a satisfactory degree of happiness and opportunity. It would be quite useless to attempt a portrayal of my regret at leaving that lovely institution, my realization of the necessity of this change, or my hope that this may be a year of progress for Collegio Isabella Hendrix, in Bello Horizonte, and for me.

MARY HELEN CLARK

For the second time I am attending annual meeting, and how different this one is from the first one! Then I was not really in the work, I had met very few of the missionaries, and I wondered what they would think of me as well as what I would think of them. But this time anticipation was great. I knew that I would meet again the friends whom I had found during the past year.

My first year of teaching in a mission school passed very uneventfully, I did the expected teaching and study and met with the ordinary struggles which one finds in a new situation. Sunday was the one day of the week in which I varied my program a bit. As it took about an hour in which to reach the institute, in which I helped with the primary department of the Sunday school, I had my breakfast in the kitchen. The primary department was organized about the time that school opened with very few children. By the first of December the attendance was from eighty-five to one hundred and twenty. Sunday evenings I had a story hour for the children who were in the school. The older girls were lovely about telling stories for me, so I have no credit for the hour.

For the year that is to come I have a firm resolution to profit by the successes and failures of the past year and to mean more to those with whom my life is linked.

GERTRUDE CLAPP

After I arrived in Rio de Janeiro, on August 22, I went to Collegio Bennett, where I stayed for two weeks. After a delightful period spent in learning more about Brazil's most beautiful city, I went across the bay to Nictheroy to study the language. I spent four months there in study before going to the annual meeting in Bello Horizonte, and will return for two months before beginning teaching at Collegio Bennett.

PEOPLE'S CENTRAL INSTITUTE, RIO DE JANEIRO

VIOLA MATTHEWS

Having been appointed to the same task, my work has been more or less a continuation of that done last year.

The school work ran as smoothly as usual. I tried to limit the matriculation in order that a better grade of class work might be done, but notwithstanding that fact the number grew. I matriculated 387 in the day school, 63 in the kindergarden, and 73 in the night school. The average attendance was 285.

A class of nineteen fine boys and girls finished the course. The pupils at the Institute are no longer satisfied with the primary courses we offer them, but are seeking higher education. Two of our 1929 graduates are expected to go to Granbery, one to Bennett, and several will continue their studies in other schools of Rio.

The Temperance League has grown throughout the year in numbers and good works. Through the efforts of the members liquors have been banished from the tables of many of the homes.

The teachers visit in the homes during the year, carrying words of counsel and cheer. The sympathy and help of the parents have been gained through visitation and public programs, such as the celebration of patriotic dates, Field Day, Indian Day (when a collection was taken up for our Indian Mission), yellow fever programs and public health lectures, emphasizing the care of the teeth and different phases of sanitation. This year our dentist was instrumental in getting tooth paste and three hundred toothbrushes that were distributed among the pupils. The toothbrush drill has long been an interesting feature of the school program.

Three clubs have been organized—a Mothers' Club, especially for the mothers who come to the clinic for treatment, a Boy Scout Club, and a Students' Club.

Many golden opportunities are being lost at the Institute because of the lack of a social worker. Thousands of mothers and babies treated at the clinic receive no spiritual attention whatever. Miss Cobb and I have done some social work this year and feel that our efforts have not been in vain.

ALLIE COBB, KINDERGARTNER

It has been very interesting to watch the development of the kindergarden work at the Institute. It is only a year and a half old, is growing fast, and promises much for the future. We have enrolled 63 children during the year, with an average attendance of 21.

One of the most interesting features in the kindergarden this year was the preparation for the closing of school. There were nine little

graduates, and they were as excited as the big folks. The four little girls made dresses, and the boys made the flower stands. All of the children joined in the work of the exposition, which attracted much interest among those who saw it.

The visitation work continues to hold a fascination for me, for through it I have come to know and love my children and their families. One day I was in the home of one of the children whose mother told me this interesting story. "Before going to bed one night Olga said that she wanted to say something for me that she had learned in kindergarten. Then she closed her eyes, bowed her head, and repeated the Lord's Prayer. This was the first time that the Lord's Prayer had ever been repeated in our home."

Instances like this one show us that some seed fall in good ground and bring forth fruit.

COLLEGIO ISABELLA HENDRIX, BELLO HORIZONTE

ALICE DENISON

There has been much variety to my work this year, for I have taught the classes in clay modeling and cardboard from the fourth through the seventh grades, three home economics and two English classes, and one class each in sewing, Bible, and algebra.

Other school work consisted of duty work once or twice a week—that is, being responsible for the discipline and care of the children outside of class hours—and the care of the sick, which were few. There was practically no serious illness during the year. I was also adviser or counselor for the life service band.

In the Church I taught a Sunday school class and helped in the young people's missionary society. I did a little visiting in homes, but not so much as I wished to do. I am closing the year by returning to the United States for my first furlough.

VERDA FERRAR

The year just finished has been a good one, even if there are many things yet to be attained. I have given much time to supervising in the primary department, taught gymnastics, and had some classes in sewing and drawing. However, my principal work was in the English department. I have stressed this phase of our work. Most every pupil showed decided progress and interest. Responding to the many calls for English lessons, I took several pupils for private lessons.

In the Church work I have organized and been the superintendent of the primary department. Have taken an active part in the Woman's Missionary Society, assisting in various ways. The Daily Vacation Bible School has given me the opportunity to introduce a new phase of work into our Sunday school.

The activities of our school and of the community life have widened my horizon for service and have revealed the problems confronting us. It is a great challenge, and I am thankful for the opportunity of being where new ideas are being boldly initiated and the order "Forward!" vibrates in the air.

LUCY WADE

On August 22, 1929, I arrived in the beautiful city of Rio. After two weeks at Collegio Bennett, I went to Nichero, where I remained till December 15 studying Portuguese. I was in a lovely Brazilian home, where I studied five hours a day and also had a daily lesson of one and a half to two hours. Those were happy months, and I shall always remember with pleasure my first home in Brazil.

I have just attended the annual meeting in Bello Horizonte and shall remain here studying Portuguese the two months of vacation before I begin teaching in Isabella Hendrix in March.

I am so happy to be in Brazil, and I am sure that this first year in Isabella Hendrix will be a very pleasant one.

COLLEGIO PIRACICABANO, PIRACICABA

MARY JANE BAXTER, PRINCIPAL

This year the heavy rains, long continued, brought the worst floods of many years and destroyed many crops. During a part of the time Piracicaba was cut off from all ordinary methods of travel except horseback, and school began with many pupils unable to reach us. In the midst of this condition our Annual Conference was held here and housed at the Piracicabano. To tell of that would need more space than is available.

With the slowly opening communications and the already evident difficulties of the farmer due to the rains, numbers of our boarding pupils did not come back; so we have had the smallest boarding department we have had in years. Also, due to unavoidable but entirely normal happenings, the number has varied greatly during the year. One influence we will have to face for some years, if not permanently, is the changed status of normal schools in the state. The state normal schools have reduced their course of study so that from the A, B, C's the end can be reached in a year less than by our course. Aside from that, there have been opened up all over the country normal schools under government supervision and giving official diplomas entitling their graduates to an equal place with the graduates of the state schools. The course is nominally the same as that of the state schools, but the admission examinations are so low that it frequently cuts the time two or three more years. This puts before the parents of our pupils the definite question as to whether they will send their daughters to us for two or three years' longer time when in the shorter time they can get a diploma that means a government position with a good salary, a pension after so many years' teaching, and a great many other desirable things, while our diploma guarantees them nothing whatever, and the prospect is for lower salaries. They are answering it by going in swarms to these officialized schools. Only those few who value an education in other terms than its financial returns will consider the question.

Our examinations in the gymnasium went through this year without complications. We had a good inspector who did his work well.

We had the best faculty this year that we have had since I have been here or that I have worked with since I have been in Brazil.

Our health record as touching pupils was of the best. No epidemics, no serious illness except one case of appendicitis.

D. Sophia Schalch, who had the geography work in the school, has done good work, and we shall miss her greatly, as she goes to Biriguy. However, we are here to serve, and it seemed that she could render a greater service by going than by staying.

We have been made glad by the appointment of Mr. Cooper, under the General Work, to the Piracicabano for the coming year. He will mean much to us in the work with the boys.

I must call attention again to three points that have occupied part of my last two reports. The first is that of *repairs*. A part of our building is old and cannot be expected to go on indefinitely without attention to heavy repairs. The slipping of the roof in the Martha Watts Annex, the undue strain on the timbers in the old building due to putting in water boxes and shower baths, the repainting of all the

woodwork inside and out—these things have been needing attention ever since I have been here. The second is that the *lot* next to one of our houses which the school has wanted for years but could not buy has been bought and held for us for two years by a friend. This cannot continue, as in its present condition it is a drain financially. The land is very necessary because of our limited space. The third is the question of *equipment* for the science department of the gymnasium. We have three science laboratories with almost no equipment for any of them. Now the country, especially the state of Sao Paulo, is in the grip of a serious financial crisis. People who have much property have not money for ordinary necessities, and education is not always considered a necessity under such circumstances. As things are we cannot advance, and it will be hard to keep from falling behind.

SOPHIA SCHALCH

My school work this year has been entirely one subject except for one class in Portuguese.

I had charge of all the geography classes in the college and the gymnasium and one Portuguese class in the gymnasium.

It is pitiful the way the gymnasium boys have been taught. They come to us with no idea at all how to study a subject, and they are bright boys and willing to learn. Nearly half of the time given to the subject was given to teach them how to study. They finally got to the point where they could grasp the meaning of the subject as presented in the book.

Some of the mothers said that they preferred our school because the pupils learned how to study and the women teachers were more conscientious in their way of teaching.

RUTH MERRITT

My teaching during the past year was very similar to what it was the year before, consisting of the higher English, psychology, ethics, and gymnastics. My extra teaching work consisted mainly in looking after the girls' cleaning of their rooms, superintending the Young People's Missionary Society, and teaching a class in a little suburban Sunday school. In my teaching I felt that I got the most gratifying returns from my work with the psychology class. The pupils were almost all among the recognized leaders of the school, and, too, some were among our pupils who most need their talents and energies rightly directed. I really felt that I was able, through the psychology class, to reach some of these girls in a special way. The missionary society, too, furnished a special means of working with and for our pupils.

The year was not the best I had hoped for, nor was it altogether disappointing. I look forward to a better year's work for 1930, the failures of 1929 serving, at least in places, to point out where not to go, and such successes as have come in 1929 serving as stimuli to greater success.

MARY T. HINTON

As 1929 comes to a close it does not seem possible that I have been in Brazil over four years. The time has gone rapidly, and a happier time I have never spent.

I know that next year I shall be happy when the Statue of Liberty appears over the horizon, but no more than I was last fall to return to Collegio Piracicabano after an absence because of illness.

My work has been the same as before except for a class of Bible, which I have enjoyed very much.

One of my greatest joys this year was to see one of the former

home economics graduates take complete charge of the work during my absence. Judging from the work done, Brazil will soon be able to furnish her own home economics teachers.

Our boarding department has been small this year, but the intimate relationship with the girls has in a sense compensated for the regret of not having a large enrollment.

COLLEGIO METHODISTA, RIBEIRAO PRETO

EMMA CHRISTINE, PRINCIPAL

We closed our report last year with a petition for a teacher and equipment to open a kindergarten. Great was our joy when we learned that Rosalie Brown had been appointed to the Methodista for the purpose of opening the kindergarten. We began at once to make preparations for this new department. Furniture was bought, material ordered, announcements made in the local papers, and in a short time the kindergarten was functioning. So popular was this class from the very beginning that there was no schoolroom on the place large enough for its accommodation. Teachers and little tots did good work and were our joy and pride the whole year.

Second to the kindergarten in popularity is the primary (first and second grades), with an average of fifty-five in attendance and an enrollment of seventy-two. Reading the signs of the times, it seems best for the Methodista to specialize in primary grade work. The slogan of the community is "Send your children to the American school for primary work, then give them the gymnasium (high school) or normal where the diplomas are validated." Even so, it is not yet necessary to surrender our highest classes, and we trust it may never be.

Improvements made on the building and grounds during the year drained the school finances to the limit, but they added to the comfort and usefulness of the place, so there are no regrets.

Among social events of the year the following are worthy of mention: Mothers' Day in the kindergarten, when the kindergartners produced their first program; Sports Day, in July, to which all the grades contributed their quota of games and exercises; and the closing entertainments. The final entertainment, when four girls received certificates from the seventh grade, was highly commended.

My normal pupils in the Sunday school have shown unusual interest in the work and are planning to apply what they have learned in the local Sunday school.

Many joys come to the missionary besides those of service! For these and all good gifts we praise Him who leads us on.

LYDIA FERGUSON

Truly I think this year has been full of more real satisfaction and peace than any other. With one exception I have had the most responsive Bible classes I have ever had, and the very best English classes as a whole. My work in the Sunday school has been a joy. When Miss Brown, the kindergarten teacher, came I gave up the primary department to her and took the home department and a class of precious little boys just out of the primary. I almost wept to give up the beginners, but the home department was a real pleasure and blessing to me, and my class of boys also; so I was comforted.

I have had charge of an enthusiastic girls' missionary society. Most of the members being pupils of our school, we generally had a good attendance. We are working to get all the girls in the Church to become members. We have good officers and helpers, and, though

I hated to leave them, I believe the work will progress more during the next year than it did last.

I was appointed to Bennett to help out while Miss Mathis is not able to return; so my work during 1930 will be in Rio, where I began eighteen and a half years ago.

HELEN JOHNSTON

The year's work has closed without any great outstanding achievement, the kindergarten, which will be duly reported by Miss Brown, excepted.

We pray that the seed we have endeavored to sow may produce results in the lives of our pupils, for which we long.

Conditions of the previous year, more or less, maintain. The primary grades have been well attended, while the more advanced classes have had only a small number.

Four girls completed the seven-year course at the end of the school year and received certificates. Two of these will continue their studies at Bennett College.

This year school closed with "festas" very much appreciated by the patrons and friends.

My work was the same as of 1928—English, Bible, and science, with some classes in private English.

The class in domestic science did good work, although the girls were limited to only one year's study.

My class in Sunday school was composed of the larger girls in the boarding department. They were very liberal in their contributions to the work. Only two of the ten were from Protestant homes.

It was a great pleasure to have Dr. Tarboux and Dr. Chaves among us in November, even though their stay was short. The Church subscribed liberally to the appeal made by them for the seminary, which is in Juiz de Fora, Minas.

I thank the Father for past mercies, and I pray his guidance for the coming year.

ROSALIE BROWN

My furlough year ended in 1928. I was delighted, when I returned to Brazil in January of 1929, to know that I was to have kindergarten work. The school term began the first of the month of February, but the kindergarten did not open until the twenty-eighth. It was indeed a great privilege to come in contact with little folks representing seven or more different nationalities. During the year fifty children were matriculated.

I was fortunate in having a fine Brazilian helper. She has studied kindergarten methods and thus knew how to deal with our little pupils.

The primary department at Sunday school has been under my direction for several months. There are about forty-five children in the three classes which we have. Our hopes are that the coming year the enrollment will grow, for there are so many, many children in the city of Ribeirao Preto. It is such a great joy to teach little ones about Jesus.

COLLEGIO AMERICANO, PORTO ALEGRE

MARY SUE BROWN, PRINCIPAL

The year has been good. The quality of the work of both teachers and pupils has been, on the whole, very good. We had eleven girls who finished the course of nine years, all excellent girls, most of whom

grew up in the school, and none of them were here for less than five years. Seven of them are evangelical in their Church affiliation.

Our health record has been excellent. We escaped the usual epidemics of children's diseases, and there were few cases of colds and grippe.

Early in the year Miss Flora Strout, representative of the Woman's World Temperance Union, made her third visit to Porto Alegre, and she and Senhora Camilla Furtado Alves, a prominent temperance worker here in Porto Alegre, organized an Anti-Alcoholic League with fifty-one of our girls entering. The League has been active and has the co-operation of some of the leading physicians of the city.

Financially the school has had another hard pull, but that is to be expected when our enrollment perforce is so small. The income from 199 pupils is not sufficient for the expenses of conducting the school. With the same teaching force we could care for at least one hundred more girls, had we the space to put them. As it is our income compels us to pay our teachers so poorly that I wonder that they stay with us. With more pupils more income would be the result. We could pay our teacher a better wage and get better teachers. In the four years ending in 1928, the first years after we increased our course of study from seven to nine years, our expense increased 11%, but our income increased 26%, demonstrating that we would come nearer the goal of self-support if we offer better opportunities.

Bishop Cannon approved our plan of renting the property next door where there is a large residence easily adaptable to our needs. We feel that we can justify Bishop Cannon's faith in the school and in us in making a success of the enterprise.

SUSIE PRUITT

After having served as directress last year in the absence of Miss Brown, I have been so busy being thankful that she is back this year that I have scarcely had time for regular work. The experiences of last year, however, prepared me for better service this year, so that I have been able to take advantage of a number of small things necessary in the direction of the school.

My teaching work, consisting of classes in English, history, geography, and Bible, has been unusually interesting. Miss Sophia Mount, with us this year for Portuguese study and further piano study, taught some classes in English, thus leaving me with some spare hours. These I gave to private pupils in English, making a number of valuable contacts for the school and incidentally enough money to install the much-needed bathroom and fixtures in the annex built in 1926.

On the first day of October I received a cable telling me of my father's death—the greatest sorrow of my life—but God has been very close to me, and in his love and in that of friends I have found courage to continue our Master's work.

The year, for me, has been a most successful and happy one.

CLYDE VARN

My second year's work at Collegio Americano has been similar to that of my first year. I have taught English in the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. I also taught two classes in the Portuguese language, penmanship in the sixth grade, and Bible in the eighth grade.

The supervision of the Bible classes in the first, second, and third years, taught by girls of the ninth grade, was one of my most pleasant tasks. The responsibility of the college bookstore has also been mine.

I shared in the responsibilities of the boarding department. I continued my study of Portuguese and have made much progress in speaking and writing.

I think that all the teachers of Collegio Americano will agree that we have had a very successful year and that the prospects for the coming year are good.

SOPHIA MOUNT

A review of the year 1929 makes me grateful for its blessings and aware of a better understanding of God. The home life of Collegio Americano will always be remembered with a sense of peace and of inspiration. While studying Portuguese and music I taught English in the first four grades, supervised piano practice, directed assembly singing, and had some of the duties of a resident teacher.

I have had the unusual opportunity of studying piano and theory in the conservatory of music, where I have enjoyed the friendship of students, musicians, and artist teachers. Music is generously fostered by the state, and there is a wider dispersion and a more sincere appreciation of it here than in our own land. Because state approval of teachers is considered so important, I feel that, since I was to teach in our normal school at Santa Maria, I should meet all the requirements necessary to enable students from our school who wished to continue music study or to teach to enter the conservatory without difficulty. So when I learned that Miss Andrew could arrange for a teacher, I asked to be allowed to study here, and Bishop Cannon granted my request. With the help of excellent teachers and serious application and prayer I have almost completed the course. In March I expect to receive the diploma that will give me the state's approval.

I am indebted to Brazil for so much—for better health than I have had for years; for inspiration that has come from her strange, but often beautiful, mingling of old and new world art, architecture, music, and religion; for fine friendships that have taught me more of God and of the meaning of life.

INSTITUTIONAL DAY SCHOOL

MARY SUE BROWN

Institutional Day School is in sad need of closer supervision. It has not always been possible for me to go out there once a week. We enrolled one hundred and eighty-five children this year, which was a considerable decrease from last year and the previous years. Two schools were opened near by this year by the Roman Catholic Church, one for girls and one for boys, and many of our pupils were coaxed away. If we expect to hold our own in that section, we must have some one who can systematically organize and carry out plans whereby the people will be linked up to our work. I am still hoping that the Woman's Section of the Board may see its way clear to send us a worker who could live in the Americano and give half time to teaching here and the other part of the day to work in the Institutional Church school. The opportunity in the day school and in the whole district is one of the finest anywhere in Brazil, and it is a pity we are not taking advantage of this open door where we have such a welcome entrance. The five teachers in the school are dedicated to the work, but their preparation is inadequate to the needs of the school. The income from the school is negligible, and as a result we are not able to pay much to our teachers. The appropriation from the Board is not sufficient to pay good salaries. For 1930 the appropriation is a little larger, and I hope the teachers we now have may get a little nearer a just salary for their work.

COLLEGIO CENTENARIO, SANTA MARIA

EUNICE ANDREW, PRINCIPAL

The year 1929 has been the most successful in the history of our school. The matriculation was 210, seventy-three of these being boarders. During the year we secured an excellent physical director, a woman who recently came here from Berlin, Germany. The school has made advancement along all lines, and its influence extends to the frontiers of the state.

It is one of our aims to inculcate in the minds of our students, especially the scholarship girls and those in the self-help department, an appreciation of their privileges and the realization that what they have inbided is to be given out to others—a responsibility which most are recognizing.

During the past two years there has been an increased interest in educational lines for young women. High schools and normal schools are being opened in many places throughout the State. A high school was officially inaugurated here a few weeks ago. With this school in operation where everything is free, and a position guaranteed, with the financial condition of the country as it is and an impending revolution preceding a presidential election, we know not what next year may have in store for us. However, we feel sure our school may continue to serve the girls and young women of the state.

Our commencement exercises were unusually good this year. We had our first alumna meeting; officers were elected for next year; a good musical program was given by the students, and the week of festivities culminated in the graduating exercises. Twelve girls received certificates, and diplomas were given to four who finished the normal course.

Yesterday the mayor of the city, the superintendent of public instruction of the state, and a prominent lawyer of the city called. The mayor offered his auto and chauffeur to us to visit an exposition of the work done in a school he is sponsoring for the children of railroad employees. We accepted the offer and were delighted with the buildings, which we found immaculate and perfectly equipped.

I find I am closing my report without mentioning my personal work, but perhaps it may be sufficient to state that this has been my busiest year in Brazil.

LOUISE BEST

The school work for 1929 is over. It has been the busiest year I have had since coming to Brazil. To-day, as I look back over these months, I see the blessings and privileges far outweighing the difficulties and disappointments.

One of the greatest blessings was the money sent out by the Upper South Carolina Conference for home economics equipment. A part of this has been installed, and the other will be ready for the opening in March.

My school work consisted of English from the second to seventh grade; pedagogy, and some Bible work. Until we were able to secure a gymnasium teacher I taught in that department. The weekly buying for the boarding students and keeping of bookstore accounts took several hours each week.

In Church activities I worked as superintendent of the institute department at Sunday school, treasurer of local missionary society, and as Conference superintendent of young people's work. Several of our numerous holidays came on Saturday this year, and I was able to visit some of the societies.

The work as president of the local Woman's Temperance Union, as well as all other duties during the year, was a real joy.

GERTRUDE KENNEDY

My work for the past year was about the same as in former years. I taught classes in English, Latin, psychology, general history, and Bible. Most of the pupils seemed interested. I had a nice class of young ladies in Sunday school. They were the joy of my life and my consolation, too, when I was discouraged.

I also taught a mission study class in the Woman's Missionary Society. The preparation of the lesson gave me a great deal of work, but the pupils seemed interested. I gave a lecture course, as many of the students are so poor they cannot afford to buy books. We studied "Livingston O Pioneiro."

I think people often get discouraged because they cannot see the immediate result of their work. Last December I was talking with a young girl whom I taught four years ago. She repeated to me some of the moral and religious lessons I had given her at that time. That was very encouraging.

ORGANIZATION

LEILA F. EPPS

For three reasons my work has gone slowly this year: (1) I had no plans made out, and it took some time to get my bearings and make out a program. (2) I felt it was necessary to wait for the sympathetic coöperation of the women who are the real leaders in the Missionary Society in Brazil. (3) This new department of work was suddenly opened with no appropriation made for its expenses.

Nothing could be done until these problems were solved. Therefore it seems that I have done very little this year. However, it has not been a wasted year. There are a few visible results of service rendered.

1. Coöperating with D. Judith Guimaraes, I reread Miss Howell's book, "Women and the Kingdom," and prepared a short history of our *Fifty Years* for the women of our missionary society.

2. We have again our page in the *Expositor*. The women of our Church should have a page in our Church paper, and they were happy when the editor regranted them this privilege.

3. "In Search of Happiness" is the title of a special program that we prepared for the young women's missionary societies, which they seem to appreciate. We are working on others that we hope will benefit our young people.

4. *A Voz Missionaria* (the *Missionary Voice*) is speaking for itself. It is very small, only twelve pages at present, and we publish it only once every three months; but we hope to enlarge it next year and are eager to publish it every month. In it we publish program material for all the missionary societies of our three Conferences. We are preparing twelve Bible studies, one for each month of 1930. Our first three topics for discussion to be used in the monthly meetings are on "What Jesus Means to Woman," and the next three are to be on "What We Should Know about Leprosy." The women of Brazil are putting on a special campaign to rid their country of this terrible disease, and that is why we selected this subject for study just now.

The officers of the three Conference societies have invited me to visit every missionary society in our Church in this country. In each Conference the secretary is to be my traveling companion. If she cannot go, she is to ask the district secretary of each district to

go with me. Their expenses are to be paid by the different Conferences.

BIBLE WOMEN

LEILA F. EPPS

It is my opinion that we should not continue to pay Bible women in the city of Sao Paulo. I think we could use this money to a better advantage in other ways. We have no trained worker here to direct the women. I am out of the city or otherwise occupied all the time.

Our Bible women are not trained, and we have no training school for them. This department of the work has never been developed since Miss Elerding left the field. I have talked with the Bible women in Sao Paulo about not continuing this work. They agree that the work they are doing ought to be done by the various women in the local Church. They are not dependent upon this money for their support. I feel that the time has come when the women here can take care of the visitation work of this Church. Therefore I recommend that the Bible women be discontinued.

There is one Bible woman, however, who lives in the interior and who needs help. She is D. Nuncia Bevilaque and has been a faithful worker since long before Miss Elerding went home. For two years she has been absolutely helpless, not even able to sit up in bed nor to feed herself. I think we ought to continue her salary as long as she needs it. Mr. Belcher is her presiding elder, and he says she needs this help.

THE CHILDREN'S MAGAZINE, *BEM-TE-VI*

NANCY HOLT

Nineteen and twenty-nine was the best year we have had as far as receipts are concerned, and we have been encouraged by complimentary criticisms from some of our leading educators. We feel we can judge our progress by renewals, and they have come in much more promptly and in increased proportion. Naturally we always have to count on our readers outgrowing the paper. However, a mother came in the other day saying that her daughter, who discontinued her subscription last year "because the *Bem-Te-Vi* was too childish for her," had decided she wanted to go back to it. She had missed it.

Children are naturally so responsive that the silence of our readers, as far as we are concerned, sometimes tempts us to be discouraged. But when the renewals come at the end of the year with their enthusiastic expressions of appreciation, we are heartened.

In our turn we wish to thank our friends at home for their part, because we are forced to realize it will be some time before the paper is self-supporting. If it were not for them, there would be no *Bem-Te-Vi*. Nearly all of our Church people are poor. A subscription price covering expenses would be prohibitive to them. And only a small proportion of our subscribers are outside of the Church, due to widespread religious prejudice.

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COLEGIO IRENE TOLAND, MATANZAS

CLARA CHALMERS, PRINCIPAL

Colegio Irene Toland has had a steady growth in numbers and material acquisitions as well as in intellectual, moral, and spiritual devel-

opment. We have not only been able to meet a financial deficit from 1928 of more than five hundred dollars, but have opened and equipped a modern kindergarten, purchased a bookcase for the library, installed a General Electric refrigerator which is giving unexpected economical results, and have realized absolutely necessary repairs on our property to the amount of four hundred dollars.

On November 13, 1929, the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of our Irene Toland School, we organized the Irene Toland Alumni Association, which is functioning in a beautiful spirit in the interest of the school and its ideals. In the later part of November we organized the Irene Toland Young People's Missionary Society. Its members are serious, capable junior high and high school girls who successfully plan and put over their own programs. The society has its own room, and the girls find pleasure in its upkeep and adornment. Our students are members of the Epworth and Junior Leagues and attend Sunday school and Church services regularly.

Our teachers have done a high type of intellectual work. They have not been satisfied with conforming to the demands of the government, but have put into practice the broader and more modern Christian methods and ideals taught in our training schools. The Bible has been taught as a subject in every grade, and all our students attend chapel, which functions as a part of our curriculum.

We have been watchful for the physical development of our pupils. Besides the regular daily classes in physical education, three quarters of an hour has been devoted to organized sports, and in the spring we celebrated our annual field day.

I have been superintendent of our Matanzas Church Sunday school during the past year. We reorganized the Church school in accordance with the standards of the new third type or category of Church schools and have increased the attendance. In connection with the Sunday school work I have an interesting class in our Havana Standard Training School in July.

ELIZABETH EARNEST

My work as kindergarten teacher in Colegio Irene Toland began one week after I reached my station, August 26, 1929. This would not have been possible had it not been for my assistant, who is a lover of children. She is a Cuban girl and is an active member of the Matanzas Methodist Church. This is the first year Colegio Irene Toland has had a kindergarten, but we have nineteen on roll now. The children are happy, and the parents seem pleased. Although we can see improvement in the kindergarten, it is gratifying to hear a mother say her child has improved at home since he started in the fall. They are learning a few English words and some English songs. They also learn and love to sing Spanish songs. We had a little religious pageant just before the Christmas holidays. The children liked the story of the Christ-Child very much and called for it over and over. In connection with the pageant they learned to sing some of the Christmas hymns which have been translated into Spanish.

I have sports on recreation for the boarding pupils. This gives an opportunity for the personal touch with the girls, most of whom are in the beginning of adolescence and need contact with older people.

My work is retarded because I do not yet have sufficient knowledge of the language to speak to the children. My mornings are given to the study of Spanish.

CENTRO CRISTIANO, MATANZAS

BERTHA TUCKER, HEAD RESIDENT

In the beginning of the year there were about seventy children in attendance on the playground. The Young People's Club, fifty in number, were well organized and doing good work. As a project of their own they raised money to have the court cemented for basket ball. This cemented court is a great addition to the playground.

The Young Woman's Missionary Society has done a beautiful work under the direction of Miss Reid. The girls of the society have undertaken some projects which have been a blessing to others and a means of development to themselves.

I do not feel that we have done anything great in the way of progress this year. I do think, however, that in the face of very trying difficulties the work has held its own. Our attendance is smaller than it was in the beginning of the year. The children who come, though, are faithful and well organized.

The boys' club on the playground has a library of fifty or more volumes which they collected during the year. They are organized into two basket ball teams composed of the larger and smaller boys.

The Daily Vacation Bible School was a great blessing to our children. The parents also came to see the exhibit and were well pleased with the work.

We have had a very good average attendance in the sewing classes. These classes meet on Saturday mornings from nine to eleven.

We have Sunday school on Sunday morning from nine to ten-thirty. Easter, Mother's Day, and Christmas the children of the playground and Sunday school have given some very effective pageants.

We have had two field days. The children showed improvement by playing as good sports.

Rev. James V. Reid paid us a visit early in the year. As a result of his interest in our work Mr. O. H. Williams, of Salisbury, N. C., gave us money with which to build a baby park. The little park is now near completion and will mean much to the recreation of our primary children.

JULIA REID

I am now in my third year in Cuba and my second in the Centro Christiana. Cuba and her people are indeed dear to me.

My work has been almost the same as last year—mostly with the teen-age girls. These girls have been organized into a Young People's Missionary Society and are doing good work.

With two native girls, I have the primary department on Sunday morning. It truly inspires one to see the faithfulness of some twenty or twenty-five of the Centro's "babies." We believe they know our Christ and are influencing their homes to know him.

We are happy that we have been able to do a bit more for our Korean friends. We now have a play period of a half hour or forty-five minutes and about an hour for learning new hymns, pageants, and Bible lessons. The Church service follows these periods.

Truly God is blessing his cause in Cuba in special ways, and all of us here rejoice in the forward steps taken the past year and ask for his leadership in others as we face a new year.

COLEGIO ELIZA BOWMAN, CIENFUEGOS

FRANCIS B. MOLING, PRINCIPAL

The paving of the driveway from Castillo to Santa Elena Street was the project of teachers and students this year, and it was suc-

cessfully carried through to the great satisfaction of all concerned, although it cost sacrifice on the part of some of us. The installation of a new system of water pipes by Miss Sharpe during the summer months has given us a plentiful supply of water, something we have never had since we moved upon the hill. Then, too, our financial condition has improved, owing greatly to the incorporation of our school with the government institute at Santa Clara.

Twelve students were graduated from our preparatory school in December—two from the English department and ten from the Spanish department. One ambitious girl carried two courses through the year. The coming year we shall have the pleasure of graduating our first class from the high school. Agriculture has been added to the course in this new department of our school and gives us a greater opportunity to place emphasis on athletics, gardening, and self-government. The new system of physical education required of us last year has proved satisfactory in more ways than one, inasmuch as it has helped out financially.

A series of special services held at the church and in the school the first week in December by Dr. Luis Alonso stirred the hearts of our young people. We can but believe that the efforts of Dr. Alonso shall result in great good to many of those who heard him.

DRETA SHARP

My work this year in the school, in the Central Church, and in the Juanita Mission has continued, for the most part, the same as last year.

We have been pleased with the progress made by our high school student organization and with the spirit of coöperation that has prevailed, especially in the early part of the year. Through the activities of this group a number of things were undertaken for the benefit of the school. In financial affairs alone, through their efforts in three projects, about five hundred dollars was added to the school funds to meet some of the great needs here.

The work in this department with its growing numbers is truly a great challenge. While most of them are from Catholic homes, there are now some candidates for membership in our Church. Nearly all seem much interested in their Bible study. My prayer is that God may use me and our school to help them make real Christian citizens of this beautiful island republic.

ANNIE CHURCHILL

The year 1929 has been unlike any other in all my life on the field, and at its close I find it difficult to adjust myself to present environments.

During the first half of January I continued as acting principal of the Irene Toland School, Matanzas, and on Miss Chalmers's return I went to Cienfuegos to enter evangelistic work, but have only about six weeks of visiting to my credit, as for health reasons I was not able to continue.

I have been home since June, and, while my heart is still in Cuba, I am serving as best I can in the local work, praying that I may be of service to my Master wherever I may be. I thank him for the opportunity given me in the past and for a place where I may still serve by faith, through prayer, those who need a saving knowledge of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

MARIE CRONE

As I look back over the past year's experiences I lift my heart in gratitude and praise to our Heavenly Father. Since the thirteenth of

last July I have had three operations on my eyes. Now I hope that my eyes are permanently corrected.

This year we have rented a house near the school which enables us to have separate bedrooms and classrooms, for which I am very thankful.

My work has been practically the same as last year—namely, teaching the first three grades in the English department. My Sunday school class and my work with the Junior League are a great source of joy and inspiration to me. It is indeed a pleasure to see the development in the spiritual life of our boys and girls.

FRANCES GABY

My work the four months I have been here has been divided between the English and Spanish departments. In the English department I teach all the fourth-grade subjects and one subject each in fifth, sixth, and seventh grades. In the Spanish department I teach third and fourth-grade English. I assist in the athletic work, coaching tennis for an hour and a half each day. I take my turn one week each month in having charge of the boarding girls, except in the afternoons, when I am in tennis classes; and I keep study hall at night two weeks of each month. Four days a week I go the round on the school bus to take the children home to lunch at eleven o'clock.

As there seems to be no need at present for my services as teacher in the Sunday school, I attend Miss Crone's class. I also attend the Intermediate League, of which Miss Crone is superintendent, and assist as pianist when needed or in any other way I can be of service.

I am always happiest when busy; so I could not but be happy here where every day is crowded so full of such a variety of tasks. I really enjoy my work, and I strive each day to do it better and more faithfully. I pray that I may help the children with whom I come in daily contact to grow gradually into the abundant life of fellowship with and service for the Christ.

COLEGIO BUENAVISTA, HAVANA

IONE CLAY, PRINCIPAL

In spite of the financial depression evident in all parts of this island, our enrollment has not fallen off this term. On the contrary, there has been an increase in the number of students in the primary and normal departments. The high school, though smaller than last year, is still larger than at any time previous to 1928. The boarding department has fewer students than at this time last year, but more than we had two years ago.

As to our work, besides the regular routine of classes, several of its activities seem worthy of mention. Particularly interesting were the programs prepared by the Bible classes and presented in chapel, illustrative of the work done by each class during the term. A good deal of attention was attracted, too, by the extra-curricular exercises of the year, especially the annual field day events, the temperance contest, which was unusually well attended, and the presentation of an English play in which practically every girl in school took part.

A unique opportunity came to us last summer when our school was chosen as the home of the women delegates to the Evangelical Congress of Havana. We shall not soon forget the privilege of intimate contacts with representatives of the majority of the Latin-American countries, as well as many leaders of our school in the States whose friendship and sympathy went out to us and our school.

This Congress brought out the friendly attitude of the Cuban people toward our Church and its institutions. Yet we are frequently struck

by the fact that our influence has hardly penetrated beyond the surface of this city and island. The intellectual class has hardly been touched by our work. A desire to bring our school to the attention of people of this type and to link it more closely with the educational system of Cuba led me to enter the National University in October. I have, therefore, during the past three months, filled the double rôle of principal of Buenavista and student of philosophy and letters in the University of Havana. Already I can see that it has given me an insight into Cuban psychology and an understanding of the educational aims of this people that could have been attained in no other way. Contacts are being formed too that should be of added influence for our work.

MARY LOU WHITE

Grade school and special English classes, high school study hall and reports, Bible teaching in the American high school, care of sick girls, share in other dormitory duties and visits in homes, constituted my Buenavista schedule in 1929. A special feature of the English work was a dramatization of "The Sleeping Beauty," given out of doors at night on the terrace stage of the grade building. The Bible class in the spring studied the life and letters of Paul. One student wrote a dramatization of a period of Paul's life as revealed by the epistles of that period. This was given in Spanish as a chapel program by the class. During the Spanish-American Evangelical Congress in June, Mr. Hugh C. Stuntz, of Buenos Aires, on reading the dramatization, requested a copy for use in his work as Secretary of the Continental Committee on Religious Education in South America. In the fall the class began to study the life of Jesus, comparing the four Gospels as biographies and using as a text Moffatt's translation.

In the American Methodist Church I have taught a Sunday school class, served on committee and program work in the missionary society, and played for the Sunday services. I am now sharing with Miss Bardwell, of Candler College, direction of the Epworth League literary and recreational department in our local Cuban Church. Cuban custom practically forbids the normal association of young men and women. To my mind, our Candler-Buenavista experiment of coeducation in the high school and our promotion of wholesome association in the Epworth League are significant missionary activities.

MARY WOODWARD

Each year my work in Buenavista seems more interesting than the year before. I have practically the same work as I had my first year, but knowing the people and the language better makes everything more enjoyable.

The piano class is much larger this year than last, and I have some real talented pupils. I also teach theory and solfeo; so some of the pupils have four music classes a week. Theory is compulsory, but solfeo is not. The music pupils help on the temperance and missionary programs every month and on any others when they are needed.

The class that Miss Lewis and I have together every day, of songs and games in English, is very interesting and helps the children to learn English. I still have full charge of the small children in the dormitory. There are eight of them, from the ages of six to twelve, and they keep me busy; but I enjoy the time I spend with them.

Besides this duty with the little girls, I have week-end duty with the large girls every three weeks. This consists of entertaining them on Saturday night, taking them walking Sunday afternoon and to Church Sunday night, and chaperoning them shopping Monday afternoon.

I am assistant in the primary department of the Sunday school. Three of the normal students help us, and they are doing good work. It is good training for them. Our department furnished one number for the Christmas program.

LUCILE LEWIS

My school work is practically the same as it was last year. I have in the primary grades two English classes, one class in penmanship, and a class in stories, songs, and games. In the normal department I teach Bible, school hygiene, and manual training. I observe and supervise the teaching of our normal student-teachers, assisting them with their lesson plans and classroom problems.

Since the dormitory is a home for a number of girls, we try to create a happy, homelike atmosphere in it. The students have their own organization with its honor system, which, it seems to me as faculty counselor, is developing in the young people the power to govern themselves. They have demonstrated a fine spirit of coöperation this year.

Another organization in which I am partly responsible and greatly interested is the Loyal Temperance Legion. This society has presented a play and several good programs.

I have the opportunity, as superintendent of the primary department, to visit in many of the children's homes. They have entered heartily into the project of exchanging calendars and drawings with some little primary boys and girls in the United States.

Our Epworth League wields a great influence in the lives of our young folks. Miss White and I serve on the cabinet. I continue as superintendent of recreation and culture in the Conference League.

ETHEL WILLIAMSON

My third year in Cuba and at Colegio Buenavista finds me more than ever in love with my work and with the girls with whom I work.

This year my teaching is somewhat varied, due to the fact that the enrollment in the home science department is quite small. I have only one class in domestic science and one in sewing. The rest of my time is spent in teaching gymnastics in high school and first and second grades, second-grade English, first- and second-grade manual training, Bible in the normal department, and a class in art. I have, of course, dormitory duties and study hall, in which all of the teachers take turns.

Then I have the supervision of the dining room and kitchen of the boarding department—ordering the groceries, planning meals, etc. My evenings are spent in language study. In the Sunday school I serve as pianist for the Beginners' Department.

MEXICO

COLEGIO PALMORE, CHIHUAHUA

M. BELLE MARKEY, PRINCIPAL

This is the thirty-ninth report of Colegio Palmore. Only eternity can reveal the number of lives that have been influenced for good during these years.

Because of the present laws we are not permitted to hold chapel and teach the Bible in the elementary grades; so the only way of preaching Christ to those pupils is by example. I teach the Bible to our commercial students, about ninety of them. It grieves me, and is often discouraging, to find that the majority of them are devoid of a spiritual sense, having been reared with absolutely no religious

training. The boys especially are at the age when they think it is a sign of intelligence and deep thinking to claim they are materialists or atheists. I hope that some seed of truth may be sown in good ground and in later years produce fruit.

Last June we graduated a class of fourteen from our commercial department.

The revolution during March and April interfered greatly with our work, reducing the number in attendance as well as our receipts. Our bank had to close its doors, though in time we will receive the entire deposit with interest. The temporary loss caused us serious inconvenience, but the Board kindly loaned us money, which we appreciate.

The most important change in our work this year was the closing of the English department, our Board being convinced that the students should receive their primary and elementary education in their native tongue. English is taught in each Spanish grade, and we offer an English course to those who have finished the required work in Spanish.

With an extra appropriation which was granted us during the summer, we put a new roof on the school building, a much-needed stairway in the girls' dormitory, and freshened the walls in several rooms in the boys' dormitory. Later we were able to put a hot-water tank in the boys' bathroom and mend the walls around the two dormitories. A great deal more needs to be done, and we trust that in the near future these other repairs may be made.

Our Scarritt Club, which meets once a month, is the means of bringing closer together the American workers in Chihuahua. After the service, conducted by different members, we have our Sunday evening meal together and a happy social hour.

I am writing this report on the last day of 1929. As I look forward to the new year, I am confident that His promise, "My strength is sufficient," will be faithfully fulfilled if we but commit our ways unto him.

ANNA BELLE DYCK

The first few days of 1929 were a beautiful opening for a new year, as I had the privilege of attending the Memphis Missionary Conference. From there I went back to Scarritt for the winter and spring terms. I had heard much about Scarritt, but it surpassed my expectations. The beauty of the place, the homelike atmosphere, the stimulating class work, the emphasis on spiritual growth, and the common purpose of every one there to live and share the abundant life blend together to make Scarritt an ideal place.

I came back to Mexico the last week in August. I am teaching English as a language in the kindergarten and Spanish grades. Although I do not have an opportunity to teach religion in the classroom, I pray that I may help the children form high ideals. I coach basket ball after class hours. It gives me an opportunity to make closer contacts with the girls. I am happy because recently my girls showed they had caught the spirit of being good losers. Six years ago when I came to Chihuahua our mission institutions began to organize girls' teams. Now various leagues of girls' basket ball teams have been formed in the city.

After the basket ball season closes I hope to find some time to visit the school children and my Sunday school pupils. I teach in the intermediate department.

I am grateful to serve here in Mexico and pray that my life may be the means of leading others close to Christ.

ODA CAMPBELL

As I look back over the four months I have been in Chihuahua I realize that they have been spent mostly in getting acquainted with the work and the town. Having no knowledge of the language has been a handicap, of course, in a way, but it has not interfered to any extent in my work, as it is all done in English. I have the special English classes and also teach English in the sixth and seventh grades.

All my work is done in the morning, and I spend the afternoon studying Spanish and in preparation for next day's classes.

I am enjoying my work, and I pray that God may ever find me a willing and faithful worker.

CENTRO CRISTIANO, CHIHUAHUA

LILLIE F. FOX, HEAD RESIDENT

The departments remain about the same each year. The educational department, with classes in English, piano, shorthand and typewriting, household economics, and some classes in Spanish for adults who have only the most rudimentary education, has enrolled 452. The day nursery has cared for 63 little ones during the year, with an average of 25 daily. I wish every one of our missionary women could see our babies and see them "before" (that is, when they come to us), and "after," (that is, after they have been with us a few weeks). They are "prize" babies.

The free clinic, under the direction of one of the nurses graduated from our own School of Nurses in Palmore Sanitarium, located here in the city and directed by Misses Edna Pothoff and Blanche O'Briant, has given 2,647 treatments and has been able to send many patients to the hospitals for operations and proper care. Miss Lucille Vail is teacher of piano and English. Miss May Johnson is teacher of English and director of girls' work, including playground and Girl Scouts. She also has one club of small boys. Miss Mittie Shelton has charge of the household economics and classes in English. Miss Ronnie Odom teaches special classes in English and devotes part of her time to Colegio Palmore in the English department. Señorita Balbina Trevizo is our splendid nurse. Señorita Josefina Chio teaches Spanish and visits for the institution.

The boys' worker is sent by the Y. M. C. A. as a part of the extension work done by the Y. Our boys are expert basket ball players, and some fine boys are being developed through our playground work. Our girls have been just as successful, but the teams are younger and are just beginning to show folks what they can do.

All the workers are doing faithful work in the various departments of the Church, and a spirit of coöperation exists between the institution and the Church. Our greatest need is a great revival. Help us pray for it, won't you? You have never failed us, and you never will.

MITTIE J. SHELTON

My work continues about the same as it was last year. Last spring it became necessary for me to leave my work in order to help care for my mother for a while. I was away from the work for three months, returning the last of May. I did some English teaching during the remainder of the term, as the other teachers had carried on my work, and it was too near the end of the term to make a change. I remained in Chihuahua during the summer.

In the fall I began my regular work again. I have had the home-

making classes in cooking and sewing and the teaching of English in the night school. I also have some special English teaching in the mornings.

I was able to help in the handwork department in the Daily Vacation Bible School last summer and have continued teaching a class of little girls in the Bible school on Saturday mornings.

MAY JOHNSON

The year 1929 has gone, very rapidly it seems, and another report is due. I am grateful for many blessings which the year has brought, especially for the opportunity of service and the health and strength to do the work which God has committed to me. There have been many hard places and moments of discouragement during the year, but I do not remember them now.

I especially appreciate the opportunity which my work offers to touch daily many young lives—through my English classes, through the work with the girls on the playground, through my two groups of Girl Scouts, through the Daily Vacation Bible School, through my Sunday school class, through the Epworth League, and through the friendships formed by means of various contacts. I think I receive much more than I give, for the call to be my best at all times is a constant call to Christlike living.

This year I have added to my work a club for the boys from eight to fourteen, and this contact with the boys is a great pleasure.

My task is so much bigger than I am that I need the prayers of all our missionary women that I may be able to do the work which the Master has given me in such a way as to please him.

LUCILE VAIL

Our music department has grown and I have more piano pupils than last year, some of them coming for lessons at night. The pupils gave a very creditable recital last spring, and now that we have a lovely new piano in our assembly hall, I feel that our pupils will be at a much better advantage in public entertainments.

I have an advanced class in English three evenings each week, the students all being young men and women who work during the day. Most of this group have studied with me for three years and it is interesting to watch their progress in English.

Since September I have been Superintendent of the Junior Department in our Sunday school; two faithful teachers work with me, and we are happy over the growth of the department and the interest shown by the children.

I am chairman of the music committee in our Church, and in this capacity there is also an opportunity and privilege of service.

Another work of joy is in our Vacation Bible School. I had charge of the music and a Bible class in the Primary Department with an average attendance of fifty little ones.

I am thankful for this place of service for the Master and the blessings that come to me day by day cannot be estimated.

CENTRO CRISTIANO, DURANGO

RUTH ELLYSON BYERLY

Over half the year was spent at my post in the Christian Center, Durango, Mexico, where I rejoiced to be, especially during the unsettled revolutionary days, with their peculiar opportunities for service. Those months saw several dreams come true, among them the

equipment of a small playground, the formation of an English club, athletic association, and children's savings club.

Furlough year has brought me the long-coveted, precious privilege for study. At Scarritt I find work and recreation blended as of yore and am grateful for rest and fellowship in delightful combination.

Here and in my home Conference I have spoken in the Church, Sunday school, Epworth League or missionary societies, and elsewhere as an opportunity was offered, thus making my Mexican friends more loved and appreciated by the home folks and expressing the need of our brothers beyond the Rio Grande.

COLEGIO ROBERTS, SALTILLO

LELIA ROBERTS, PRINCIPAL

In spite of serious difficulties, such as a financial crisis of unparalleled intensity and a revolution which lasted three months, our work was not interrupted to a lamentable degree. During the revolution we had no communication with the outside world for twelve days except by radio and airplane. The latter brought messages from the Federal government and dropped them over the city. There was no actual fighting in Saltillo.

Unusual interest was manifested by our patrons in the final examinations, some of which were given orally for their benefit. They expressed themselves as being delighted with the progress the students had made in every department.

Our student body was composed of young ladies who came to us from twelve states—Chihuahua, Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas, Durango, San Luis Potosi, Zacatecas, Mexico, Jalisco, Michoacan, Coahuila, Texas, and New Mexico.

During the year many distinguished persons visited our college, leaving indelible impressions upon the minds of those who heard their very instructive talks, among whom may be mentioned: Miss Esther Case, Foreign Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council; Dr. Andres Osuna, Superintendent of Education in the state of Nuevo Leon; Prof. Maurilio P. Nanez, Inspector of Federal Schools throughout the country; and President Emilio Portes Gil. The latter, on leaving the building said: "This is the class of institutions we need in all parts of Mexico."

As is to be expected, our teachers and students take an active part in the work of all departments in our Church. The members of the Volunteer Circle make weekly visits to the homes of the people where they hold religious services. According to the new interpretation of the law, not only members of the family may be present, but also a limited number of relatives and friends.

Students matriculated, 586; graduates from all departments, 28. Those graduating from the normal and kindergarten department obtained positions in mission and public schools within a month after the close of the last scholastic year, which is an evidence of their efficiency.

We take courage and go forward with great joy.

EDITH PARK

Another year has passed and it is again time for annual reports. The days have been full of many small duties, but even the most insignificant of these, if done in the Master's name, may bear fruit.

The work that has given me my greatest joy has been my Bible classes in the school and Church. A very humble member of our congregation who had been greatly blessed in a series of services held

in May, came to me at the opening of school and asked if I would give her Bible lessons, as she had a strong desire to be able to talk to others about the Word of God. I did not see how I could find time for another class, but I promised her to think and pray about it. I soon realized that there were others who were as eager as she for an opportunity to study the Bible. Some of them were members of my own Sunday school class. I felt it was a call I could not turn down. The class was formed and now has from ten to twelve regular attendants whose zeal is an inspiration to their teacher.

Our two Bible women have done excellent work, coöperating with pastor, stewards, and other Church workers; the success of our various evangelistic campaigns has been in part due to their faithfulness in visiting and instructing interested parties. Some of our students frequently accompany and assist them in visiting and holding cottage prayer meetings.

VIRGINIA BOOTH

In September twelve young women enrolled for the special Bible course for Christian workers. The course embraces three years after completion of a two years' preparatory course. The eight students of the most advanced group are to finish in 1931. Because of their spirituality, earnest purpose, and distinctive talents, they give promise of becoming useful workers in our Lord's vineyard. During their term of training both groups are taking active part in definite lines of work in our Church and in the missions it has established in different parts of the city and in a near-by town. Several serve as Sunday school teachers; others have charge of children's and young people's work; each Tuesday afternoon they conduct neighborhood prayer meetings in different parts of the city. During the vacation several of them joined evangelistic bands to go out to distant villages and ranches to hold services and distribute Bibles and Christian literature.

In addition to the twelve young women who are taking the entire Bible course, five young women who expect to enter our mission hospitals in September, 1931, to take nurse training, are taking special Bible classes for these two years. One of our teachers is also taking these classes, making an enrollment of eighteen in the Bible department.

One of my special privileges is to be counselor for our Student Volunteer Band, composed of about thirty young women who are taking different courses in the various departments of our school to prepare themselves for different lines of service. Their weekly meetings are deeply spiritual. I lift up my heart in humble gratitude for the blessed privilege which He permits to be mine.

ALICE HARDT

I am teaching five classes of English in the primary department, three in the normal, and two to business men and women at night. It has been my purpose not only to teach English in such a way that they can grasp it and make practical use of it, but to inculcate honesty and the other high standards of Christianity into their lives. Not only that, but to make these English classes the connecting link that will lead them into the Church and its institutions and into their final acceptance of Jesus Christ.

Besides the work in the college, I have for the last two years been teaching a class of fine young men in the Sunday school who are beginning to take on the work of the Church. I am praying that these young men may become more and more useful and that some of them may feel and answer a definite call to service.

HELEN HODGSON

I was transferred from Colegio Palmore in Chihuahua to Colegio Roberts the latter part of October. I am teaching four courses in Bible one in personal evangelism, and two English classes. There are thirty-five in the first year normal class and many of them have never had a Bible in their hands before, and the majority of them are Catholics. We are studying the Life of Christ. In the second year normal we are studying the last half of the Life of Christ. The third year is studying the Pentateuch and the fourth year the books of Samuel and Kings. I find the girls attentive and interested in the classes, and it is a real joy to teach them. It is my prayer that many will accept Christ as their Saviour and become ardent Christians through the influence and teachings in these classes.

INSTITUTO LAURENS, MONTERREY

DORA L. INGRUM

The year 1929 started with an influenza epidemic in Monterrey, and all schools were closed for a week as a precaution taken by the health authorities of the city. Many of our boarding pupils were ill during the time, and we were glad to devote our time to them.

Another interruption to school work came when the revolution broke out in Monterrey. Parents were afraid to send their children for about three days. All of our teachers and many of our pupils offered their services at the time many wounded soldiers were brought to the hospitals of Monterrey from the distant battle fields. Our older boys were very helpful, for they were willing to do the most humble tasks when needed. For more than a week the younger boys also helped serve the food after it was prepared.

The third year was added to our preparatory department in September. Our enrollment has reached two hundred and fifty-nine, which is twenty-seven more than we enrolled during last school year. With the exception of a strike on the part of eight high-school boys, which lasted about three weeks and which ended when three of them left school, we have had a most promising year. We are finding real joy as we watch our boys and girls develop. Some of them are very promising for the future work in Mexico.

I am so thankful for the opportunities of service that have been mine during the past year. They have been limited only by human strength. My health has been better than usual, so that I have been able to work more constantly. I am also thankful that I do not need to worry about the failures I have made, for I know my Heavenly Father can use even them for good.

MYRTLE JAMES

A year rich in experience—revolution, Havana Congress, National Temperance Movement, prison work, soldiers' groans—called forth our best service in nursing and a silent prayer that the Prince of Peace might reign in Mexico. Their smile of gratitude revealed a tenderness capable of appreciating the gentle Saviour; their eagerness for Christian literature, a deep hunger for divine truth.

The Evangelical Congress honored Mexico, electing a worthy, capable son president. Mexico furnished the largest delegation and showed her deep appreciation of the wonderful benefits derived by putting them into practice. Devotionals on ship, especially July the Fourth, showed that she had grasped the significance of international peace and brotherhood.

We brought with us a bit of Cuba and Porto Rico temperance prop-

aganda to add to President Gil's program. Temperance posters and leaflets are at work everywhere, even in Nuevo Leon penitentiary, where an ex-evangelist, now a government public lecturer, is school director and where religious leaflets and Gospels also are read joyfully. A Christian director of the penitentiary encourages this work.

Mexico's doors are open for the entrance of the true Light. May we not pray that this Light enter in and dispel the darkness.

MARY HOYLE

Again this year I am living alone with the boarding girls of our school, but my experience of last year is helping me with this. I think we are about the happiest family you can find anywhere.

I am teaching English in the first four Spanish grades of Instituto Laurens, and I love dearly my one hundred and thirty-odd children even if I do have to be hard on them sometimes. I never knew before I could become so interested in such small children.

My life with my girls at home, my work in the classroom, or doing any other thing I can in the school, together with trying to learn a little Spanish, keep me fairly well occupied, but through the kindness of Miss Ingram I have time for outside contacts also. During the past months I have been enjoying work at the penitentiary and the Y. M. C. A. when I have had the time. I love Monterrey, Laurens, my girls, and my work.

CENTRO SOCIAL, MONTERREY

ANNE DEAVORS, HEAD RESIDENT

During the past five months the work at the Centro has gone on about as usual, and we feel that we have much to be thankful for, since conditions, socially and politically, have been so unsettled.

We have a new worker in charge of the club work and, although she has no preparation for it, with the help that we have given her, she has built up four enthusiastic clubs on the order of the Girl Scouts and Brownies. She is also conducting three story hours a week in different schools. With the help of one of the nurses in our hospital she is carrying out a constructive program in the Mothers' Club. She has also formed a club for the girls who work in private homes. She finds much visiting necessary for this work. We feel that if she will continue in it she will develop into an efficient club worker.

Señorita Reyes, who has had charge of the cooking department for the last four years, still has that work. Since the department this year is not even one half as large as that of last year, she is using her extra time in learning to keep the books of the Centro and in visiting.

Our English department, the source of the greatest part of our income, is about as large as usual. Miss Priscilla Walker, Miss Attie Jowell and I have the greatest part of our time filled with special classes for adults. There always seems to be a great demand for English from all classes of people.

We were sorry to have to discontinue the religious program in our work, but hope to be able during the next few months to renew that part of the program.

We have missed Miss Warne. She developed the Centro into a very strong institution and won a special place in the hearts of the Centro people. We pray that we may carry on the work in the same spirit of loyalty and helpfulness that she did and that God may bless our efforts to make the Centro more useful in the work of His Kingdom.

ATTIE JOWELL

This, my first year in Monterey, has held many and varied experiences. Since the beginning of the school year, September 1, I have been employed as a full-time teacher. This means that my classes come at irregular hours through the week, some mornings, afternoons, and every evening. I have had three full mornings of class work and have used the other mornings when not busy teaching for visiting in the homes of students, or in doing other work in the interest of the Centro. I have accompanied the club worker on several hikes with the Girl Scouts. Also took the girls of my English classes out in the country for a breakfast and a long hike.

Since October I have been in charge of the housekeeping in our cottage. This has been a real experience, since I have had to learn to cook, and learn to tell the cook how, in her language. It seems that "marketing and cooking Spanish" is not learned from the little red books.

Two afternoons each week I have exchanged an hour of English for an hour of Spanish, thereby improving my knowledge of the language, so necessary if one is to work in Mexico.

As soon as our court is fixed, I plan to organize a basket ball team as a part of the social life of the Center. Because of the rain and cold weather, an outdoor court has been almost impossible this winter.

There have been high moments—and low—but all worth while as I have tried to fill my place in the Centro Social these past five months.

PRISCILLA WALKER

Since coming to Mexico I have spent the mornings studying the Spanish language. My afternoons have been spent teaching English classes, visiting in the homes of my pupils, and supervising some of the games. My nights have also been spent in teaching English.

It has been a joy to have a part in the work of His Kingdom. I am looking forward to greater service.

HOSPITAL MONTERREY

ELLEN CLOUD, R.N.

The past year's work has indeed cost much. Radical changes, doubt as to continuance of the work for lack of funds, revolutions, all would make good material for the pen of a ready writer. Looking back, it is a joy to remember how God helped me to lead the nurses as well as to instruct them, gave me precious experiences dealing with the souls of the patients as well as their bodies, guarded us from dangers and accidents, and enabled us to see some of the fruits of this labor.

Without a suspicion of a revolution six hours previous, the short skirmish, when Monterrey was taken by the revolutionary forces, was within two blocks of us: bullets whizzed over us, struck in the walls and fell in the patio, then two, wounded by stray bullets, were brought in, giving us urgent work at once, without doctor, gas, or light, all service being suspended for a few hours. A month later, with an hour's notice, we plunged into preparations to receive the wounded soldiers who arrived the next morning, 84 of them, in a horrible condition. We had many helpers showing a willing spirit. Among these were the wives and daughters of prominent families, teachers in the schools, etc. Never can one forget the horror of some of it, the stress of the work—but above all the privilege of giving the Word of God to men in such condition. Many received it gladly, as do many of our patients.

We think that this opportunity helped to reestablish the old reputation of the hospital, and let it be generally known that good service was being given as of old, even though there is not an American doctor in charge. We have the only training school for nurses in the city, and they give good service, pleasing the doctors and thus gaining favor with others who have come to us during the year.

The news of an assistant coming brought real Christmas joy. One nurse of unusual ability graduated in June and is continuing her studies while she works as a volunteer. Another volunteer is preparing and there is a spirit of consecration among them which encourages us to continue the training school in spite of difficulties.

COLEGIO PROGRESO, PARRAL

EMMA ELDRIDGE, PRINCIPAL

An appropriation from our Mission Board made possible the remodeling of the entire school building. Ill-lighted, ill-ventilated classrooms are now filled with sunshine and fresh air. Crowded classrooms have been made sufficiently spacious for the children to move about freely in them, and dirty walls have been cleaned and painted.

Miss Pollard is settled in an office where she can keep her materials organized, meet her groups and where she can have those earnest conversations with her students which present great opportunities for service.

The principal's office, which was protected from the public eye and ear by a thin board partition, is now inclosed with a brick wall, making it possible for her to consult with members of the faculty or help some child to face his problem without being overheard.

A delightful phase of this work of reconstruction was the comradeship among the members of the advisory committee and the strengthened ties of friendship that resulted from our coöperation.

Our purpose through all our work was to make only such improvements as were indispensable. That done, other lines of work in which the spiritual values are more evident claimed our energies.

Coöperation with the movements of the Mexican government for progressive education has been one of our chief purposes. The child welfare organization, the reforestation work, and the anti-alcoholic campaign which have been carried forward so effectively by the Central government have received our support.

Señor Escalante, our technical director, has been elected assistant commissioner of education for this city and is doing much toward promoting among the general public a deeper sense of responsibility to childhood and youth.

That which has enriched our own living beyond measure and given us a more real experience of God has been the building up of a true home for the boys and girls in our boarding department. We try to cultivate a spirit of confidence and mutual helpfulness between all the members of the family—teachers and students. This has found its best expression in the lives of our discussion group, where we talk about the things that are real problems in the lives of our young people. I believe that none of the established forms of religious expression have ever been more effective than is earnest informal conversation.

MYRTLE POLLARD

"Why should a missionary give time to teaching English classes?" my friends sometimes ask me. My answer is that I ask for no greater opportunities for worth-while service than those which are constantly challenging me in my English classroom. There we read,

discuss, and write about all kinds of things which tend to lead teacher and students together into the "more abundant life" which is our ideal.

Peace, hygiene, temperance, prison reform, education, inventions, scientific discoveries, good citizenship, and a higher concept of patriotism are just some of the themes which we have brought into the class by means of pamphlets, magazine articles, and moral discussions. Drills in phonics and exercises in sentence structure must be given of course, before we can teach much idealism in English, but by earnest work combining methods of language teaching and inventing devices that meet our needs, we ourselves are surprised at how soon even our beginners in English come to understand the material we want to give them.

Friendships, formed through class contacts, offer out of class opportunities for sharing the things that mean most to us. My girls and boys come to talk over personal problems—everything that concerns them. These occasions give us the opportunity for sharing the best in our inner life and working out together the application of Christian principles to the various relationships and life situations involved in the specific problem.

In an evening class is a young man whose wife and baby died recently. He had just come back to class and was working bravely enough, but when we were conducting the lesson with a brisk phonic drill he interrupted: "Some friends are telling me that when a person dies it is the end of everything, and that only ignorant people now believe in the future life. I know that you have studied about these things. What do you think?" I answered him in terms that left no doubt about my faith in eternal life and added that my studies had only strengthened that faith. As the class hour had ended I tried to dismiss the group to continue the conversation with the questioner alone, but the other five young men would not be dismissed, insisting that they also needed what was to be said on the subject. We went on trying to help the bereaved man to reconstruct his thinking and to share with him and his companions an experience of God which sustains at all times.

One of the enriching experiences of the year was when one of my boys came on his birthday—his twentieth—to begin the day by keeping the early morning quiet hour with me. He considers himself a Roman Catholic, and he knows that I am a Protestant missionary, but we both lost sight of that difference in that half hour of earnest conversation, meditation, and prayer, each trying to share with the other the highest aspirations and purposes, and together seeking to know God better and to serve him more effectively.

CHINA MISSION

DAVIDSON GIRLS' SCHOOL, SOOCHOW

MRS. Z. N. TSIANG, PRINCIPAL

During this year Davidson Girls' School has had a staff of twenty-three workers.

Although Bible study is elective on account of government regulations, half of our students are still taking Bible. Those who do not elect Bible are required to take a course in ethics, which is taught by a Christian teacher.

We feel that the school has the loyal support and approval of its patrons and is in good standing in this city. In September we had to turn away applicants for admission to the school because the enrollment in a number of the grades was already larger than we could take

care of properly. At present we have an enrollment of three hundred and fifty-five students. Forty-eight of these are in the kindergarten, two hundred and twenty-five are in the primary grades, and eighty-two are in the junior middle school.

During the year fourteen students have united with the Church. Four of this group are in our senior class and, coming from non-Christian homes, have met with considerable opposition from their parents. We had a similar case in the senior class of last year. So great was the opposition of her family that some of us doubted the wisdom of taking a stand against them. But reports from her this year make us rejoice that she did profess Christ openly at that time. She is now in a government school where there are only one or two other Christian students. She has become the leader of that little band of Christians, and they are doing personal work among the other students of the school and have succeeded in getting a number of them to attend church regularly.

Last June sixteen girls graduated from the middle school department, thirty-one received certificates of promotion from the primary department, and nineteen from the kindergarten. Fifteen of last year's graduates are now in normal school or senior middle school, and one is teaching in a primary day school of our mission.

We have a wide-awake Young People's Missionary Society with more than forty members. Seven-tenths of their funds are turned over to the Conference Missionary Society.

Not so long ago in a campaign for daily Bible reading among our students more than thirty girls signed the pledge to read their Bibles daily. Several of them did not own Bibles; so they were presented with New Testaments. Two little girls proudly took their Testaments home, only to have them snatched away and burned by their older brothers. We are thankful that no such active opposition was shown in the other homes.

During the summer months we repaired our buildings, repainting them on the outside. As a result they look almost like new, and the appearance of the compound is greatly improved. I feel that the school has had a very satisfactory year in every respect, for which I am most grateful to God.

ATKINSON ACADEMY, SOOCHOW

CHARLES J. VANE, PRINCIPAL

In 1929 Atkinson Academy had an enrollment of two hundred and fifty-seven during the spring term and two hundred and seventy-three during the fall term. Five of the students were graduated from the junior middle school, twenty-eight from the higher primary, and forty-two from the lower primary during the closing exercises on June 29. Most of them entered higher grades to continue their studying.

Each term we had a revival meeting in our school. There are seventy Christians and eighty-three probationers among our students at present. We feel that our school is a good place to spread the gospel and lead many young people to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Although it is very difficult to do such work under present conditions in China, yet we teachers do our best to guide our pupils into living the way God wants them by Bible study, section meetings, revival meetings, and personal work.

Many Christian students do good work in Sunday school, and some of the big boys help in the Church choir. Our teachers also help in both. I myself have been superintendent of the Sunday school more than ten years.

There are several societies organized by the boys. They have been

specially interested in temperance this year. They got first and second prizes in a contest when they made speeches on the subject of wine and opium prohibition. There was also an essay contest, suggested by Dr. Li, who is the law adviser of the Woman's Temperance Society in Shanghai. He asked the students in all Christian schools in Soochow to write essays on the subjects of anti-opium and wine. Our boys won the first and third prizes.

The educational board of the government has ordered all Christian schools not to have Bible courses unless they are elective. Most of our boys like to study the Bible. None of the boys in the junior three and junior two have chosen another book instead of the Bible. All the boys in the primary study the Bible too. Miss Tarrant took charge of all the religious work in the school and gave a great deal of her strength to teaching the Bible.

Some new teachers joined our faculty last fall. We are thankful that Miss Crozier has been allowed to come to us.

Mrs. Vane, who had been director more than five years and did wonderful work in the primary department, has been made supervisor and inspector of all the schools in the seven districts. She left our school last fall. Miss Tarrant will also leave us very soon on furlough. The absence of these two gives us much sorrow and regret.

MARY M. TARRANT

Although war clouds have threatened us from time to time, Atkinson Academy has finished another year without interruption.

We sustained a loss at the end of the spring term when Mrs. Vane gave up the position as director of our primary department. The day school committee succeeded in making her feel the larger need of the Conference, and she accepted their offer as supervisor of the day schools of the Woman's Department. The young teacher whom Mr. Vane put in charge of the primary is doing good work, following the methods Mrs. Vane taught him.

The enrollment is somewhat larger this fall than last spring. The boys are, for the most part, studious and polite. We had a revival in the spring and again this fall, after which many students were received into the Church and others gave their names as probationers. Others wanted to join the Church, but their parents would not allow them to do so.

Our students all attend chapel and give respectful attention. The new government has refused to recognize the right of Church schools to require Bible study at chapel. The majority of our students study the Bible, but if there were no personal work with the students, it would be possible for boys to go through school without ever hearing the gospel of salvation through Christ.

About a month ago Mr. Vane, the students, teachers, alumni, and friends surprised me with a celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of my arrival in China. The thought and time necessary for such celebration, the generosity of the gifts, and the expressions of love, filled me with humility and gratitude. If I had a thousand lives to give they would be too few to offer to these dear people.

MOKA GARDEN EMBROIDERY MISSION, SOOCHOW

MRS. D. P. KING, K. F. WAUNG

During 1929 we had two workers on our staff. Miss Mary Minor Tarrant coöperated with us splendidly. We have had more than fifty women and girls at work in our Embroidery Mission, about half of whom are Christians. We have six hours for embroidery, a half hour for Bible study, a half hour for recess, and fifteen minutes for chapel.

All our girls belong to the Girl's Club in Church, and most of our women are members of the Women's Missionary Society.

We embroider kimonos, scarfs, bags, runners, pillow tops, table covers, and baby things. Our materials are silk, satin, raw silk, linen, and grass cloth. Most of our embroideries are orders from America and Australia.

Each quarter we get one hundred and ninety-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$197.50 Mexican) from the mission treasurer and Mrs. Tsao. The rest of our money comes from the cash sales and accounts receivable. At the end of this year we have about fifteen hundred dollars of stock work and materials on hand.

Please pray for us continually.

LAURA HAYGOOD NORMAL SCHOOL, SOOCHOW

MISS KIANG KWE YUIN, PRINCIPAL

Our dream for a gymnasium was fully realized in the spring of 1929. On the morning of June 12 we had the formal opening exercises, while in the afternoon we had a reception to which the city officials, our friends, and neighbors were invited. We are very proud of this new gymnasium, the first fruits of the combined efforts of the student body and the alumnae. We use it not only for physical education, but also for school socials and public meetings. At present we have only a basket ball court and two climbing ropes for equipment. One of the basket ball goals was given to us by two little American friends, Lester and Evelyn Hall, of Fort Worth, Tex. We hope some day to secure the necessary equipment for a more complete course in physical education.

We have the largest music department in our history, about one hundred students taking piano lessons alone. The number would have been larger had we the teaching force to care for more, but trained music teachers are very scarce in China.

There is a new supervisor this year for our primary school, who also has the educational supervision of the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades, while Miss Hackney has the educational supervision of the kindergarten and first and second grades. Mr. Tseu, the supervisor, is making every effort to bring our school into closer contact with the government schools. He has formed an association of the primary school teachers in Soochow, so that we may obtain closer coöperation educationally and professionally, and our normal school will be in closer contact with the needs of the primary teacher and her work.

The junior high school and the normal department have a splendid group of well-trained and fine-spirited young men and women on the faculty, among whom is the first woman graduate of Soochow University.

We have as many students as we can accommodate. While it is ideal to keep a smaller student body for closer personal contact, it seems a pity to have to turn away so many students for lack of room.

ANNIE ELOISE BRADSHAW

When I volunteered for the mission field, an old China hand said to me: "If there is anything you don't know, learn it." I had the idea at that time of being very specialized. I was going to Virginia School to teach mathematics and science, and this I did for my whole first term. Then the opening of Laura Haygood as a normal school caused me to take new training and embark upon a career in educational psychology. The fact that qualified Chinese teachers became available for this subject, and the need for educational standards of measurement caused me to narrow that field to the administration and teach-

ing of educational tests, and for a year it was my privilege to visit many of the primary schools of our mission and, by means of my battery of tests, to dispel any suspicions that Church schools are inferior. Finally the more imperative need of Laura Haygood caused me to do less of testing and more of general teaching. For the past two years I have been very happy with classes in my old beloved subjects, physics and astronomy. This fall a further turn in the wheel of fortune gives most of my time to English. It is an illustration of the fact that a missionary must be able to do anything at any time that this fall I was asked to undertake the reorganization of the English course and the supervision of the classes.

The English work in a school in China is always of interest to friends in America. A visitor once remarked as he passed the library of a mission school, "D'you mean to say you can learn 'em English?" "Yes," was the response, "and they learn to speak it, too, better than some Americans."

It is always a source of surprise, in the light of our struggles with the Chinese language, to see how well our pupils learn English. They find English a useful tool in that much valuable material for the teaching of almost any subject is available only through this medium; those who are looking forward to college know that in either a government or a mission college most of the textbooks will be in English; and, best of all, it opens up to them the treasure house of English literature and gives them that most coveted of privileges, the ability to write letters in English. We are glad that English is no longer the fetish that it was a decade ago, and this is partly due to our own strenuous efforts to raise the standard of Chinese in our school, and partly to the fact that more and better textbooks are appearing in Chinese and better-trained teachers of Chinese are to be had. However, in the midst of our rejoicing over the increased interest in Chinese came the realization that our English was suffering unnecessary deterioration and that we were failing to make one of our most important contributions to education in China. This year a little extra thought and research in planning the courses and greater enthusiasm on the part of the teachers has resulted in more visible interest on the part of the students, which shows itself in improved work on their part.

Changes in the mere subject matter of the courses really makes no difference in my happiness in the work. It is a pleasure to see how the girls enjoy "The Vision of Sir Launfal" and in the astronomy class to see their response to the words of Copernicus, "Who, if one lone star could lead the kings to God's own Son, would shrink from following these to God's eternal throne?" Whatever the subject, it is all education, and all working together for and with Chinese friends for the bringing of the highest values into the mind and heart and life of China's youth.

MARY WINN

On September 2 I returned to China after a year spent in America on furlough. Miss Alsop, who was also returning, and I were met at the dock by Miss Kiang Kwe Yuin, the principal of Laura Haygood, who graciously took charge of getting our baggage through customs and who accompanied us up to Soochow.

School opened in a few days after our arrival; so we were soon busy with a full schedule of work. My work consists entirely of teaching English with a small class in Bible twice a week.

My year on furlough was very enjoyable and profitable, I think. Six months of the time I spent with my family and six months in study at Scarritt and Peabody. I enjoyed meeting old friends again

and meeting new ones. I enjoyed the fellowship and spirit for which Scarritt is known and loved by all who have had a part in making her the great center of missionary training and inspiration throughout the Southern Methodist Church.

It is good to be back in China and to have a small part in helping to carry forward the work of the Christian Church and of Christian education in this country.

ALICE ALSUP

After an irregular furlough last year, a very pleasant and worthwhile one, I am back at Laura Haygood. I arrived in time for preparation for the opening of school and found myself, within a few days, quite busy and into some things quite as deeply as if I had never been away at all. In other things I find that a year is too long to be out of China these days if one is to keep up with the time.

For the first time in my experience in Soochow I am giving full time to English teaching. It has its own problems, discouragements, satisfactions, and interests. The very elementary subject matter and constant drill are not in themselves highly interesting; but human interest is, after all, the great factor, and Chinese girls are always interesting and attractive.

It is quite too early to know how poorly or well I fit into my new job, but I am glad to be here and shall tell you more about it next year.

ETHEL W. BOST

My first appointment, the fall of 1926, was Virginia School, Huchow. After only three and a half months in my new home, political conditions made it necessary to close the school temporarily, and then my experiences as a refugee began. During the spring of 1927 I lived at McTyeire School and continued my language study. In September, 1927, just when I was ready to return to Huchow, a sudden change in the political outlook made it unwise for foreigners to return to the interior. Consequently I was appointed to McTyeire School, where I taught for half a year. At last, in February, 1928, I returned to Virginia School. Communistic propaganda in Huchow made it very difficult for us to "carry on," but we managed somehow to get through the term. Although we began the fall term of 1928 with prospects for a comparatively normal school year, conditions developed which made it necessary to close the school before the end of the term.

In February, 1929, I came to Laura Haygood Normal School to assist Miss Troy in the music department. Life here has been happy and peaceful, and I am indeed grateful for *one* unbroken year's work before furlough. In addition to an interesting teaching program, I am enjoying my work as faculty adviser to the Y. W. C. A. and as director of the Church choir at Kong Hong Institutional Church.

In spite of "wars and rumors of wars," revolutions and counter-revolutions, I am glad I came to China in 1925, and I am hoping to return after furlough.

NINA W. TROY

We have, in our music department, the largest enrollment we have ever had and the music faculty of five has to be supplemented by about twelve hours' help from the outside.

The most enthusiastic work of our department is in the fall of the year, reaching its highest mark during the Christmas season.

Near the first of December we had our public program, for it is impossible to plan uninterrupted practice after the intense cold sets

in. Often the practice of the children is interrupted for weeks at a time by chilblains on the hands caused by the intense dampness and cold. It is then that we need the specially planned courses for the left or right hand and I have obtained some of my best results by this forced concentrated attention on the specialized work for single hands.

The next interest after the public program was the learning of the Christmas songs. Each chorus class prepares two or more songs, and thus every girl in school feels that she has a part in adding to the Christmas joy by sharing in the beautiful music of the season.

A small piano for the kindergarten was bought this fall. Our phonographs, in primary school and normal, are in much demand and the growing appreciation for music among the students makes us feel that the free, though supervised, use of the equipment is bearing rich fruit.

A major operation just before the close of school, in June made it necessary for me to spend the summer regaining my normal strength. September, however, found me ready for regular work, with a body well and strong, and a heart full of thanksgiving for my health and for the host of friends who added so much joy and comfort to my sick days.

KATE B. HACKNEY, KINDERGARTEN-PRIMARY EDUCATION

The kindergarten-primary department continues to be one of the popular courses in our school, as kindergarten education is very much appreciated by the Chinese.

Last June we sent out eight more graduates from this department to as many different places in China, to carry the message of the gospel through Christian education.

Our kindergarten is now a very real part of the Demonstration School, and we occupy two rooms in that building. The work of the Demonstration School is from kindergarten through the sixth grade.

Because of government regulations regarding primary schools, we are not allowed to teach the Bible, give any religious instruction as such, or hold any kind of religious inspirational services in our primary schools during school hours. In order that our children may get some religious instruction we are striving to get as many as possible into the Church Sunday school and a majority of our primary pupils do belong to the Sunday school.

In the junior high school religion may be taught, but it must be voluntary on the part of the student. We realize that the problem of getting our students to elect Bible when they know so little about it is going to be increasingly hard.

As I look back over the past year, it is with a heart full of thankfulness for a year of undisturbed work in a country where there is so much turmoil.

Our problems in China to-day are many, and we never needed the prayers of you, whose representatives we are, more than at this time. We believe that Christ is sufficient for this great nation, and we pray that we may know how best to present him.

EAST GATE, CHANGCHOW

ALICE GREEN

The new home for our Chinese lady workers and the evangelistic center for women and children, at East Gate, Changchow, was opened the latter part of August, 1929. It is well suited for the kind of work we want to carry on in this part of the city.

When our worker for the young people returned to the Bible school

to finish her course, and we couldn't find anyone to take her place, the members of Young People's Missionary Society agreed to do the work.

We are running two clubs each week with an attendance of more than sixty children. Mrs. Berckman is head of the committee for supervised play. The young women are appointed for a whole term, so each one knows when her turn comes to supervise.

The children's room is lovely. Windows on three sides give plenty of light and sunshine. The room is equipped with little chairs, tables and a baby organ. Many of the little ones know Jesus and are witnessing for him.

In October we gave to our health campaign. We put on a full program every afternoon. There were lectures given by doctors and nurses. Two afternoons were given to examinations when more than fifty babies were examined. There were health plays, pageants and demonstrations. The Lactogen and Quaker Oats men came up from Shanghai for demonstrations. Hot oats were served to all guests, and their booths added much to the interest and beauty of our exhibits.

Sunday was Family Day, when a special sermon was preached which fitted our health week. Monday, the last evening, we had a health picture showing the progress of the Baby Welfare Work in America.

In October the Woman's Missionary Society and the Young People's Missionary Society carried on a week of special evangelistic meetings. The attendance was fine, and many were brought nearer to Jesus. There has been follow-up work in Bible classes and cottage prayer groups.

There have been two short-term schools out on the district. A number were converted and many brought to know Jesus in a closer way. In November we opened a short term school in Changchow. This school was for the district; so the evangelistic workers came with the women and girls from the country. Eighty-five registered. Sixty-six, after having completed the course, received certificates.

In November, Miss Koa and I visited many country villages. The weather was fine and we often walked from one village to another, following the footpaths through the fields where women, men, and children were working. In one village which we visited almost all of them had become Christians. These people received us and divided their best with us. I saw something there that I had never seen before in China. The men helped to prepare the meal and then asked their wives to sit at the table with us and eat, while they kept off the flies and served.

CENTENARY INSTITUTE, CHANGCHOW

MARY TSIANG

Last term we had 185 pupils and there are 210 pupils this term. Total enrollment for the year, 250. We provided two rooms for the girls to pray before school, both in the morning and at noon. We were much pleased that the girls were willing to come to the prayer circle.

We also have morning chapel every day. The teachers lead them and sometimes Miss Leveritt, or the preacher, and the Bible women come and lead too.

The girls' missionary society meets four times a month. The programs are prepared by themselves. We have five Bible classes twice a week; all of them love to have it.

We have Sunday school Sunday morning, after this they go to Church for the service. Thank God for twelve girls who joined the Church last year. Now we have twenty-five Christian girls in school and hope there will be more Christians next term.

In the low primary we have quite a number of little boys. They are lovely little fellows, and we are glad to have them. Maybe some day one of them will be President of China, and one a bishop. Who knows!

CHANGCHOW GENERAL HOSPITAL

LORENA FOSTER, R.N., SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES

We have had a good many changes in the personnel of the nursing department during the past year. Miss Tsang, assistant superintendent of nurses, and Mr. Tsu, operating room supervisor, left in the spring for positions which pay higher salaries. They were our only graduates and we were unable to obtain others until Miss Liu, graduate of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Shanghai, came to us in September as supervisor of our women's department.

Miss McElwreath took up her work as assistant superintendent of nurses last August, and has given very valuable assistance in supervising the work of the nursing department. According to the regulations of the Board of Missions, she works in the hospital half of the day and has the other half free for language study.

During the year 1929, the number of students in our training school has decreased from 22 to 13. Several students have had to be dismissed, but the spirit of our nurses has been greatly improved by getting rid of an undesirable element in the school.

We are finding it extremely difficult to obtain students. This is probably due to several factors. Formerly, the majority of the students in this hospital were men. We are now accepting women students only. We were able to obtain good women students when so many of the training schools were closed during 1927 and 1928, but most of these schools have now reopened and a great many of them are also taking only women students. With so many hospitals in modern buildings, where higher standards can be maintained, calling for good women students, it is very hard for us to secure any applicants. We could probably obtain plenty of men students to train, but we have found the system so unsatisfactory that we could not think of going back to it.

While we are very short of nurses, we feel that we have made progress during the year in maintaining better nursing standards and in improving the quality of our student body as a whole.

We had seven students to take the N. A. C. examinations this year, three for the first division and four for the last division. We have not yet heard from the written examination, but all of our nurses made good in the practical examination, the lowest grade made being 91. Three of our students finish their training this year.

We have been short on teaching staff this school term. Because of the lack of doctors, we have had to have internes teach some of the subjects. We are increasing the preliminary training period of preparatory students from three months to six months.

The women nurses have been occupying their new home since September. We now have a matron to help with the housekeeping side of the work.

The nurses' outside activities are limited by their heavy schedule of work and study in the hospital. During baby welfare week, they gave talks and demonstrations and assisted at the baby clinic. They have continued to help with the free clinic at the prison twice a week.

The men nurses have greatly missed our physical recreation ground which had to be given up when the new buildings were erected.

Religious services in the hospitals participated in by the nurses are daily chapel, the women nurses' prayer service each evening, and Bible classes which meet once a week. At Christmas time the nurses helped put on a pageant giving the Christmas story in Scripture and song.

VIRGINIA SCHOOL, HUCHOW

CHIN LI YING, PRINCIPAL

Since you are greatly interested in educational work for girls in China, you must have been very happy to hear of the reopening of Virginia School this spring. Because of the impossibility of getting teachers and the local situation, we felt it best to open the primary department and the kindergarten. The term began on February 17 with 139 pupils. We considered that a fine beginning. Almost all of our pupils are natives of Huchow and are from nice families. I was the only Huchow girl in this school twenty years ago. The high percentage of Huchow girls to-day shows clearly the great interest and confidence the city people have in us. In general, the community here has great sympathy with our work. They all think that Virginia School is the best school for girls in the city of Huchow. They are happy to know of its reopening. The local party has not yet come to interfere in the school affairs, and no demands have been made for registration. You may be interested to know that the educational department of the central government has passed several regulations. Among these is one that no holidays will now be given in the month of May, which the Chinese call the "month of national humiliation." Formerly there were about ten. Evidently the government realizes the importance of education for children.

Our teaching staff for this year is very small. We have six teachers besides Miss Blackford and me. On the faculty four are Virginia School graduates. Since we do not take boarding pupils, we let the matron go.

The school buildings have not been used for over a year; so they are in quite bad condition. Many repairs are very necessary on all of them. We hope that they will be ready for next term.

We are looking forward to the reopening of the high school in the fall of 1930.

OUTSTATION WORK, SUNGKIANG DISTRICT

MARY CULLER WHITE

During this year I have had the same appointment as heretofore—namely, the supervision of the outstations on the Sungkiang District. We have from ten to twelve Bible women in this work all the time, three of whom live in Sungkiang and itinerate to the country places, while others are located at the outstations.

Conditions have been quiet enough in our district for us to go steadily on with the work throughout the year, visiting the outstations, holding evangelistic campaigns and short-term Bible schools. These schools, or institutes, are proving more and more of a blessing in every district in the work. We have seen numbers of people born into the Kingdom of God through them this year.

I had a rather serious accident last spring, but I am grateful to God for sparing my life and bringing me back to full health and strength.

I have been a member of the Executive Committee of the China Council, the new Chinese organization which is carrying on the work

of the Board in the China field. This body has had a good year, and it has been encouraging to see our Chinese friends grow as they got down under the problem of mission administration. The work is now nearly all under the leadership of the Chinese, and in almost every case they are measuring up wonderfully to their new tasks.

SONG KIANG, KU

CLARA E. STEGER

The first half of 1929 was spent in Nansiang superintending the work there in Miss Waters' absence. On her return to China in August I was appointed to Song Kiang to take the work left by Miss Peacock when she was appointed to Shanghai.

In Nansiang in February, 1929, we secured the house for our Bible women and the opening of a district evangelistic center. We had five women in the home, three of whom were regular Bible women. We sent the women out, two and two, to the different appointments, I myself accompanying them when possible. We had a Sunday school for the street children, which was well attended. A woman's meeting every Wednesday afternoon. We all attended services in the church every Sunday afternoon. We had a reading room for men under the care of the assistant pastor; also a reading room for women and a special worker who gave her afternoons every day to this. We had a little half-day school under the care of one of the women for the street children who were too poor to pay for schooling, and this gave us a nucleus for our Sunday school and a hold on the parents.

We had several probationers who we organized into a Bible class which I taught. I also had three regular Bible classes a week and some irregular ones in outstations.

The school work was carried on by the Chinese faculty, and there was a full attendance both in kindergarten and school.

Since coming to Song Kiang I have taught one Bible class a day in the Bible school and one weekly Bible class for the teachers of both schools and workers and members of the community. I have taught the workers' class in one short-term school and gave a series of Bible talks to the district preachers' institute. I hold a weekly service with the evangelistic workers, a weekly personal workers' class among the girls of the Bible school, take my turn in leading chapel services and once a month lead chapel in the orphanage, attend the woman's meetings and missionary society meetings—in fact, supervise and assist in all the activities of the evangelistic workers connected with the Church of this community. I also am housekeeper in our foreign ladies' home, besides being treasurer for the Bible school.

We have in the evangelistic work at present three workers, one being away on sick leave. As each worker sends in a personal report, I will leave each to speak of her own work.

Our highly valued principal of the Bible school, Mrs. Julia Woo, renders invaluable services in all departments of Church work, adding this voluntarily to an already full program as principal of the Bible school and the mother of a large family. If the Church of Christ had more faithful members such as she, how great would be the blessing!

VIRGINIA NABORS SCHOOL AND FACTORY CENTER, WUSIH

IDA ANDERSON

The end of 1928 brought us Miss Rue, who already has her hands full. She and her assistants occupy all of the downstairs of our home with special classes. We are delighted to have these students,

for most of them have finished the course at our Virginia Nabors School and have had a good foundation in Bible study.

The end of 1929 has brought us Miss Dju back from America full of new ideas and an earnest desire to use them for her people. She is getting acquainted with other people who have ideals for China. She has found our mayor to be a graduate of our Soochow University Law School and his wife a Ginling graduate and a Christian. The young men and women who are doing constructive work for China are either graduates of our mission schools or are returned students. The government is using them everywhere.

Our Virginia Nabors School is packed for the present, and it is always a problem how to crowd in a few more children.

At our factory center we have set our hearts on a new building to be built by the factory owners. We have not seen any signs of their willingness yet, but we have our plans ready to present to them at an opportune moment.

Although Wusih is full of factories, the one where we have a center is the first to introduce a social service department and ask missionaries to help. Our hands are full of little children, but the buildings which the factory lets us use are in a most dilapidated condition.

We are glad that we can use the schoolrooms at the Center and at Mary Virginia Nabors School to accommodate our two night schools for factory girls. We have an enrollment of about forty in each of these night schools, and those who teach these girls find them most receptive to the message.

A work which I have enjoyed has been two hours a week with the seniors in a non-Christian middle school for boys, with a third hour in my home for a Bible class with them. A second Bible class has just been started in another non-Christian middle school for boys. I find these young men most attentive and earnest.

Although the situation at this time looks threatening, the year has almost closed, and I can report a second year of uninterrupted work. Also I can report that there is still much work for missionaries to do.

SOCIAL EVANGELISTIC WORK, WUSIH

MARGARET M. RUE

Since my return from furlough my appointment has been at South Gate, Wusih. We are in the center of a silk filature manufacturing district. This means that hundreds of our neighbors, for miles around, begin a long day's work when the shrill whistles blow at five-thirty in the morning. Our greatest effort is to plan to do what we can for these women and children. The first day of the month and the middle of the moon are the only holidays; so we open our gates and welcome the children to play in our compound. How they need the sunshine! After the play we bring out the little organ and have songs and Bible stories. We also have outdoor community singing and Bible teaching for all of our neighbors who will come each week.

Often the girls who finish the course at our schools drift away from us and we have no contact with them. They have now organized a service club and have asked me to be an adviser. It is interesting to me to watch the girls develop as leaders in these meetings. They come to our Bible classes, visit the sick, prepare the bandages that are needed for our factory clinic, and help to direct the playground work for the children of the community. Some of these girls want to continue their studies; so we are having classes in English, Chinese, and arithmetic in our home.

Our mission school for boys needed an English teacher. As I was given the opportunity to teach these boys in Sunday school, I offered

to teach four hours each week in order to know each student personally. Over thirty of these sixth-grade boys came voluntarily to the Bible class. We have also organized a missionary society for boys and are studying "Lamplighters Across the Sea." Some American friends have sent games for the boys and dolls for the girls, and they are delighted. Three of these boys will be baptized next Sunday.

JAPAN MISSION

HIROSHIMA WOMAN'S COLLEGE

S. A. STEWART, PRINCIPAL

It was quite unexpected that Mr. Y. Kodama, who had been head teacher in the girls' high school for eight years, should resign in less than a year after the resignation of Mr. Nishimura, the dean of the college. Both of these men had served long and faithfully, and their labors were highly appreciated. Now we have two new men, both well equipped and men of fine character. Mr. K. Tsujimura was the head teacher in a literary college for the government near Osaka when he came to us as dean of the college. He is a graduate of the Tokyo Imperial University and has had eighteen years of teaching experience. Mr. S. Wakiyama, the new head teacher of the high school, also comes to us from a long experience in government schools. When we secured him he was head teacher in a boys' commercial school. Both these men are English teachers and Methodists. Two other splendid teachers for the college and three for the high school, all with government license, were secured to fill the places of others who resigned. Thus we are getting a well-equipped staff of licensed teachers who are also earnest Christians.

The endowment campaign has gone forward, but because of the long interruption it was not possible during the year to bring the amount up to the goal of 50,000 yen which we had set for ourselves. But the teachers' and patrons' association are still working on it. The latest reports indicated that something over 30,000 yen had been pledged by the end of December.

The completion of Gaines Hall, which the graduates constructed as a memorial to Miss Nannie B. Gaines, who has for over forty years labored so earnestly and so untiringly for the Hiroshima Girls' School, was a wonderful achievement. It is a beautiful building, in every way a creditable memorial to her. She is very happy to be in it now with her sister, Miss Rachel. They had expected it to cost about 10,000 yen; but it really cost nearly 15,000 yen, and it is all paid for except about 2,000 yen. This is the first important undertaking of the graduates in behalf of their *Alma Mater*, and it is fine that they brought it to such a successful conclusion. They have now decided to help all they can with the endowment campaign.

The gift of \$24,000 from the Jubilee offering was gratefully received. We were hoping for \$50,000, so that we might put up a college building which would be a real credit to our Southern Methodist women. But as we did not get it, we determined to make the best of the situation; and so we are constructing the best building possible with the money. It is to be finished for the opening of the new school year in April.

A backward look at a brief ten years' period shows some progress, though not what we had hoped for. To mention only a few points of growth: In 1919 there was no college department. There were 308 students in the high school and 245 in the primary. In 1929 there were 107 students in the college, 352 in the high school, 218 in the

primary, and 71 in the kindergarten. There were 16 teachers in the high school in 1919, one-half of whom had license. Now there are 9 teachers in the college, 5 with government license; 19 in the high school, 11 of whom have license. There is no special change in the primary and kindergarten. The average salary paid the college teachers is 145 yen per month. The high school salaries have risen from 64.50 yen per month in 1919 to 108 yen in 1929; the primary from 39.65 yen to 74 yen. A retiring fund has been provided for teachers, and since it was put into operation, in 1921, 48 teachers have received allowances from it, the total amount having been paid them being 10,394.92 yen. Also in 1923 a regulation providing for increased salary every five years for continued service was put into operation, and 8,945 yen has been paid to teachers on this account. Nineteen teachers are now beneficiaries of this regulation. During this ten-year period 1,315 tsubo of land (nearly an acre) has been added to our holdings, the total cost being 45,854.77 yen. A yen amounts to about fifty cents in American money. This includes the recent purchase at Nobori Cho which we obtained through the annuity gift of 22,000 yen from the Misses Gaines. New buildings and remodeling old ones during the same period have cost 129,678.99 yen. This includes the Jubilee College building, which is just nearing completion, and the Gaines Hall, built by the graduates. Other repairs and a furnace for the high school building have amounted to 12,988 yen. As we look back thus at these past years we realize that our Father's good hand has been upon us, and his guidance has been vouchsafed to us. We are profoundly thankful for these things. The hearty support of the Board of Missions, especially the Woman's Department, has been a most important part of the work. The splendid coöperation of the missionaries and the heads of departments fills us with hope for the future.

I am very glad to state in closing that it was my great privilege to have a scroll written by Dr. S. Sato, president of the Imperial University of Sapporo, to hang in our chapel. It contains the words of John 3: 16 and John 17: 3, which I think set forth the very heart of our Christmas message. May these words be deeply impressed upon every girl who enters this chapel, and may we all continue to strive to realize our school motto, "Workers together with God"!

LAMBUTH TRAINING SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS OSAKA

MARGARET M. COOK, ACTING PRESIDENT

The year 1930 opens with a challenge to all Christian forces in Japan. Lambuth stands ready to respond to the challenge. A nationwide movement has been organized and is being launched for a three-year evangelistic campaign to be carried on by all the Christians of all the Churches in coöperation. It began in the heart of Kagawa San and his slogan, "Japan, the land of the gods, God's country," has caught fire, and the Christian Council of Japan is back of the Kingdom of God campaign, 1930-1932, setting a goal of one million Christians for the establishment of the Kingdom of God in Japan.

The outstanding advance of 1929 at Lambuth Training School for Christian Workers was the strengthening of our evangelistic work and providing additional practical experience for our students. Last April we secured Miss Watanabe, one of our graduates, as teacher and evangelist for Lambuth. Under her leadership the gospel message is being preached every week. Every Sabbath evening, after the day's work at Sunday schools and Church is over, we throw open our gates

and call in whosoever will come of the neighbors and passers-by from our crowded highway.

All lines of our work for children are going on in kindergartens and Sunday schools and through the children's clubs and playground hour. We are in touch with the mothers through kindergarten mothers' meetings (and sometimes fathers' meetings) and through visits to the homes. Miss Williams and her Japanese helper are reaching hundreds of factory girls, bus girls, nurses, and department store girls. All these are open to our influence throughout the three years' campaign. Much follow-up work must be done.

This indicates the emphasis we are trying to give Lambuth as an evangelistic center as well as a school. At the same time I am glad to report that the school work has never been better. The kindergarten department has extended its course from two to three years. Students who would have graduated this year remain to go out in 1931 as our first graduates from the three-year course.

We have not yet found a successor to Mr. Akazawa as our president; but Mr. Kugimiya serves as our adviser while taking some hours of teaching in our Biblical department. He is one of the strongest pastors in our Japanese Methodist Church. He and Miss Takamori, of the kindergarten department, serve with Miss Whitehead and me as the general committee on which rests chief responsibility for the affairs of the school. Closely associated with us are the full-time teachers who act as the executive of our faculty.

Miss Hager is one of this inner group as she carries on the music of the school with her Japanese assistants. We need two foreign musicians. Who will come to our help, in His name and spirit, to teach music to our young women who will go out to work in Churches and kindergartens?

ANNA BELL WILLIAMS

The year 1929 was busy and happy. The work in the factories has not enlarged, but there has been a response to the message that has given my coworker and me deep satisfaction. Three of the girls in one factory have been baptized in our Yodogawa Chapel.

Another source of joy has been the correspondence with the girls who have had to return home, many of whom have no chance to attend a Christian meeting. One young woman who married a soldier and went to Korea wrote that she would be very lonely had she not learned of God's love and care. She had told her husband what she had learned, and he was reading and praying with her. They hoped to find a Church and to attend together.

Before the middle of December we had our first Christmas celebration with seven girls from the department store across the way who had been coming over at nine o'clock in the evening for a meeting because they had no other time.

The invitation to the conductress on the bus line that has a large garage near us brought thirty young women, their matron, and two young men. After the message in the chapel we had a good time together in the kindergarten. Every Thursday evening is left open for these young women.

In the six factories we had the best celebrations we have ever had. The girls in one place practically got up the program. In another place where the girls faced unemployment because of business depression we had a splendid meeting, and nine of them voluntarily gave five yen as their Christmas offering.

Our Lambuth affords so many more contacts than we can follow up that we often wish for longer days and more power. Everywhere the people are open to the message of God's wonderful love in Christ

Jesus, and it is our great privilege to give it. Send out others to share our joy.

KOREA MISSION

SOCIAL EVANGELISTIC CENTER, SEOUL

ELLASUE WAGNER

The work at the Center is carried on under four departments, a missionary in charge of each, with Korean assistants.

The child welfare and public health department was organized by our nurse, Miss Elma Rosenburger, of the Methodist Episcopal Mission. Under her direction it has developed the first and so far the only work of this nature for the babies and mothers of this great city. We cannot give an adequate picture of the work done under this department. Just a few figures will give some idea of its scope. At three central points in the city where weekly clinics are held there were enrolled during the past year 510 children under five years of age, 45 being feeding babies. The mothers of these children realize their own need of instruction, and the mothers' meetings are sources of inspiration and encouragement. The mothers of the really poor have no time or strength to give to keeping their babies well and strong; and so these mothers who come to the clinic are not from the lower classes—they have leisure. Last year, assisted by the woman's club of this city and other friends, we erected a crude bathhouse. This could be filled with children each day if we had sufficient force and money to do so. During the year Mrs. Genso, who has charge of this bathing one afternoon each week, and her assistants have given something like 2,500 baths to little folk who would otherwise have had no opportunity for such luxury.

An important phase of the public health department is the educational work in the mission schools of the city. In five such schools Miss Rosenburger has monthly clinics where minor ailments of the children are cared for and where she and the Korean nurses give lectures on the care of the body. In these classes they have an enrollment of 1,103.

The social service department, under Miss Blanche Bair, of the Methodist Episcopal Mission, has only one assistant paid by the institution, though Mrs. Choi, being better equipped and a college graduate, receives a much better salary than do those with less training.

At the Center and in the three extension groups Miss Bair has 300 boys and girls who otherwise would have no privileges of school or of Christian influence. It is impossible to estimate the good to these little ones and what it will mean in their after lives. To see them in chapel reciting Scripture or singing lustily the dear old songs of Zion touches even the hardest heart. Their appreciation is almost pathetic and makes one realize more fully what this contact means to these little underprivileged ones, prison and criminal.

Five clubs under the social service department are giving the boys and girls of college, middle to high schools, and professional groups an opportunity for real fellowship with others of the same outlook in life and is one of the rare opportunities for social intercourse and development. It is meeting one of the deepest needs of the young people of this country.

The kindergarten, which has had an enrollment of 55 children during the year, has been self-supporting for several years. Because of the lack of funds, needed equipment has not been bought. The chil-

dren in the kindergarten are from homes of the high class in this neighborhood who have proved their loyalty to this institution.

Education or Home Economics.—Under Miss Marion Kinsler, Presbyterian Mission, and Miss Margaret Billingsley, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 130 were enrolled during the year. We have 85 young women under daily instruction. These students are all over sixteen years of age and have had little or no school privileges. It is the aim of this department to give these young women a three years' course with such necessary elementary branches as they most need and emphasizing domestic arts.

Evangelistic effort permeates the work of the entire institution. Bible courses daily are given to each class under the direction of Miss Kinsler, assisted by pastors, missionaries, and teachers from other institutions. Special efforts are made to visit each home represented in the different departments, and two Bible women are busy all the time in personal work.

The hostel, once the dormitory for our own school, is now used to serve the girls from the country attending other high schools of the city. This is one of the crying needs of Seoul—safe, comfortable, Christian home life for the girls who are thrown suddenly into the midst of a great heathen city. Our accommodations are very inadequate, and our 32 girls crowd these small rooms. These girls attend eleven different government schools. Some of the teachers and one principal have expressed their appreciation of what we are striving to do for these students.

The entire Center family numbers 2,830 women and children in the classes, clubs, clinics, and various departments of the institution. We are in great and immediate need of new buildings and have asked our coöperating boards to give us the unit plan—not one large settlement house, but smaller units, each especially equipped for its particular use. The dilapidated old buildings now in use, though very picturesque and of great historic interest, are unsuited to the work and in the cold of winter are most uncomfortable.

IVEY HOSPITAL NURSES' TRAINING SCHOOL, SONGDO

HELEN ROSSER, R.N.

“Attempt great things for God,
Expect great things from God.”

This has been the spirit of our institution this year. Truly we have received great blessings, and I believe the work has borne much fruit for the Master.

We are indeed grateful for Dr. and Mrs. Boehning. Dr. Boehning has treated the foreign patients and has been a comfort to me in council and advice. I also wish to express appreciation for Mrs. Boehning's services. She has been especially helpful in planning the trays for the foreign patients and administering to their needs.

We took in a splendid class of six in April. One of our men graduates went to Severance Hospital in the spring to work. Two of our graduates taught hygiene at the evangelistic center during the Bible institute, and also assisted in teaching the nurses. One graduate stood the government examination last fall and stood second out of seventeen. I also stood my government examination and secured my license this spring. Three of the nurses attended the public health nurses' institute and received great benefit and a greater desire to serve in this field of work.

I have stressed the importance of outdoor exercise and am trying to build up the health of the hospital members. It is hard to teach hygiene under present conditions at the nurses' home. They are

living in the original hospital building, twenty-three years old. It is very much out of repair. We have hoped for several years to build, so we have not put new material in this old building. Because of the flies and mosquitoes there have been a number of cases of malaria and one of typhoid fever. I hope to find them in a new home when I return.

My report would not be complete without mentioning my very interesting country trip. I itinerated one week with Miss Euline Smith. During that time I visited seven villages, made a health talk at six of them, and treated sixty patients. I received a great blessing and hope to do more of this kind of work when I return from furlough.

ROSA LOWDER, R.N.

After my second furlough period I returned to Korea the latter part of August, 1929, and was reappointed to Ivey Hospital.

At present we have eleven nurses. Two of our nurses whose time was completed in October went out into other work—a man nurse to work in a private hospital, and the other, a woman graduate, to take up public health work here in the city of Songdo. One of our graduates spent a week this fall itinerating in the country with Bertha Smith. She gave health talks and visited many whom she found needing help and advice.

EVANGELISTIC CENTER, SONGDO

EULINE SMITH

The work for the year has been similar to that of the preceding year. The Bible women have been diligent in their visiting and ministry. One especially has caught a new vision of what she can do for the non-Christians. During the year I have visited practically every Church at least once and some oftener.

During the Christmas holidays at the woman's Bible school, which lasted a month, four of the students went to country churches to visit, teach, lead services, or do anything else they could. On the whole we were very pleased with the work. At one place the children attended so well that the village asked for a school, which was opened in April and is doing fine.

The country schools have done well during the past year. As conditions change, some are closed but others are opened, and there is usually a waiting list. The school children are eager to learn more, so we have a great opportunity to teach them Bible verses and Bible stories in addition to their daily Bible study.

In April, Miss Helen Rosser, R.N., visited one of the circuits. She took some medicine along and was able to minister to the bodies of many of the people and could advise others to have immediate treatment at the hospital. There is a great need for this type of work and I trust that more of it can be done. She also gave a talk to mothers, which was very beneficial.

WOMAN'S EVANGELISTIC CENTER, WONSAN

KATE COOPER

It was a great joy to be back in Wonsan again, but it was a greater joy to visit the country villages where we have Christian groups and Churches. I found many of our Churches had experienced revivals and new believers had been brought in. In other places the Churches were suffering because of the lack of leaders; but in all the circuits the promises are bright.

Just after Annual Conference we held our annual district class

with an attendance of 188 in the Bible classes in the day and a much larger number of women and girls present at the evangelistic meetings in the evenings. Rev. Yong Do Yi, our circuit leader in the Tongchum county, conducted the meetings. God used him through prayer in a gracious way to bring blessing to us all.

The district class was immediately followed with a Bible woman's conference, lasting one day. At this time the entire field was surveyed and plans made for the work to be done in the fall and winter. Reports have already come from the Bible classes and week of prayer services held in various Churches by the Bible women. The offerings have been unusually good, and the women have been inspired to greater works because of this time of study and prayer together. Several new adult and junior missionary societies have been organized and two or more babies added to the baby department.

Our House of Abounding Grace has continued its main lines of work during the past year. The teachers and helpers have been faithful in their efforts to make Jesus Christ known to those who come for instruction in Bible, music, sewing, cooking, and night school.

At our Christmas program we were grateful to have many of the mothers present who had never been to see us before. Although many of our children who study in night school are very poor and cannot afford to wear stockings, they brought a penny or two for the Christmas collection, and when all was added together we had enough to remember several of the lepers and others in need on Christmas day. We went to them and first told the story of Jesus and of how our night school children had come to know him and in return for their Savior's love had given their money to help those in need with the hope that they, too, might come to know and love their Jesus.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS IN THE WONSAN DISTRICT

KATE COOPER

The Woman's Council has a share in only a part of the teachers' salaries in seventeen country villages where children are being instructed under Christian supervision. The Church people establish the school; provide the house which in many places is the Church; meet all the running expenses and manage all the affairs with the help of a small appropriation from us. We are always consulted concerning the selection of the teachers and are often requested to send those trained in our own schools and training schools.

In these schools we have six young women who were trained in our Pohay Center in the training department and in the night school. One young teacher is the product of our own country schools. Some one remarked the other day that if the school during the years of its existence had accomplished nothing more than produce this one fine young woman all the effort and money spent would not have been in vain. Two of the women teachers are graduates of the Lucy Cuninggim School and two others had some special study there. Eight of our teachers are men.

We have only one registered school, two registered kindergartens, one night school and twelve day schools and keulpangs. Two of the kindergarten teachers have government recognition as qualified teachers. Of the twenty-four teachers employed, sixteen are women.

These schools mean much to the Churches as well as to the villages where they are conducted, and the teachers are very often the Church leaders and Church visitors as well. Now many of our Sunday school teachers are coming from the boys and girls trained in these schools.

WONSAN CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

BLANCHE HAUSER, R.N.

I have been back at my work only four months since furlough. A furlough is a very fine thing to have, and a work out here is also a very fine thing to have. It was quite a joy to be welcomed back in the way these people did it. I am back at the same place with very nearly the same nurses that were here before I went home. We will have two fine young women to finish our three years of nurse training in March of this year.

I hope to be able to be of service to these people, and I know that it is going to be a joy to do so.

WOMAN'S WORK AND DAY SCHOOLS, CHOONCHUN DISTRICT

CARRIE UNA JACKSON

The schools have held their own in attendance and interest. The girls attending the day schools number 242. We tried out a first grade of high school work in the Choonchun school, and, though it was quite a success, we found it inadvisable to continue. Of the eleven girls who took that first-year work, six entered the second year in our credited high schools, and four are doing splendid work as teachers in our kuelpangs.

Three kuelpangs have been discontinued during the year; but in the eighteen left there is an attendance of 446, and the six kindergartens had the privilege of giving the right start to 249 little tots on their road to knowledge. The total in attendance in the schools in our district is 937.

The evangelistic work, too, has gone on with our usual unity and cooperation, and the Bible women have performed their varied tasks with their usual vigor, and our Churches have never been in better condition. The Bible institute and the Bible classes in all the circuits were well attended, and the growth of the women in spiritual things and in their outlook on life in general is very evident.

Truly the Lord has been with us in a special way, and the joys of working with these dear people grow greater every day and in every way.

POLAND

WHITE RUSSIAN WORK, WILNO

SALLIE LEWIS BROWN

Though it is hard to see the results of this last year's work we trust that some of the seed that were sown will in time bring forth fruit. For me it has been a year of great blessing, of getting better acquainted with the language and the people, and of finding better ways of doing things.

Apparently we have lost some ground because we had to close our country work in Radoszkowicze and were prevented from opening now on account of local conditions. We cannot see behind all of this, and what seems to us a set-back now may in the end prove a blessing. At present the Council workers are carrying on only the work in Wilno in the Epworth League, the Sunday school and Church and with the girls in the hostel.

The thing that gave me the most joy during the whole year was the summer conference of women from our different congregations in Poland. We had a week of Bible and mission study, and of discussions of ways and means for furthering the development of

woman's work in the Polish Church. We had more than twenty women with us for the entire course, and all asked for a similar conference next summer. We ask all our auxiliaries in America to pray especially for the women of our Polish societies. They are yet so inexperienced in the work for the Master, but so eager to learn.

EURANIA PYRON

The greater part of my time in Poland has been given to language study, yet I feel that I have been able to do a little actual service in our regular program here in Wilno. For this opportunity, as for every opportunity for service, I am thankful.

Just before Christmas we reorganized our Epworth League for the new year and took in ten new members, thus increasing our active membership to twenty or more. We in the Wilno district are very proud of our League because it has brought more young people to our Church services and has given us the opportunity for contact with some of the fine young people of Wilno. It is a real Epworth League, for it is entirely in the hands of the young people. In passing I mention here that at the present time I happen to have the pleasure of being the first vice president and am also superintendent of the fourth department.

Besides our Epworth League we have a small Sunday school of two classes. Miss Brown has a class of little girls who live in our Internat, while I have a mixed class of young people and adults. I enjoy my class and am happy to report that since the first of September I have been teaching it in the Polish language. Often I have as many as fifteen on Sunday, but the average attendance is around ten.

We have twenty-five girls in our Internat, and each morning before they go off to school either Miss Brown or I have prayer with them.

During our woman's conference in Wilno last summer I had the opportunity to teach the mission study lessons. It means a great deal to me to have met and had fellowship with such consecrated women as those who gathered in Wilno for the conference. My heart is truly thankful for the interest they showed in woman's work for women in Poland.

Although the visible signs of our work here are very small, we are happy and hopeful in it. God has truly been with us and has blessed us.

FOREIGN STATISTICS

EDUCATIONAL WORK

	When Founded.	Number of Grades.		Mis. and Amer. Teachers.		Native Teachers.		Boarding Pupils.		Day Pupils.		Total Pupils.		Native Receipts.	
BRAZIL															
Collegio Piracicabano, Piracicaba.....	1881	12	4	20	39	118	157	\$ 13,865	00						
Collegio Methodista, Ribeirao Preto.....	1899	9	4	14	29	173	202	8,080	00						
Collegio Americano, Porto Alegre.....	1901	9	4	14	36	163	199	15,030	00						
Collegio Isabella Hendrix, Bello Houzonte.....	1904	9	3	18	48	107	155	15,300	00						
Collegio Bennett, Rio de Janeiro.....	1921	11	6	19	72	231	303	35,000	00						
Collegio Centenario, Santa Maria.....	1922	11	3	14	73	137	210	21,768	00						
Day School, People's Institute, Rio de Janeiro.....	1906	5	2	7	...	523	523	...	...				
Day School, Institutional Church, Porto Alegre.....	....	5	...	5	...	185	185	...	...				
Total.....	....	..	26	111	297	1,637	1,934	\$109,043	00						
CHINA															
Laura Haygood Normal School, Soochow.....	1902	13	6	35	106	192	298	\$ 8,000	00						
McTyeire High School and Primaries, Shanghai.....	1891	12	...	...	...	...	...	42,000	00						
Davidson School, Junior High, Soochow.....	1902	9	2	23	57	298	355	4,050	00						
Susan B. Wilson, Junior High, Sungkiang.....	1903	9	...	...	...	...	...	3,300	00						
Virginia School, Kindergarten and Primary, Huchow.....	1918	4	...	...	...	...	...	5,249	00						
Hayes-Wilkins Bible School, Sungkiang.....	1890	...	...	...	...	...	...	400	00						
Eslick Day School, Wuchen.....	1912	6	...	6	...	132	132	180	00						
Wuchen Day School, West Branch.....	1921	6	...	...	...	...	...	145	00						
Bei Pung Kindergarten, Taichang District.....	1915	6	...	4	...	81	81	...	...				
Allene Barcroft and James Fant, Sungkiang District.....	1915	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fort Royal and Lorrene Rogers, Sungkiang District.....	1909	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Centenary Institute, Changchow.....	1908	6	...	...	...	...	250	400	00						
Humbert School, Changchow.....	1910	7	...	11	...	202	202	500	00						
Bennettsville (See Virginia Kindergarten and Primary).....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maria Layng Gibson (Tang Tek School).....	1912	4	...	5½	...	168	168	500	00						
Atkinson Academy, Soochow.....	1896	8	2	17	...	273	273	2,000	00						
Reavis School, Changchow.....	1916	6	...	4	...	100	100	30	00						
Faith Johnson, Changchow.....	1913	7	...	10	...	205	205	...	...				
Theodosia Wales School, Changchow.....	1919	5	...	7	...	100	100	800	00						
Mary V. Nabors, Wusih.....	1910	6	1	5	1	157	157	400	00						
Factory Settlement Day School.....	1920	3	2	4	...	130	130	250	00						
Yuh Tuh.....	1923	7	...	3	...	37	37						
Totals.....	13	134	163	2,325	2,488	\$ 73,453	00						

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	When Founded.	Number of Grades.		Native Teachers.	Boarding Pupils.	Day Pupils.	Total Pupils.	Native Receipts.
		Mis. and Amer. Teachers.						
CUBA								
Colegio Irene Toland, Matanzas	1899	7	4	7	30	83	113	\$ 8,414 00
Colegio Eliza Bowman, Cienfuegos.....	1907	10	5	10	6	153	159	8,773 44
Colegio Buenavista, Havana.....	1920	10		9	28	80	108	19,058 02
Totals.....			14	26	64	316	380	\$ 36,245 46
JAPAN								
Lambuth Training School, Osaka.....	1895							3,500 00
Palmore English Institute, Kobe.....	1923	4	4	6		146	146	3,450 00
Kindergartens, Kobe District.....			10	14		248	248	
Kindergartens, Matsuyama District.....			3	5		74	74	
Kindergartens, Hiroshima District.....			8	18		498	498	
Hiroshima Girls' School.....	1891		7	56	80	666	746	13,832 00
Totals.....			32	99	80	1,632	1,712	\$ 20,782 00
KOREA								
Carolina Institute, Seoul.....	1899	10						\$ 3,905 00
Holston Institute, High School, Songdo.....	1904	4	3	12	42	343	385	3,200 00
Holston Institute, Primary Department, Songdo.....	1902	6	1	12		586	586	1,850 00
Holston Institute, Kindergartens, 3, Songdo.....	1918	2	1	7		259	259	500 00
Lucy Cuninggim, Wonsan.....	1903	10	2	12	48	172	220	2,600 00
Union Methodist Woman's Bible and Training School.....								
Mary Helm School.....	1907	4	1	8	20	62	82	400 00
Ivy Hospital Nurse Training School.....	1911	3	3	2	7	4	11	
Woman's Christian Hospital, Nurse Training School.....	1923	3	1	4	8		8	
Wonsan District Day Schools.....			1	4		45	45	
Songdo District Day School and Kindergartens.....							898	1,800 00
Choonchun District Day Schools.....			1				937	
Seoul District.....			1	9		285	285	
Frances Hitch Primary School.....	1903	6	1	8	2	228	230	1,000 00
Totals.....			16	78	127	3,819	3,946	\$ 15,255 00
MEXICO								
Colegio Roberts, Saltillo.....	1887	12	5	18	77	464	541	\$ 17,547 00
Colegio Palmore, Chihuahua.....	1890	12	6	12	30	345	375	19,585 00
Instituto MacDonell, Durango.....	1892	6	2					7,500 00
Instituto Laurens, Monterrey.....	1885	7	3	17	24	198	222	7,300 00
Colegio Progresso, Parral.....	1887	8	2	9	20	221	241	9,577 00
Oak Cliff Day School, Saltillo.....	1902	2		1		42	42	
Totals.....			18	57	151	1,270	1,421	\$ 61,509 00

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SOCIAL EVANGELISTIC WORK

	Missionaries.	Native Workers.	Pupils.	Clubs.	Total Enrollment.	Clinics.	Visits.	Receipts.
AFRICA								
Minga	1	37			361			
Tunda								
Wembo Nyami								
Total								
BRAZIL								
People's Central Institute Rio de Janeiro	4	7	487		15,586			
CUBA								
Quinta Tosca, Matanzas	2	8	59	70	250			
CHINA								
Trinity Institutional, Chanchow								
Kong Hong Institutional, Soochow								
I Tang-Ka, Hocchow								
Evangelistic workers	5	38			2,570		9,930	
Total								
JAPAN								
Zirin Kwan, Kure	2	4			592			
Airin Kwan, Oita	2	5	88	60	688			
Evangelistic Workers								
Total	5	9	88	60	1280			
KOREA								
House of High Aims, Songdo	1	12	435	150	737			
House of Harmony, Seoul	5	8	2,100		2,870			
House of Abounding Grace, Wonsan	3	8	249		360			
Choonchun								
Evangelistic Workers	4	30			1,236		8,959	
Total	13	58	2,784	150	5,203		8,959	
MEXICO								
Centro Social, Monterrey	3	2	163	61	373			
Centro Cristiano, Chihuahua	5	6	452	80	667			
Centro Cristiano, Durango	3	22	315	128	542			
Evangelistic Workers	1	7					2,062	
Total	12	37	930	269	1,582		2,062	

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

CHINA

Year	Name and Field Address	Home Address
1884.	Miss Virginia M. Atkinson (Emeritus), Soochow	Atlanta, Ga.
1892.	Miss Alice G. Waters, Nanziang	Murray, Ky.
1892.	Miss Martha E. Pyle, Shanghai	Kansas City, Mo.
1894.	Miss Clara E. Steger, Sungkiang	Mountain Grove, Mo.
1896.	Miss Ella D. Leveritt, Changchow	Monroe, Ga.
1899.	Miss Mary M. Tarrant, Soochow	St. Louis, Mo.
1902.	Miss Ida Anderson, Wusih	Jackson, Miss.
1901.	Miss Mary Culler White, Sungkiang	Nashville, Tenn.
1904.	Miss Maggie J. Rogers, Soochow	Marlin, Tex.
1906.	Miss Nettie Peacock, Shanghai	Macon, Ga.
1906.	Miss Emma Lester, Shanghai	Augusta, Ga.
1907.	Miss Nell Drake, Sungkiang	Port Gibson, Miss.
1908.	Miss Julia Wasson, Shanghai	Ethel, Miss.
1909.	Miss Mary Hood, R.N., Shanghai	Brownsville, Tenn.
1909.	Miss Leila J. Tuttle, Soochow	Lenoir, S. C.
1911.	Miss Annie J. Bradshaw, Soochow	Lynch Station, Va.
1911.	Miss Mittie Shelton (Mexico 1927-30), Soochow	Lorena, Tex.
1912.	Miss Alice Green, Changchow	Jonesboro, N. C.
1912.	Miss Nina W. Troy, Soochow	Greensboro, N. C.
1913.	Miss Laura V. Mitchell, Huchow	Arcadia, Fla.
1913.	Miss May Hixson, Shanghai	Des Moines, Iowa
1914.	Miss Louise Robinson, Shanghai	New Decatur, Ala.
1914.	Miss Sue Stanford, Shanghai	Waco, Tex.
1914.	Miss Nina M. Stallings, Soochow	Mexico, Mo.
1914.	Miss Muriel Smith (Contract), Shanghai	England
1915.	Miss Kate Hackney, Soochow	Asheville, N. C.
1916.	Miss Mary Blackford, Huchow	St. Louis, Mo.
1917.	Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Shanghai	Maxton, N. C.
1919.	Miss Alice Alsup, Soochow	Maypearl, Tex.
1919.	Miss Marguerite Clark, Shanghai	Sunnyside, Va.
1921.	Miss Lillian Knobles, Soochow	State Line, Miss.
1921.	Miss Mary Dill Overall, Shanghai	Dyer, Tenn.
1922.	Miss Lucy Jim Webb, Shanghai	Forsythe, Ga.
1922.	Miss Margaret Rue, Wusih	Norfolk, Va.
1923.	Miss Cornelia Crozier, Soochow	Fayetteville, Ark.
1923.	Miss Mary Bell Winn, Soochow	Ridgeway, S. C.
1925.	Miss Anne E. Herbert, R.N., Shanghai	Bennetsville, S. C.
1925.	Miss Ethel Wytelle Bost, Shanghai	Cornelia, S. C.
1925.	Miss Naomi Howie, Soochow	Waynesville, N. C.
1925.	Miss Lucie Clark, Sungkiang	Osawatomie, Kans.
1926.	Miss Lorena Foster, R.N., Changchow	Pearsville, Tex.
1927.	Miss Helen Bierman, R.N., Shanghai	
1928.	Miss Athria McElwreath, R.N., Changchow	Arlington, Tex.
1929.	Miss Elizabeth Steagall Dent, Soochow	Atlanta, Ga.
1929.	Miss Jean F. Craig	Richmond, Va.
1929.	Miss Pearl McCain	Searcy, Ark.
1930.	Miss Sarah Glenn, R.N.	Chester, S. C.
1930.	Miss Robbie Lee Leggett	Allen, Miss.
1930.	Miss Annie E. Campbell (Contract, 1925-29), Soochow	Augusta, Ga.

KOREA

1904.	Miss Ellasue Wagner, Seoul	Chilhowie, Va.
1906.	Miss Lillian Nichols, Songdo	Savannah, Ga.
1906.	Miss Mamie D. Myers, Choon Chun	Waycross, Ga.
1908.	Miss Kate Cooper, Wonsan	Douglasville, Ga.
1909.	Miss Halle Buie, Seoul	Wesson, Miss.
1909.	Miss Laura V. Edwards, Seoul	Hereford, Tex.
1910.	Miss Bertha Smith, Songdo	Marshall, Mo.
1911.	Miss Carrie Una Jackson, Choonchun	Arlington, Ky.
1911.	Miss Ida Hankins, Songdo	Wilmington, N. C.
1911.	Miss Hortense Tinsley, Seoul	Americus, Ga.
1912.	Miss Bessie Oliver, Wonsan	Unadilla, Ga.
1913.	Miss Agnes Graham, Songdo	Comanche, Tex.
1916.	Miss Rosa M. Lowder, R.N., Songdo	Rutherford College, N. C.
1921.	Mrs. Velma H. Maynor, Seoul	Oneonta, Ala.
1922.	Miss Ruby K. Lee, Seoul	Statesboro, Ga.
1922.	Miss Alice McMakin, Wonsan	Wellford, S. C.
1923.	Miss Clara Howard, R.N., Songdo	Kathleen, Ga.
1923.	Miss Blanche Hauser, R.N., Wonsan	Pfafftown, N. C.

Year	Name and Field Address	Home Address
1924.	Miss Sadie Maude Moore, Wonsan	Statesboro, Ga.
1924.	Miss Mary Helen Rosser, R.N., Songdo	Macon, Ga.
1924.	Miss Nannie Gilder Black, Songdo	Chester, S. C.
1925.	Miss Olive Lee Smith, Choonchun	Reidsville, N. C.
1925.	Miss Euline E. Smith, Songdo	Hamlet, N. C.
1926.	Miss Ruth Diggs, Seoul	Spartanburg, S. C.
1927.	Miss Josephine Dameron (Contract, Seoul)	Warrenton, N. C.
1927.	Miss Alice Margaret Billingsley, Seoul	Duncan, Ariz.
1927.	Miss Nellie A. Dyer, Seoul	Pottsville, Ar.
1928.	Miss Mabel Cherry, Seoul	Unionville, S. C.
1928.	Miss Maude V. Nelson, R.N., Seoul	Eldersville, Tex.
1930.	Miss Susie Peach Foster	Brantley, Ala.
1930.	Miss Ann Wallis	Hartshorne, Okla.

JAPAN

1903.	Miss Margaret M. Cook, Osaka	Newnan, Ga.
1904.	Miss Ida Shannon, Hiroshima	Abingdon, Va.
1908.	Miss Katherine Shannon, Hiroshima	Albertville, Ala.
1910.	Miss Annie Belle Williams, Osaka	Charleston, S. C.
1915.	Miss Annette Gist, Kobe	McIntosh, Fla.
1915.	Miss Charlie Holland, Kobe	Lufkin, Tex.
1917.	Miss Manie Towson, Oita	Eastman, Ga.
1917.	Miss Mabel Whitehead, Osaka	Birmingham, Ala.
1919.	Miss Blanche D. Hagar, Osaka	Kobe, Japan
1920.	Miss Catherine Stevens, Hiroshima	Grenada, Miss.
1920.	Miss Mary Searcy, Kure	Columbia, Mo.
1922.	Miss Katherine Johnson, Hiroshima	Poplar Bluff, Mo.
1922.	Miss Myra Pauline Anderson, Kobe	Anderson, S. C.
1922.	Miss Lois Cooper (1922-26), China, Kure	Brookhaven, Miss.
1923.	Miss M. Elston Rowland, Kobe	Washington, D. C.
1923.	Miss Anne Peavy, Osaka	Byron, Ga.
1923.	Miss Mozelle Tumlin, Oita	Thomaston, Ga.
1924.	Miss Ida Lois Maddux, Hiroshima	Madison, Ga.
1925.	Miss Mary Douglas Finch, Hiroshima	Chase City, Va.
1926.	Miss Sallie Elizabeth Carroll, Oita	Batesville, Va.
1927.	Miss Ruth Field, Osaka	Newnan, Ga.
1929.	Miss Lelia Bagley, Kobe	La Grange, Ga.
1930.	Miss Althea May Cronk	McAllen, Tex.

POLAND

1926.	Miss Sallie Lewis Brown, Wilno	Sussex, Va.
1928.	Miss Eurania Pyron, Wilno	Jackson, Miss.

BRAZIL

1894.	Miss Layona Glenn Rio de Janeiro	Conyers, Ga.
1896.	Miss Lily A. Stradley (Emetus), Piracicaba	Lewisburg, Ohio
1901.	Miss Helen Johnston, Ribeirao Preto	Sebastian, Fla.
1903.	Miss Emma Christine, Ribeirao Preto	Kenwood Springs, Mo.
1907.	Miss Eunice Andrew, Santa Maria	St. Louis, Mo.
1911.	Miss Rachel Jarrett, Piracicaba	Texarkana, Tex.
1911.	Miss Leila F. Epps, Sao Paulo	Kingstree, S. C.
1911.	Miss Lydia Ferguson, Rio de Janeiro	Belton, Tex.
1911.	Miss Sophia Schalch, Beriguy	Piracicaba, Brazil
1912.	Miss Eva Louise Hyde, Rio de Janeiro	Fulton, Mo.
1913.	Miss Mary Jane Baxter, Piracicaba	Huntsville, Ala.
1914.	Miss Gertrude Kennedy, Santa Maria	Kenbridge, Va.
1915.	Miss Maude Mathis, Rio de Janeiro	Texarkana, Ark.
1915.	Miss Mary Sue Brown, Porto Alegre	Gatesville, Tex.
1916.	Miss Lela Putnam, Bello Horizonte	Albany, Tex.
1916.	Miss Nancy Holt, Sao Paulo	Norfolk, Va.
1918.	Miss Mary Alice Lamar, Bello Horizonte	Houston, Tex.
1921.	Miss Louise Best, Santa Maria	Saluda, S. C.
1921.	Miss Viola Matthews, Rio de Janeiro	Charley Hope, Va.
1922.	Miss Rosalie Brown, Ribeirao Preto	Atlanta, Ga.
1924.	Miss Alice Bertha Denison, Bello Horizonte	Waco, Tex.
1925.	Miss Ruth Merritt, Piracicaba	Yanceyville, N. C.
1925.	Miss Mabel Jetton, Santa, Maria	Washington, D. C.
1925.	Miss Susie Pruitt, Porto Alegre	Iva, S. C.
1925.	Miss Mary Hinton, Piracicaba	Ethelville, Ala.
1926.	Miss Verda Noreen Farrar, Bello Horizonte	Advance, Mo.
1927.	Miss Mary Allie Cobb, Rio de Janeiro	Columbia, S. C.
1927.	Miss Clyde Varn, Porto Alegre	Islandton, S. C.
1928.	Miss Mary Helen Clark, Rio de Janeiro	Fort Thomas, Ky.
1928.	Miss Sophia Mount, Santa Maria	Memphis, Tenn.
1929.	Miss Lucy Alta Wade, Bello Horizonte	Ashdown, Ark.
1929.	Miss Gertrude Clapp, Rio de Janeiro	Birmingham, Ala.

Year	Name and Field Address	Home Address
1929.	Miss Juanita Harris (Contract), Rio de Janeiro	San Antonio, Tex.
1930.	Miss Aultie Pauline Burns	Nashville, Tenn.
1930.	Miss Ruth Dewey Anderson	Shamrock, Tex

MEXICO

1896.	Miss Edith Park, Saltillo	Amarillo, Tex.
1911.	Miss Virginia Booth, Saltillo	Austin, Tex.
1912.	Miss Lillie F. Fox, Chihuahua	Odessa, Mo.
1913.	Miss Ethel McCaughan, Durango	Corpus Christi, Tex.
1919.	Miss Dora L. Ingram, Monterrey	Centralla, Mo.
1921.	Miss Emma L. Eldridge, Parral	Wichita, Kans.
1921.	Miss Myrtle Pollard, Parral	Batesville, Miss.
1921.	Miss Myrtle James, Monterrey	Divine, Tex.
1922.	Miss Lorraine Buck, Saltillo	Bessemer, Ala.
1923.	Miss Ruth Byerly, Durango	Shepherdstown, W. Va.
1923.	Miss Edna Pothoff, R. N., Chihuahua	Houston, Tex.
1923.	Miss Anne Deavours (Cuba, 1925), Monterrey	Paulding, Miss.
1923.	Miss Eva Massey, Parral	White Post, Va.
1924.	Miss Bessie Baldwin, R. N., Torreon	Curville, Va.
1925.	Miss Ellen B. Cloud, R. N., Monterrey	Pembroke, Ky.
1925.	Miss Eula Winn, Durango	Columbia, S. C.
1926.	Miss M. Belle Markey (Cuba, 1902-25), Chihuahua	Cleveland, Tenn.
1926.	Miss Irene Nixon, Durango	Georgetown, Tex.
1926.	Miss Helen Hodgson, Saltillo	Orville, Calif.
1926.	Miss Lucile Vail (Contract, Cuba, 1916-24), Chihuahua	Cartersville, Ga.
1927.	Miss Leonore Reese, Durango	Center Point, Tex.
1927.	Miss May Johnson (Cuba, 1925-27) Chihuahua	Winchester, Ky.
1927.	Miss Mary Theresa Hoyle, Monterrey	Ferrum, Va.
1928.	Miss Blanche Eva O'Briant, R. N., Chihuahua	Durham, N. C.
1928.	Miss Bess Lindsay, R. N., Torreon	McCurtain, Okla.
1928.	Miss Alice M. Hardt, Saltillo	Hondo, Tex.
1929.	Miss Jewell Golda Burns, Chihuahua	Port Arthur, Tex.
1929.	Miss Ola Eugene Callahan, Durango	Greensboro, N. C.
1929.	Miss Priscilla Walker, Monterrey	Ashland, Miss.
1929.	Miss Oda Campbell, Chihuahua	McKinney, Tex.
1930.	Miss Anna Belle Dyck (Contract, 1923-30), Chihuahua	Halstead, Kans.

CUBA

1914.	Miss Frances B. Moling (Mexico, 1899-1914), Cienfuegos	Kansas City, Mo.
1921.	Miss Ione Clay (Mexico, 1923-25), Havana	Dublin, Tex.
1921.	Miss Clara Chalmers, Matanzas	New Orleans, La.
1924.	Miss Bertha Tucker (Korea, 1911-23), Matanzas	Crawfordville, Ga.
1925.	Miss Mary Woodward (contract), Havana	Floral, Ala.
1925.	Miss Dreta Sharpe, Cienfuegos	Ogeechee, Ga.
1925.	Miss Lucile Lewis, Havana	Dawson, Ga.
1925.	Miss Mary Lou White (China, 1906-25), Havana	Norfolk, Va.
1927.	Miss Julia Lorene Reid, Matanzas	Lake Charles, La.
1927.	Miss Ethel Williamson, Havana	Dovesville, S. C.
1927.	Miss Marie Ella Crone, Cienfuegos	Lindale, Tex.
1929.	Miss Elizabeth Earnest, Matanzas	Afton, Tenn.
1929.	Miss Frances Gaby (contract), Cienfuegos	Independence, Mo.
1930.	Miss Grace Goodwin, Matanzas	Wagner, S. C.

CONGO BELGE

1920.	Miss Flora Foreman, R. N., Minga	Amarillo, Tex.
1925.	Miss Dora Jane Armstrong, R. N., Wembo Nyama	Clifton Forge, Va.
1927.	Miss Annie Estelle Parker, Minga	Hillsboro, Ala.
1927.	Miss Rosa Eleese McNeil, Wembo Nyama	Jackson, Miss.
1927.	Miss Helen May Farrier, Wembo Nyama	Newport, Va.
1927.	Miss Mary Elizabeth Moore, R. N., Tunda	Richmond, Va.
1927.	Miss Janet Miller, M. D., Minga	Memphis, Tenn.
1929.	Miss Eva Dorothy Reese, Wembo Nyama	Mayslick, Ky.
1929.	Miss Hortense Murry, Wembo Nyama	Arkadelphia, Ark.
1930.	Miss Annimae White	Thomaston, Ga.
1930.	Miss Ruth Adelia O'Toole R. N.	Maplewood, Mo.
1930.	Mrs. Ethel S. Smith	Bowman, S. C.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES NOT NOW IN ACTIVE SERVICE

Appointed	Name, Former Residence, Field	Conference
1878.	Miss Lochie Rankin,* Milan, Tenn., China	Memphis
1879.	Miss Dora Rankin,* Milan, Tenn., China	Memphis
1881.	Miss Annie Williams, † Conception, Tex., Mexico	Texas
1881.	Miss Mattie Watts,* Louisville, Ky., Brazil	Louisville
1881.	Miss Rebecca Toland (Emeritus), Beeville, Tex., Cuba	West Texas

Appointed	Name, Former Residence, Field	Conference
1882.	Miss Blanche Gilbert, Roanoke, Va., Mexico	Baltimore
1882.	Miss Anna J. Muse, † Atlanta, Ga., China	North Georgia
1882.	Mrs. Sarah Burford, Georgetown, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas
1883.	Miss Nannie E. Holding (Emeritus), Latonia, Ky., Mexico	Kentucky
1883.	Miss Mattie B. Jones, Norcross, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1883.	Miss Jennie C. Wolf, Pensacola, Fla., Indian Mission	Alabama
1884.	Miss Laura A. Haygood, * Atlanta, Ga., China	North Georgia
1884.	Miss Dona Hamilton, * Paris, Tex., China	North Texas
1884.	Miss Mildred M. Phillips, M.D., † California, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1884.	Miss Lou E. Phillips, California, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1884.	Miss Mary W. Bruce, † Plattsburg, Mo., Brazil	Missouri
1887.	Mrs. Josephine Campbell, * New York City, China and Korea	Los Angeles
1887.	Miss Emma E. Kerr, † Brownsville, Tenn., China	Memphis
1887.	Miss Kate R. Roberts, * Nashville, Tenn., China	Tennessee
1887.	Miss Lelia Roberts (Emeritus), Bonham, Tex., Mexico	North Texas
1887.	Miss Addie F. Gordon, * Port Gibson, Miss., China	North Mississippi
1887.	Miss Elizabeth Hughes, † Meridian, Miss., China	Mississippi
1887.	Miss Lulu Lipscomb, * Columbus, Miss., China	North Mississippi
1887.	Miss Ada Reagan, † Nashville, Tenn., China	Tennessee
1887.	Miss Marcia Marvin, * St. Louis, Mo., Brazil and Cuba	St. Louis
1888.	Miss Augusta V. Wilson, * Charlestown, West Va., Mexico	Baltimore
1888.	Miss Mary McClelland, † Brookhaven, Miss., China	Mississippi
1888.	Miss Ella Granbery, † St. Louis, Mo., Brazil	St. Louis
1889.	Mrs. E. A. McClendon, * West Point, Ga., Mexico	North Georgia
1889.	Miss A. Clara Chrisman, * Beaufort, Miss., Brazil	Mississippi
1889.	Miss Ella Yarrell, * Emporia, Va., Brazil	Virginia
1889.	Miss Lida Howell, * Duluth, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1889.	Miss Flora Baker, * West Point, Ga., Mexico	North Georgia
1889.	Miss Lulu Ross, * Greensboro, Ala., Brazil	Alabama
1889.	Miss Sallie M. Phillips, † Homer, La., Brazil	Louisiana
1889.	Miss Lizzie Wilson, * Newport, Ky., Mexico	Kentucky
1889.	Miss Ellie B. Tydings, † West Palm Beach, Fla., Mexico	Florida
1890.	Miss Mattie Dorsey, † Charlestown, West Va., Mexico	Baltimore
1890.	Mrs. E. E. Brelsford, Princeton, Ky., Brazil	Louisville
1890.	Miss May Littleton Smithey, * Jetersville, Va., China	Virginia
1890.	Miss Mary Turner, † Sharpsburg, Ky., Mexico	Kentucky
1890.	Miss Kate P. Fanning, † Blountsville, Fla., Mexico	Florida
1890.	Miss Helen Lee Richardson, * St. Louis, Mo., China	St. Louis
1890.	Miss Lucy Harper, * Georgetown, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas
1891.	Miss Mollie F. Brown, Austin, Tex., Brazil	West Texas
1891.	Miss Kate C. McFarrin, * Durango, Mexico, Mexico	New Jersey
1892.	Miss Sue P. Blake, † Micosukee, Fla., China	Florida
1892.	Miss Delia Holding, * Latonia, Ky., Mexico	Kentucky
1892.	Miss Emma Gary, † Elberton, Ga., China	North Georgia
1892.	Miss Sallie B. Reynolds, † Columbia, S. C., China	South Carolina
1892.	Miss Alice Moore, Oxford, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1892.	Miss Susan Littlejohn, † Pacolet, S. C., Brazil	South Carolina
1892.	Miss Amelia Elerding, * Chicago, Ill., Brazil	Illinois
1892.	Miss Mildred Bomar, † Weldon, N. C., China	Western North Carolina
1892.	Mrs. Julia A. Gaither (Emeritus), Oxford, Ga., China	North Georgia
1893.	Miss Bessie Moore, † Savannah, Tenn., Brazil	Tennessee
1893.	Miss Annie Walter, M.D., † Holly Springs, Miss., China	North Mississippi
1894.	Miss Ella Coffey, † Long Mountain, Va., China	Virginia
1894.	Miss Esther Case, † Batesville, Ark., Mexico	North Arkansas
1895.	Miss Willie Bowman, † St. Louis, Mo., Brazil	St. Louis
1895.	Miss May Umberger, † Wytheville, Va., Brazil	Holston
1895.	Miss Viola Blackburn, * Holly Springs, Miss., Mexico	North Mississippi
1895.	Miss Hattie G. Carson, * Savannah, Ga., Mexico and Cuba	South Georgia
1895.	Miss Eliza Perkinson, † Salisbury, Mo., Brazil	Missouri
1895.	Miss Lizzie Martin, † Chapel Hill, N. C., China	North Carolina
1896.	Miss Ida Worth, † St. Louis, Mo., Japan	St. Louis
1896.	Miss Johnnie Sanders, * Union, S. C., China	South Carolina
1896.	Miss Margaret Polk, M.D., Perryville, Ky., China	Kentucky
1896.	Miss Ida Shaffer, Carrollton, Mo., Brazil	Missouri
1897.	Miss Susie E. Williams, † San Francisco, Calif., China	Los Angeles
1897.	Miss Annie Churchill, † Burnet Texas, Mexico and Cuba	Northwest Texas
1897.	Miss Mary L. Richardson, * St. Louis, Mo., China	St. Louis
1897.	Miss Leonora D. Smith, † Eclectic, Ala., Brazil	Alabama
1897.	Miss Laura V. Wright, † Baltimore, Md., Mexico	Baltimore
1898.	Miss Fannie Hines, † Mount Sterling, Ky., Korea	Kentucky
1898.	Miss Mary Pescud, * Raleigh, N. C., Brazil	North Carolina
1899.	Miss Arena Carroll, † Mount Crawford, Va., Korea	Baltimore
1899.	Miss Lela McNemar, Edwards, Miss., Mexico	Mississippi
1899.	Miss Clara B. Fullerton, † Louisville, Ky., Brazil	Louisville
1899.	Miss Maude Bonnell, * Muskogee, Okla., Japan	East Oklahoma
1900.	Miss Sadie Harbough, * Washington, D. C., Korea	Baltimore
1900.	Miss Elizabeth Davis, † Durham, N. C., Brazil	North Carolina
1900.	Miss Alice Griffith, † Marion, Ky., Mexico	Louisville

Appointed	Name, Former Residence, Field	Conference
1900.	Miss June Nicholson,* Edgefield, S. C., China	South Carolina
1900.	Miss Sue Ford, ¶ Paris, Ky., Cuba and Mexico	Kentucky
1901.	Miss Mollie Cessna, † Utica, Miss., Cuba	North Mississippi
1901.	Miss Maidee Smith, La Grange, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1901.	Miss Orient Alexander,* Brookfield, Mo., China	Missouri
1901.	Miss Mary Knowles, † Macon, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1901.	Miss Ada May Stewart, † Leesburg, Fla., Brazil	Florida
1901.	Miss Lily Whitman, Europa, Miss., Cuba	North Mississippi
1901.	Mrs. Ellen B. Carney, Plant City, Fla., Mexico	Florida
1901.	Miss Della V. Wright, Anderson, S. C., Brazil	South Carolina
1901.	Miss May Treadwell, Edgewood, Ga., Mexico	North Georgia
1901.	Miss Norwood Wynn, Dallas, Tex., Mexico	North Texas
1902.	Miss Josephine Hounshell, † Corinth, Va., Korea	Holston
1902.	Miss Blanche Howell, † Asheville, N. C., Brazil	Western North Carolina
1903.	Miss Loula M. Norville, † Livingston, Ala., China	Alabama
1903.	Miss Ara Riggins,* Pasadena, Calif., Mexico	Los Angeles
1904.	Miss Ada Parker, † New Orleans, La., Brazil	Louisiana
1904.	Miss Janie Watkins,* Jackson, Miss., China	Mississippi
1905.	Miss Mattie M. Ivey,* Calvert, Tex., Korea	Texas
1905.	Miss Cordelia Erwin, † Murray, Ky., Korea	Memphis
1905.	Mrs. Fannie K. Brown, † Knoxville, Tenn., Brazil	Holston
1905.	Miss Irene King, Holden, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1905.	Miss Elizabeth Claiborne, ¶ Jackson, Tenn., China	Memphis
1906.	Miss Elizabeth Lamb, † Fayetteville, N. C., Brazil	North Carolina
1906.	Miss Eleanor Dye, † Evansville, Miss., Korea	North Mississippi
1906.	Miss Sophia Mann,* Mexia, Tex., China	Northwest Texas
1906.	Miss Estelle Hood, Commerce, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1907.	Miss Agnes Ruff, Wallaceville, S. C., Cuba	South Carolina
1907.	Mrs. S. S. Harris, Citra, Fla., China	Florida
1907.	Mrs. Emily Runyon, M.D., Richmond, Va., China	Virginia
1907.	Miss Ruby Kendrick,* Plano, Tex., Korea	Northwest Texas
1907.	Miss Martha Ivie Batey, † Murfreesboro, Tenn., Korea	Tennessee
1907.	Miss Ruby Lilly, † Whitman, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1907.	Miss Augusta May Dye, † Plano, Tex., Brazil	Northwest Texas
1907.	Miss Emma Steger, † Mountain Grove, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1907.	Miss Linnie Barcroft, Tupelo, Miss., Mexico	Mississippi
1907.	Miss Alma Jones, Webb City, Mo., Mexico	Southwest Missouri
1908.	Miss Kate Smallwood, † New Albany, Miss., China	North Mississippi
1908.	Miss Laura Lee,* Nashville, Tenn., Mexico and Cuba	Tennessee
1908.	Miss Daisy Pyles, † Juiz de Fora, Brazil, Brazil	Brazil
1908.	Miss Mary F. Johnstone, † Dawson, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1908.	Mrs. Nellie O'Bierne, ¶ Zwolle, La., Mexico	Louisiana
1908.	Miss Trulie Richmond, † Ennis, Tex., Brazil	Central Texas
1908.	Miss Mamie Fenley, † Riebeirao Preto, Brazil, Brazil	Brazil
1908.	Miss Mary Massey, Iuka, Miss., Mexico	North Mississippi
1909.	Miss Bessie Houser, † Perry, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1909.	Miss Hardyia Norville, Livingston, Ala., Mexico	Alabama
1909.	Miss Martha Nutt, ¶ Granbery, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas
1909.	Miss Valeria Vollmer, † Porto Alegre, Brazil, Brazil	Brazil
1909.	Miss Minnie Varner, † Greenville, Ala., Mexico	Alabama
1909.	Miss Clara Park, † Sandersville, Ga., China and Mexico	South Georgia
1909.	Miss Elsie Lowe, † Midlothian, Tex., Korea	Central Texas
1909.	Miss Tommie Foster, Tehula, Miss., China	Mississippi
1909.	Miss Helen Hickman, Sherman, Tex., Brazil	North Texas
1909.	Miss Sarah E. Warne, Santa Ana, Calif., Brazil and Mexico	Los Angeles
1909.	Miss Terrie Etta Buttrick, Asheville, N. C., Mexico	Western North Carolina
1910.	Miss Maria Wightman Capers, † Charleston, S. C., Mexico	South Carolina
1910.	Miss Margaret Beadle, † Austin, Tex., China	West Texas
1910.	Miss Nevada Martin, † Pelahatchee, Miss., China	Mississippi
1910.	Miss Dora Otis, † Hopkinsville, Mo., China	Missouri
1910.	Miss Gilberta Harris, Arkadelphia, Ark., Korea	Little Rock
1910.	Miss Nellie Bennett, Blackstone, Va., Japan	Virginia
1910.	Miss Johnnie Pierson, Hamilton, Tex., Mexico	Northwest Texas
1910.	Miss Sallie J. Smith, † Richmond, Va., China	Virginia
1910.	Miss Ellen Alfter,* Warrensburg, Mo., Mexico	Southwest Missouri
1910.	Miss Alice Dean Noyes, Macon, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1910.	Miss Virginia Howell, Lamasco, Tex., Brazil	North Texas
1910.	Miss Emma Turbeville, Martin, Tenn., Korea	Memphis
1910.	Miss Miriam Steele, † Brownwood, Tex., Brazil	Northwest Texas
1911.	Miss Lina Clara Kock, Llano, Tex., Korea	West Texas
1911.	Miss Bess Combs, St. Joseph, Mo., China	Missouri
1911.	Miss Clare Beverly Cain, Los Angeles, Calif., Mexico and Brazil	Los Angeles
1911.	Miss Myrtle Barker, † Warsaw, Ky., Korea	Kentucky
1911.	Miss Frankie Hooper, St. Joseph, Mo., Mexico	Missouri
1911.	Miss Margaret Simpson, Little Rock, Ark., Brazil	Arkansas
1911.	Miss Lillie Reed, † Waco, Tex., Korea	East Oklahoma
1911.	Miss Madge Hendry, Huchow, China, China	China
1911.	Miss Florence Barton, Frederickstown, Mo., Brazil	St. Louis

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1912.	Miss Frances Burkhead, Lexington, N. C., China	Western North Carolina
1912.	Miss Mae Owings, Fountain Inn, S. C., Korea	South Carolina
1912.	Miss Flora Herndon,† Elberton, Ga., China	North Georgia
1912.	Miss Maggie Lee Kenney,† Los Angeles, Calif., Brazil	Los Angeles
1912.	Miss Charlie May Cunningham, Lindsay, Calif., Mexico	Los Angeles
1912.	Miss Laura V. Summers, Barnesville, Ga., Korea	North Georgia
1912.	Miss Carrie S. Minor, St. Louis, Mo., Korea	St. Louis
1912.	Miss Lucy Henderson,† Murfreesboro, Tenn., Brazil	South Georgia
1912.	Miss Bessie Lee Wilson,* College Grove, Tenn., Mexico and Cuba	Tennessee
1912.	Miss Theodosia Wales,† Binghamton, N. Y., China	New Jersey
1912.	Miss Edith Hayes,† Birmingham, Ala., China	North Alabama
1912.	Miss Ethel Polk, M.D.,† Kansas City, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1912.	Miss Jennie Stradley,† Granbery, Tex., Brazil	Central Texas
1913.	Miss Lela M. Blier, Kansas City, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1913.	Miss Ethel Newcomb, St. Louis, Mo., Japan	St. Louis
1913.	Miss Hattie F. Love, M.D.,† Sweetwater, Tenn., China	Holston
1913.	Miss Blanche Webb,† Chattanooga, Tenn., Brazil	Holston
1913.	Miss Bertha O. Attaway,† Oswego, S. C., China	South Carolina
1913.	Miss Bessie Hardie,† Korea, Korea	South Georgia
1913.	Miss Margaret Webster, Ennis, Tex., Cuba	Central Texas
1913.	Miss Edith Brittingham, Portsmouth, Va., Mexico	Virginia
1913.	Miss Eva Hardie,† Oak Park, Ill., Korea	Illinois
1914.	Miss Manelle Forster,† Macon, Ga., Mexico and Cuba	South Georgia
1914.	Miss Elizabeth Love,† Sweetwater, Tenn., China	Holston
1914.	Miss Allene Pearce, Danville, Ky., Korea	Kentucky
1914.	Miss Elma Morgan,† Stephens, Ark., Brazil	Little Rock
1915.	Miss Ruth Brittain, Birmingham, Ala., China	North Alabama
1915.	Miss Olive Lipscomb,† Nashville, Tenn., China	Tennessee
1915.	Miss Ellie Gray, La Grange, Ga., China	North Georgia
1915.	Miss Ethel Brown, Petersburg, Va., Brazil	Virginia
1916.	Miss Myra Olive, Seattle, Wash., China	Northwest
1917.	Miss Etha Mills,† Apple Grove, Va., Congo Belge	Virginia
1917.	Miss Etta Lee Woolsey,† Bay City, Tex., Congo Belge	Texas
1917.	Miss Grace McCubbins,† Salisbury, N. C., Korea	Western North Carolina
1917.	Miss Katherine Hatcher,† Harlem, Ga., Korea	North Georgia
1917.	Miss Sarah Vandyke Stout,† Clarksville, Tenn., Brazil	Tennessee
1917.	Miss Kathron Wilson, R.N.,† Dodd City, Tex., Congo Belge	North Texas
1917.	Miss Marie Raffo,† Tampa, Fla., China	Florida
1917.	Miss Louise Ingersoll, M.D., Asheville, N. C., China	Western North Carolina
1918.	Miss Pauline Glass Randall,* New Orleans, La., Korea	Louisiana
1918.	Miss Pearl O. Hicks,† Shawnee, Okla., Brazil	East Oklahoma
1918.	Miss Alma Pitts, R.N., Cottontown, Ala., China	East Oklahoma
1918.	Miss Edna Booker,† Los Angeles, Calif., China	Los Angeles
1918.	Miss Jessie Drew Gill,† Tuskegee, Ala., Cuba	Alabama
1919.	Miss Annie M. Craig, Austin, Tex., Mexico	West Texas
1919.	Miss Fannie Scott,† Toney Creek, S. C., Brazil	Upper South Carolina
1919.	Miss Nora E. Darwin, Fort Worth, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas
1919.	Miss Carrie Turner, R.N.,† Bremond, Tex., Korea	Texas
1920.	Miss Flossie McKnight, Chafin, Mo., China	St. Louis
1920.	Miss Eliza Isles,† Dry Creek, La., Congo Belge	Louisiana
1920.	Miss Marzie Hall,† Walnut Grove, Miss., Congo Belge	Mississippi
1920.	Miss Ruth Henderson,† Richmond, Va., Congo Belge	Virginia
1920.	Miss Jean Callahan,† Orlando, Fla., Japan	Japan
1920.	Miss Sarah Brinkley, Jewell, Ga., China	Mississippi
1920.	Miss Ruby Van Houser, Titusville, Fla., Japan	Florida
1921.	Miss Ella M. Hanawalt, Galva, Ill., China	Kentucky
1921.	Miss Willie G. Hall,† Walnut Grove, Miss., Congo Belge	Mississippi
1921.	Miss Mary Vic Mauk, Troy, Ala., Korea	Alabama
1921.	Miss Annie Justice Hanson,† Clifton, Tex., Korea	Central Texas
1921.	Miss Alice E. Furry, R.N., Van Buren, Ark., Korea	North Arkansas
1921.	Miss Lucy Bell Morgan, Georgetown, Tex., Brazil	Central Texas
1921.	Miss Jessie Bloodworth, Hartsborne, Okla., China	East Oklahoma
1922.	Miss Naomi Chapman, R.N., New Orleans, La., Mexico	Louisiana
1922.	Miss Jessie Moore, Batesville, Ark., Brazil	North Arkansas
1922.	Miss Junia Jones,† Montgomery, Ala., Cuba and Mexico	Alabama
1922.	Mrs. Fannie B. Warren,† Tulsa, Okla., Congo Belge	East Oklahoma
1922.	Miss Cornelia Godbey,† Morristown, Mo., Mexico	Southwest Missouri
1922.	Miss Dora O'Lula Hanna,*† Sepulpa, Okla., Mexico	East Oklahoma
1922.	Miss Christine Allen,† Crowell, Tex., Congo Belge and Cuba	Northwest Texas
1922.	Miss Cavie Clark,† Mize, Miss., Brazil	Mississippi
1922.	Miss Helen Hardy,† Bennis Church, Va., Brazil	Baltimore
1922.	Miss Susan W. Brown, M.D., Columbia, Mo., China	Missouri
1923.	Miss Lillian Wahl,* Paris, Ark., Siberia-Manchuria	North Arkansas
1923.	Miss Margaret P. Light,† Romney, W. Va., Korea	Baltimore
1923.	Miss Alma Brandt, R.N.,† Appleton, Wis., China	St. Louis
1923.	Miss Constance Rumbough, Lynchburg, Va., Manchuria and Poland	Virginia
1924.	Miss Amy Jo Burns, Bonclar Springs, Va., Mexico	Baltimore
1924.	Miss Angela Chappelle, San Antonio, Tex., Mexico	West Texas

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1924.	Miss Ruth Audrey Kelogg, † Boyle, Miss., Brazil	North Mississippi
1924.	Miss Pearl Hall, R.N., Dodson, Va., Mexico	Virginia
1924.	Miss Mary McDaniel, M.D., † Savannah, Mo., China	Missouri
1924.	Miss Eda Cade, † Lono, Ark., China	Little Rock
1924.	Miss Sadie Mae Wilson, Nashville, Tenn., China	Tennessee
1925.	Miss Vada Gilliland, Georgetown, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas
1925.	Miss Daisye Ferguson,* Woodville, Miss., Brazil	Mississippi
1925.	Miss Pearl Wiemers, R.N., Giddings, Tex., China	Texas
1926.	Miss Edith Bayne, Macon, Ga., Cuba	South Georgia
1926.	Miss Myrtie Bryant, † Collins, Miss., Congo Belge	Mississippi
1927.	Miss Leah Hartley, Zebulon, Ga., Korea	North Georgia
1927.	Miss Octavia Clegg, † Greensboro, N. C., Japan	Western North Carolina
1928.	Miss Mary Taylor Myers, R.N., † Concord, N. C., Congo Belge	North Carolina

*Deceased. †Married. ¶Transferred to Home Department or Work of the Board of Missions. ‡Retired.

APPOINTMENTS OF HOME WORKERS, 1930-31

ALABAMA

Ensley Community House, Ensley: Head Resident, Miss Dorothy Crim.
Girls' Work, Miss Alaska Terry.
Boys' Work, Miss Myrta Davis.

Eva Comer Home, Birmingham: Head Resident, Miss Kate Walker.
Wesley Community House, Montgomery: Head Resident, Miss Bessie Bunn.
Dumas Wesley House, Mobile: Head Resident, Miss Gertrude Grizzard.
Cajan Rural Work, Camden; Miss Obra Rogers.

ARIZONA

Southern Methodist Hospital, Tucson: Religious Workers, Miss Lexie Vivian.
Central Church, Phoenix: Church Visitor, Miss Ida M. Stevens.

ARKANSAS

Helena District: Rural Worker, Miss Jessie Mae Byers.
Camden District: Rural Worker, Miss Willie May Porter.

CALIFORNIA

Homer Toberman Mission, Los Angeles: Head Resident, Miss Margaret Ragland.
Miss Hazel Shick.
Wesley House, San Francisco: Miss Clara Hodgson.
Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco: Head Resident, Miss Ethel Jackson.
Social and Evangelistic Worker, Miss Glenn Moore.

COLORADO

First Church, Walesenburg: Church Worker, Miss Mollie Womack.

FLORIDA

Wolf Settlement, Tampa: Head Resident, Miss Bertha Cox.
Miss Elma Morgan.
Miss Ruth Diaz.
Kindergartner, Miss Martha Lewis.
Rosa Valdez Settlement, West Tampa: Head Resident, Miss Bess Sargent.
Kindergartner, Miss Emma Burris.
Miss Edith Webb.
Wesley House, Key West: Head Resident, Miss Lottie Green.

GEORGIA

Wesley House, Atlanta: Head Resident, Miss Janet Head.
Club Director, Miss Mary Lou Barnwell.
Kindergartner, Miss Selma Pederson.
Paine Annex, Augusta: Dean of Women, Miss Ruth Bartholomew.
Hamp Stevens Memorial Church, Columbus: Church Worker, Miss Connie Fagan.
Vashti School, Thomasville: Secretary and Bookkeeper, Miss Martha Robinson.
Teacher of Music, Miss Mabeth Sykes.
Teachers, Miss Florence Whiteside, Miss Eula McCoy.
Matron Little Girls' Cottage, Miss Emily Dorsey.

KENTUCKY

Sue Bennett School, London: Teachers, Miss Ola Lee Barnett, Miss Dorothy Hillard.
Coöperative Home, Lexington: Head Resident, Miss Maria Elliott.
Wesley House, Louisville: Head Resident, Miss Ellen Gainey.
Miss Elizabeth Russell.
First Church, Somerset: Church Worker, Miss Emily Olmstead.
District Rural Work (Louisville Conference): Rural Worker, Miss Mae C. Sells. (Grider.)
Rural Worker, Miss Brooksie Davenport.
(Monticello.)
Jenkins, Ky.: Industrial, Miss Pattie Allen.

LOUISIANA

St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans: Head Resident, Miss Nettie Stroup.
Miss Maggie Marshall.
Miss Lillian Addison.
Nurse, Miss Wortley Moorman.
MacDonell School, Houma: Superintendent, Miss Ella K. Hooper.
Nurse, Miss Hazel Bulifant.
Teacher, Miss Lillie Hendricks.
District Rural Work (Louisiana Conference): Rural Worker, Miss Ora Hooper.
First Church, Shreveport: Church Worker, Miss Grace Gatewood.
Coöperative Home, Shreveport: Head Resident, Miss Mary Nichols.

MARYLAND

Wilkins Avenue Church, Baltimore: Social Worker, Miss Wilhelmina Wahlroos.

MISSISSIPPI

Wesley House, Biloxi: Head Resident, Miss Ruth Hefin.
 Club Director, Miss Helen Reeves.
 Boys' Director, Miss Edith Leighty.
 Moore Community House, Biloxi: Head Resident, Miss Sallie Ellis.
 North Mississippi Rural: Rural Worker, Miss Dora Hoover.
 Aberdeen District Rural: Rural Worker, Miss Ethel Cunningham.
 Wesley Community House, Meridian: Head Resident, Miss Annie Trawick.
 Club Director, Miss Rosalie Riggan.
 Pascagoula: Worker, Miss Minnie Lee Eidson.

MISSOURI

Wesley House, St. Joseph: Head Resident, Miss Florence Blackwell.
 Kindergartner, Miss Verdie Anderson.
 Spofford Home, Kansas City: Head Resident, Miss Emma Burton.
 Assistant, Miss Blanche White.
 Institutional Church, Kansas City: Head Resident, Miss Elizabeth Taylor.
 Young People's Director, Miss Dorothy Dodd.
 Boys' Director, Miss Ola Lee Gilbert.
 Children's Director, Miss Martina Hyde.
 East Bottoms, Kansas City: Social Service Worker, Miss Margaret Hodkins.
 Kingdom House, St. Louis: Head Resident, Miss Annie Alford.
 Girls' Director, Miss Pearle Edwards.
 Centenary Church, St. Louis: Church Workers, Miss Louise Hill Smith, Miss Ruth Carryer.

NORTH CAROLINA

Brevard Institute, Brevard: Teachers, Miss Frances Denton, Miss Jane Wilkinson, Miss Margaret Van Lahr, Miss Lena Long.
 Duncan Memorial Church, Charlotte: Church Workers, Miss Lillie V. Wood.
 Edenton Street Church, Raleigh: Church Worker or Director of Religious Education, Miss Mamie Chandler.

OKLAHOMA

Wesley House, Oklahoma City: Head Resident, Miss Moselle Eubanks.
 Club Director, Miss Inez Martin.
 Oklahoma State Teachers College, Durant: Teacher of Bible, Miss Lena Noll.
 Settlement Work, Picher: Miss Adeline Peoples.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Wesley House, Columbia: Head Resident, Miss Constance Palmore.
 Wesley House, Orangeburg: Head Resident, Miss Athalia Baker.

TENNESSEE

Wesley House, Nashville: Head Resident, Miss Lora Long.
 Miss Lora Lee Pederson.
 Miss Mae Coburn.
 Miss Una Smith.
 Scarritt College, Nashville: Student Counselor, Miss Mary Ora Durham.
 Centenary Institute, Nashville: Head Resident, Miss Katharine Arnold.
 Miss Birdie Reynolds.
 Miss Sophie Kuntz.
 Bethlehem House, Nashville: Head Resident, Miss Margaret Young.
 Miss Ann Rogers.
 Wesley House, Chattanooga: Head Resident, Mrs. Selden Bryan.
 Bethlehem House, Chattanooga: Head Resident, Miss Frances Howard.
 Centenary Church, Chattanooga: Church Worker, Miss Dorothea Reid.
 Wesley House, Knoxville: Mrs. Mary E. Freeman.
 Wesley House, Memphis: Head Resident, Miss Jennie Congleton.
 Girls' and Boys' Worker, Miss Sarah Kee.
 Holston Orphanage, Greenville: Miss Belle Hennen.
 Kingsport: Church Worker Industrial Group, Miss Willia Duncan.
 Elizabethton: Pastor's Assistant, Miss Helen Gardner.
 Ward-Belmont, Nashville: Teacher of Bible, Miss Oscie Sanders.

TEXAS

Mexican Work, Dallas: Club Director, Miss Grace Thatcher.
 Virginia K. Johnson Home, Dallas: Teachers, Miss Susie Teel, Miss Iva Lou Matkin.
 Wesley House, Fort Worth: Head Resident, Miss Ella K. Bowden.
 Rebecca Sparks Inn, Waco: Head Resident, Miss Maude Fall.
 Wesley House, Lyra: Head Resident, Miss Rhoda Dragoo.
 Wesley House, San Antonio: Head Resident, Miss Rena Murphy.
 Boys' Director, Miss Ruby Berkley.
 Kindergartner, Miss Lila Mac Campbell.
 Denver Heights Church, San Antonio: Pastor's Assistant, Miss Willena Henry.

Coöperative Home, Houston: Head Resident, Miss Addie B. Greely.
 Miss Esther Drinker.
 Mexican Work, Houston: Head Resident, Miss Eugenia Smith.
 Kindergartner, Miss Sue V. Herrick.
 Holding Institute, Laredo: Superintendent, Miss Carmen Blessing.
 Teachers, Miss Mary Glendinning, Miss Alice Riley.
 Mexican Work, San Marcos: Miss Mattie Cunningham.
 Calidonia District (Rural), Timpson: Rural Worker, Miss Martha Stewart.
 Community Center, El Paso: Head Resident, Miss Josephine Berglund.
 Girls' Director, Miss Carrie Porter.
 Kindergartner, Miss Nell McClain, Miss Annie Reil.

VIRGINIA

Wilson Inn, Richmond: Head Resident, Miss Mary Daniel.
 Belmont Church, Roanoke: Church Worker, Miss Mary Osborne.
 Wesley House, Danville: Head Resident, Miss Mary Lou Bond.
 Club Director, Miss Lula Kagey.
 State Teachers College, Williamsburg: Teacher of Bible, Miss Zoo Anna Davis.
 Hopewell: Industrial, Mrs. Grace Driver.

WEST VIRGINIA

Coal Fields, Bluefield District, Holston Conference: Miss Cornelia Godbey, Miss Catherine Parham, Miss Evelyn Waddell, Miss Cora Lee Glenn.
 Western Virginia Conference, Coal Fields: Miss Fannie Bame.

Employed Workers, 1930-31

ALABAMA

Bethlehem House, Birmingham: Head Resident, Mrs. J. R. White.
 Community House, Decatur: Director, Lucy Bell.

ARIZONA

Central Church, Phoenix: Church Worker, Mrs. M. E. Mackey.

CALIFORNIA

Homer Toberman Mission, Los Angeles: Nurse, Miss Annie Kate Marsh, Miss Juarez.
 San Francisco (Wesley Hall): Head Resident, Miss Elizabeth Olmstead.

FLORIDA

Wolf Settlement, Tampa: Friendly Visitor and Housekeeper, Mrs. Carrie L. Bond.
 Wesley House, Key West: Miss Helen Porter.

GEORGIA

Paine Annex, Augusta: Teacher of Music, Miss Aubrey I. Walton.
 Bethlehem House, Augusta: Head Resident, Miss Thelma Stevens.
 Club Director, Dorothy Weber.
 Allie W. Long (negro).
 North Georgia Rural Work: Rural Worker, Miss Bert Winter.
 Hamp Stevens Memorial Church, Columbus: Children's Director, Mrs. Rosalie Rosser.
 Vashti School, Thomasville: Superintendent, Miss Charlotte Dye, Miss Mary Miller, Miss Lena Chambers, Miss Grace Hunt, Miss Hazel Grooms, Miss Lula King, Mrs. F. A. Downs,
 Mrs. Martha Chandler.

KENTUCKY

Sue Bennett College, London: President, K. C. East.
 Teacher, Miss Nora Mullins, Miss Genevieve Jefferson.

LOUISIANA

St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans: Miss Helen Shriner.

MISSISSIPPI

Wesley House, Biloxi: Day Nursery, Miss Marianna Wade.
 Moore Community House, Biloxi: Miss Kate Herndon.

MISSOURI

Hendrix Hall, Columbia: Director, Mrs. Adella Anderson.
 Business Manager, Mrs. C. E. Alford.

NORTH CAROLINA

Brevard Institute, Brevard: Superintendent, J. F. Winton.
 Bethlehem House, Winston-Salem: Miss Marion Brincefield (negro).

OKLAHOMA

Agnes Moore Hall, Norman: Director and Business Manager, Mrs. T. J. Holman.

TENNESSEE

Wesley House, Murfreesboro: Miss Maggie Cox, Miss Fannie Cox.

TEXAS

Mexican Work, Dallas: Head Resident, Miss Lula Bell.
 Virginia Johnson Home, Dallas: Superintendent, Miss Mary L. Freeman.
 Nurse, Miss Alma Pitts.
 Teacher, Miss Bess McLain.
 Wesley House, Fort Worth: Club Worker, Miss Bertha Hogg.
 Kindergartner, Miss Laura Stillwell.
 Wesley House, San Antonio: Girls' Director, Miss Mary Riddle.
 Holding Institute, Laredo: Teacher, Miss Grace Talbot.
 Immigrant Port Work, Galveston: Port Missionary, Rev. J. E. Reifschneider.
 Kirby Hall, Austin: Director, Mrs. J. W. Robbins.
 Business Manager, Mrs. C. F. Yeager.
 College of Industrial Arts, Denton: Teacher of Bible, Miss McQueen Weir.
 Smith-Carroll Hall, Denton: Director and Business Manager, Mrs. Belle Standiforth.
 Japanese and French Colony, Terry: Worker, Miss Virginia Hicks.
 Texas School of Technology, Lubbock: Teacher of Bible, Miss Mary De Bardeleben.
 Valley Institute, Pharr: Superintendent, Miss Georgia Swanson.

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia Coal Fields, Holston Conference—Miss Hyda Heard, Miss Johnsie Hobson,
 Mrs. Tommie Moore, Miss Emma Johnson.
 West Virginia Coal Fields, Western Virginia Conference: Miss Mary Ogden.

WE RECOMMEND FOR FURLOUGH

Miss Annie Price, Miss Muriel Bell, Miss Esther Boggs, Miss Berta Ellison, Miss Nell Howard, Miss Ura Leveridge, Miss Sarah Lowder, Miss Susie Mitchell, Miss Mamie Robinson, Miss Lois Tinsley, Miss Emma Vogel.

WE RECOMMEND FOR CONTINUED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Miss Bess Eaton (family), Miss Jessie Drew Gill (health), Miss Gaye Hoke (family), Miss Mary Hasler (health), Miss Ida J. Moore (health), Miss Daisy Ritter (health), Miss Emma Wall (family).

WE RECOMMEND FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Miss Rachel Cantrell (study), Miss Edith Ader (study), Miss Alice McLarty (personal), Miss Mabel Clark (health).

WE RECOMMEND FOR TRANSFER

Miss Grace McCracken to General Work; Miss Mattie Lou Neal to Foreign Department, Woman's Section.

WE RECOMMEND FOR RELEASE

Miss Alice Shieder (personal), Miss Mary Stokes (personal).

WE RECOMMEND FOR RETIREMENT

Miss Bessie Allen, Miss Jennie Ducker, Mrs. Laura M. White, Miss Minnie Davis.

WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING BE CONTINUED IN REPIRED RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Julia Acton, Mrs. Mary B. Alexander, Miss Elizabeth Davis, Mrs. J. C. Field, Miss Sue T. Ford, Miss Helen Gibson, Miss Alethea Graham, Miss Laura Harris, Miss Mabel Kennedy, Miss Frances Mann, Miss Selina Monohan, Miss Lillian Parker, Miss Mattie Wright.

HOME WORKERS OF THE COUNCIL

DEACONESES

Year	Name	Home Address
1926.	Ader, Miss Edith.....	Weaverville, N. C.
1929.	Addison, Miss Lillian.....	Caldwell, Tex.
1919.	Alford, Miss Annie.....	Del Rio, Tex.
1909.	Allen, Miss Bessie.....	Hendersonville, N. C.
1922.	Allen, Miss Pattie.....	Knoxville, Tenn.
1927.	Anderson, Miss Mabel.....	Dolphin, Va.
1924.	Anderson, Miss Verdie.....	Spartanburg, S. C.
1921.	Arnold, Miss Katherine.....	Louisville, Ky.
1928.	Baker, Miss Athalia.....	Orangeburg, S. C.
1922.	Bame, Miss Fannie.....	Salisbury, N. C.
1927.	Barnett, Miss Ola Lee.....	Clinton, Mo.
1928.	Barnwell, Miss Mary Lou.....	Arabi, Ga.
1927.	Bartholomew, Miss Ruth.....	Gladys, Va.
1923.	Bell, Miss Muriel.....	Temple, Tex.
1917.	Berglund, Miss Josephine.....	Springfield, Mo.
1924.	Berkley, Miss Ruby.....	Red Banks, Miss.
1906.	Blackwell, Miss Florence.....	Kirksville, Mo.
1923.	Blessing, Miss Carmen.....	Berkeley, Calif.
1924.	Boggs, Miss Esther.....	Greenville, S. C.
1927.	Bond, Miss Mary Lou.....	Morrisville, Mo.
1911.	Bowden, Miss Ella K.....	Brownwood, Tex.
1916.	Bryan, Mrs. Selden.....	Kingstree, S. C.
1928.	Bulifant, Miss Hazel.....	Hampton, Va.
1917.	Bunn, Miss Bessie.....	Little Rock, Ark.
1929.	Burris, Miss Emma.....	Franklinton, La.
1908.	Burton, Miss Emma.....	Kansas City, Mo.
1929.	Byers, Miss Jessie M.....	Eator, Tex.
1923.	Campbell, Miss Lila May.....	Memphis, Tenn.
1922.	Cantrell, Miss Rachel.....	Roanoke, Va.
1929.	Carryer, Miss Ruth M.....	Columbia, Mo.
1925.	Chandler, Miss Mamie.....	Sumter, S. C.
1928.	Clark, Miss Mabel.....	Louisville, Miss.
1915.	Coburn, Miss Mae.....	Birmingham, Ala.
1922.	Congleton, Miss Jennie.....	Greenville, N. C.
1922.	Cox, Miss Bertha.....	Sedalia, Mo.
1908.	Crim, Miss Dorothy.....	Atlanta, Ga.
1913.	Cunningham, Miss Ethel.....	Columbia, Mo.
1912.	Cunningham, Miss Mattie.....	Columbia, Mo.
1910.	Daniel, Miss Mary.....	Washington, La.
1925.	Davenport, Miss Brooksie.....	Ware Shoals, S. C.
1922.	Davis, Miss Minnie.....	Houston, Tex.
1924.	Davis, Miss Myrta.....	Houston, Tex.
1928.	Davis, Miss Zoe Anna.....	Houston, Tex.
1909.	Denton, Miss Frances.....	Fort Smith, Ark.
1927.	Diaz, Miss Ruth Dolores.....	San Antonio, Tex.
1930.	Drinker, Miss Esther.....	Beggs, Okla.
1920.	Dodd, Miss Dorothy.....	Hartsville, Tenn.
1924.	Dorsey, Miss Emily.....	Dallas, Tex.
1909.	Dragoo, Miss Rhoda.....	Palmetto, Fla.
1917.	Driver, Mrs. Grace M.....	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
1909.	Ducker, Miss Jennie.....	Hopkinsville, Ky.
1922.	Duncan, Miss Willa.....	Maeo, Ky.
1910.	Durham, Miss Mary Ora.....	Danville, Ky.
1922.	Eaton, Miss Bess.....	Staffordsville, Va.
1926.	Edwards, Miss Pearle.....	Perry, Ga.
1917.	Eidson, Miss Minnie Lee.....	Jonesboro, Ark.
1904.	Elliott, Miss Maria.....	Dallas, Tex.
1914.	Ellison, Miss Berta.....	Franklinville, N. C.
1922.	Eubanks, Miss Moselle.....	Rome, Ga.
1928.	Ellis, Miss Sallie.....	Clarksville, Tenn.
1911.	Fagan, Miss Connie.....	Savannah, Ga.
1915.	Fail, Miss Maude.....	Hattiesburg, Miss.
1922.	Freeman, Mrs. Mary Etta.....	Carlton, Ga.
1910.	Gainey, Miss Ellen.....	Fayetteville, N. C.
1915.	Gardner, Miss Helen.....	St. Louis, Mo.
1915.	Gatewood, Miss Grace.....	Myra, Tex.
1923.	Gilbert, Miss Ola.....	Marlanna, Fla.
1922.	Gill, Miss Jessie Drew.....	Tuskegee, Ala.
1926.	Glendinning, Miss Mary.....	Palmyra, Mo.
1929.	Glenn, Miss Cora Lee.....	Atmore, Ala.
1911.	Godbey, Miss Cornelia.....	Marietta, Ohio

Year	Name	Home Address
1925.	Greely, Miss Addie.....	Jackson, Miss.
1924.	Green, Miss Lottie.....	Bransford, Fla.
1911.	Grizzard, Miss Gertrude.....	Nashville, Tenn.
1914.	Hasler, Miss Mary.....	Springfield, Mo.
1930.	Head, Miss Janet C.....	Natchez, Miss.
1925.	Heflin, Miss Ruth.....	Forest, Miss.
1923.	Hendricks, Miss Lillie.....	Oneonta, Ala.
1923.	Hennen, Miss Belle.....	Fairmont, W. Va.
1909.	Henry, Miss Willena.....	Rice, Tex.
1905.	Herrick, Miss Sue V.....	Whitney, Tex.
1928.	Hillard, Miss Dorothy.....	Jackson, Tenn.
1928.	Hodgson, Miss Clara.....	Colusa, Calif.
1930.	Hodkins, Miss Margaret.....	Kansas City, Mo.
1920.	Hoke, Miss Gaye.....	Second Creek, W. Va.
1919.	Hooper, Miss Ella K.....	Houma, La.
1927.	Hooper, Miss Lottie Ora.....	Rosedale, La.
1909.	Hoover, Miss Dora.....	Newton, N. C.
1921.	Howard, Miss Frances.....	Blytheville, Ark.
1923.	Howard, Miss Nellie.....	Louisville, Ky.
1930.	Hyde, Miss Martina.....	Memphis, Tenn.
1907.	Jackson, Miss Ethel.....	Lancaster, S. C.
1925.	Kagey, Miss Lula.....	Norfolk, Va.
1925.	Kee, Miss Sarah.....	Rodman, S. C.
1924.	Kuntz, Miss Sophie.....	New Orleans, La.
1922.	Leighty, Miss Edith.....	St. Joseph, Mo.
1922.	Leveridge, Miss Ura.....	Cisco, Tex.
1920.	Lewis, Miss Martha.....	Tampa, Fla.
1926.	Long, Miss Lena Viola.....	Trenton, S. C.
1925.	Long, Miss Lora.....	Vernon, Tex.
1915.	Lowder, Miss Sarah K.....	Elizabeth City, N. C.
1926.	McCoy, Miss Eula.....	McKenzie, Tenn.
1913.	McClain, Miss Nelle.....	Martin, Tenn.
1923.	McLarty, Miss Alice.....	Vernon, Tex.
1927.	Marshall, Miss Maggie.....	Fishing Creek, Md.
1929.	Martin, Miss Inez.....	St. Louis, Mo.
1926.	Matkin, Miss Iva Lou.....	Enloe, Tex.
1911.	Mitchell, Miss Susie.....	Arlington, Tex.
1914.	Morgan, Miss Elma.....	Stephens, Ark.
1922.	Moore, Miss Glenn.....	Little Rock, Ark.
1922.	Moore, Miss Ida J.....	Valley Head, Ala.
1927.	Mooreman, Miss Wortley.....	Rustburg, Va.
1915.	Murphy, Miss Rena J.....	Fort Worth, Tex.
1922.	Nichols, Miss Mary.....	Roxboro, N. C.
1928.	Noll, Miss Lena.....	Glasgow, Mo.
1918.	Olmstead, Miss Emily.....	Louisville, Ky.
1928.	Osborne, Miss Mary.....	Ada, Okla.
1927.	Page, Miss Lela.....	Franklin, Tenn.
1909.	Palmore, Miss Constance.....	Lynchburg, Va.
1925.	Parham, Miss Catharine.....	College Park, Ga.
1930.	Pederson, Miss Selma Mae.....	Sayre, Okla.
1928.	Pederson, Miss Lora Lee.....	Sayre, Okla.
1908.	Peebles, Miss Adeline.....	St. Louis, Mo.
1922.	Porter, Miss Carrie.....	Zwolle, La.
1928.	Porter, Miss Willie May.....	Monroe, La.
1923.	Price, Miss Annie.....	Bee House, Tex.
1908.	Ragland, Miss Margaret.....	San Angelo, Tex.
1924.	Reeves, Miss Helen.....	St. Louis, Mo.
1924.	Reid, Miss Dorothea.....	St. Louis, Mo.
1927.	Reil, Miss Annie.....	San Antonio, Tex.
1926.	Reynolds, Miss Birdie.....	Newport, Va.
1922.	Riggin, Miss Rosalie.....	Arkadelphia, Ark.
1929.	Riley, Miss Alice.....	Hughes Springs, Tex.
1915.	Ritter, Miss Daisy.....	Columbia, S. C.
1923.	Robinson, Miss Mamie.....	Kileen, Tex.
1926.	Robinson, Miss Martha.....	Jackson, Tenn.
1923.	Rogers, Miss Annie.....	Spartanburg, S. C.
1930.	Rogers, Obra.....	Sarasota, Fla.
1926.	Russell, Miss Elizabeth.....	Green Bay, Miss.
1922.	Sanders, Miss Oscie.....	Houston, Tex.
1926.	Sargent, Miss Bess.....	Haleyville, Tenn.
1922.	Sells, Miss Mae C.....	Wiggins, Miss.
1930.	Shick, Miss Hazel.....	Farmington, Mo.
1909.	Smith, Miss Eugenia.....	Union, S. C.
1929.	Smith, Miss Louise H.....	Owensboro, Ky.
1929.	Smith, Miss Una.....	Cartersville, Mo.
1907.	Stevens, Miss Ida M.....	Nova Scotia, Canada
1928.	Stewart, Miss Martha B.....	Weatherford, Okla.
1919.	Stroup, Miss Nettie.....	Farmersville, Tex.

Year	Name	Home Address
1928.	Sykes, Miss Mabeth	Rock Hill, S. C.
1903.	Taylor, Miss Elizabeth	Lamar, Mo.
1925.	Teel, Miss Susie	Waco, Tex.
1927.	Terry, Miss Alaska	Bluefield, W. Va.
1927.	Thatcher, Miss Grace	Tucson, Ariz.
1912.	Tinsley, Miss Lois	Leslie, Ga.
1906.	Trawick, Miss Annie	Opelika, Ala.
1929.	Van Lahr, Miss Margaret	Lewisport, Ky.
1924.	Vivian, Miss Lexie	Carrizo Springs, Tex.
1919.	Vogel, Miss Emma	Linn, Mo.
1911.	Waddell, Miss Evelyn	Knoxville, Tenn.
1911.	Wahlroos, Miss Wilhelmina	Louisville, Ky.
1914.	Walker, Miss Kate	Comanche, Tex.
1926.	Wall, Miss Emma	Morristown, Tenn.
1930.	Webb, Miss Edith	Chillicothe, Tex.
1929.	White, Miss Blanche	St. Louis, Mo.
1918.	White, Mrs. Laura M.	Rome, Ga.
1915.	Whiteside, Miss Florence	Pine Bluff, Ark.
1922.	Wilkinson, Miss Jane	Union Level, Va.
1911.	Womack, Miss Mollie	Nacana, Tex.
1929.	Wood, Miss Lillie V.	Haw River, S. C.
1923.	Young, Miss Margaret	Luray, Va.

RETIRED WORKERS

1910.	Acton, Mrs. Julia	Berkeley, Calif.
1909.	Alexander, Mrs. Mary B.	Tampa, Fla.
1903.	Davis, Miss Elizabeth	Arcola, N. C.
1920.	Field, Mrs. J. C.	Americus, Ga.
1910.	Ford, Miss Sue T.	Paris, Ky.
1912.	Graham, Miss Alethea	Shel mound, Tenn.
1915.	Kennedy, Miss Mabel	St. Louis, Mo.
1910.	Harris, Miss Laura	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1906.	Mann, Miss Frances	Winters, Tex.
1906.	Monohan, Miss Selina	St. Louis, Mo.
1914.	Parker, Miss Lillian	Lindale, Tex.
1910.	Scheider, Miss Alice	Concord, Ga.
1913.	Wright, Miss Mattie	Santa Ana, Calif.

REPORTS FROM THE HOME FIELD

CHURCH DEACONESSES AND PASTORS' ASSISTANTS

Bluefield, W. Va.—Bland Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Deaconess Minnie Lee Eidson reports:

It is perhaps more difficult to measure spiritual achievement than any other line of endeavor, and for this reason a time of checking up frequently brings the sense of failure, of wasted effort, and of discouragement. The necessity of making an annual report causes this deaconess to begin each new year with an humble spirit and the realization that, though one may apply oneself assiduously to one's task, "God giveth the increase."

The regular organizations of the Church have been the channels through which the deaconess has applied her energies. An honest effort was made to make these mediums of spiritual development fulfill their purpose in the lives of the constituency of the Church. Some definite progress has been made, as attested by changed lives of individuals and new vision and purpose in group activities.

The mission study course as conducted by the Missionary Society was the best I have known. There was a regular attendance of a large group of women for five successive nights, and no high-pressure methods were employed to gain this attendance. The teaching in classes and the devotional programs were of a high order, and the general opinion was that the week was one of spiritual infilling for all.

Decided improvement has been seen this year in the work of the Sunday school and Senior League. The young people's department of the Sunday school for the second time assumed the responsibility of presenting a pageant at Christmas time in order that the true meaning of the season might be impressed upon our people. In a very beautiful and effective way the story of the gift of God to men in the person of our Saviour was presented.

One of the best things done during the holiday season was the singing of carols on Christmas Eve by members of the Church. The night was cold and the streets glassy with ice and snow, but these willing bearers of good cheer visited hospitals, the jail, and a number of homes to gladden the hearts of those who were shut away from much of the joy of the season.

This year has brought to the deaconess and to many members of this Church, not spectacular accomplishments or satisfaction over great things brought to pass, but a steady, quiet growth in grace and an increased understanding of the Father heart.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Central Methodist Church

Mrs. M. E. Mackey, Pastor's Assistant, reports:

The past year has been one of progress along every line in Central Church. Many new members have come into the Church, and every organization has grown.

Assistance has been given the pastor in carrying out plans he has made for the work of the Church. Visiting prospects, shut-ins, new and other members are part of my duties. I help in the Sunday school, serve on committees, attend the meetings of the Missionary Society, and teach mission study in three circles. I am serving as

vice president of the local Missionary Society and corresponding secretary of the Conference Society. I am doing the work of financial secretary for the Church and usually spend the afternoons in the office.

Last summer we held a two weeks' Vacation Church School with an enrollment of 93. Departments included primary and junior. I acted as director of the school, and we used volunteer workers. We closed with an evening program. The primaries presented a Bible dramatization and the juniors a pageant, "The World Christian," written and directed by one of our young women. Parents expressed gratification for the work accomplished.

At the Methodist Assembly on Mount Pinal last June I represented the Council, teaching "Organization and Methods of the Woman's Missionary Society."

I am happy to have been able to serve the Master and the Church in this field of great possibilities and opportunities.

Deaconess Ida M. Stevens, Church Visitor, reports:

Last year when report time came I felt a little homesick even in the rare atmosphere of Scarritt.

This year in a new job, in a new country, I wonder how I can tell the privilege and make others see the beautiful service the Church has given me here in Phoenix. The first of September I began work as visitor for Central Methodist Church. This is a rapidly developing city in the Salt River Valley. Its wonderful climate attracts large number of health seekers, especially in the winter months. My first duty is to find the sick and stranger and try to cheer the lonely guests who come here hoping to regain their health in this land of sunshine.

There are many in sanitariums in the city and suburbs, and many move here with their families and stay in their own homes. It is a real joy to hear a good report and be able to tell a discouraged one good news from a fellow sufferer. I am daily adding names to my list of invalids. In most cases I find a cordial welcome and in some instances I am the only one who goes to see them. A sick gentleman said recently, "We are glad some one thinks of us." A dear girl from Massachusetts, alone here in a sanitarium, said, "I wrote my sister at home about you," and she held my hand tightly as though my coming answered a prayer of hers and that sister's. It is wonderful to be welcomed so by lonely hearts. One little lady asked if she could not join our Church; so I hope soon to go with our good pastor, who will give her the vows of the Church.

I am working with the Home Department and act as substitute teacher in the Sunday school. I also teach the Bible study in three of the circles of the Woman's Missionary Society. It is a great privilege to be associated with Dr. and Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Mackey at Central Church.

Somerset, Ky.—First Methodist Church

Deaconess Ruby Berkley reports:

To be able to make anything like an accurate report of my work for the past year would be an impossibility, but I shall, at least, attempt to give a brief summary. In giving this, of course, I shall refrain from reporting my many failures.

We had a two weeks' Daily Vacation Church School in June with an average attendance of about eighty-five children between the ages of four and twelve years. This was an increase over the past year and included only the members of our Church, with the exception of only a few, whereas we had quite a number from other Churches last

year. Two other Churches in town had their own school this year, so we did not invite any one else to join us.

In July I attended the Young People's Conference of the Missionary Society at Camp Kavanaugh, and had charge of recreation. Each year I look forward to this week with the young people of the Kentucky and Louisville Conferences.

I am Counselor for the Young People's Department of our Sunday school and also teach a class of young men. I am trying to keep our League on its feet, but the load gets awfully heavy sometimes. Then I assist in all of the Missionary Societies, and was also leader of one of the Circles during the past year. I call on the members of the Church, visit the sick, try to learn of the needy of the town and help them a little bit. I have charge of all the social activities of the Church, and do various other things like that. I did have a Girl Scout Troop, but I gave that up in December, as I did not feel that it was really worth while because of lack of interest.

We took a religious survey of our Church in October, and I had charge of that, and am also keeping the Church file, which we revised, as a result of the survey.

Before Christmas the Elk's Club had me to secure the names of about one hundred and twenty-five needy children for them to remember at that season. We had our white Christmas program at the Church and also had a very liberal donation. From it we were able to send out about twenty baskets to needy families.

Shreveport, La.—First Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Deaconess Grace Gatewood reports:

Unless one has an imagination, the report of a Church deaconess makes most uninteresting reading, for the things that have seemed greatest to her are, by their very nature, experiences she has no right to share. It often seems to me that one of the greatest values of a deaconess in a Church is just to be an "ear," for so many folk do have so many burdens to bear, and to be able to talk to a sympathetic listener is a joy and a comfort.

My work continues along the same general lines as last year. I cooperate with the Missionary Society in their Social Service activities. One of the new ventures we have undertaken along with the other federated Missionary Societies in the city is some interracial work. I am going at present twice each month and teaching the Sunday school lesson to the colored teachers.

The Social Service Department of the Missionary Society has maintained a sewing school at First Church for years. There are about thirty-five children who attend regularly. They include Chinese, Italian, Syrian, and American children. I meet with them as storyteller and to teach them new songs and prayers, and to help plan the parties. We have a Jolly Jane Club, composed of girls from the Kress and Woolworth stores, which meets at the church twice each month, and I am an honorary member of that organization. This organization is sponsored by the Gleaners Missionary Society, and gives me a wonderful opportunity to know the girls. My part in our Daily Vacation Bible School has always been that of song-leader and storyteller.

Our Leagues are growing and glowing. The Social Service Department played Santa Claus to some Indian boys and girls at Fort Wingate, New Mexico, last Christmas. The Efficiency Institute is always held at our church in February, and I always teach one of the classes.

As teacher of the Myrtis Foster Sunday School Class, it is my

great joy and privilege to know and teach one of the loveliest groups of young women I have ever known. We have an average attendance of from 65 to 75, and such eager, fine-spirited young women they are. I gave up teaching because I did not like it, and yet here I find myself teaching Bible study classes, mission study classes, a Sunday school class and League classes, and loving it so that it must have been the subjects and not the teaching that I did not like.

One of the great tasks in a big Church is to get new members into the Church, and then put them to work and make them feel at home. There are always the sick, shut-ins, and strangers to be visited, besides the many meetings to be attended. So that the life of a Church deaconess is full and varied, but always abounding in opportunities, in groups, and in personal contacts, to make possible the glorifying of Christ by just living.

Roanoke, Va.—Belmont Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Deaconess Mary B. Osborne reports:

Another year is past history. I realize more than ever the worth-whileness of life and appreciate more fully the wonderful privilege of living, loving, and giving in the name of Him who loved and gave His all.

My experiences have been so varied and my days so full of delightful opportunities that I hardly know what to say.

To have the privilege of living with these cordial, friendly folk is a privilege to be coveted and brings joy and richness into the life of the worker.

Our Church school has an enrollment of 1,232 and is fully departmentalized. The nursery department and the young people's department are handicapped in their work because of the inadequate equipment of our educational plant, but plans are now being made to enlarge the building.

Our elementary department is doing splendid work. Social service is being carried on through all the organizations—Epworth Junior Society, junior Church, and the Sunday school. The junior choir is creating much interest and furnishing music not only for the junior Church, but for the adult Church on Sunday evenings. We realize the enriching effect of dramatics upon the lives of youth and are using it as much as possible. The nursery department presented a playlet to a large and appreciative audience. The year closed with a most effective pageant that was worked out and presented by the coöperative efforts of the junior Church and the Epworth Junior Society at the Christmas season.

The Hi-League has doubled its enrollment this year, and, better still, the spiritual life of the Leaguers has been deepened and strengthened. They presented one pageant and assisted the seniors in two.

The young people's department is outstanding in its achievements, for we are most fortunate in having unusual leadership among our youth. They are giving themselves without reserve to Him who gave all for them. Much social service work is being carried on through the Young People's Missionary Society, the League, and the Sunday school. Their annual banquet is a time of deepening their spirit of coöperation and fellowship.

Our missionary societies are doing well, but we are looking forward to greater fields of accomplishment for the year. September was a period of cultivation, and we carried on a most interesting project. Both societies and the League had a standard mission class in October. Much interest was manifest, and we have felt an increased enthusiasm and deepened effort on the part of many.

The Vacation Bible School was a success. We had an enrollment of 250 and a volunteer faculty of 42. We were most fortunate to have most of the faculty trained. Several public school teachers gave of their time.

Besides my regular work this year I have taught in two Standard Training Schools and had one teacher training class in the church, two standard mission classes, and two League institutes.

My mornings are usually spent in the office and my afternoons in visiting. Each evening is usually spent in some organization meeting of the Church, committee meeting, or personal conference.

Words are so inadequate in expressing our work. I trust that you will realize that in all these activities souls were touching souls, and as they had fellowship together they were being drawn into a closer fellowship with God the Father.

I thank my Heavenly Father for this field of service and pray that I may let him use me abundantly.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Deaconess Dorothea M. Reid reports:

My appointment to a large city Church after thirteen years as a settlement worker came as a surprise.

Centenary is a delightful Church in which to work. It offers a large field for service.

Visiting the sick and strangers consumes a large portion of my time. Being a part of a most consecrated, energetic group of missionary-minded women in an unusually fine Woman's Missionary Society has been a joy.

Counseling with the young life of our large Church is a constant source of refreshment and enrichment to my own life.

Serving on a Committee of World Service has a particular joy for me, since one of the major tasks of this committee is the raising of a fund for missionary maintenance. Our constituency, under the able leadership of the chairman, Mr. Lavens Thomas, have gladly raised the amount necessary for this important work.

Another phase of my work has been to administer a very adequate fund for the relief of the needy in our great Church. Our people have never failed to respond to any worthy appeal I have presented to them.

It is part of my duty and pleasure to serve as a member of the City Mission Board. Wesley Community Center, Bethlehem House, and a Goodwill Industry keep us busy.

A great joy has come into my life through an opportunity to do personal evangelistic work under the careful supervision of Dr. Charles T. Tally, the splendid pastor of Centenary.

It has been a pleasure to associate with Mr. Emmett Johnson, Director of Religious Education, who with his wide experience and vision is constantly helping to develop and broaden the life of our Church.

Taken altogether, the life of the present deaconess at Centenary is a busy, happy one. Miss Helen Gibson, my predecessor, has been a help and inspiration to me. Never have I served a more appreciative people. Often in my round of duties I catch a glimpse of the mountains which surrounded our city I think of the third verse of Psalm 72, "The mountains shall bring peace to the people." In my own heart His peace abides.

Columbus, Ga.—Hamp Stevens Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church,
South

Deaconess Connie B. Fagan reports:

This has been a busy year. Many new homes have been entered, and I do enjoy visiting the people. I have invited them to Church and to Sunday school, and many new faces have been added to the different departments and Church services.

In the Little Mothers' League, thirty-five girls completed the course and were given the pins and certificates. For the closing program the girls gave health songs and a health pageant, which was enjoyed by many of their mothers and friends.

The Church had the first Daily Vacation Bible School in June. There were enrolled 175; average attendance, 110. We had several very faithful volunteer teachers, who were a great help in teaching the children.

Our clinic is still growing with the help of the doctor and nurses. Our hearts are made happy when we see how the babies improve in health from week to week. There were one hundred boys and girls examined for the fresh air camp which was held last summer.

The Missionary Society is doing well. It is carrying out the full program of work. The members made and sent to our day nursery five dozen sheets. The material was donated by one of the mills.

The Christmas pageant was given by the Senior League. I enjoyed being with them, as they gave the true Christmas story in a white gift Christmas.

Deaconess Laura Stillwell, Day Nursery Matron, reports:

It has been my joy and pleasure to be at the beginning of some one thing in my life, anyway. I came to Columbus, Ga., the last of August to be matron of a day nursery in a cotton mill section. The building had not been finished when I arrived. Day after day I checked up on boxes of clothes and supplies sent in by the missionary women of the South Georgia Conference and talked over the plans of the building with our pastor. We opened September 16 with ten children. The mills have been running short time since about November 15; so our nursery has continued to be small. There have been sixty children enrolled in the day nursery, with an average attendance of twelve. The children seem so happy and glad to come every day and thrill over their bath and clean clothes.

Seven children attend kindergarten and two in the grades at a near-by public school. The children are given three lunches a day, at nine, twelve, and three o'clock. After the noon lunch both large and small children rest for two hours.

Every Friday at our Church baby clinic we weigh the children and consult our visiting baby specialist about any sickness or treatment.

Besides the nursery work I have a Sunday school class of girls twelve and thirteen years old and also help in the Senior League.

Jackson, Miss.—Galloway Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Deaconess Sarah J. Kee reports:

The last months of my four years in the coal fields of West Virginia gave me opportunities, responsibilities, and joys that drew me closer to the Father and the Christ.

In the coal camps we find bright, alert young people who are striving to make the best of life. Many of them have watched people live on a low standard and say they believe in all that Jesus taught and that they are supporting the highest principles of the Christ. Naturally frank, sincere young people find no appeal in this type of

religion. During the last few months of my work in the coal fields two girls caught a vision of the beauty of the Christ and his way of life and felt the impulse to surrender their lives. The first to be drawn to the Christ came to a decision at the consecration service at the Epworth League Assembly. Never have I witnessed a more joyous conversion. I feel that her joy in the new experience influenced the girl who gave her heart to him a few days later. The Spirit did witness through them, both adding strength and grace, sweetness and joy, vision and faith to their precious young lives. They worked wonders in my Sunday school class and in the Epworth League, also in the prayer meetings and all Church activities. I am very grateful to have seen the marvelous transformations and to have shared in earnest prayer for those two splendid girls. I shall follow their lives through the years.

Also it has been my joyous privilege to be closely associated in the League work with a number of young people who are looking forward to life service in our Church work. They have shared with me their hopes, longings, and plans for the years-ahead. In return I sought to share with them all that the Christ had meant to me through the years of training and in the four years of actual experience in service.

On leaving the Bluefield District I felt with deeper reality the meaning of the lines in our Scarritt hymn, "Parting lengthens, never breaks, the chords of love."

The new fields of work at Galloway Memorial Church have challenged me to greater service. Getting acquainted with the congregation and the Church organizations has been a real task and a joyous one. A few months after coming to the Mississippi Conference I was appointed by the Conference Epworth League President to serve as Life Service Superintendent, and I consider this work a sacred privilege and wonderful opportunity to know the Christ through the splendid youth of to-day.

Raleigh, N. C.—Edenton Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Deaconess Mamie J. Chandler reports:

I came to my new appointment as Director of Religious Education at Edenton Street Church September 1. I found a great old Church, the largest in Raleigh, with a membership of over two thousand, with a Sunday school enrollment of 1,800, and an average attendance of 1,000, over 400 women in the women's organizations, and a fine group of young people at work in the Epworth Leagues.

An evangelistic meeting was held in the Church during the last three weeks in September, and my whole time was given to working with the pastor and leaders to make this a season of spiritual revival.

With the first of October my attention was turned to the fall and winter program of the Church. North Carolina State College, Peace Institute, and Meredith College bring a large number of students into Raleigh every year. One of our biggest tasks is to bring the Methodist students into a real relationship with the Church. Visits were made to the colleges, and letters of welcome from the pastor and the young people's organizations were sent to the new students. A fellowship hour was instituted in the Senior Epworth League, to be held on Sunday evenings three-quarters of an hour before the time for the League devotional service. This hour of fellowship has attracted the young people of the Church, as well as a large number of college students, and the attendance at the League service has increased, and a large number have been added to the membership.

The Epworth Junior Society has been reorganized and now holds meetings weekly, instead of twice a month, on Sunday at the regular

hour of morning worship. A service of worship, following the Order of Worship, is carried out, and there is also a more informal part of the program in which the children participate. This junior congregation is meeting a real need in the life of the children, as is evidenced by the attendance, which has grown steadily. The largest attendance to date has been seventy. On the first Sunday morning in each month the junior congregation goes in a body to the morning service in the church and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Special attention is given to them at this time, and they are made to feel that they are an important part of the life of the Church.

Our Woman's Missionary Society is organized into six groups, and the work is going forward in a great way under the splendid leadership of Mrs. F. S. Love, our pastor's wife. The local department of the society, through its ten circles, does a large amount of relief work, visiting of sick and strangers, coöperating with the other organizations of the Church, and promoting a spirit of fellowship among the women. It also provides a loan fund for the use of college students.

Edenton Street Church is fortunate in the leadership of its pastor, Rev. F. S. Love, a man of vision and of deep spirituality. It is a joy to work under his direction.

My real work, as director of religious education, is done in the councils—with the Committee on Young People's Work of the Official Board; in the Workers' Council of the Sunday school, in the departmental executive meetings, and in conferences with the teachers; in the Epworth League Councils; and in the executive meetings of the women's organizations. As much time as possible is given to visiting in the homes, for it is only through such contacts that the deaconess really comes to know those whom it is her privilege to serve.

Some one has said that religious education is "the directed development of persons into religious living," and that is the task of the Church, to provide for the needs of all lives, for all the demands of the Kingdom of God. A challenging task! I love to think of it as an opportunity to bring people nearer to the "Jesus way of living."

"O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart;
And wing my words that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart."

St. Louis, Mo.—Centenary Church

Deaconess Ruth M. Carryer reports:

The first six months of my full-time service in the Master's vineyard have just come to a close. My labor has been a labor of love, filled each day with new and rich experiences.

My time is divided between calling in homes, institutions, and in places of business and in working with various Church organizations. I have made 587 calls in homes, 136 sick calls, 129 calls in institutions, and 26 calls in places of business. This does not include calls on shut-ins I have made with groups from the Church.

I am counselor of the Young People's Department of the Sunday school, which is composed of nine organized classes; also I am counselor of two large adult Bible classes. Most of my work as counselor is done through the officials of the classes and departments.

I coöperate with my coworker in counseling with the Epworth League and Adult and Young People's Missionary Societies. All three of these organizations are very active and are going forward with their programs of work.

Most of the social service work of the Church is handled through its various organized classes. As a Church there are two efforts put

forth to aid the economically depressed members of our Church. On Thanksgiving morning sixty-six baskets of food were delivered. At the Christmas season thirty-five baskets of food, \$130 worth of new clothes, and a large number of toys were delivered. In addition to these, almost every day people come for help of some description. I have found work for several. I assisted in getting one in a hospital and then later into a home, and I have directed any number of people to various social agencies in the city.

I have attended six funerals and assisted with four of them.

The center of all the work at Centenary is evangelism, focused around the Christmas and Easter seasons. The Church set and passed a goal of one hundred and twenty-five new members to be reached by Christmas. We are hoping and praying that our new Easter goal will also be reached. I have personally led thirty-eight into the Church, eighteen on faith and twenty by transfer of letters.

Thus in these ways I have worked and am praying that in some way I have helped to point the way to some one in need of Him.

Deaconess Louise Hill Smith reports:

Six months in service for the Master at Centenary has passed. To tell you just how much I have enjoyed my work would be impossible. To give you a little insight into the workings, I must first let you know that I am counselor for the Elementary Division of the Sunday school. What a challenge it is to deal with children who come, far and near! I am also counselor for four adult classes.

With my coworker we have worked in the Senior Epworth League, the Young People's Happy Hour, and the Young People's Missionary Society. All of these organizations give splendid coöperation, and it is truly a joy to work with them. The aim of the Happy Hour is to give the young people an hour of carefully directed amusement each Sunday from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. A light supper follows, and then we go into our League service at seven o'clock.

The various organizations do splendid social work at Thanksgiving and Christmas times. Baskets of food are sent out at both times to the less fortunate. In addition to that at Christmas time clothing and toys are sent to boys and girls.

The Adult Missionary Society is serving in a very definite place in our Church. I attend three of the fire circles at their monthly business meetings. At the present time one of the circles is at work on Easter dresses for the little girls who are to come into the Church at Easter time.

Much of our time is spent in visiting our members. My visits have been in the home, at places of business, in institutions, and to the sick. Our great evangelistic program takes us to see many who have their Church letters elsewhere and many more who have never joined the Church. Of the above listed types of visits I have made 945. I have brought 121 into this Church. This number includes the 22 children who came into the Church at Christmas. I had three instruction classes for them.

Our duties are various. Many that I have not stated are just as interesting as those I have mentioned. Centenary is a fascinating place in which to be a fisher of men. The field is large, but the worker is ever conscious that it is all in the name of the Master that she goes forward each day. What a privilege it is to serve in a task so worth while!

Deaconess Gaye Hoke reports:

The time has come to make reports, and, though I have had somewhat of an unsettled career for a little more than a year, I have

done a considerable amount of deaconess work and feel it is worthy of reporting.

After having worked within one week of the close of the year 1928, I was suddenly called home on account of the severe illness of my mother. It was necessary for her to undergo a most dangerous operation, and at the time I should have made my report I was in Baltimore at her bedside and away from all reports and records. Therefore I did not get in a report for last year. I returned to my work in Centenary Church March 10, 1929, and continued my work until the end of the Council year, in August, when it was necessary on account of my mother's health for me to begin the leave of absence which had been granted upon my request at the recent Council meeting. The following report is for 1928 and six months of 1929.

During this period of time I have worked with children, young people, and adults. I have made 11,081 calls in homes, 232 on sick in homes and hospitals, 102 in institutions, and 16 in places of business. Forty-two have been won to Christ and his Church through my efforts, 26 on profession of faith and 16 by certificate. I have attended 44 funerals, 9 of which I conducted. I have placed 9 in hospitals and secured medical care for 30 others. Much has been done for the poor through our own institution and through coöperation with the city social service agencies. Thirty-five socials have been planned and arranged for and 44 attended. I have planned and put on four banquets, have gotten out 3,798 letters and 645 cards in the interest of my work, and have directed getting out equally as many more by the groups themselves. I secured funds and placed one young woman in the school of nursing, located 114 prospective scholars for the Sunday school. In addition to these, my Bible class and the other organizations under my direction raised money, made calls, wrote letters, and entered heartily into all phases of the work.

I regret much that it was necessary for me to take a leave of absence at this the end of eleven years of service in Centenary Church, but I felt and answered the call to come and minister to my sick mother. She was apparently improving when I returned home and for the first few weeks of my stay, but soon began to show signs of decline and rapidly grew worse until God called her home November 24. My father is aging and is very lonely, and I now feel I must grant mother's request and remain with him at least for a time. I am now in charge of the home and serving as principal of the four-year junior high school at my home. In addition to the work of principal, I am teaching five hours a day; so you see I am not idle, though my work has to be more or less out of line of Council appointments. But it is our Master's work just the same, and I am endeavoring to serve him and work for him in my stricken home and in the school. I trust that through our Heavenly Father's grace I may be able to render an acceptable service for him.

Baltimore, Md.—Wilkens Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Deaconess Wilhelmina Wahlroos reports:

"To be in the secret of Christ's wealth, to know it, to share it, and to be authorized to tell it to the whole world is one of the greatest honors any Christian worker can have." These words have often helped the writer in the rush of these busy days.

It has been my privilege as well as joy to work with the different organizations of the Church, especially with the mothers in the Bible class and in the Home Department, also with the Epworth Juniors and the girls in the club. We have tried to lift up Jesus in all of our teaching and planning for the advancement of the work so that seeing him only we may become like him and go forth with him.

Our Church fills a great need in Southwest Baltimore; the hungry are fed, the naked are clothed, childhood is nurtured, the aged and sick are ministered unto in every way. Immediate results from such work are seldom realized, nevertheless the results are in His keeping. We shall continue to serve hoping and praying he may be glorified and honored through our contacts with his children.

We thank thee, Lord, thy path of service leads
To blazoned heights and down the slopes of needs!
They reach thy throne, encompass land and sea,
And we who journey in them walk with thee.

Walsenburg, Colo.—First Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Deaconess Mollie Womack reports:

The center of a large mining district, with a population more or less transient, Walsenburg furnishes an unlimited opportunity for service to our Southern Methodist Church.

Our church is well equipped to meet the needs of the community and is kept open seven days in the week. Almost every day there is some kind of activity and many afternoons and evenings there are several meetings going on at the same time. Also at any time all who need advice or help are welcome.

In most of the contiguous coal camps there are no Churches. Consequently the Churches in Walsenburg minister to the people of the camps as far as possible.

The membership of our Church is scattered through eight different camps, and there are attendents from several others.

During a recent revival meeting conducted by the pastor, between fifty and sixty came into the Church. A large per cent of this number are heads of families and several came from the camps.

Huarfano County, of which Walsenburg is the county seat, has a population of fourteen thousand, ten thousand of whom are Catholic, and two-thirds of whom are foreign.

Charlotte, N. C.—Duncan Memorial Church

Deaconess Lillie V. Wood reports:

It is with great joy that I tell you of the wonderful way in which God has so graciously blessed Duncan Memorial Church and community this past year. It has been the greatest year in the history of the Church, the people of the community tell us. I have been here only six months to share the joys and blessings of God and the burden of the work with the people. I came here last September to succeed Miss Fannie Bame who had been here for eight years, so I can only speak from short experience.

God came with me to Duncan Memorial Church and he has been with me ever since. I have never seen a more beautiful spirit anywhere than I found here. The people are very responsive and appreciative.

The young people's work is more thoroughly organized than ever in the history of the Church. There are three Epworth Leagues very close to the best in the city. Members of both Hi and Senior Leagues hold offices in the Charlotte City League Union.

There are four week-day clubs and classes functioning at present. I am hoping to organize more very soon. The ones functioning at present are two athletic clubs, one for the boys and one for the girls of the Hi-League age. There is a homemakers club for girls of the senior age. Three months of the year the girls and ladies in the club study cooking and dietetics, three months sewing and a six

weeks' course in health. This club is well attended and means much to the young homemakers in this community.

There are two music clubs, the junior choir is trained under the skillful leadership of Mrs. J. T. Newell, Jr. There are thirty-five bright faced boys and girls in this choral club. Once a month this choir has charge of the music for the morning worship service at the church. At Easter and Christmas the junior choir gives a concert to which the public is invited. The Sunday school orchestra renders special numbers at the evening church services. There are fifteen members of this orchestra.

One of the most worth-while features of our work is the well baby station which is financed by the civitan club of Charlotte. There have been 630 babies weighed, examined, and given free medical advice. The work is done by the district nurse, a doctor, and myself.

In all of our programs and activities we attempt to lift up the Christ.

CO-OPERATIVE HOMES

Lexington, Ky.—Wesley Hall (Co-operative Home)

Deaconess Maria M. Elliot, Head Resident, reports:

The year 1929 was a good one in many respects. Business conditions were better, more girls employed, and as a consequence the house full to its capacity most of the time and often a waiting list. The health of the household has been remarkably good, and the auxiliaries throughout the Conference have been unusually generous with their contributions of good things for our larder and linen closet.

Looking back over the year since 1913 when I first took charge here and noting the marked changes in social conditions and even ideals which have taken place, one seems to face a new world and the problems confronting one who deals with youth to-day are new and strange compared with those of pre-war days. Then, our chief concern was as to how best to direct unwary, untried feet and keep them in the way of old-fashioned virtue as taught them in Christian rural or mountain homes, as they came all unprepared to meet the strange conditions of the city. But this is a sophisticated age. No longer do they come, ignorant of the ways of the city and the world. One's major problem now is to help them to see that they cannot ignore conventionalities without suffering for it in the long run, however alluring "this freedom" may seem to be. One needs to draw heavily on a higher source for wisdom and patience if one is to meet their need successfully. But with all her independence and her impatience of restraints the modern girl still falls a prey to Cupid's aim in the good old-fashion way and marriages are still numerous among our ranks.

A pretty wedding was celebrated in May when one of our brightest and gayest girls was married to a fine young man. A "shower" had been given the bride to be by the members of the household and then we had decorated the reception rooms with flowers and plants in profusion so that they made a pretty picture when the bridal party stood to be photographed; the bride in white, the two attendants in rose and lavender. Just as the company were dispersing, another couple walked in announcing the fact that they, too, had just been married at the parsonage!

So it goes. Problems vary with the changing years, but at heart humanity still beats in response to love and purity and truth, and the star of hope still leads us on. May the new year bring us still nearer to our highest ideals.

Richmond, Va.—The Wilson Inn

Deaconess Mary E. Daniel reports:

The years have seemed to follow one another so rapidly since your worker's residence in Wilson Inn that each report time comes as a surprise. As one pauses to give account of one's stewardship, for just twelve months, there is mingled regret and joy—regret for opportunities lost, for failures—but joy for a steady progress toward a goal of larger service.

On the threshold of this new year Wilson Inn faces a most intriguing situation—that is, a challenge to every one interested in this type of work. Through the help of the Woman's Missionary Council our Board has been enabled to purchase a most desirable piece of property. Before taking possession, however, the plan is to build an addition that will almost triple our present capacity. Truly the history of the place reminds one of the life of the chambered nautilus.

Not any too soon are we preparing for a larger service. Our beloved State, like others of the Southland, is changing from agricultural sections to industrial centers. So rapidly is this change taking place that our Christian institutions will miss an opportunity unless they rise to the emergency and do their part to wisely and in a Christian way help readjust the lives that are being uprooted and set down again in new and trying conditions, often fraught with real dangers.

Where there are between ten and twelve thousand girls and women at work, even with an enlarged capacity, Wilson Inn can only touch the fringe of the need. So plans are already made to serve in another way, the success of which we hope to report next year.

Our seventy girls this year, only three of whom were from Richmond, have meant contact with forty-two towns and cities and five States.

The radio, games, and a few parties have contributed to the recreational needs of the group.

Never before have we had so many Methodist girls in the house. This is probably the result of having run a notice in the *Christian Advocate* that reached the homes of our people whose daughters were planning to come to Richmond to school or work.

More of our girls are giving service as teachers in the Sunday school.

From the Rappahanock District we continue to receive gifts of fruit and beautiful handmade quilts. From Charlottesville District barrels of delicious apples, and from Eastern Shore and our own Richmond District have come gifts that not only gave the home touch, but help in a very material way the financing of the work.

The growth along all lines makes us feel that our service has been accepted of Him this year, and we enter the new year rejoicing that the way is opening for Wilson Inn to render a large service to Virginia's young people, as well as to those of other States who come for different reasons, from time to time, to this growing Southern city.

Birmingham, Ala.—Eva Comer Home

Deaconess Kate Walker reports:

Only a part of the year's work will be reported, as I only came here August 1.

The spacious entrance, beautifully furnished parlors, conveniently and comfortably furnished bedrooms of the Eva Comer Home have enabled ninety-five girls to find a beautiful Christian home in Birmingham.

Mrs. Moran, the housekeeper, does much to keep this home so it

will seem like a real, true home to the girls and not merely a place to board.

In the personnel of the home will be found the young girl just entering the business college, girls who are employed in office work and department stores. The average board is from five and a half to six dollars a week.

Mrs. Roberts, our dietitian, gives us two wholesome meals a day and lunch on Sunday evening.

One of our girls married in November. Two others have been claimed by death, resulting from an automobile accident. These were the first deaths to occur in the history of the Home. Tests reveal to us our strength. These deaths made clear to us the beautiful spirit of love existing among the girls. They felt this loss almost as though it were an own sister, and yet they had never met before coming to the Home.

Sunday morning prayers and Thursday evening vespers mark our distinctive religious efforts, but many opportunities are made to talk with the girls, strengthen their faith, and help them spiritually.

Special efforts are made to secure good speakers for our vespers. Occasionally one of the girls conducts the service.

One feature of amusement is surprise parties planned by the girls. The manless wedding was the last surprise. It was quite original and full of fun.

The usual Halloween party was celebrated, but the form of amusement that seemed to be enjoyed the most was our Christmas program. At seven-thirty in the morning they came down to dimly lighted rooms, and found a beautiful tree filled with presents. Then followed the program. Santa came last with the jingle of many bells and his merry-making to hold the attention of all for thirty minutes.

We find that the girls can be reached most easily when illness comes. In the lonely moments when thoughts have traveled to mother and home do they especially need our help.

The boy friend who comes to our door so often gives us opportunities for service too. Ours is indeed a wonderful privilege of service as we counsel with the sorrowing ones, pray with the burdened ones, and advise in moments of temptation.

Waco, Tex.—Rebecca Sparks Inn

Deaconess V. Maud Fail reports:

The past year has been a very busy and happy year for us.

Owing to the building and expansion program of Waco during the past year, we have kept practically a full house of girls. Some are preparing themselves for business, but most of them are already employed in offices and shops. We are grateful for the privilege of making a home for them where they may return when the day is done and find rest and comfort such as they would miss if they had only a boarding house to go to.

We have repapered and finished the floors in all of our bedrooms. This was made possible by the friends of the institution and the Methodists of Waco. This adds greatly to the beauty and comfort of our home.

Our board and members of the Sparks family gave a beautiful portrait of Mrs. Rebecca Sparks, our founder, which was placed in our living room with appropriate service, given before an audience of friends of Mrs. Sparks and the Inn.

We have had two weddings at the Inn during the year. One of our greatest pleasures is to have these married girls return with their husbands for a visit.

The health of the girls has been good. There has been only one serious illness during the year.

Our donations have been very generous this year both from the Central Texas and the Northwest Texas Conferences. We greatly appreciate the Northwest Texas Conference's kindness to us.

It was our privilege and pleasure to entertain the Executive Committee of the Central Texas Conference at a luncheon when they met in their mid-year session at Rebecca Sparks Inn. The visit of these good women was an inspiration to us.

One of the beautiful things that has come into my life was the privilege of attending the National Conference of Social Workers at San Francisco as a representative of the deaconesses of our Church. It was a wonderful conference, and I greatly appreciate the opportunity to attend. It has been my prayer that as a result of this privilege that I may be more able to help these girls to live a fuller life.

The religious atmosphere has been good. Morning prayers and Bible reading with weekly vespers are our devotional periods. Every girl attends Sunday school and Church services. Many of them are leaders in the young people's organizations and teachers in the Sunday school.

Shreveport, La.—The Jubilee Inn

Deaconess Mary Nichols, Head Resident, reports:

The making and maintaining of a real home is the greatest task and at the same time the greatest privilege that one can have. In spite of the many mistakes and many difficulties, I am thankful that that privilege has been mine for the past fifteen months.

Approximately one hundred girls have passed in and out of the Inn during the fifteen months I have been in Shreveport. Almost every denomination has been represented at some time during the year. Hard times and lack of employment have caused many girls to stay only a short time with us. Our capacity is twenty-eight girls.

Many lovely gifts and courtesies from friends have helped to make our lives happier and our home more comfortable. Picnics and parties have been planned for our entire household. A Thanksgiving shower brought to us lovely gifts and many necessary household articles.

The loveliest spirit I have ever known in a group has continued to dwell among the girls. Warm friendships have been formed, and growth of character to a marked extent have been some very noticeable results. This itself is compensation enough for all the work and prayers put into it. At the present time we have twenty-three girls, and every one is a member of some Church.

We are striving for greater results this year, praying that God will establish the work of our hands in the midst of this great opportunity.

Houston, Tex.—Young Women's Co-operative Home

Deaconess Addie B. Greely, Head Resident, reports:

On account of the illness of the former workers here I received an S.O.S. call from the Board of City Missions to come to my new appointment as early as possible, and having completed my work at Central Church, Meridian, Miss., I arrived in Houston June 26, and took up my work immediately.

I found here a great opportunity for the service among splendid young business girls and those preparing to become business girls. There is a fine spirit among our girls and their loyalty to our home is beautiful. Often very gratifying expressions come to us from them, and also letters from their mothers telling us what it means to have their young daughters under our care while they are away from them for the first time.

One hundred and twenty-nine girls lived in our home last year, many of them had just finished high school and came to Houston to take a business course. Some of them are still with us and count this as their second home.

We have observed all special days with appropriate programs and decorations, which seems to mean much in the lives of our girls. Our Christmas program and tree was the outstanding occasion with us last year. A group of our girls presented a one-act play, "The True Meaning of Christmas," which was very impressive. Several members of our Board and a large number of friends were present with us to enjoy this occasion. Most of our girls went to their homes for the holidays, though our family numbered eleven for Christmas dinner, including three guests.

The health of our girls is carefully looked after and by special arrangement with our hospitals and some of our splendid doctors we were able to have two operated on for appendicitis and tonsils, and they were soon able to return to their work in better physical condition.

Very frequently our girls participate in our Sunday morning service which is held in our living room before breakfast. A short devotional service is conducted in our dining room each morning. We are very much gratified at the interest manifested by our girls in this part of our home life, and to note the increase in the number attending Sunday school and Church services in the city. Several continue to serve as teachers in the Sunday school of our Mexican mission just across the street.

I count it one of the greatest opportunities of service I have ever had to live here with these girls and have a share in the development of their Christian character. We are like one large family, sharing each other's joys and sorrows.

San Francisco, Calif.—Mary Elizabeth Inn

Deaconess Ethel Jackson, Head Resident, reports:

Did you ever stand and see a big ocean liner dock and watch the hundreds walk down the gang plank, their anxious faces making you wonder where they are bound? If so, you know truly what the Master meant when he said, "I was a stranger and ye took me in." Many are strangers in a strange land—perhaps there is just one to whom you can say, "come with me."

It was only a few weeks ago when the Christmas mails were bringing greetings from hundreds all over the United States and Canada and from overseas from grateful young women who were once strangers in San Francisco, but had been residents at Mary Elizabeth Inn. Times like this make one realize the number of lives our club touches and how many lasting friendships are made among the residents here.

The Inn has been filled to capacity most of the time during the year with girls of various types, ages, and occupations; all working hard; each filled with an ambition to succeed in her special field. This means busy evenings as well as full days. We may be truthfully called a working household. Of course you will find a few drones. These are our greatest anxiety and responsibility—one need not be anxious about the busy girl. It is the girl with too much leisure time that requires the most thought.

The social life comes in for its share of thinking and planning. There have been some delightful parties. The children's party, once each year, when time turns back and we are children again just for the night is always a happy occasion. Holidays and week-ends give

the coveted opportunity for delightful outings at the clubhouse in Mill Valley. Several girls have found it a haven of rest for a week's vacation out there in the woods. Thanksgiving and Christmas are outstanding occasions when we rack our brains to make days that will live in the memories of our guests. New Year's Day we were at home to our old girls and their families; a goodly number came and renewed old friendships and exchanged greetings.

The health record has been unusually fine, but we count it a great privilege and our best opportunity to minister in his stead when our girls are sick or in sorrow. God has used some of these opportunities this past year, two have lost their mothers and one her father.

A splendid opportunity was given the girls in securing Dr. Sarah Wise to give several lectures on social morality. These were well attended and provoked much thoughtful discussion with one able to answer questions in rather a satisfactory way.

The outstanding piece of religious work was our pre-Easter services conducted by Rev. Sims each evening for the entire week. The girls planned the special music and had charge of the publicity. We continue with our regular vesper services. We take advantage of music week to study some of our great hymns and invite in some soloist.

There has been a great deal of unemployment and that always makes for changes. Lower rents have made it possible for many to go into apartments, hence the turnover has been larger than usual.

In all our contacts with those who share our home life, one thing we do desire is that there may be an interchange of benefits that will make for noble, splendid womanhood. If we were to measure success by the actual results which appear we would often be tempted to despondency. President Roosevelt said, "the lives of truest heroism are those in which there are no great deeds to look back upon but the lives in which little things have been well done"—and making a home is just filled with little things.

My work in the Conference and in the local Church takes some of my time. I have been chairman of the standards committee in the housing council for women in our city. On the whole we can say, "the Lord crowneth the year with his goodness."

Deaconess Helen Reeves, Social Secretary, reports:

Part of the year was spent in Los Angeles at the Homer Toberman Mission working with the Mexican children. The most outstanding feature of the work there was the Daily Vacation Bible School. The enrollment was small but the interest was good and the children did splendid work in all departments.

Glenn Moore's furlough was due this year and I learned the middle of August that I was sole heir to her beloved job, so I came here September 1. This work is quite different from anything I expected to do when I started out several years ago, but after the first few weeks of fright and despair I began to like it, I enjoy the association with the girls and appreciate working with Miss Jackson. We have had several parties, but the one enjoyed most was the Hallowe'en party with about sixty of the girls attending.

COTTON MILL WORK

Columbia, S. C.—Wesley Community House

Deaconess Constance Palmore, Head Resident, reports:

As I look back over the work of the past year I can certainly say: "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." There has been steady interest and numbers in all of the activities.

We have tried to make our program interesting and worth while. Most of all, I have tried to let the children know I love them and want them to come here. Consequently they never want to leave.

There have been a few outstanding events during the year, of which I will write.

The sewing school is by far the largest group that comes, and to me the most interesting. It has steadily grown in interest and numbers. I have a group of faithful teachers whom the children love. One is a splendid pianist; so we can have good music during the worship period. I keep all of their work until the close, then have an exhibit and program to which the mothers and board members are invited. The children were so proud of their work that they went down the street showing it to every one. One old colored woman said: "I wish some one would do something like that for our children."

The next outstanding event of the year was the Daily Vacation Bible School. There were forty-six enrolled, with thirty-two present at every session. The teachers were in their places every session, also, which made the work easier. The children enjoyed singing the hymns of the Church.

Miss Dye gave us a scholarship at Vashti School for one of our girls who was anxious for an education; so the latter part of the summer was spent in getting her ready. Really that was Miss Ducker's first piece of work. The girl and her mother have been so appreciative that it is a pleasure to do for her. She said she was going to try to come back in the summer with marks we would be proud of.

The last Sunday in September I took a group of twenty-five children to an all-day sing in a country church. The last Sunday in December they came to our little church and sang. There were choirs from all the country Churches trying to see which could out-sing the other.

A few days after I came to Columbus I heard of a family, consisting of a widowed mother and three children, who was without food. The children of the Sunday school carried them a generous pounding, then we began planning for them permanently. Different groups gave me enough to care for them during the winter. The children were given intelligence tests and placed in the proper school grades. By co-operating with the Associated Charities the mother was given necessary hospital treatment. They are developing into healthy, normal children. I could hardly run the Wesley House without the fifteen-year-old girl now.

The little Baptist Church with which we coöperate has been without a pastor since summer; so it has been hard to make our Church work count as we would like. Nevertheless, my class of intermediate girls has been faithful and very attentive. I am sorry to say none of them has accepted Christ yet, but they are so interested in the lessons we are having now that I know they are thinking.

I am trying the Knighthood of Youth, which is sponsored by the National Child Welfare Association, with my junior boys and girls, and they seem to like it very much.

My intermediate girls are very enthusiastic Girl Reserves, with the Y. W. C. A. secretary as leader. We spent a week-end at the Y. W. C. A. camp in the fall, which meant so much to the girls.

Deaconess Jennie Ducker, Visitor, reports:

In August I was transferred to Columbia, S. C. During the month of August, while Miss Palmore was on her vacation, I held her intermediate girls together by having little outings each week, which they looked forward to.

My woman's club is growing each week, which is very gratifying. At present we have twenty-three on roll, and they attend the meetings, which shows their interest in the club.

My little boys are primaries. They clamored for it until they won out. New boys are coming in; so we will soon have a creditable number on roll.

I teach a large class of junior and intermediate boys in the little Baptist church across the street.

I have made six hundred and forty-four visits; so you see my people are not being neglected while I am a community visitor.

Mobile, Ala.—Dumas Wesley House

Deaconess Gertrude Grizzard, Assistant to Mrs. J. P. Roberts, reports:

Verily the lines have fallen to me in pleasant places, and as the years go by service for the Master grows sweeter and dearer to my heart. We have a lovely new building in which to live and labor, and we are deeply grateful to our Heavenly Father for all the good things he has made possible.

If we know our hearts, our supreme desire is to be a blessing to the people we are endeavoring to serve.

I came to Mobile about the middle of August. Mrs. Roberts was awaiting my coming and very efficiently carrying on the summer work. We made a survey of our community in order that we might try to meet the need as we found it and have tried to plan our work accordingly.

We have a good Sunday school. The average attendance for the past four months has been 100.

We had our first white gift service this past Christmas. Our offering was sent to the orphanage at Selma, Ala.

We are very fortunate in having Mr. C. N. Pooley to preach for us each Sunday evening. He is a very earnest, devout, young local preacher, and we feel he will be a blessing to our community. Our people are learning to sing real well. We are proud of them, as this feature adds as much to the periods of worship.

The Home Builders' Club meets once each week. We are studying the book of Genesis. They tell us they are learning things they never learned before. A social and handwork period is enjoyed after the lesson.

In our sewing school we have enrolled fifty-five children. They are doing splendid work. The average attendance for the fall months was forty-five.

The Character Builders' Club is composed of young women. We meet weekly and are studying the "Life of Christ." We have a social and handwork period after each lesson. Our people enjoy their social programs and parties very much.

We have a very interesting Hi-League and are endeavoring to sow the seed in these hearts and lives that develop Christian characters. It is a privilege to serve Him who said: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye did it unto me."

Knoxville, Tenn.—Wesley Community House

Mrs. Carrie Bond, Head Resident, reports:

This past year has been one of the busiest, I think, I ever spent, but pray that good may have been accomplished. Our clubs have done good work. The Mothers' Club has been of real help to the community. In case of sickness among its members the club would send groceries, nurse the sick, or give aid in any way it could. We have had a good

many conversions in the club, who, later on, became members of our little church, or some other church. They are trying to follow in the footsteps of our Master, going about doing good. Both boys' and girls' clubs are doing well and each has its athletic group.

Our Vacation Bible School was larger than it ever has been and held the pupils well throughout the term.

The Weekly Bible school is well attended, larger than we really have room for, and is quite crowded.

At Christmas time we had many parties that were well attended, and we forgot how tired we were in watching them enjoy themselves so very much.

Miss Goddard, Friendly Visitor, reports:

The sewing school is in good shape. I am also superintendent of our Sunday school, and it, too, is doing well.

We had a pretty little program, observing white Christmas, each class laying down their gifts at the foot of an illumined cross. These gifts were sent to our Orphans' Home. We are trying to teach these little ones and grown-ups, also, that it is far better to give than always to receive.

Danville, Va.—Wesley Community House

Deaconess Mary Lou Bond, Head Resident, reports:

As the weeks and months slipped away I have been very grateful for my three years in Danville. Nothing is more interesting than to watch people grow (unless it be to help them grow) physically, mentally and spiritually. It is a joy to laugh with people and not at them, to work with them and not for them. In these years the people of our community have become "my folks" and their interests are mine.

In the spring our library room was made over. The walls were painted, a library table and chairs, built-in book cases, a magazine rack and tables for games were added. We now have over four hundred books in our library. The school children are using the reference books in preparing their school lessons. Of course, the story books pass rapidly from one reader to another. At the same time that the library was being improved a new built-in kitchen cabinet was put in our splendidly equipped domestic science room.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School was carried on for three weeks in June. This was our second year for the school and we were well pleased with an enrollment of eighty-four children.

Playground work is an important part of our summer activities. The city mission board cooperated with the city playground association in putting two directors of recreation on Wesley House playground.

With careful organization and program planning our various activities have made steady progress. The mothers' club continues to be a source of joy to me. Last summer for the third time a "more attractive yard" contest was held. During the winter interesting programs have been planned for the club. At Thanksgiving a fine course dinner was cooked and served by the women. Forty-four members were present for the dinner.

Surely I should be grateful for congenial coworkers, a splendid City Mission Board and a community of people whom I love. I only wish that my service to my Father could in some way measure up to his goodness to me.

Lula M. Kagey, Club Director, reports:

The past year has been a very happy one for me and I believe it has been a profitable one for my boys and girls because they have done some good work in their clubs and classes.

When the Annual Conference of the Woman's Missionary Society of Eastern Virginia met in Danville last spring our children had an attractive exhibit of some of their work. All of the classes were represented in this exhibit. There were about two hundred articles from the boys' woodwork class; several tables of articles from the sewing school representing all five grades; many things from the Bible school; and some of the children themselves stayed in the room with the exhibit and explained their work to the visitors. Five girls from cooking school, in their white aprons and caps, served refreshments for the reception downstairs which was a part of our Wesley House Day Program.

At our Commencement in June we had four girls from cooking school and four from sewing school to receive their certifies. The services were held in Sledd Memorial Church and were very impressive.

The girls in our Bible school have become quite interested in making contacts with girls in other lands. Twice during the year they have made gifts and written letters to a class of Chinese girls in Wusih, China, and their little Chinese friends have responded with gifts and letters each time. Now China does not seem half as far away, and the girls take quite an interest in their new friends.

We were especially proud of our children last fall when they won nine blue ribbons in the Danville Fair. They tried for thirteen prizes in all, some in woodwork, some in sewing, and some in cooking, and won prizes in all of these departments. This was the largest number of prizes they have ever taken in one year.

Our girl reserve club is doing fine work. Twice this fall they have given a program for the mothers' club. The first program was their recognition service in November and the second was the dramatization of "The Nativity" in five scenes, which was given as a part of the program for the mothers' club Christmas meeting. In December, these girls had a sale of fancywork, candy, and sandwiches to make some money for their club. Now they are enjoying having their own club money to spend in buying material for handicraft. They are now quite enthusiastic over making etched silver bracelets and are planning to take up basketry when they finish the bracelets. They are also planning to have a play sometime soon so that they may add funds to their treasury and go to camp for a week-end on their own club money.

Margaret Witt, Kindergartner, reports:

Having studied at Johns Hopkins University this past summer I came back to my work in September eager to organize my kindergarten in a way that I might secure the highest individual development, consistent with the program of society; self-expression is what we have tried to emphasize, and to bring about this, rich and interesting material has been given the child in order that he may discover new powers within himself.

The most interesting unit of work that we have had has been a library that the boys and girls have made for their kindergarten. The Primary Department of Mount Vernon Methodist Church donated some beautifully illustrated story books for this library. The children are so pleased and seem to think the library is quite a delightful spot in our room.

We are now entering the new year with hopes for an ever greater work than has been done.

Meridian, Miss.—Wesley Community House

Deaconess Annie Trawick, Head Resident, reports:

“’Tis not what we give, but what we share,
The gift without the giver it bare.
Who gives himself, with his alms, feeds three,
Himself, his hungry neighbor, and me.”

Our cotton mill closed last May, leaving several hundred men and women without employment.

We are glad that our Wesley House stands in the midst of this discouraged people, with its doors swung wide open to receive the many who come asking for assistance in various ways.

It has been a wonderful privilege and opportunity to give food, clothing, and fuel to the needy multitude, for as we supplied their material needs the greatest opportunity was over in pointing them to the “Great Shepherd who restoreth our souls, who leadeth us in the paths of righteousness.”

Last year our Wesley House was remodeled. Our Conference women very generously assisted us in liquidating this debt, and we greatly appreciate this and assure you that the home activities have been carried on in a larger, more efficient way.

I have twenty teen-age girls in my Sunday school class. They are precious girls who are eager to know the truth. I am praying that I may rightly interpret to them “God’s way of life.”

I have been studying John’s Gospel recently with a group of mothers. I trust that the hours we have spent together in this study have lifted us closer to the Son of Man.

Our sewing and embroidery classes have been well attended during the year, also the older boys’ and girls’ clubs.

We have made hundreds of visits and experienced great joy in carrying cheer to the sick and shut-ins.

We greatly appreciate our wonderful City Mission Board and volunteer helpers who have responded so loyally wherever our needs were presented.

Deaconess Mabel Anderson, Director of Club Work, reports:

The work goes on from day to day in very much the same way as it did last year. There are, however, a few changes in the routine and a few changes in the way in which certain activities are carried on. For instance, the cooking class, which was quite happy last year to do the little cooking, to eat what they had cooked, and then to have a social hour together, would hardly be recognized as the same cooking class. In fact, it is not the same class, for much younger girls of the early teen-age who work in the mill part of the day and go to school the other part have taken the place of the older, more dignified group who spent every hour of every working day in the mills and who had done so for so many years that they lost most of the buoyancy of youth. They were quite happy and satisfied with the entertainment afforded in the kitchen, but the little group is far from being satisfied with any such calmness. Nothing short of donning their blue overalls and hiking over fields and hills or dolling up in their party dresses and having parties with their boy friends will satisfy them. Most of them can dance like tops, and, if left to themselves, this would be their chief amusement. They are precious girls, and I thoroughly enjoy being

one of them and helping them to make their hikes, parties, and cooking classes helpful and enjoyable.

The Industrial Girls' Club has doubled in membership this year. This, too, is a group of lovely girls who work in the mills all day and who want active games and good times when they come together. They have had several very nice parties, an especially enjoyable one at Thanksgiving time, when they had quite a nice banquet, to which they invited their boy friends. The table was very pretty, decorated with gold and blue, the club colors, and laden with an abundance of food and fruits which were provided by members of the club and friends of the Wesley House. The entertainment was also provided by one of our friends and her expression class. The people of the town are lovely about helping us in every way possible. They are very much interested in their Wesley House and its work.

The enrollment attendance and work of the embroidery and sewing classes has been satisfactory. The volunteer teachers have been very faithful and fine in every way.

The club of junior boys is quite a delight now that warmer weather has come and we can spend our time out of doors. They almost hike me to death some days, but we have great times. I have never seen boys who could coast down hills without snow as they can. They simply fly on barrel hoops or any kind of an old plank that they can find.

Then there is the Sunday school and Epworth League, which I enjoy doing my bit in, and the visiting, which I enjoy and which I believe to be most helpful to me as well as to those whom I visit—perhaps more helpful to me, but I should like for it to be mutual.

Decatur, Ala.—Wesley Community House

Miss Lucy Bell reports:

As I look back over the year just passed it is with a prayer in my heart that at least part of the seed sown has fallen into good ground to bring forth much fruit that will glorify God.

It has been my privilege not only to clothe the naked and feed the hungry, but also to minister to those with hungry souls.

The way into many a person's heart has been won by a load of coal, an order of groceries, or by an old garment given to those in need. The distress and suffering have been greater this winter than ever before. We were kept busy night and day during November and December securing fuel, food, and clothing for many of the families of our community to keep them from starving and freezing. Through our work relief was given to one hundred and fifty families.

Every worker realizes what the second year in a place means—that she is just ready to do work that really counts—with contacts and friendships made and the confidence of the people won.

Our weekly activities this year are Sunday school, Church services, Boys' Manual Training Club, Girl Reserve Club, cooking class, and Mothers' Club. We are hoping to have an opportunity school in co-operation with the State Department of Education. Each activity shows a marked improvement in interest and in results accomplished. Our work has grown so that we are hard pressed for space. We are hoping and praying that God will open a way for a community house adequate for our needs and for financial aid that will make it possible to carry on the work in a more effective way.

Our Community House received this year a number of lovely gifts—viz.: six pieces of playground equipment from the Decatur Rotary Club, basket ball and standards from the Progressive Culture Club, schoolbooks for twenty-three children from a friend, \$100 for relief

work from another friend, and a lovely donation of linens for the Community House loan chest from the Decatur Mothers' Club.

The State Health Department held a typhoid clinic at the Community House. Eighty-seven people were inoculated.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School was indeed an answer to our prayers. Every one of the forty-five enrolled did splendid work. The parents and our Board women appreciated our efforts and enjoyed the commencement program.

We have had a wonderful year, and all glory is His who has led and so wonderfully blessed every undertaking.

To live Christ, to give Christ, is my prayer.

Orangeburg, S. C.—Wesley Community House

Deaconess Athalia Baker reports:

The Wesley House has just closed a successful year. The increases in class and club enrollment was over the past year, regular attendance better, and interest has been keener.

One new undertaking at the class of summer work was an entertainment embracing every department of the work and an exhibition of the handwork done by all classes. This was such a success that we have been asked to repeat this feature at the close of the class work this summer. At this time prizes that were offered during the year were awarded. This is the first time I have ever known of an entire class to win a prize. The judges declared that the twelve girls in the sewing class had done such splendid work that it was not possible to decide in favor of any one girl's work; so each was awarded a beautiful silver thimble.

The spirit of the City Mission Board in operating this work has been beautiful. They were put to a severe test this fall when all funds were lost in a bank failure. While we lost financially, the interest, coöperation, and sympathy has grown amazingly in the Wesley House work. We are on the threshold of a new day.

We are praying that larger opportunities may be had for these people and that the means may be secured to give them the help which they so need and for which they are so eager and so grateful.

CUBAN WORK

Tampa, Fla.—Wolff Settlement

Deaconess Eugenia Smith, Head Resident, reports:

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 3: 11.)

It hardly seems possible that I am writing my third annual report of our work at Wolff Settlement, but it is true. As we know the field, the people, and their needs better, we realize more and more the importance of truly building a foundation that will stand even though every missionary should be removed. The building is necessarily slow. The people come and go; there is a constant changing of population. But we are trying to be faithful to our trust. The hours in the factory are long. The people have not been trained in Church attendance, at least the masses have not. Therefore we are trying in all our departments of work to stress the spiritual along with our other activities.

In the summer we had a Daily Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of two hundred and seventy-two, and an average attendance for the three weeks of one hundred and sixty. We admitted new ones when some of those who first enrolled dropped out to enter the

summer public school. This accounts for our small average attendance. We always regret having to turn away children, but more apply than we can accommodate.

It is difficult to write reports; but it is a blessed privilege to lay our lives by the side of the Father's needy ones, go to them when they sorrow or suffer as well as when they rejoice and share with them a Saviour's love. The majority of our homes are not Christian, but we are trying to help make them so. Knowing Him in whom we believe and earnestly longing to give him better service, we are assured that he will direct our paths.

Mrs. Mary Etta Freeman, Evangelistic Worker, reports:

The year 1929 has brought ev progress, although not the progress the heart yearns to see.

Visiting in the homes of the people has meant more to me this year than in 1928. This contact with the people has been a blessing, for thereby the opportunity came to minister to those who were sick, to feed the hungry, to comfort the sorrowing, to strengthen the hearts of believers, to try to give light to those in darkness. Religious tracts, Testaments, and Bibles have been placed in many homes.

Most of the departments of the Church in which I serve have increased in numbers and interest. The Sunday school has gradually grown through the fall months. The Epworth League and Epworth Juniors have both increased in membership. For this we are grateful, for the young people must be reached if we establish the work here. The Hi-League and Epworth Juniors gave the Christmas entertainment which brought more people to the church than I have seen in my two years here:

The mothers' club has grown by forty per cent. At the Christmas program of the club there were 150 mothers and children present.

The work with the children in sewing school and D. V. B. S. has been a joy. The display of handwork in D. V. B. S. was gratifying, in spite of the fact that volunteer helpers changed every week and sometimes very day.

Though we note some progress, the great need and the desire for our Latins is consecrated youth to his service. A few have taken a definite stand for Christ this year, and there are others, I believe, who will soon join the ranks of Christians. We are faithfully trying to plant seed that will bring forth abundant fruit for the Master.

Deaconess Elma Morgan, Girls' Director, reports:

Not only is it a time for a general review of the work of the past year, but a time for much real thanksgiving for the privilege of serving another year, for answered prayer and for guidance all along the way.

Our two Girl Reserve groups are as interesting as ever, and are developing in body, mind, and spirit. We enjoy many outings together, and these afford wonderful opportunities for drawing close to the girls.

Our business and industrial girls have entered the city basket ball league and are very enthusiastic. We are thankful to have such a good volunteer coach. The same young lady who gives herself so willingly to serve this group is also rendering valuable help as coach of our Senior Girl Reserves and also as Sunday school teacher of the same group.

Our sewing school is as much a week-day Bible school as a sewing school, being really a combination of the two, since we give equal time to sewing, Bible stories, and play.

A year ago the Epworth Juniors of the Cuban Church was re-organized with sixteen present. At our last meeting of the year there were the same number present. But that was the smallest number at any meeting, our average attendance for the year being thirty-three, and the largest number at any meeting being sixty-five. It is good to see the spiritual development in the lives of these boys and girls.

Our adult Missionary Society is growing in numbers and in interest. We have a splendid leader now as president. She says that if she had been born and brought up in this country instead of Cuba, she would have become a missionary.

Our Cuban Sunday school has almost doubled in membership during the past year. My class of thirteen- and fourteen-year-old girls is the finest I ever had.

And now as we begin another year's work, it is with prayer for wisdom, for greater faith, for more love, and a double portion of His Holy Spirit.

Deaconess Martha Lewis, Kindergartner, reports:

The past five years have brought many changes in our community. Public playgrounds have been established and are carefully supervised. Latin children are admitted to the public school at the early age of four and a half years, so that they may be taught English the more rapidly, and thus be prepared to go on with the grade work at six. Working conditions have been bad and many have been unemployed, especially at present. Paved streets have brought heavy traffic on either side of the Settlement. These changes are affecting the attendance of small children at kindergarten. A mother going to work early in the morning does not want the worry of having her child in the street during her absence, even to go to and from kindergarten. Hence for various reasons, our attendance this year has been smaller than in other years. We hope to have sometime soon an automobile to carry our little ones to and from kindergarten.

Not having such heavy duties in kindergarten, I have been able to help more with Church programs and visiting in the homes. We are praying for the time to come when the people here will be able to direct their own religious activities.

Mr. Chapman, Boys' Director, reports:

Our boys' work program this year has produced some gratifying results, and while we haven't attained our goal yet, we are in sight of it. Last year we placed the emphasis on numbers reached; this year we are aiming at quality in our work. In the groups we find that we are holding very nearly 100% of our members. This we believe to be the result of allowing the boys to formulate and carry out their own program. The boys are beginning to consider more seriously the results of their activities and attitudes and so are showing evidence of growth in attitudes and conduct. There is a spirit of harmony among the members which is gratifying.

Tony, a young lad of the neighborhood, was a problem boy, repeatedly getting into mischief and bad situations. He had a following of the lads in the vicinity and was looked up to by them because of his superior mentality and ability to create situations which appealed to their adventurous spirit. He was talked to and his leadership ability pointed out and challenged to aid the club in forming a group of his followers. Tony's eyes glistened at the expression of confidence. He accepted, became the organizing center of a new club, and is now a far more useful and wholesome citizen of our community.

The work of all our groups has to do with winning boys to Christ-like living. Our program teaches that if standards of living are to become more Christlike, boys themselves must help make them so. This is accomplished by giving these boys an opportunity to develop activities and programs growing out of their interests and experiences. These activities with the discussion and evaluation that follows them, leads to attitudes and standards of value. It is by the quality of their participation in these activities and the way in which they act in these activities that the members show their own sincerity of purpose and the effectiveness of their group.

Key West, Fla.—Ruth Hargrove Settlement

Deaconess Lottie Green, Head Resident, reports:

In looking back over the year, despite the many discouragements, there is much for which to be thankful. There has been an increase of interest on the part of the community. The clubs, story hour, sewing school, Leagues, and Sunday schools have been well attended.

This interest has been partly brought about by the Daily Vacation Bible School held last June. The parents and children were delighted with the program and are asking for a longer term this summer. The children have not forgotten the candle service at the close of the school or the ice cream and cake.

A reception to welcome Miss Porter and Rev. Oser at the beginning of the year brought the American Churches into a closer contact with the Latin work. The effort has been felt throughout the year. It has been easier to get coöperation, and the two groups have worked together as they never have before.

A sewing school was added to the Settlement program. It has proved quite an enjoyable and helpful feature. Last quarter the enrollment reached our limit.

The library of three hundred books is an asset to the work as well as an aid in character building.

The playground, though poorly equipped, is enjoyed by the children after club hours. It is a pleasure to see a large group playing well together—something that would have been impossible a few years ago.

In October a Halloween festival was held on the playground to raise funds for the Christmas trees in El Salvador and La Trinidad Churches.

The Junior Epworth Society and Hi-League gave a pageant portraying the nativity in a beautiful and impressive way at Christmas. A visitor from First Church remarked that she wished it could be given in that church.

With the best that we can do we are barely touching the situation. Lack of equipment, adequate buildings, economic and other conditions hinder our work. When brought face to face with poverty, ignorance, superstition, and sin, it is easy to pray from the heart: "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

Deaconess Jennie Ducker reports:

The first six months of the year were spent in Key West, Fla., where I lived in the Wesley House. Besides telling stories to the primary girls and junior boys, I kept library two afternoons each week.

I taught a class of primary girls in the Sunday school at San Salvador, one of the Cuban Churches, and attended the Wednesday evening prayer services there.

At La Trinidad, the other Cuban Church, ten blocks from the Wesley House, I taught an afternoon class of intermediate girls, had an Epworth League, and attended the evening services and the Thursday evening prayer services.

I had a Woman's Club, which grew from three to thirteen in a short while. I also had a story hour for the children each week. I gave an egg hunt at the beach for the entire Church. Both parents and children enjoyed the occasion.

During the six months I made eleven hundred and twenty-two visits.

Miss Helen Porter, Club Worker, reports:

I have been in Key West for six months in a new work and a new field, and I feel that I have only had time to get acquainted. I do not think that I have been able to accomplish much in this short while, but I hope that seeds have been sown which will bear fruit in years to come. One of the most marvelous things about mission work is that God can take our feeble efforts, perhaps only a Bible verse or story, and transform a life. How thankful we should be for the privilege of having a part in such a wonderful task.

My work in Key West has been with the clubs in the Settlement. I prepare the devotional programs for the clubs and Leagues, arrange our clubrooms for the meetings, keep the library open two afternoons in the week, and help supervise the playground four afternoons. I have had charge of the boys' work this year. Until recently I had two good clubs. I have three clubs now, as I can do better work with a small group. Our programs consist of the ritual, which includes the aim, the duties of the officers, and the salutes to the two flags, prayer, Bible verse, Bible story, and the reading of a chapter in a good book. After the program the boys play such games as volley ball, juggling, checkers, and parcheesi.

In the sewing school I have the older girls. All four classes did the same work this year. So far they have made bloomers, handkerchiefs, door stops, and slips. Seventy-eight has been the largest attendance that we have had, while fifty-seven was our average attendance.

Other club work carried on at the Settlement includes Junior League, Hi-League, and story hour.

In addition to the clubs, I work in La Trinidad, a Cuban Church. The membership here is not very large, although there has been a gain in the attendance in the Sunday school and Church since I have been here. Visiting in connection with both the club work and the Church work is also a part of my work.

I am thankful for the opportunity of serving Christ in this needy place. To him, the source and inspiration of our strength, belongs all the glory.

Tampa, Fla.—Rosa Valdez Settlement

Deaconess Emma Burris, Kindergartner, reports:

I had a peculiar feeling of joy and of fear as I came to Rosa Valdez Settlement in September as kindergartner. I was very happy because a field of service was open where I could work for the Master, and yet I wondered how I could ever teach Latin children who knew little or no English. The task was not so difficult as I had imagined. I started with fifteen children who had been in kindergarten the year before and understood English fairly well. Then I went out and invited new children to come. They were worked in with very little trouble. My enrollment has reached forty-five and is still increasing. It is surprising how fast the children learn English. Through work and play they are learning the principles of living together harmoniously.

We have a rhythm band which the missionary society at Clear Water gave the kindergarten. The Latin people love music. We

have put on several programs for the kindergarten mothers and at missionary society meetings.

Visiting is a very interesting and profitable part of my work. I try to visit every home represented in kindergarten and Epworth League once a month. The missionaries are the only American friends many of these people have, and a visit from one of us means much to them.

I have the primaries in Sunday school and the Senior Epworth League. Several of the Leaguers have expressed a desire to unite with the Church. Brother Cox, our presiding elder, is having a training class with these young people to prepare them for Church membership and the Christian life. This work is bringing us much joy.

Miss Mary Riddle, Girls' Club Director, reports:

When I received my appointment sending me to Rosa Valdez Settlement I thought I knew what it really meant to be "thrilled." Since my arrival and beginning my work with the Latin people, hearing the soft melody of the Spanish language and seeing the bright faces of my Latin girls when they hear about Jesus and his love, the word "thrilled" could never express my feeling and happiness.

There has been a fine spirit in the several clubs this year. The clubs have grown, and the girls seem eager to work in various forms of unselfish service for the Master.

The Girl Scout and Brownie troops are truly living up to their motto: "A Girl Scout is to be trusted" and "Lend a helping hand."

A club for working girls was organized last fall. We entered the city basket ball league, and I feel and know that a new contact has been made and a new friendship formed with the city recreation workers and other basket ball teams of the city that will mean much to the girls' work here in the future.

The sewing and embroidery classes are growing, and the girls take an interest in their work and in the devotional services that are held for them.

I am glad to have an active part in the Church work. I have a Sunday school class of teen-age girls and am counselor of the Hi-League.

Christ is our supreme need, and I feel if West Tampa can be inspired to feel as several of my Scouts feel, "if they could only have the love of Jesus in their hearts," the Kingdom of God will truly come in our community.

EDUCATIONAL WORK

London, Ky.—Sue Bennett Memorial School

Kenneth C. East, President, reports:

The school year of 1928-29 has been another year of progress for Sue Bennett Memorial School. Of the seven departments, including the summer session, there were substantial increases in enrollment in all but two. In the junior college department there was an increase of twenty-two per cent. The State Department of Education of Kentucky issues the following certificates to our students: Elementary certificate, based on high school or normal school work; college elementary certificate, standard elementary certificate, and high school certificate, all based on college work. There are approximately five hundred teachers in this section of Kentucky who have received their training in our school. All of the white teachers in Laurel County

with the exception of six are our students. In addition to the teachers who remain in this section we have a number of students teaching in other sections of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Georgia.

We have made but few improvements in our plant this past year. We need to paint all of the wood and metal work on all of the buildings this coming spring and summer, as well as do some much-needed work on the interior of the buildings. We need additional laboratory and library equipment in order to take care of the increase in enrollment as well as to meet the requirements of the accrediting agencies.

For the present school year we have the following Council workers: Miss Edith Ader, Miss Ola Lee Barnett, Miss Dorothy D. Hillard, and Miss Genevieve Jefferson. These helpers have meant much to our boys and girls and the community in general, and all have been a source of inspiration to the president and other members of the faculty.

As usual, special emphasis has been laid on social and religious phases of school life. We have followed the same plan as given in our former reports. Dr. J. W. Weldon, of the Methodist Temple, Louisville, Ky., is to lead our annual revival in February of this year.

Deaconess Ola Lee Barnett reports:

I feel that this has been the best year we had in my three years of experience at Sue Bennett. It is indeed a pleasure to be a part of a school system where the spirit of coöperation of the faculty and the attitude of the student body are as fine as they have been at Sue Bennett.

The revival services held in our school recently have been a source of much help to all of us. Many of our students became Christians, and all were refreshed and strengthened spiritually.

I enjoy all of my class work, but I have especially enjoyed a class in education I have taught. I have had the privilege of having sixty-five of the teachers and prospective teachers of this section of Kentucky in class. One of the greatest opportunities for service that we have is the training of teachers and others to be real Christian leaders in the communities where they are working. Our teachers go to the most inaccessible districts that we cannot reach in any other way.

The personal contacts that I have with the girls and boys in League, Young People's Missionary Society, Young Women's Christian Association, vesper services, in the athletic activities, and in personal conferences are the source of much pleasure to me and I believe are the opportunities for the most helpful service that I render personally.

I also take part in the activities of the local Church through the Missionary Society and as teacher of an adult Sunday school class where I enjoy the association with the people of the community.

Pharr, Tex.—Valley Institute

Miss Georgia Swanson, Superintendent, reports:

We are now in the midst of the ninth annual session of school work at this place.

Enrollment of pupils for the present session to date is sixty-three. Of these, forty board in the house. This number completely fills our present capacity.

Since the erection of our administration building we are able to give girls and teachers comfortable, convenient, sanitary quarters.

Our new building facilitates the work of the school and is an un-failing source of joy and pride to all. Many visitors from other States as well as from various parts of Texas come here, and the

Methodist women invariably express proud, proprietary interest in this result from their Week of Prayer offerings.

The property is all in good condition. The buildings are in good repair and grounds and garden in good shape.

Our young citrus orchard suffered severely, as did all valley orchards, in the protracted, severe cold of the past winter. Not one tree was killed outright, but much pruning had to be done, and the vitality of the young trees was greatly lowered and growth has been seriously retarded. The orchard and garden are vital factors in reducing our living expenses. We have at present thirty trees of bearing age. Seventy-six additional young trees were planted last spring. We are truly grateful to Mrs. Downs, who made this possible.

Many missionary Societies have made us generous gifts. All of this cheered our hearts as well as gave material aid to the school.

The work of the school has gone smoothly and well. One of our former students graduates as a registered nurse next June. Two of the girls with us now will enlist for training at the Municipal Hospital in Edinburg when school closes. All these girls are entering this work with the desire to be of definite Christian service to their people. Another former student has already applied for State examination as a pharmacist. She, too, has chosen this as a means of Christian service. Other girls wish to teach and plan to enter the State college at Kingsville. They choose this school because it is near and the expenses within their possible limit.

We are grateful for all that is being done for us and beg your continued interest and prayers.

Deaconess Anita Reil reports:

This closes my first year at Valley Institute, although very different from dear Holding Institute. My work here has been a great blessing to me. It has been in the primary department, including first, second, third, and fourth grades. At first I thought I could never love my children as much as the ones I left behind, but now I find that I love these just as much.

My work along strictly religious lines consists of the following: I am superintendent of the Sunday school. I also teach the senior class of girls. I have enjoyed my work very much with these dear girls. They seem hungry for the real gospel. They are so eager to learn.

For my chapel talk once a week I try to bring out those things which will benefit the girls in their school life as well as in their religious life.

I have also been teaching the Bible in the classroom through the Bible stories, beginning at the first of the Old Testament. It is indeed a joy to see how interested they are, and when the period is up they always say: "Too little, Miss Reil."

Along athletic lines I have organized basket ball, volley ball, and baseball teams. Besides our school work, we try to have good, clean sports.

I thank you and the Heavenly Father for a place in the Kingdom.

Brevard, N. C.—Brevard Institute

J. F. Winton, Superintendent, reports:

In many ways the current year has been the most pleasant and successful that the present administration has enjoyed. Our student body has been happy and contented and has maintained a higher standard in their school work than has formerly been the case. The school revival in the fall was a marked success with practically the entire school influenced thereby. The actual conversions numbered

nearly thirty with thirteen accessions to the Church. Our life service band numbers eight, including three very promising young candidates for the ministry, two of whom are Methodist, one Baptist.

The farm production for the year was fair. A late freeze in the spring cut the fruit crop to about one-third the normal production; and very inclement weather in the fall with an early winter hindered harvest in some crops.

Our enrollment has not been quite up to capacity for two years. Owing to the rapid spread of public high schools in the past few years, together with the improvement of highways and the inauguration of free transportation to and from the country school, boarding schools of a secondary grade are not nearly so essential, even in the mountains, as was the case a few years ago. The advisory committee has recently visited the school and made a survey of the situation with a view toward recommending certain changes in policy at the coming session of the Council. The Council has a valuable plant and property here, and we have faith to believe that under the Providence of God it will be highly useful and successful for many years yet in the service of humanity and the bringing in of the Kingdom.

Our urgent need at present is more adequate aid in the way of scholarship help for needy and dependent children. We have so many applications from those who require support as well as training. The self-help we can offer is limited and does not pay teachers salaries, food, fuel bills, etc.

A number of the stronger auxiliaries in North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida have been supporting scholarships for several years. What more worthy and appealing project is there than investment in a life, the salvaging of youthful humanity? If a greater number of such societies in these and other States would adopt such a project, sending a boy or girl of their own choosing, or making available the support of one whom we should recommend, it would greatly help the work of the school. Our very reasonable rates make this a feasible project for any reasonably strong society. Many of the others could add their help by supporting a partial scholarship or by combining their efforts with Bible classes or civic clubs for the relief of some worthy child in their own community.

The rapid industrialization of the South with the resultant centralization of population is fast creating a situation that will continue to throw upon society an increasing number of indigent children, victims of circumstances they cannot control. A few weeks in the chair of administration at such a school as Brevard would convince anyone of this truth. Whether the matter of helping these children constitutes a worthy missionary project or not depends only on the answer to the question as to whether it is a worthy project to save a life from wreckage and equip it for useful service. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these little ones, ye did it unto me."

Deaconess Jane Wilkinson reports:

"I thought you were going to do mission work," some one said to me when they knew that I was teaching at Brevard Institute. In my reply I sought to testify to the fact that the teaching and training of the youth of to-day is indeed mission work. Can we but properly train this youth of our land, then there will be less of that type of work which may largely consist of feeding the hungry and clothing the naked.

I have had charge of the elementary department of the school. I teach the sixth and seventh grades. It is a great disadvantage to have two grades in the room at one time. However, neither grade is very large, and our work is going very well. I have some fine boys

and girls, and when I remember that our every act has in it a touch of the permanent I pray most earnestly that God may direct my every act before them, and I trust that the principles of Christian character may become more permanent in their lives.

Thomasville, Ga.—Vashti School

Miss Charlotte Dye, Superintendent, reports:

This year has been a very happy and profitable one for the Vashti School. The opportunities here never lessen, and the privilege to serve is a real joy and pleasure to us.

We have had on an average of one hundred and four girls in the school. Our curriculum covers all of the grades through the second-year high school. In addition to this, the girls have an opportunity to take sewing, domestic science, rug making, basketry, needlework of many kinds, and other industrial arts. They are instructed in the planting of flowers and everything pertaining to housework, so that they are well trained to keep a home well when they leave us.

Since our friends are beginning to realize more fully that we do not take delinquent but dependent girls, the type of student this year has been a little better, and the mental test given shows that the mental caliber of the girls is a little higher than in other years.

The health of the students has been very good. We have had no serious illnesses.

We have stressed dramatics as we have in other years, and we have had frequent excellent entertainments. In fact, some group has been able to produce an entertainment almost every week during the year. The girls enjoy this part of our work, and we consider it a very important part of it.

We have Sunday school on Sunday morning and the Epworth League on Sunday evening at the school, but attend the morning Church services at the Thomasville Methodist Church. We have chapel services each morning during the week except Sunday and Monday mornings. These services are usually conducted by our workers in turn. We have prayer services at the school on Thursday evenings, which are usually conducted by some visitor.

We have had a series of evangelistic services this year as we have in other years. Most of our students have taken a stand for the right and are trying to serve the Christ.

Our girls went to our camp on the Ochlochnee River, about seven miles from the school, during the summer in groups of about twenty. They enjoy these outings, for some of our girls have no vacations other than those the school is able to furnish. Fishing, swimming, hiking, eating, playing games, and the religious activities filled the time, and all had a most enjoyable time.

There have been five hundred and thirty-seven girls in the school since 1920, and in a recent survey all of them were located except forty-seven. Twelve of those with whom we are in touch are not doing well. No doubt the majority of those from whom we have not heard are doing well, as they were good girls while here. Fifty-eight of the girls who have already left Vashti are in other schools. Some are trained nurses, and some are taking nurse's training. Some have entered the business world, others are teachers, religious workers, social workers, and one hundred and forty-five are married, and there are seventy-one babies in these homes. Twelve girls have been sent to institutions for mental defectives, and eleven have died after leaving the school.

Many wonderful letters come to us showing the appreciation of the girls who have received training here which has fitted them for home making and other responsible positions.

Most of our students come from cities. This year we have seventy-three from cities, fourteen from towns, and seventeen from the rural districts.

We were very happy to have a visit from a committee on reëvaluation, consisting of Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. J. W. Mills, and Mrs. Peabody. It was indeed good to have these friends with us, and they were an inspiration to each member of our big family.

All of our buildings have been kept in repair, and our campus is well kept and is a most beautiful place when the flowers are in bloom. We have installed bathroom fixtures, which were greatly needed, in the little girls' cottage. Our heating system has been carefully gone over, and we have been very comfortable through the most severe winter we have had in years. Our big beautiful oak trees have been treated and give promise to live many years to come in spite of their old age. All of our pianos have been tuned, and our music department has been the best we have ever had in the history of the school.

The milk and butter from our own herd has been sufficient to supply the needs of the school. Our herd is valued at \$3,325, and most of the animals are of our own raising.

I had the pleasure of attending the Alabama Woman's Missionary Conference this year and presenting the work being done at Vashti.

Our friends have been very generous toward us in sending many varied and useful gifts. These gifts have been most acceptable and have helped us in our work a great deal.

We greatly appreciate the sympathetic coöperation and interest of our secretary and others interested in our work.

We are filled with gratitude for the many blessings that have been ours during the year.

Deaconess Martha Robinson reports:

Vashti School continues to offer big opportunities for real service. We have had a hundred or more girls this year, which is not quite as many as we have had in other years, but the type of student has been better, and the year has meant much to the dependent girls who have come to us. I am glad people are realizing more that we do not take delinquent girls, but only the dependent ones.

"Happy is the person who keeps busy" is certainly true, for I have been busy every minute this year, and I am very happy in my work.

I had the pleasure of having the senior class in Sunday school until they graduated last June. Here the opportunities were great and the responsibilities heavy, for these were the last few months these certain girls were to be with us, and I felt very keenly that each of them must put Christ first in her heart before she left Vashti.

During the summer the minutes were crowded. I had the ten- and twelve-year-old girls in Sunday school. They kept me busy and taught me about as much as I did them. The questions they asked and the interest they took inspired me and made me a better worker. I had the happy privilege of supervising our camp this summer too, and the girls were given an outing in groups of about twenty. We had a good time playing, swimming, hiking, eating, etc, along with our religious activities. Several weeks this summer I had the supervision of the laundry. We printed laundry slips, and each girl checked in the articles to be laundered, and when they were ready for use she checked them out. Not one article was misplaced during this time, which is a record breaker, and we were very proud of the record.

I have had the experience of helping with the dairy. Each cow's feed is scientifically weighed, and an accurate weight is kept of the pounds of milk each cow produces. We have a fine Jersey herd that is second to none in Thomas County. We are very proud of the

cows, and they produce milk and cream that is as fine as one can find anywhere.

It falls to my lot many times to serve in the capacity of chauffeur, as several of our workers who drive the Ford teach school and cannot leave their duties during the school hours.

Well, my real work, the work I came to Vashti to do, is office work. I enjoy this part of my work to the fullest extent. I am always happy when I have figures with which to work.

I lead chapel and prayer meeting in my turn, and I like this part of my work best of any. It takes real effort to give messages that are full of life and reality, but that is just what the adolescent demands to-day.

Now, can you understand why I count myself lucky and happy in the institution I have found myself this year? Sometimes I was a bit worried because the day had only twenty-four hours instead of thirty, but things always worked out, and I am filled with gratitude when I realize what the Master has done for all of us.

Deaconess Maybeth Sykes reports:

I am sure no work under the Home Department can offer a greater challenge than does this work with these girls here at Vashti. Every girl needs the training of mind, body, and soul which is given in this school. If only each one realized her need, our task would not be so great.

Serving as music teacher, I have endeavored to use my department as a means of putting joyful and beautiful things into the life here, thereby hoping to create a true love for such things in the heart of each girl. Throughout the year the piano pupils and the junior and senior glee clubs have given recitals, pageants, operettas, and other entertainments.

I have a family of twenty-two girls in my dormitory. It takes co-operation for a group this size to live in one large hall and have life run smoothly. Our evening prayer service, which is held just after light bell each night, has greatly furthered a spirit of coöperation.

It has also been my privilege to supervise the junior girls in preparing their Sunday afternoon devotional programs. Because of the interest and eagerness in taking part, it has been a real pleasure to help them. These programs are an aid in developing future leadership among these young people.

Through whatever channel I have worked during the past two years at Vashti, my aim has been to uphold and further this school in its purpose—that of building Christian character.

Deaconess Rosalie Riggin reports:

The year of 1929 has been one of great blessing and many opportunities of service for my Master. Five months were spent in study at Scarritt College, and three months were spent in rest and learning to be a part of my own home once again.

After these months of study and rest it was with eagerness that I reported to Vashti School to begin my new work. The greatest desire of my life has been to help mold girls into Christian womanhood as well as to help them to find wholesome pleasures as they go along life's way. Here it has been my opportunity to help train girls in the many secrets of successful home making, guide them in their studies, and to direct their recreational life.

The greatest opportunity of all is living the Christ life, that these girls might want him for their Saviour and guide and the heart-to-heart talks with them that give one a chance to guide their feet from

the rough, sinful way of life into the path that Christ trod and is so ready to help us follow.

Every day as I come in contact with each girl the prayer of my heart is that I might so lift up the Christ that he may draw all unto himself.

Deaconess Florence Whiteside reports:

The year 1929 has been for me chiefly a year of study. From January to June, in accordance with my furlough privilege, I was in Scarritt College, renewing my strength and getting fresh inspiration. I shall ever be grateful for that provision of the Board of Missions which makes such an opportunity possible. The association with other workers from home and foreign fields and with students in training strengthened the bond of fellowship in service.

After being appointed to Vashti School, six weeks of the summer were spent in special study in psychology. The fall months in school have proved a continuation course in a very practical way.

At first I had what was called the opportunity class, giving individual instruction to special pupils, but there have been occasions also to give temporary help in all the primary and grammar grades. As I write this report I find myself already installed as teacher of the seventh grade.

As I live in the building with the high school girls and have some duties there, I have had some special touch with all the girls in school.

Directing the programs given by the girls on each Sunday night has been an interesting opportunity. Often girls found self-expression through projects of dramatization.

The aim of all our work is character building. The results of my varied activities I leave with the Master Builder.

Deaconess Emily Dorsey reports:

After the past two happy years at Scarritt College, I am again at work under the Council. Since September I have been at Vashti School, where it has been my privilege to "mother" the younger girls. I have charge of the little girls' cottage, which is the home of eighteen children and myself. These girls range in age from ten to fourteen years. They do all of the housework, their personal laundry, help with the cooking, and attend school. My children are quite lovable and appreciative, and I thoroughly enjoy my work with them. Many and varied are the opportunities for service here, but the days are far too short and too full for any one person to meet them all.

The happiest time of the day for us is after supper, when we gather in the living room for games, stories, and our evening devotion. All of my little girls have given their hearts to Jesus Christ, many of them during this school year, and are trying to live for him. Two of my children are planning to go to Scarritt some day and then enter into definite Christian work. I trust that these two may hold true to their purpose and that others of this little family may be called to do some special work for our Saviour.

There has been quite a spiritual awakening throughout the whole school during the past two months. It has been my privilege to know personally quite a number of the high school girls and to help several of them to give their hearts and lives to Jesus Christ. Never before have I been a school where the need for personal work among the students was so great or the opportunities for it so limited.

Laredo, Tex.—Holding Institute

Ralph W. Emerson, Superintendent, reports:

This report covers but the last four months of 1929, as the present incumbent took up the work when Dr. J. M. Skinner laid it down on September 1. The present superintendent was a member of the staff in 1917, but laid his work down at the end of the year in May and took up a musket. After the war he left a position in Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, to teach from 1921 to 1924 and again from 1927 until September 1, 1929. The experience gained and the wide acquaintance formed has enabled him to continue the splendid work of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner with but slight variation. The helpful suggestions from your office has been a great assistance to the superintendent in forming his administrative policies.

The school work and the various activities of the school have run exceedingly smooth, and this is due chiefly to the splendid spirit of coöperation shown by the members of the faculty. The previous level of highest scholastic standards have been maintained.

A splendid effort has been made to encourage the students to spend their time in self-development in both cultural and physical activities. This has helped to prevent the students from wasting their time in idleness or in pursuits which detract from their moral welfare. Many students are taking piano. The stringed instrument department has more than doubled, and the orchestra has nearly doubled. A brass band has been formed. For physical development the larger girls are being given simple gymnastic instruction outside on the girls basket ball court when the weather permits. The object for both boys and girls is to get all of the students to participate in some form of physical activity rather than to develop fine school athletic teams. Intramural games and tournaments in basket ball, tennis, and track have predominated, with an occasional game with local outside teams. All of the public and private schools in Mexico have recently laid out very elaborate physical culture and athletic programs, and the larger schools have installed military training, which is very attractive to the Mexican youth. If we are to retain our students, and especially the better class, who are the financial mainstay of Holding Institute, we shall have to meet this increased competition. Also should not the underprivileged children who have been sent here be given the same opportunities afforded by other first-class schools?

There has recently been completed in Laredo a large parochial school in a fine building containing a splendid gymnasium and swimming pool. This school, together with two other schools of a similar kind already in Laredo, have given Holding Institute strong competition for the Mexican students. They have been working systematically for the past two years to attract Holding Institute students. It would do no good to antagonize them, and our only weapon for self-defense is to provide equal or better equipment.

We should have as soon as possible a good up-to-date gymnasium containing a swimming pool and the usual equipment. This will also serve well as an assembly hall for social affairs, as we have at present no place large enough for them. This gymnasium would permit us to have physical cultural classes in connection with our regular curriculum as in all up-to-date schools.

The superintendent is continually seeking to improve the campus and playgrounds through personal supervision with the same force as heretofore and at a negligible expense, thus making the place more attractive, as Dr. Skinner has done in the past years.

McDonald Hall has to have the joists, which had been weakened by the flood of 1923, reënforced by heavy beams and concrete posts. The

condition of the building was found to be much more critical and serious than was indicated by preliminary inspection. Parts of the older wall had to be replastered and two floors replaced. A strong simple porch was put on the front of the building to replace one which had given way and became a hazard.

Several reference and collateral reading books have been added to the library. And the addition of a librarian to the faculty has relieved the teachers of that duty and has made the library study hall a very valuable part of the school.

I have a very wealthy friend here who has no children, having lost his only son in the world war, who is very seriously considering the establishment and endowment of an orphanage for Mexican children. This would be a splendid addition if it could be secured for Holding Institute. There is a good chance to secure this orphanage, though the gentleman is very independent and will take his time in formulating his plans. I am hoping and praying that we secure this splendid addition to our work.

Many packages have been received from the supply department of various Churches in Texas and Arkansas. This has assisted in clothing many of the poor children, and the splendid coöperation and generosity have been as greatly appreciated as the gifts themselves.

Mrs. Emerson and I have been deeply devoted to our work with the Mexican people. We have visited numbers of them in their homes, and a great sympathy and understanding has sprung up in our hearts for a great many of them, whose only sin is that they are poor and have had limited opportunity, in many cases entirely due to the twenty years of almost constant revolution in their mother country. It is our hope and prayer that God will richly bless this work and the splendid organization of women who have made it possible. The fruits of their labor are the many young men and women who go into the various parts of Mexico and the United States and preach or spread the ideal of Christianity which have been instilled into them at Holding Institute. These will be some of the jewels in their celestial crown.

Deaconess Ura Leveridge reports:

My work has been very much the same this year as in other years. I have three classes of high school English and the Bible from the third grade through high school. I enjoy both very much. Last year we succeeded in obtaining the fourth credit in English. The Bible work is always interesting and a source of much real enjoyment. At present some of the children ask me to stay after school even to tell them Bible stories. I pray that I may have the wisdom and the help from the Father that I may teach the children as they should be taught.

As to activities outside of the schoolroom, I have a Sunday school class of eighth-grade girls whom I love very much. One girl has stated that she does not believe that there is a God. I am very anxious to help her change her mind.

I am faculty adviser in the life service band. The band is not so large this year as it has been in other years, as we have only twelve members, but the girls seem more in earnest. They show more willingness to carry their part of the responsibility than the groups of other years have shown. I am also a member of the board of stewards of the Church and am the Church treasurer.

Deaconess Alice Clotte Riley reports:

If you want variety and a place in which to spend your surplus energy and a large field of service, you should become a teacher in Holding Institute.

Of course you have had report after report telling about our school, but I am wondering if the women of Southern Methodism really know what a wonderful school and the possibilities of a still greater school that they have in Holding Institute.

To me one of the most outstanding things on our campus is the fact that our students, American and Mexican, members of two different nations and of two different races, are learning to love each other as though they were one. Surely nothing but the love and power of God could make that possible.

This is my first year at Holding and also my first appointment. I trust that my future years of service under the Woman's Missionary Council will be as happy and as busy as this one. I am full-time librarian and teacher of two high school classes, civics and American history. In connection with my history class I have a history club which has helped me immensely in promoting interest in the history of our nation.

My extra curricula has a very wide range. I am teaching a Sunday school class of fifteen intermediate boys, all of whom, except three, are Catholics. To me this is one of my greatest challenges for service. Another teacher and I have charge of the Epworth Junior Society of about seventy-five members. And, last but not least, I am directing our school dramatic club. In my estimation this club is doing a very constructive piece of work in developing, not only the literary, but also the spiritual and the social life of our high school boys and girls.

May God continue to bless the work of Holding Institute and of the women who have made this Institute possible.

Deaconess Mary E. Clendinning reports:

My work this year is somewhat different from what it has been in previous years.

The main part of my work has been that of being matron of the large girls' dormitory, in which about seventy girls live.

My intimate touch with the girls has given me a deeper insight into their heart problems and a better understanding of them.

There are as many different temperaments to deal with as there are girls. Some are vivacious and impetuous, while others are slow and plodding. With God's help I have tried to guide and direct them into paths that will lead to beautiful womanhood.

In addition to my dormitory work, I teach two classes in the high school and a class of intermediate boys in the Sunday school. Once a month I have charge of the Epworth League program. These and other small duties have made a full and happy year's work in the service of the Master.

Durant, Okla.—Southeastern State Teachers' College

Deaconess Lena Noll, Bible Teacher, reports:

The past year at Southeastern has been one of large opportunity, for I find that as the years come and go new avenues of approach to the mind and heart of the youth open to us. Among them have been the following:

1. *Regular Class Work.*—Three classes in Old Testament and five in New Testament have been offered during the year. The personnel of these classes is always interesting. Usually there are several adults, a number of students who are contemplating Christian service as ministers or missionaries, others who, whether they teach or enter the business world, plan to use their Bible study in work of the various Church organizations, and others who, conscious of their ignorance of the Bible, desire greater knowledge or hope to receive help on some question or problem of their religious life.

2. *The Community Schools of Religion.*—Many of the students are unable to secure any Bible during the regular session. In order to give them opportunity for some religious education and to offer the same to the townspeople, the Churches of Durant, together with the Religious Education Department of the College, sponsored two training schools of one week each during January and June. The College and Sunday School Boards of the various Churches granted credit to those completing the required work. In these two schools about four hundred received credit. Those attending were privileged to hear Dr. Gerritt Verkuyl, of the Presbyterian Church, and Dr. Forney Hutchinson and Dr. Andrew Sledd, of our Church, and to have specialization courses under some of the most able teachers in Oklahoma and Texas.

3. *The Young Women's Christian Association.*—The Bible instructor sponsors this organization. It has made a place for itself on the campus by seeking to serve the student body. It has held regular meetings, conducted assembly programs, brought speakers to the college, and promoted much of the recreational and social life on the campus.

4. *The Sunday School Class.*—This affords a point of contact, not only with the Methodist students, but with the business young people. It brings about a wholesome fellowship between the two groups, not only in worship periods of the department and the class itself, but in the social life centering around it.

5. *The Social and Recreational Life.*—Young people enjoy nothing more than wholesome recreation. Through the Y. W. C. A. and the young people's department of the Church a number of parties, banquets, weiner roasts, and camping trips or retreats have materialized. The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. sponsor three overnight retreats each year at which "Y" student leaders are present. Fifty to eighty students attend these, and one's heart is gladdened by the interest shown in the serious things of life.

6. *Special Services.*—At Christmas, Easter, and during the spring and summer months we seek to bring in special ways the message of Christ through pageants, plays, and sunrise or vesper services in the open. Nothing is more beautiful or impressive to the students, faculty, and townspeople than the annual Christmas candlelight service. Every one eagerly looks forward to it, and our students feel it is an honor to have a part in it. This year we presented a pageant, using about two hundred and fifty characters.

7. *Assembly Devotional Leaders.*—During the past year and a half the students have been conducting the devotionals at our weekly assemblies. We have found this quite worth while, both from the standpoint of training the individual students and the messages brought to the student body.

8. *Life Service Superintendency.*—This year I am serving as Life Service Superintendent for the East Oklahoma Conference Epworth League. In this capacity through correspondence I am coming in touch with the youth of East Oklahoma who are considering some form of Christian service as their life work and hope to be of assistance to them.

9. *Personal Interviews.*—The quiet personal talk is one of the most precious of all avenues of approach. Through these there comes an insight into the lives of young people, understanding is gained, mutual help received, and friendships are formed that are deep and lasting.

10. *Correspondence.*—One thing that adds to the joy of being in a particular place more than one year are the letters that come from students who are no longer here, but are teaching or married or in college elsewhere. From various places they write, sharing their joys and sorrows, the problems and successes, and bringing to my life anew a

prayer of gratitude for the privilege of serving the Christ in a student community.

Nashville, Tenn.—Ward-Belmont School

Deaconess Oscie Sanders, Bible Teacher, reports:

My time at Ward-Belmont this year has been divided between Bible teaching (ten hours a week), Y. W. C. A. activities, and conference periods with individual students.

The year has been a successful one, pleasant, and full of opportunities for real service.

Statistical Report.—Students taking credit in Bible: Bible 11 and 12, Biblical literature, 32; Bible 13, "Life of Christ," and Bible 14, "Life of Paul," 24. Total, 56.

Williamsburg, Va.—William and Mary College

Deaconess Zoe Anna Davis, Bible Teacher, reports:

The past year has been a busy, happy one as I have shared the student life on the campus of William and Mary. The work as Bible teacher presents a varied demand for service. It consists of teaching two courses in Bible, acting as chaperon in our delightful little Methodist dormitory, and supervising the student activities of the local Church.

The personnel of the classes is always interesting and their needs varied. Although the enrollment has been small, I feel that the work here presents a marvelous opportunity for training in Christian leadership.

We have a splendidly equipped student Church adjacent to the campus, and the contract has been let for the erection of a \$75,000 dormitory for girls. This threefold unit of church, parsonage, and dormitory will constitute one of the most valuable pieces of property owned by the Church.

A new phase of the work this year has been two extension classes in Bible which have been taught once a week in Norfolk.

My contacts with the student group afford many pleasant associations. We talk together, live and play together, and I have formed many warm friendships among them.

Denton, Tex.—The Texas State College for Women (C. I. A.)

Miss McQueen Weir, Bible Teacher, reports.

The Bible department of the Texas State College for Women (C. I. A.) is enjoying another year of full service. In the two semesters of 1929-30 there have been 522 registrations—first semester 215 students and second semester 307 students. Each semester I offer courses totaling seventeen hours of credit. I teach "The Life of Christ," "The Teachings of Christ," "The Life of Paul," "The Psalms," "The Heroes and Leaders of Israel," and "The Prophets of Israel."

A number of townswomen who take important part in Church work and several students who on account of required work are unable to take the courses for credit have attended the classes regularly. All the classes are full of eager and enthusiastic students who are doing very earnest work.

The college provided me with a student assistant to whom is paid twenty dollars per month. She aids me in grading the hundreds of test papers and written assignments which are a necessity for thorough work.

During the year the college has given sixty dollars for library books for the Bible department. The library building is now being opened on Sunday afternoon as a quiet place for reading, but books for cur-

riculum study are not obtainable at that time. Permission, however, has been granted me to make available missionary books for reading at this time.

The Lord is blessing the work here, and as hundreds of young women go out over the South every year with new love for Jesus Christ and the Scriptures I know that great and lasting good is resulting. I am deeply grateful for this large opportunity for service to our Master.

IMMIGRANT PORT WORK

Galveston, Tex.—Immigrant Work

Rev. J. E. Reifschneider, Port Missionary, reports:

Looking back over the year's work, varied as it has been, it is always difficult to decide just what to include in my annual report. The routine of my work has been much the same as in 1928.

The official United States immigration record shows that during the past fiscal year 2,176 vessels engaged in the foreign trade arrived at ports in this district and were boarded and inspected. Of this number 1,224 came direct from foreign ports, while 952 arrived coastwise. The total number of seamen employed on above vessels was 84,385, of whom 57,419 were aliens and 26,966 were American citizens. The number of passengers on arriving foreign vessels, including American citizens, also aliens touching en route foreign ports, 1,845. Excluded, 41 (mostly stowaways); deported, 735 (mostly seamen); most of the deportees entered the country without inspection. Balance in detention pending their deportation, 44. A total of 337 aliens deserted their vessels in this district during the past fiscal year, which is a decrease of approximately 40% under the preceding year.

Limited immigration on the percentage basis should be a permanent policy of our country. In 1914, with no limit placed on immigration, 1,175,015 came into the United States. The war caused a drop. In 1922 the first quota law took effect, limiting the number to enter the United States. The system of rigidly examining in the nation of their origin to see if they may qualify for entering the United States before granting the consular visas has proved a success wherever it has been given a thorough trial. It is now the law that immigration visas shall not be issued to immigrants unless the American consul abroad is satisfied that the applicant may be passed on this side of the waters. The proposition of examining and selecting immigrants at their source was a step in the perfection of that law. The immigrants themselves have as much to gain in this new law as has this country, for they have been the chief sufferers when they were rejected at our doors and forced to return home to the country of their nativity broke in purse and spirit. We regard the establishment of the foreign service as one of the chief causes contributing to the success of the present-day administration of the immigration laws.

My statistical report for 1929 is as follows: Visitors at office, 422; called at office by appointment, 401; calls for work and help wanted, 262 (mostly deportees); work found, 103 (mostly deportees); visits to police station, 16; visits to the county jail, 153; special cases, 142; visits to foreign consuls for passports, etc., 37; secured passports for deportees, etc., 33; visits and calls to United Charities, 19; assisted in getting naturalization papers, 21; letters read and translated, 458; interpreter in United States hearings, etc., 149; phone calls, information, etc., 438; visits with aliens to courthouse, 13; assisted stranded aliens, etc., 36; calls to the Y. W. C. A., 23; visits to the sick, 48 (mostly deportees in jail); marriages, 1; burials, 1; foreign passenger

vessels, incoming, 40; outgoing, 37; aliens deported, 731; alien and deportee funds handled, \$27,541.02.

This closes my twenty-first year at this port. It is a pleasure to report that our association with the United States Immigration Service, consuls for foreign countries, local officials of the city, representatives of railways and steamship companies, as also our local Missionary Societies of this city, have been most cordial

New Orleans, La.—St. Mark's Community Center

Deaconess Nettie Stroup, Head Resident, reports:

St. Mark's Community Center is situated in the district which includes the quaint, ancient, and historic section of old New Orleans as the Vieux Carre. It is one of the most densely populated sections in the city. There are more than 30,000 foreigners of almost every nationality in this old French quarter, including French, Italian, Spanish, Syrian, and many other nationalities.

In planning a missionary program for a cosmopolitan center like this, it is quite necessary to plan some special feature during the year that will promote the community spirit and interest every one regardless of creed or nationality. In thinking about what might be interesting as well as educational, we decided to put on an "art exhibit." So committees representing the different countries were appointed early in the year and got busy finding out what articles might be available from the homes in the community for exhibition. Each nation had a booth, and in this booth were displayed in an attractive way beautiful pieces of handwork, rugs, paintings, and curios of every description from that country. At each booth stood a young woman or young man dressed in the native costume of that country. One of the most beautiful articles on exhibit was an attractive hand-embroidered picture of a Japanese girl. This picture was loaned for the exhibition by the Japanese consul, who lives here in New Orleans.

The French booth displayed a christening robe one hundred and twenty-five years old which had been used by five succeeding generations. The old spinning wheel and hunting horn, more than one hundred years old, from England, drew the attention of every one. Besides the beautiful Oriental rugs displayed by the Syrians, there was an old wedding dress bought in Damascus eighty-five years ago.

A candle holder made by Anton Lang and brought from Oberammergau, Bavaria; water from the river Jordan, where Jesus was baptized; Egyptian handwork; Chinese embroidery and other things typical of that country; beautiful paintings and handwork from Italy; a little parrakete from British Honduras, as well as many interesting and varied articles from the antique shops here in the city, made the exhibit interesting to every one. Many visitors said they felt as if they had been on a trip around the world after they had looked at so many interesting things from abroad.

This event was of interest to all denominations in the community in that it helped to bring the Jews, Protestants, and Catholics together in one common interest. All took part in getting the exhibit together and are looking forward to the time when the exhibit will be an annual event at St. Mark's.

Pageantry and religious drama are phases of the work that attract the attention of the old as well as the young, and all ages have taken part in this work the past year, rendering some programs that have been inspirational as well as educational. Some of the foreigners do not understand the English language so very well; so the dramas especially appeal to them and bring the lessons plainly to their minds.

These two years at St. Mark's have been filled with inspiration and happiness. We are trying to sow seeds of love and kindness in the

hearts of our people each day and praying to the Great Giver of Life for the increase.

Deaconess Maggie Marshall, Intermediate Worker, reports:

This part year has been a year full of personal anxieties and joys which have enriched my life and which I hope have been a means of improving my work.

As I have been at St. Mark's for three years working with intermediate groups I have seen some of them develop from children into young men and women and have been made happy to see them grow in a spiritual way as well because of our Community Center and Church. One girl in this group who stands out at this time is a girl who this year has definitely decided to do Christian work. Many difficulties were in her way—lack of finances, lack of an understanding family, poor health, only a grammar school education, and a period of four years out of school—but she is overcoming all of these.

Greater emphasis has been put on the three Girl Reserve triangles this year, causing an increase in number and interest. The programs vary so as to interest every type of girl and include handwork, recreation, lectures, discussion, and periods of devotion. The big events of the year are a Thanksgiving banquet, followed by a program setting forth the ideals of Girl Reserves, a play, and a week of camping. Camp week is one which will ever stand out in the lives of the girls. Thus each girl is seeking to "face life squarely and to find and give the best."

My Church work is most interesting. I teach a class of twenty senior boys and girls, and through it we are seeking to learn the Christlike way of everyday living. I not only have been working with the Hi-Leaguers here at St. Mark's, but have been acting as Union counselor; thus I have had direct contact with the Hi-Leaguers of the city and also of the State.

In looking backward we realize that the results of our labors are not as great as we would like, but we continue to strive, rejoicing that God does not require results, but effort.

Deaconess Lillian Addison, Junior Boys' Club Worker, reports:

There is great joy in working out problems of boyhood in any place, but the field at St. Mark's is indeed white unto the harvest, for the boys here are of many different nationalities, and they bring with them many and varied problems.

There comes an even greater exhilaration and sense of peace when one of the slightest problems has been worked out for one of the boys here.

The activities for the junior boys are chosen so as to try to help the boys secure a wholesome outlook on life. A great deal of their work is in the gymnasium, where a bit of corrective work is done and where the boys are taught to play the game fairly.

Some of the boys have played their first match game of any kind this year, and they seem to enjoy the friendly competition.

In manual training the boys are taught to make various articles that can be used in the home.

The boys enjoy the outings, hikes, and parties we have. Through these forms of entertainment the boys get a much-needed idea of the right development of the social side of life.

To work with junior boys efficiently one necessarily has to be wide awake and on the alert every moment of the time to keep up with these boys, for they are wide awake, alive, and sensitive.

Deaconess Wortley Moorman, Registered Nurse, reports:

In the spring of last year the St. Mark's clinic began coöperation with the Child Welfare Association of the city in a very definite way. Our clinic space is used for three welfare clinics in addition to our weekly schedule. One of these clinics is conducted by the St. Mark's nurse and enables us to attend to filling and cleaning teeth for children in our community who are unable to go to a private dentist. I believe the close contact with so fine a welfare agency has meant much to our work.

The schedule of sessions held in our clinic is as follows:

Monday, 8:30 A.M., Dental (extractions), Dr. George Belanger.

Monday, 9:30 A.M., Urology, Dr. E. Weiner.

Tuesday, 8:00 A.M., Dental (filling and cleaning), Dr. George Belanger.

Tuesday, 1:00 P.M., Gynecology, Dr. Joseph Reddock.

Wednesday, 8:30 A.M., Baby Welfare, Dr. Bullock.

Wednesday, 11:00 A.M., General Medical, Dr. Miller.

Thursday, 8:30 A.M., Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat, Dr. Allen.

Friday, 8:30 A.M., Dental (extraction), Dr. Hirschmann.

Friday, 1:00 P.M., Maternity, Dr. Wills.

Saturday, 9:00 A.M., Surgical, Dr. Browne.

The clinic is open every morning from eight to twelve-thirty, at which time the nurse is on duty for consultation, advice, and what treatment she is able to give. She is also on call duty any time during the day or night when she can be of service in the community.

We feel that we must make each contact count for something vital if this part of the work is to be worth while. It is our purpose to try harder during the days that follow to so lift up Christ through the medical service that we may draw many unto him who is the Great Physician.

Deaconess Bess Sargent, Young People's Worker, reports:

Tempus fugit! Yes, indeed. I can hardly realize that almost four years have elapsed since I came to St. Mark's.

The association with people of many nationalities has given "the brotherhood of mankind" a deeper, fuller meaning for me. The poet has said: "In man this blunder we find, all think their little set mankind." However, this does not hold true at St. Mark's, for French, Italian, Spanish, Mexican, Syrian, Chinese, and Filipino all meet together as a family group. Each nationality recognizes that every other nationality has a contribution to make to society. St. Mark's, I believe, is one of the outstanding "social laboratories" of our Church, for here men of many nations learn to live together in harmony and peace, remembering that God is the Father of us all.

The fellowship with the young people has been most helpful and inspiring, for they play a vital part in the program of the Church as well as in the Settlement.

The midweek prayer service is largely composed of young people. Following the worship service we have lots of fun together playing ball in the gymnasium or quiet games in the clubroom.

Our Senior Epworth League is progressing splendidly. The financial obligations have been paid in advance, and the young people are presenting a play, "The Little Clodhopper," to raise funds to send two delegates to the State League Assembly. It was my good fortune to be associated with Leaguers from all over the State at the assembly last summer, and I have been asked to serve on the faculty again this summer.

An hour of "fun and fellowship" is enjoyed by the Leaguers on Sunday evening from six to seven o'clock. Near the close of this

period the leader for the devotional, with all those participating in the program, retire to the prayer room for a period of meditation. By tuning in with God they are able to present vital messages in a forceful way at the worship service.

Believing that "we become like Christ only as we become of service," these young people have a splendid social service program. They hold services in the homes of shut-ins. One dear old lady of eighty-three years whom we had visited frequently realized that she was growing steadily weaker; so she talked to us of her burial plans. She asked that the young people of St. Mark's have charge of the music. Her request was granted. We also held monthly devotional and musical programs at Bethany Home (home for old people) and Warrington House (home for homeless men) and remembered them in a material way at Christmas and Thanksgiving.

During last year the young people gave a special love gift for missions—twenty-five dollars to our pastor and twenty-five to dear Kigo Weekoyama to assist her with promoting the work with young people in Hiroshima, Japan. (Twenty-five dollars in our money doubles its value in Japan.)

Also made and filled stockings with fruit and tops for the Negro children in Charity Hospital at Christmas time.

Perhaps the most outstanding young person at St. Mark's is Mike Mickal, a Syrian. For five years he has been coming to St. Mark's and playing the violin regularly at all Church services. He is regarded by old and young as a young man of fine ideals and principles. He served the young people's Bible class as president for three years and would have been president of the Epworth League had he been a member of the Methodist Church. Coming from a very strict Greek Catholic home, he met with great opposition when he intimated that he was going to join the St. Mark's Methodist Church. However, he won the consent of his parents last Easter, at which time he, with four other of the Mickal family, came into our Church. Mike has since been a member of the board of stewards and general superintendent of the Sunday school. His religion is vital. Through study and prayer he is growing into a strong workman for the Master.

I love the work with young people, and I long to be more worthy of their confidence and respect and to be able to draw them closer to Jesus Christ. The desire of my heart is expressed in the words of the poet:

"To speak a shade more kindly than the year before;
To pray a little oftener; to love a little more;
To cling a little closer to the Father's love;
Thus life below shall liker grow to life above."

Birmingham, Ala.—Ensley Community House

Deaconess Dorothy L. Crim, Head Resident; Deaconess Alaska Terry, Girls' Worker; Deaconess Martha Stewart, Boys' Worker; Mr. Walter Britt, Physical Director; Mr. Crawford Cottle, Physical Director; and Mrs. Kron, Kindergartner, report:

It is a good thing to be in a community long enough to know family connections and relationships, to see progress in its people, to realize that you are a part of that neighborhood and to know that the community knows you are in partnership with them.

The Birmingham Board of City Missions, composed of the Missionary Societies of the Birmingham and Bessemer Districts, support and control the works of the house. But to these must be added the support and coöperation of the Social Science and Health Departments of the interested corporation, of the Community Chest of Birmingham,

of the Health and Recreational Departments of the city together with that of the neighborhood which makes Ensley Community House a real center in support and truly it is in service. Then to these we must add the coöperation of Birmingham Southern College, the Loulie Compton Seminary, the various welfare agencies of the city, and some Churches of other creeds.

The survey of the district made by the sociology class of Birmingham Southern College and workers of the house shows, in comparison with a former survey, fewer Italians, a more polyglot neighborhood, a larger group of roving Americans, and a great unemployment and unchurched problem.

The enrollment in club and class during the entire year has been quite satisfactory. But a far greater number come to the house for a social time, to sit a spell, or to bring an offering from their gardens, or to seek aid and assistance, or perchance advice, and too often employment with which we are still baffling and to which we have given much time.

The usual festive occasions of the house, such as anniversary day, on which is given a demonstration of the work together with a reception of the board, neighborhood and all; Mardi Gras, a bit of fun brought to us by the older Italian men and women; the play festival, a great occasion out of doors; the house picnic; the usual Valentine, George Washington and Hallowe'en celebrations; Thanksgiving, with its praise service; and Christmas with its beautiful carols and programs, are an anticipated part of each year's program.

In the night school there have been pupils learning to speak, read, and write English, others studying blue prints and advanced work.

The clinic with its three doctors and two nurses has done a remarkable piece of work in prevention as well as cure.

The mothers' club has been a real joy, and the worship period has increased their desires and helped them to know Him better.

In the different groups, we think our children have learned readily and loved the beautiful selected portions of the Bible—and we know, "My work shall not return unto me void."

But we feel the culmination of the year's work was the Daily Vacation Bible school. Of the twenty-one (21) Bible schools in Birmingham this summer our school not only received the banner of highest attendance, but made the highest per cent made by any school during the six years.

There were 24 from the Ensley Methodist, 18 from the Italian Methodist, 42 Roman Catholics, 11 Greek Catholics, 2 Polish Catholics, 5 Presbyterians, 4 Salvation Army, 2 Church of God and 5 no church.

But the greatest thing about our school in all three departments, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate, was the real spiritual uplift, for our Father was truly with us. There were some glorious experiences which have told in lives and will tell we trust in Eternity.

Miss Alaska Terry reports:

This department includes little housekeepers, three classes in cooking, seven in sewing, Brownie Scouts, Girl Scouts, art and craft and the dramatic club.

One of the most interesting groups is the Girl Scouts. Last summer two girls were given scholarships to attend Scout Camp for a week. Since last spring a series of health courses have been given the second class scouts by one of the city nurses.

The art and craft class was intensely interested in making oil cloth pillows and door stops. Some married ladies were interested and came asking how to make them.

From September until December, each of the seven classes, with an enrollment of ninety in sewing, had 100% attendance for one week, some classes had perfect attendance two weeks, and another one for three weeks.

Miss Stewart reports:

You could not find a better or more interesting group of boys any where than at Ensley Community House.

Many of the younger boys are so interested in the woodwork and construction classes, that they come every afternoon instead of one day a week.

There is a group of fine Boy Scouts with Mr. Britt as Scoutmaster. The children have the playground in the afternoon while the older boys and young men have it at night with football, basket ball, baseball or volley ball, according to the season, with a young man director two nights a week. The acme club is for the young men.

The splendid club and reading room is opened at nights for the young men and women, where they have games, radio and good literature so that their varied interests are met.

Mrs. Kron reports:

The kindergarten has had during the entire year its full enrollment of sixty with a continual waiting list. All have been regular in attendance. It is quite an interesting group representing seven nationalities—American, Greek, Polish, French, Russian, German, and Italian.

The children have enjoyed having a kindergarten symphony band, each of whom have had a chance to play each instrument. One of our little five-year-old girls accompanies the band at the piano.

The nursery school is made up of littel tots three and four years old. We recognize this habit-forming period as the most important in the child's life. They are kept busy learning habits of obedience, health, and socialization.

Kansas City, Mo.—East Bottoms

Miss Ouita Burroughs, Social Service Worker, reports:

The work in the East Bottoms District of Kansas City is growing steadily. During this past year the membership of all the clubs has greatly increased. The number of children to whom we minister is larger than that of any previous year; and a greater percentage of the foreign element is included than formerly.

One reason for the growth of the club work is the part-time service of Miss Ola Gilbert, the Boys' Worker at Institutional Church; she directs the boys' clubs in East Bottoms, and the Employed Worker for that district directs the girls' clubs.

The total enrollment of all the clubs is around eighty. Last year it was about half this number; and the outlook for the coming year seems to indicate that the number will be even greater. Truly this is a great field for service in our own homeland.

Kansas City, Mo.—Institutional Church

Deaconess Elizabeth Taylor, Head Resident, reports:

The Institutional Church has in various ways endeavored to meet the needs of the community. The workers have been faithful and untiring, and have given of themselves cheerfully to the duty of the hour.

The Church and Sunday school have had a gradual and healthy

increase in interest and attendance. The fellowship hour preceding the Sunday evening service has helped in bringing the young people to the service. The Epworth League has, and is a live and active force in the lives of our young people.

The pastor, officers, and teachers of the Sunday school and officers of the Epworth League and Missionary Society are entering into the city wide evangelistic movement to bring the unsaved to a personal knowledge of the Saviour.

We were fortunate in securing summer camp privileges for a goodly number of mothers and children, some staying one week, and others as long as two.

The interest in the Saturday Afternoon Bible School, the Daily Vacation Bible School, Boy Scouts, and other activities has been inspiring. The boys and girls of the several clubs are instituting a "clean up" and "garden project." Our board has offered prizes for the best yards. The Day Nursery and Clinic or "Well Baby Station" are still important features of our work.

The Christmas season was made worth while by the two beautiful pageants in which the Christmas message was again retold. One by the boys and girls of the Saturday Afternoon Bible School, the other by the young people of the Sunday school. The hearts of our little ones were gladdened by Christmas trees, parties, and presents provided by our Church friends, while ample and well-filled baskets helped to bring cheer and comfort into thirty-three homes.

Truly the year in passing brought problems, but the joy and blessing of service has thrice over, repaid for all effort or perplexing question, and we are able to face the new year with faith and courage.

Deaconess Ola Gilbert, Boys' Worker, reports:

I was never happier over an appointment than the one which sent me to Institutional Church, and the few months since coming here have been the happiest spent in the work.

I found plenty of materials here to work with, and have had basket ball teams in three separate leagues this winter. The Italian boys' team, known as Institutional Pirates, won the championship in the Community League. Not only did these boys work hard to win, but they have been very loyal in helping me with the younger boys. There are about sixty boys in the younger group, and I have them divided into several clubs, and, whether we are doing handwork or playing games, I never tire of watching and directing them.

My prayer is to live such a life I may be able to recognize and meet the great opportunities that come to me as I work with these boys from day to day.

Deaconess Dorothy Dodd, Italian and Young People's Worker, reports:

At one of our gatherings last year, one of the Italian women attended who does not speak English. Our board president came up and slipped her hand into this woman's and was so kind that the Italian woman soon felt very much at home, just because she felt that this woman was a friend to her. The result of this kindly deed was a Friendship Circle composed of the women of our board and the women from our Italian Mothers' Club. Our board women were hostesses to our Italian women, at which time each one of the women drew a name of the woman who was to become her friendship sister. In the fall the Italian women were hostesses to the board women at a Thanksgiving fellowship tea. This friendship and fellowship meant so much to our women, and they are so proud of their "friendship sisters."

Our Girl Reserves in Karnes School had a part in the gifts for the Indian children in the Indian Mission Schools, and at Christmas they presented to the kindergarten of their own school a doll buggy and a lovely doll (that one of our board members gave us.) These are to be used for teaching purposes in the kindergarten. The girls have a part in the "clean up movement" and our latest project is to beautify a spot near Institutional Church. Our Dramatic Club is a new feature at the Institutional and the young woman who has charge of it is so able and capable and we are so grateful to her for giving her time to us each week.

The Berean Bible Class was started in July. We have tried to have some outside interest, and along with other things we have been especially interested in the African babies. Through special gifts and receipts from a play, we were able to present to Mrs. Moors last Sunday morning a check for \$40, to buy milk for these babies in Africa. This fund was started with one penny given by Laddie Ailor in our Daily Vacation Bible School last summer. We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for this class, and it is our prayer and heart's desire that they will be Christians and the real kind—and that they will win others to the Jesus way of living.

Miss Martina Hyde, Children's Worker, reports:

"Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil, think no evil, smell no evil, touch no evil," is a little game the nursery children of Institutional Church play in their little morning prayer before they go to school. It helps them to overcome the temptation they meet on the school ground. One little fellow said, "You know when I hear ugly things I just put my hands over my ears quickly, and if I start to take something that does not belong to me I quickly put my hands behind my back." Let us pray that they will always keep this spirit.

"I promise to do my best to love God and my country, and to help others every day, especially those at home," can be heard every Monday afternoon as the little Brownies give their promise. This year they gave a little play, "Who Stole the Sandman's Bag," from which they made \$25, to buy their Brownie suits.

The Epworth Juniors have their aim also—"Somebody did a Golden Deed—Was That Somebody Me?"—they love to sing. And to show that they mean what they say, they have adopted an old couple as theirs, and at Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Valentine day filled baskets for them. They sing and pray with them and the wife tells the children stories. The children are also filling a friendship box to be sent to the Filipinos.

My aim is as the poet expressed it, "It was not the word or friendly deed that counted for most that day; but the Christlike way of giving yourself in all that you do or say."

Houma, La.—MacDonell Wesley Community House and French Rural Work

Deaconess Ella K. Hooper, Head Resident, reports:

The pathos and sorrow, the beauty, the lure, the romance of the French work cannot be put in a report. To get an understanding of it one must come and see, and see with the heart as well as with physical eyes. Then, if one has a true love for the human soul and human happiness and welfare and a missionary spirit, it is truly the "Eden of Louisiana."

1. *The School*.—The enrollment for the year is sixty-three, with an average attendance of about fifty-seven. Most of the students are second-year or more, and the quality of character shows marked im-

provement. There is constantly increasing steadiness of purpose and achievement, and a gradual lessening of the subtle but powerful influence of the "gris-gris" and other related causes for pupils to drop out before the end of the session. In September two additional workers were added to the staff and the tenth grade to the curriculum.

2. *Wesley House*.—The Vacation Bible School, with an enrollment of 125, representing fifteen different and widely scattered communities, continues to be one of the most effective agencies for religious education in the territory. The playground work, the Friday evening socials, the health work, and the Christian social service work are all strongly contributing factors to the uplifting of community ideals locally and in all the more distant rural sections.

3. *Rural Work*.—The regular organized work extends through four parishes (counties) and consists in recreational and social service and religious education work through the Missionary Societies organized in the various communities and in cooperation with the Sunday schools and with the rural pastors. Students of the school have a large share in the rural work, conducting the Junior Missionary Societies in several sections and teaching in the Sunday schools and doing friendly visiting in the homes. This is fine training for the young people and greatly increases the results. During vacation periods the students take places of leadership in all the constructive Church and community work and thus have a large share in influencing community ideals and standards.

Deaconess Mattie Lou Neal reports:

When I came to Houma three months ago, I felt like a "stranger in a strange land," for I found the French people so different from any I had ever known and the situation so foreign to any I had ever experienced. Gradually I found myself becoming adjusted to the task. It is my first experience in an institution for children, my first experience in dealing with foreign people, and my first experience with underprivileged people. I have, therefore, experienced and learned many new things and found the work interesting. It has proved to be a wonderful opportunity for service.

Living in the home with the children day and night for seven days in the week offers a great opportunity for showing Christ to them and instilling the principles of Christian living into their hearts and minds. It has been a privilege to serve the Master by working with these children, the ones who are to me the men and women, the home makers, the community builders for the future.

Deaconess Muriel Bell, R.N., reports:

Four months of service in the MacDonell French Mission School has made me feel the great need of more medical work among the French people.

Many of the boys and girls of the school were found to be underweight on entering and suffering from many physical handicaps, such as bad teeth, defective eyesight, and bad tonsils and adenoids. After one month some had gained to normal weight, and almost all are stronger in body, mind, and soul on account of the regularity of the day's program. Eats? Yes. Work? Yes. Play? Yes. Rest? Yes; and everything to help them grow "in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." There are many ways in which a doctor or a nurse may be of help to the pupils, teaching them to care for their bodies properly and to become better home makers.

There is great need for organized health programs in the rural districts near Houma. So many, because of their ignorance of health needs, go on and suffer pain and the hardships of poverty caused by

sickness when some help might put them on their feet again. Sometimes the father or mother is sick with tuberculosis, and the people just take it as "the will of God" and go on in their helplessness.

Our hearts were saddened when we visited the home of the Triplets at Point au Chene. Two of the three little girls were very ill, and there were no conveniences in the home for making them comfortable. The father, mother, and twelve children had to sleep in four beds in one room, with no screens or glass windows for sunshine, and only wooden shutters to open to the flies, mosquitoes, and other numerous insects of this country. We prepared a nice orangeade and were happy to see their eyes brighten as they drank it, although they did not understand our English. Their smile made us know they liked it and appreciated the drink.

I have visited six of the rural Missionary Societies and enjoyed meeting with the women. They show a great interest in the programs and in doing some good work in their communities.

METHODIST DORMITORIES

Columbia, Mo.—Hendrix Hall

Mrs. Adella B. Anderson, Director, reports.

Entering upon the duties of director at the beginning of the summer session, 1929, I found the work extremely pleasant from the beginning. The cordial reception accorded by the local Board and the residents of Hendrix Hall, as well as the university people, went far toward making the initiation into the work one of the most pleasant I have known.

During the summer the house was counted full with seventy-five people due to the fact that a goodly number paid full price for double rooms to have them as singles.

The summer passed pleasantly with no spectacular events of any kind. Classes began at seven, in a few cases at six, in the morning. For this reason daily morning devotions were not held. Each Sunday evening vesper services were held at five. A good interest was manifested, and letters received since have especially mentioned the vesper services as "high points" in the summer session.

The summer session closed August 3. The next ten days were given to overhauling, putting in shape plumbing, etc., cleaning, redecorating, and a general refreshing of the Hall. The finishing touches were put on the first week of September, when all the help returned.

The university opened September 9 with, it may be fairly said, as fine a group of girls as were ever brought together in a college dormitory. Throughout the semester there has been an excellent spirit of coöperation in a healthy, wholesome family life, if one may so term it. With the house officers elected by the girls themselves, nine other girls, carefully selected, act as the director's cabinet.

The house president feels that the social life of the house has been decidedly successful, due entirely to the fine spirit with which the girls have entered into things.

Three parties were participated in and enjoyed. In the early fall a pajama party in the playroom was thoroughly enjoyed by a very large percentage of the girls.

On Halloween the cabinet gave the house a surprise party. All joined heartily in the more subdued but nonetheless jolly games and stunts which belong to Halloween. This also was in the playroom, and there was a cheery fire in the fireplace.

Last and best was the Christmas party held in the drawing-room

before the girls left for the holidays. Every one assembled in the drawing-room, which was lighted only by the lovely Christmas tree, the candles on the mantle, and a bright, crackling fire; around which the girls gathered. After a program of beautiful Christmas music and stories the girls sang many Christmas carols in a really devotional way, then were distributed inexpensive gifts, candy and fruit which they themselves had bought. This was voted a most successful party.

Besides these "home" parties, the house was opened for the Methodist student organization "mixer" in the early fall, and the Y. W. C. A. tea in November, and the girls gave a beautiful tea in honor of the director.

Each morning, with one exception, a part of the girls have turned aside for a few moments before going to their work for a devotional season, not very many daily, but there has been a genuine interest. No urging has been done; it was entirely voluntary. On Saturdays and Sundays the attendance and the interest has been gratifying. Usually on Sundays a girl leads, and about twenty minutes are given to it. Almost always there is special music. The willingness of some girls to lead and the interested participation of others makes one rejoice.

Monthly vespers, held the last Sunday of the month at five o'clock, have been very worth while. Each speaker has brought a message not only entertaining, but of high spiritual value as well. Mrs. Priddy, Dr. Waldrip, and Mrs. Alexander each left the hearers in an exalted frame of mind. These are real worship services.

Following vespers, in each case, tea was served most beautifully in the drawing-room, the girls assisting. They like these affairs which have a little social flavor.

We have been saddened twice during the year by death entering families of our girls, each time taking a father. In one case the girl, Nell Luck, had to leave the university because of her loss; in the other, Mary Thomas returned to school, but is leaving at the end of the semester.

Two girls, Aliene Weir and Loretta Sacks, had to give up their work because of ill health. One girl is graduating at mid-year, one must leave school because of illness in her home, and another is changing universities.

Due to an error or oversight on the director's part, one girl failed to sign her contract. At Dean Priddy's suggestion and with the local board's permission she was allowed to pay her room rent for the semester and will go to her sorority.

To fill these ten vacancies there are nine applications with deposits and one without. No reservation has been made lately.

The director feels that we have an unusually high grade of girls here; and if Hendrix Hall is in any way, intellectually, morally or spiritually, a cross section of the university as a whole, Missouri University is sending out young women of character and ability. I hope you will not think of them as paragons, but real girls who live life whole-heartedly and enjoy their work and at the same time are able to play.

I feel it a privilege to have a part with you in this worth-while work.

Austin, Tex.—Helen Kirby Hall

Mrs. John W. Robbins, Director, reports:

The Methodist Dormitory, Kirby Hall, began the second semester of the year 1929-30 on February 3.

We have had a very delightful and satisfactory year. With a maximum capacity of one hundred, we have at this time ninety-six girls.

We have lost through the year six girls who for various reasons found it necessary to withdraw from the university, but we had others to come in to fill these vacancies. We have lost only one girl, who failed in her university work, and in the honor roll just published we have fourteen per cent of the dormitory represented. This is a record of which we are proud, as ten per cent is considered good.

As usual, we have every denomination represented and girls from many States. The atmosphere of the dormitory is that of a large and happy family, and our girls are remarkably free from intolerance, religious or otherwise.

We have had less serious illness among the girls than in any former year, and the social problems have been easier to handle. The girls have given the management of the dormitory fine coöperation in every worth-while way, and we feel that they are maintaining a standard on the campus "as good as the best." With five other large dormitories and more than fifty boarding houses for girls, we feel that we are to be congratulated on the excellence of our girls.

MEXICAN WORK

El Paso, Tex.—Mexican Community House

Deaconess Josephine Berglund, Head Resident; Deaconess Nell McClain, Kindergartner; Deaconess Carolyn Porter, Girls' Club Director; Deaconess Sarah Lowder, Evangelistic Worker, report:

"When you began remodeling this building I thought that you had an impossible task, but really you have almost accomplished the miraculous. I did not think it could be made to look so nice," so one of our friends told us the other day. The credit belongs largely to the tinters and painters, but it is true that our house has been changed from the miserably dirty, dilapidated place which we found here last May into a place that is fresh and clean and attractive. August and a part of September were spent in cleaning, painting, varnishing, upholstering, hanging curtains, making cushions, and arranging. The living apartment, the kindergarten, and the office were completely furnished. The New Mexico Conference has given us, in cash and furnishings, \$465.

After getting our house straight, our next step was to become acquainted with the city. We visited nine of the public schools, six private schools, two day nurseries, three children's homes (Catholic, Protestant, and Salvation Army), the City-County Hospital, the Masonic Hospital, and two private ones. We visited the health department and the city clinics, the city jail and the county jail, the probation officer and the policewomen, the Associated Charities, the labor commissioner, the Salvation Army (Mexican Division), the different settlements (Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal, Jewish, and Catholic). We visited the Anti-Tuberculosis Association, the Crippled Children's Fund headquarters, the Boy Scout headquarters, Boy Scout week-end camp, the Y. M. C. A. and the Army Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. camp, the Free Employment Bureau, the Kindergarten Association, the public library, five American Churches, two Mexican and one colored. Then we visited three social clubs, four business and professional women's clubs, and the Social Workers' Club.

We visited the homes where we have made contact through the kindergarten and otherwise. This has given us an opportunity to study the housing and sanitary conditions. We have been on a tour of inspection to one bakery, two laundries, and one coffee shipping establishment. We have walked over our territory, up and down the

streets, and through the alleys. Representatives from our house are serving on two Y. W. C. A. committees, on a committee working in coöperation with the woman's committee from the Chamber of Commerce looking toward the improvement of the parks and playgrounds and the establishment of one large new park. We are working with other social workers of this side of town toward the organization of a South Side Improvement League. The aim is to secure better sanitary conditions, better bathing facilities, better lighting, etc., for this side of town.

After becoming acquainted with the city, we endeavored to have the city become acquainted with us. So we entertained a zone missionary meeting, a missionary circle meeting, a large Sunday school class, the Social Workers' Club, the Executive Committee of the New Mexico Conference. We entertained the missionaries from the different institutions operating under our Church, a teacher from the vocational school, a kindergartner, a worker from the Associated Charities, a woman prominent in music circles, the director of the Protestant Children's Home, the doctor at the head of the City Health Department, and Miss McCowan, at the head of the nursing division of the city.

The kindergarten was opened the middle of October. The room is very attractive with the rainbow drapes, the decorated tables, and the bright-colored little Mexican chairs that we brought over from Jaurez, Mexico. They are paying fifty cents per month. This will pay for the material and any further equipment. Twenty-four have enrolled to date.

Our building is being used by one group from the Y. W. C. A., and the group which will become the Improvement League is meeting with us. A Girl Reserve Club and a Business Girls' Club are being organized. A very capable woman has volunteered to take charge of the sewing school. She is making plans, enlisting teachers, buying materials, soliciting donations, etc. We hope to begin the work of the music department with piano lessons in the very near future. Two young men from the Y. M. C. A. have given volunteer service on the playground twice each week. Until the weather became too cold we had from twenty to forty boys on the ground daily. The Boy Scout troop will be organized next week. Two splendid Mexican young men have volunteered their services as Scoutmasters.

We have an advisory committee composed of some of the most intelligent and influential women of the city, and a Boy Scout committee of American business men is being organized.

In the Sunday school our workers are serving as teacher, pianist, and secretary. We are all members of the Mexican Missionary Society, and three of us are members also of an American society. We have presented our work to five different Church groups, have made several missionary and several devotional talks.

Though we have not made a great many community contacts, we gave our kindergarten children a happy Christmas and helped with the Christmas at the Church and were able to make some of the community homes happy.

The first nine months of the year were spent by two of us on furlough and by two on sick leave.

In every way we have been shown the most hearty coöperation by the people of El Paso and by every one have been given a most hearty welcome. We like our place of work and sometimes fear it is too good to be true.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Homer Toberman Mission and Clinic

Deaconess Margaret Ragland, Head Resident, reports:

In spite of community shrinkage, our organized activities this year show the gratifying increase of 60% in membership with regular attendance and lively interest in all clubs and classes.

Daily Vacation Bible School, directed by Deaconess Helen Reeves, was most successful. A large number of volunteer helpers made possible a very high type of program featuring religious instruction, personal hygiene, cultural and expressional handwork.

The coöperation of the Presbyterian Board of Missions gave opportunity for seventeen of our boys and girls to enjoy camp for a week.

We are delighted to have a new piano for our music class; the initial gift for this came from Scela (Southern California Epworth League Assembly) young people.

Deaconess Hazel Bulifant, Nurse, reports:

During the year new duties have been added to the schedule until my time is well filled. The principle part of my work is that at the dental clinic, and from this I have derived the greatest amount of joy, knowing that we have been a real help to many people.

I have been in charge of a Home Nursing Club of little girls meeting in the clinic building once a week. The children are taking a great deal of interest in learning to care for the sick in their homes.

The work in the Sunday school at Watts has been a pleasure. There is a very beautiful spirit of reverence at all times, and the membership of the Sunday school and Church is increasing.

The Girl Reserve Group has been growing, and I find it a great challenge to give these girls just the right kind of food to help them grow in "wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." If we can accomplish this in all of our clubs and classes we shall not have worked in vain.

I am happiest to report that the Mexican people have found a big place in my heart.

Deaconess Dolores Diaz, Director of Girls' Work, reports:

This year we have had the same handicap. Our community is rapidly moving away, but we are still doing our best. Notwithstanding the obstacles that befall our pathway, we did better work this year than last year.

The sewing school at Homer Toberman Mission has an enrollment of fifty-seven girls. The one at Belvedere has twenty-seven girls enrolled. Belvedere has the largest Mexican community around here, but the mothers are afraid to let the children come to sewing school because we have it in a Protestant church.

We have a Little Home Maker's Club. It is composed of a group of little girls eight to ten years old, who are learning the household duties. This same group belongs to our orchestra. We have as instruments, kazoos, tambourines, and a triangle. This group has a large waiting wait.

We have a very small group of mothers in the Mothers' Club. It is very difficult to get them to come, so many home duties keep them in.

As I have said many times before, my great desire in all the clubs is to bring them into touch with our Heavenly Father, and his Son Jesus Christ who came to this world to save those who were lost.

Our Sunday school, Church, League, and Missionary Society have

suffered loss of members. A new mission was opened, and the members who lived near that mission are attending it. This Church which is called the Mother Church is weak now, but the four Churches and missions are growing fast. They are in well populated communities, and therefore they have opportunity to grow. These are all Mexican centers of religious work.

Miss Louisa Jaurez, Clinic Registrar and Club Worker, reports:

It has been only three months since I was asked to help with the work at Homer Toberman Mission, the main purpose being the organization of a music class.

Much of the time has been spent helping with sewing school, children's hour, thrift shop, clinic registrar, visiting, library, and in the organizations of the Church.

The music class has become a very popular and important feature in Homer Toberman. It is a great pleasure to be able to impart to these boys and girls the beauty of the most beautiful of arts, for it inspires and uplifts the soul, bringing it into closer touch with God.

Mr. Pablo Velasco, Playground Director, reports:

Our boys made such a wonderful record during the last basket ball season that Homer Toberman is called now "the Home of Champions." Four championship pennants and one second place banner in the class "A" comrade division are the spoils brought home by our teams, the Eagles, the Tigers, the Cubs, the Yaquis, and the Apaches.

Religious instructions classes, hikes, camping, picture shows, track meets, and various other entertainments round up our program.

Our aim is to develop character, and, through wholesome games that call for a keen control of inner self, we prepare the boys for the game of life, teaching them to play the game square. Our ultimate end is to draw these young lives nearer the Great Comrade, the unseen Guest whose presence becomes more and more a reality in our midst.

The results of our efforts are most encouraging. Toberman boys are learning the significance of loyalty to principles that are worthy and noble. There has been developed a splendid spirit among our members and it is now being shown in beautiful deeds of unselfish service rendered to each other and to the Institution.

Our boys have "hero stuff." Steve Sanserino, vice president of our Pioneer Club rescued a drowning comrade and won the coveted Pioneer Life Saving Medal, given by the Y. M. C. A.

The outlook for our boys' work is fine.

San Antonio, Tex.—Wesley Community House

Deaconess Rena J. Murphy, Head Resident, reports:

Last year being the first year for all of us here we had to lay the foundation and win the confidence of the people, therefore results were not so noticeable, but we feel there has been splendid progress in making the people realize we are their friends, and we are beginning to see many results. When our Mexican people are convinced that we love them, our opportunity is unlimited in reaching them for Christ. The greatest thing we have accomplished this year, in my estimation, is the interest among the Mexican people themselves as shown by their service. Seven regular volunteer helpers, who are members of our Mexican Church, assist us each week in different departments and a number of others help from time to time. I believe this Wesley House is peculiar in that we have to limit the enrollment in our clubs

in order not to have more than we can accommodate. We always have a waiting list in case any drop out. Once having won the confidence of the people they bring to us every problem which concerns them and thus the temptation comes to increase beyond our ability to render real and lasting service because our time is so taken up with doing things we are apt to fail in rendering the deepest service, that is, introducing them to Jesus Christ our Saviour and if we fail here we fail in all.

We have an attendance of one hundred in our Week-Day Bible School. To the children who understand very little English we give Bible lessons in Spanish the point being to teach the Bible and not English and many of the children never hear the Bible only here. We had a splendid Daily Vacation Bible School in June with an attendance of one hundred and thirty-five.

Another very splendid thing is the way in which our Churches have given volunteer help by assisting in the club work, keeping office, use of cars, Epworth Leaguers giving parties once a month for our young people, and in meeting various needs. We long for the time to come when our American Christians may realize fully their great privilege for service with these our foreign friends who are looking to us for an interpretation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Deaconess Mabel Clark, Girls' Department, reports:

In the girls' department we have two Girl Reserve clubs, two chorus clubs, and a sewing school. In our clubs we have a devotional program and gymnasium work. The girls give their own programs after the devotional. A number of the girls from the clubs have become regular attendants at our Mexican Church. Two graduates of the sewing school have given their time assisting this year in the sewing school. I teach a group of twenty-five young women at the Mexican Church. A group of the members of the class meet twice a month at the Wesley House for prayer and to discuss and plan ways of giving service for Christ. From this class four girls have united with the Church and the class is contributing to the milk and ice fund at the Wesley House.

In the baby clinic assisted by a children's specialist and public health nurse, not only is medical attention given but instruction in the care and feeding of the children.

Deaconess Mamie Robinson, Boys' Department, reports:

What a privilege it has been to spend another year with the nationality I love so much. As I think of an average of four nights in clubs and gym., then special meetings, parties, etc., of two afternoon boys' clubs, rummage sales, clinic twice a week, and average of five Sunday services and the 2,936 visits made I am almost ready to declare this my seventh year has been the busiest. At any rate I have been "going some."

We decided to close our general clinic the first of September as we are near three other good clinics. With the coöperation of the city nurses, and voluntary services from physicians and dentists we cared for the large number who came to us. I now assist in the pre-natal clinic and the dental clinic. Nearly four hundred taken to specialists and other clinics which was only part of total taken by all workers.

The work with the boys has been a real joy with the assistance of a Christian young man who teaches in one of our high schools. He has directed our Hi-Y club and coached our basket ball teams. Five Mexican Churches joined us again in the Sunday School League which plays three times a week on our court. The contact with these splendid

young people has been a great benefit to our boys. There are about one hundred and fifty boys in our various clubs.

Another phase of the work showing progress has been the beginners and cradle roll department at the Mexican Church. We have an average of thirty under five years. The fact that my knowledge of Spanish has increased helps here as elsewhere. What a joy to see the large numbers who fill our Church at every service and how we long to interest more in going.

Deaconess Lila May Campbell, Children's Department, reports:

In the kindergarten this year we have endeavored to raise the standard by urging regular attendance, better coöperation from the homes and from the children, and by urging the parents to attend the Parent-Teachers' Association meetings more regularly.

Our Parent-Teachers' Association is affiliated with the local Parent-Teachers' Association of San Antonio and this next year we are planning to join the State and National Parent-Teachers' Association. We have the regular Parent-Teachers' Association programs, the only difference being our programs are in Spanish and we have a devotional at each meeting. In each program we have endeavored to teach our people to be better public minded citizens and better Christian parents. We have a committee that planned our flower beds at the Wesley House and a day set aside for the receiving of plants and flowers and so many were brought some had to be given away. We are giving \$25 toward playground equipment and also have paid part of a trained nurse's salary for one of the kindergarten children who was seriously ill.

The Day Nursery presents one of the greatest opportunities for real service by providing a training home for the children because we have them longer during their waking hours than the mothers. This enables us to get into the real heart-life of the mothers and assist them with their problems. It has been difficult to get a good, Christian matron, but at present we have a splendid Christian young woman.

Dallas, Tex.—Mexican Mission

Deaconess Annie Price, Head Resident, reports:

The year of 1929 brought to us manifold opportunities, More than 5,000 people came to our doors during the year.

The future outlook for this field is very interesting from many viewpoints: (1) Some who have broken faith with their mother Church and are just drifting as it were have shown a decided preference for the work here. (2) A new worker has been added to our staff in the person of Señorita Maria De Moreno. She is a native Mexican, well-trained and educated. Without doubt she will prove a wonderful asset to this work.

Our aim for the coming year is not so much to take on new activities, but to make what we have bigger and better.

In this city we have wonderful talent from which to draw. It remains to be seen just how much may be done along that line. At present we have already been appropriated two voice scholarships, one expression, one story-telling, and three piano; aside from this, six of our girls are attending school at Laredo, Tex. Their scholarships are sponsored by the Dallas City Board of Missions.

We are delighted to report that the Federated Music Clubs of the city have lent us of their talent a director for our Saturday Evening Choral Club and that we have secured a teacher for piano from the Wednesday Morning Choral Club. Our children pay 25 cents a lesson for the piano instruction.

During my stay here my interest and my enthusiasm for this work here have never waned in the five years. "Truly the field is white unto harvest."

Miss Lula Bell, Kindergarten, reports:

This year we feel sure that our kindergarten is finer than it has ever been. We have had a more regular attendance than in previous years. When we look back to the first years of our work here we can hardly recognize ourselves, our children have developed so. Instead of just coming to kill time and get out of mothers' way for a while, they come with a purpose. (That is the mothers are sending them with a purpose.) When promotion day comes they all want a certificate to show that they are promoted to the public school (la escuela grande) as they say it. I promoted fourteen at the mid-term this winter and all fourteen are going to the public school and are making good. At the close of this term I shall promote about twenty-five more, and I am sure most of these will enter public school next fall notwithstanding we have a parochial school across the street from us. And don't you believe this school is not working hard to get these children. We are very much in love with our work here.

I have the Arts and Crafts Club also. It is made up principally of the mothers of the kindergarten children. I think we are doing the most constructive work this year with this club that we have ever done since it was organized. This year we are making reed baskets of every kind. They are very artistic. We are also using an hour for singsong and Bible study. Most of these ladies are Catholic ladies, so I think our program is quite constructive.

Deaconess Grace Thatcher, Club Director, reports:

Since coming to the Dallas Mexican Mission last September, I have been more and more impressed with the fact that here is indeed a great opportunity to labor for the Master. As club director I see many wonderful possibilities in the lives of the boys and girls who come here to the various clubs eager to learn more of the Bible. The task of making Christ a personal friend to each of them is truly a challenging one.

It would be impossible to touch the large number of boys and girls that we do, were it not for the valued and capable assistance of a large group of volunteer helpers. Each day sees the clubrooms filled with boys and girls of varying ages. Each club is begun with a Bible lesson or devotional and then followed by some kind of hand-work such as sewing or manual training.

The graded sewing school is the largest group, and one in which any girl in the community may find a place. In order to have a more personal contact with the girls we have organized two small group clubs, one for the older girls and one for the younger girls. This gives a better opportunity to know the girls individually, and to help them with their problems.

I thank God for a small part in this portion of his vineyard.

Señorita Maria De Moreno, Evangelistic Worker, reports:

Could we ask for a greater opportunity than to serve our own people, in the Master's name, while they are struggling along in a foreign land? This is my every-day privilege, made possible by the Dallas City Board of Missions.

For some people not acquainted with the work, Little Mexico may suggest dirt, smoke, muddy, unpaved streets, homes crouched down upon damp ungrassed ground; but to us who have had the joy of

servicing there, Little Mexico means folks—folks whom we love—and who love us.

How many times when we go calling we have entered the heart of Little Mexico—its human heart—which loves, hopes, aches, and sometimes breaks.

Little Mexico means children who love kindergarten because they can sing and play while they are learning the English language, then have the honor of being promoted and transferred to the public school. It means a group of enthusiastic girls who are reaching out to better things; mothers who are finding the joy of helping others and boys with infinite possibilities.

We could not enumerate our activities, but we know that our Mission is making happier homes and developing finer manhood and womanhood.

Houston, Tex.—Mexican Mission

Mrs. Bertha M. Feldon, Evangelistic Worker, reports:

I was very happy to read last May of my reappointment to Houston and our Mexican work.

On the cradle roll now I have twenty-five names of babies, and these babies will soon grow into Sunday school and kindergarten age.

Five classes compose our English Department in Sunday school, and, besides having charge, I have a class of older girls. Miss Herrick has the smallest girls.

We have two classes for boys in the Sunday school. These boys meet and play games one night in the week.

The children are so eager for Daily Vacation Bible School time to come each year, and we have a good attendance.

Two of my girls are in Holding Institute this year; one is in her third year, and the other is in her first year.

Our thirty young people of the glee club are fortunate to have as director the fourth year Miss Mildred Sage, Assistant Supervisor of Music in the Houston Public Schools.

Our Kindergarten Mother's Club, with Miss Herrick in charge, and the Dorcas Society still meet together, and our dues are kept separate. The dues of the Dorcas Society go to the Conference claims. Only a few of our members are Protestants, but our pastor always gives us a helpful Scripture lesson.

At our World Day of Prayer service we invited the men and women, and they received a blessing by having a part in giving of their small means.

Deaconess Sue V. Herrick, Kindergartner, reports:

I am working with a people here in Houston that appreciate what I am trying to do for them and their children. I do not have to show the need of the kindergarten to the Mexican parent and urge the child to come, for they are there if they are well and have clothes to wear.

In kindergarten especial emphasis is placed on teaching the children English before entering the public school. However, this is not the main object of our work. Our real purpose is to teach them about Jesus and his great love for them. They not only learn about Jesus through their songs and stories, but mostly by doing the things that come up in kindergarten because it is the right way—the way Jesus would have them do.

Last year we enrolled 124 children in the kindergarten, representing 93 homes. Forty-three of the children enrolled in the kindergarten since January are now in some department of our Mexican Sunday school. Twenty-five little girls graduating from the kindergarten last year came into my Sunday school class.

The Mexican parents welcome gladly the children's "Maestra" in their homes. Often we can win the whole family into our Church by just loving one of their little children.

The Kindergarten Mothers' Club is increasing in number and interest. It would make your heart glad to see how happily they enter into the games after the short program, thus showing how eager they are for wholesome amusement.

There are many other activities I would like to see developed in our needy, thickly settled Mexican districts; but we are limited for space, having two rooms, for our work in the back of the Mexican church. We are hoping soon to have a Wesley House, then we can do better things for our Mexican neighbors.

NEGRO WORK

Birmingham, Ala.—Bethlehem House

Mrs. J. R. White, Superintendent, reports:

My heart is full of praise to the Heavenly Father for another year of service in this field so truly "white unto harvest."

Our activities have been practically the same as last year with many encouraging features in every department.

A most interesting phase of our work during the summer months was our Daily Vacation Bible School, held for four weeks. We had on roll 135, with a splendid average attendance. The school meant so much in the lives of the boys and girls in our community.

Our City Mission Board, composed of women who have always been faithful to every trust, have indeed been a wonderful help and blessing, giving of themselves, day by day, in loving service for Jesus as they labored with us in the "repair shop of a broken and beaten humanity." Large boxes of clothing, fruits, and groceries for our pantry have been received from the splendid women of our Missionary Societies in our district and Conference. We are indeed grateful for these things that have helped to bring joy and comfort to the hearts of little children.

The Christmas season was a joyous time for every one. The kindergarten group gave a beautiful pageant, followed by a Christmas tree with lovely gifts for every child. In the afternoon there was a program and Christmas tree for the club boys and girls. Our friends were very generous with fruits and candies for this happy occasion. The Spirit of the Christ-Child was with us.

We are rejoicing in the fact that we are to have a new Bethlehem House adequate to meet the needs of the people, made possible for us through an appropriation from our Council.

My heart is full of gratitude to the Heavenly Father for guidance during the year. Without his help the problems that are ours from time to time could not be solved.

I am praying that in every contact with the people of our community we may truly represent Christ. It is a privilege to serve so great a need.

Elizabeth Branch, Kindergartner, reports:

It is interesting to look back over the three years I have had the joy of teaching in the kindergarten and directing the older groups in the club work at Bethlehem House and see "how great things the Lord has done for us."

We graduated a class of twenty-two happy boys and girls who had completed the two years of work given in our kindergarten last

May. We find an increasing interest on the part of the parents as well as pupils in every department of work.

We trust we are sowing seed day by day that will bear much fruit for the Master in later years. What a wonderful opportunity we have had to tell the "good tidings" to boys and girls in our story hour and literary clubs, and as they worked with needle and thread in the sewing class, or prepared and served dainty dishes in the domestic science class. I was so happy to have had a part in our splendid Daily Vacation Bible School. My work was with the older group. Our worship period was indeed a "time of refreshing from on high."

Carrie Lomax, Resident Worker, reports:

When I think how we are building character that shall count for good or evil as we minister to the children in the nursery and the boys and girls in their clubs and classes, I realize more and more the great responsibility of serving in a home like this.

My work has been largely in teaching the "message of Jesus" in song to all the different groups that come to us and the supervision of the boys in manual training classes.

We see the promise of a new hope and a new light born in their darkened hearts as we unfold to them the story of Jesus and his love amid the fashioning of doll furniture, toys, screens, etc., of soft wood.

I shall ever count the time spent in service at Bethlehem House profitable and the associations here an inspiration. May I be used of God to lead my own people into the Kingdom.

Augusta, Ga.—Paine Annex

Deaconess Rachel R. Cantrell reports:

Here I am at Paine College at the end of the fourth year teaching music as an alibi for association, but primarily studying the Negro people and their problems and seeking to bring help to the situation from both angles, colored and white viewpoints.

Each week I have twenty-two hours of classroom and private teaching besides other campus activities, such as direction and planning of music for vesper and daily chapel services, chaperoning, keeping study hall, and lyceum provision.

The glee clubs have been hale and hearty this year despite the fact that it has been necessary for the leader to direct and accompany. Programs in the city have been given in addition to various occasions in the college throughout the year.

As I see it, we need greatly more money directed into the music department in order to increase the teaching force, to provide more pianos, and more frequent tuning for the ones we have. Whether a good violin or voice teacher would attract students of musical ability to this school who of course prefer to go where these departments are provided should be considered.

Each year there has been a growing national interest in the educational value of music study. In a survey of sixty college class presidents it was found that fifty-two of them were musicians; not only that, but leaders in various campus organizations were musicians. Serious study and research have proved that music study develops not only concentration and self-expression in the individual, but a spirit of cooperation and cultural atmosphere highly desirable. The directors of Paine College should recognize the importance of adequate provision for training the youth of a race peculiarly endowed in musical gifts.

Personally I have enjoyed teaching here. The work has been in-

teresting, the contacts pleasant. I do not think it matters particularly whether I return or not, but I do want to see Paine have one of the best music departments in the entire South.

Deaconess Carmen Blessing reports:

A year at Paine College is always one of opportunity and of happiness in service. This year our college enrollment has again reached the one hundred mark. Our high school enrollment has fallen just short of two hundred. Because of the splendid gift of \$15,000 given by the Council to be used in standardizing our library and our laboratories, and because of the increased appropriations from all of our contributing agencies for next year, we are hoping that at least Paine may soon receive the advanced rating for which we have long been striving.

My routine duties for the year have consisted of teaching the college English classes and in serving as dean of women. The fact that they are "routine," however, does not keep me from enjoying them, for my work is a constant pleasure.

A few events stand out as high lights in a review of the past months. I was privileged, in June, to assist in the Council school for Negro women held here in connection with the pastor's school. These women are eager for all the help and training they can get and are deeply grateful to our women for the assistance given.

In the next place, this spring Negro delegates for the first time were invited to attend the meeting of the Georgia Student Volunteer Union. I accompanied the group that represented Paine College, and we all felt that this was a forward step in the matter of interracial understanding.

And next, the erection of the new Bethlehem House in Augusta means much to Paine College. At present four of our college women are living in the institution, giving part-time service and receiving valuable training. Three of our home economic girls, under the direction of their instructor, are doing their practice teaching there. Several of our boys are giving volunteer service, helping with the boys' clubs. We are certain that through various channels of coöperation the two institutions will be mutually helped.

Augusta, Ga.—Bethlehem House

Miss Thelma Stevens, Director, reports:

After eighteen years of steady growth the Bethlehem House of Augusta has possibilities for service that are surpassed by no other similar institution of the South.

In the fall of 1911 Miss Mary De Bardeleben was sent to Augusta to begin her work with the Negroes. Through her earnest efforts a Settlement House was opened in 1912, the first social settlement of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for Negroes. An abandoned beer saloon became the home of the work at first.

But through the years the dream of these pioneers in the work has become a growing reality. The dawn of 1930 found two lovely new buildings completed and ready for work. This \$75,000 plant has been built and equipped by the women of the Southern Methodist Church with the hope that it will render an increasingly great service to the community of Augusta.

One great aim of Bethlehem House is to provide a center through which a real project in racial coöperation may be carried on. The white people of Augusta have shown a beautiful spirit of coöperation and a real desire to help promote this great project. On the evening of January 24, when we had our "house warming," approximately

five hundred white and colored citizens came with sincere expressions of interest and enthusiasm. The Negroes of Augusta take great pride in this community center, and their faces glow with happiness when told that theirs is the most completely equipped center of its kind in the South—and the end is not yet!—

Bethlehem House will serve as a training center for many Paine College students who are interested in the development of their people. Provision has been made for four outstanding students of that institution to live at Bethlehem House each year and help with the program of work, with the hope that they in turn will develop into experienced leaders. The departments of sociology, home economics, and education have already begun some coöperative projects with Bethlehem House. Student workers for clubs, playground, Bible school, night school, and the various other activities have offered their volunteer services. Many of them will be used.

The program of Bethlehem House attempts to touch in some way boys and girls and men and women of all ages. With increased facilities and a larger staff of workers have come greater opportunities to meet the needs of the people. The schedule includes such activities as Girl Reserves, home makers, sewing and cooking classes for girls and mothers as well, a Friendship Community Club for women, men's club, clubs for boys six through twenty years, night school for working men and women, well baby clinic, kindergarten, Bible school, young people's club, and playground activities.

Bethlehem House is not the kind of institution to have a "hundred-year plan," neither does a project develop overnight. But there are many dreams of service that we trust will soon become realities in this community. Interest in Bethlehem House is growing by leaps and bounds. Truly its purpose is

"To serve the present age,
Our calling to fulfill:
O may it all our powers engage
To do our Master's will!"

How true it is that the greatest joy of the human heart is that which comes from sharing our Christ with our less fortunate friends and brothers and doing our bit to give some real joy to eager, hungry hearts. Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

Miss A. W. Long, Girls' Club Worker, reports:

The girls' club work for the year began in September with two organizations, the Home Makers and the Girl Reserves.

The Home Makers are a group of girls from seven to fourteen years of age and are divided into five classes, according to age. They meet once a week during the afternoon, and their work is chiefly confined to sewing and cooking. Emphasis is also placed on recreational life. Their meetings are presided over by their own officers. The total enrollment of the Home Makers' Club is now 120 members.

The Girl Reserves are composed of girls from the age of fourteen to eighteen years, who conduct their own meetings and look after the business connected with the club. The total enrollment is now forty-five. They meet once a week, and major emphasis has been placed upon physical development. They are now interested in a study of folk dances.

A young woman's sewing class, which meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M., is a new project. At present the total enrollment is eight members.

Miss Dorothy Weber, Club Worker, reports:

I am so happy that my first appointment under the Woman's Missionary Council could be at Bethlehem House in Augusta. My first month here has been a very busy but happy one. The buildings are far more beautiful than words could ever express, and our opportunity for real service here is unlimited.

We hope to open in the near future a day nursery, which is a new project, but one that we feel will mean much to the community of working mothers. Also by working in coöperation with the City Public Health Department we feel that much real good can be done in our well baby clinic, which has grown by "leaps and bounds" since moving into the new buildings. In one month the attendance has grown from two to twenty-five babies.

With such a short time in the work my report must be brief. But this I know: that no greater joy can come than that which ministering to God's little ones will bring into our lives. I thank God for the privilege of sharing my bit with these children here.

Miss Felicia Starks, Kindergartner, reports:

Our experiences in the kindergarten department have been many and varied. The enrollment is thirty-five at present, which is the maximum number for our facilities. Our major emphases have been play, song, and handwork.

Children are very happy in their new kindergarten room with the lovely new surroundings. The work can be made much more effective and bring a deeper satisfaction to both children and teacher. The new year has begun happily for all of us. Surely God's little ones are being wonderfully blessed in this particular field.

Nashville, Tenn.—Bethlehem Center

Deaconess Ann McIver Rogers, Girls' Director, reports.

As we look back over 1929 we feel encouraged with what has been accomplished and with the signs that seem to show that an even better year lies ahead of us.

As a whole, the colored people are rather suspicious of a new worker coming in. She must prove herself a friend before they will let her get below the surface of their lives. This period of testing seems to have passed for the Council workers at Bethlehem Center, and more and more the people are coming to us with their difficulties and sorrows. One mother whose young daughter was arrested recently asks us to come to see her as often as we can, so that she can talk things over with us.

The Primary Club and the Girl Reserves show the most regular attendance and the greatest growth in the Girls' Department, both of them having increased about one hundred per cent. One girl who joined the Girl Reserves in 1928 now comes to everything that is open to her—in fact, she is here every day. She is editor of the Girl Reserve paper and says she wants to work at Bethlehem Center when she is older.

Last October the Bethlehem Center Sunday school was started with an enrollment of thirty-two, which has grown to about one hundred. This is especially to meet the needs of those who do not go anywhere to Sunday school. It meets on Sunday afternoons so that the Churches will not feel that we are competing with them. The average attendance is good, and much interest was shown in the Christmas pageant which the school gave at Christmas time.

Miss Evangeline Stewart Nelson, Kindergartner, reports:

It is nearly time for our sessions to close, and what fun we had in preparing our program! First, as spring came I found from discussion that the children were more interested in the budding forth of new life than in Santa Claus. So we planted seeds, watered them, and watched the plants grow. Then we played as if we were flowers, raindrops, sunshine, etc., as the discussion grew. So when the time came to think of a closing program we found nothing more fitting than a flower garden. With eagerness the children are learning their parts as well as others for fear that there will be need of a substitute in the end. Then there is our orchestra which is to play. This will be their first public appearance, and they are just thrilled with the idea, because it has been hard work for them all year.

The greatest achievement this year has been an increased enrollment and attendance. We have also accomplished more beneficial things in the kindergarten this year. It is our hope that there will be even more advancement in the incoming year.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Bethlehem House

Deaconess Frances Howard, Head Resident, reports:

As last year was my furlough year, I had the privilege of spending nine months of that time at Scarritt. Therefore I feel better prepared mentally, physically, and spiritually to take up the work again.

It is a rather difficult task, though, to make a report when one has been on the job only about six months.

I found upon my arrival a much better building with equipment than I had anticipated, and while the work was fairly well organized I soon found that the work was in its pioneer stage. With a community of some 9,000 people we are only reaching a small percentage.

My first task was to learn the community and win the friendship of the people. I fully realize that there are many contacts to make if we expect to put on a constructive program. This, together with organization of the different activities, has occupied my time.

The outstanding achievement of the year has been the clinic work. This feature of the work was established one year ago last fall, and the progress has been very good considering that length of time. It is not easy to undertake work of this character in a community where there is ignorance and suspicion, and it takes time to educate people of this type when it comes to a program of public health. Because it is free they are suspicious of it to a certain extent.

Certainly there is no greater opportunity for service than in this thickly populated territory where spiritual and moral training is vitally needed. We have a vision for an enlarged program of work, but it will not be possible with only two workers and the present equipment. We trust the membership of our local Churches will get a larger vision of what their responsibility is to our less fortunate brother, and that gradually there will come a more sympathetic understanding between the two races.

OTHER ENGLISH-SPEAKING CENTERS

Montgomery, Ala.—Methodist Settlement House

Deaconess Lois Tinsley reports:

In looking over the reports of the past two years I note that this is listed under "Cotton Mill Work." There is only one person in the community who works in a cotton mill, and she has to go across town on the street car to get to the mill. There are several different man-

ufacturing plants in the community, but not enough to furnish occupation for the people. At times this past year there have been as many as eighteen families with no means of support and no work whatever.

The newest and most enthusiastic group of the Settlement House during 1929 has been that of the primary-junior girls' club, known as "Bluebirds." They elected their own officers, who preside during the business and devotional part of the meeting. Then I direct in games for their social and physical development. Once a month we have missionary programs.

The Y. W. C. A. secretary secured a faithful volunteer director for the Girl Reserves. Seven of the girls received rings at the mother-daughter banquet as a reward for three years of faithful membership in the organization. They, with five other newer members, did good work the whole year—planning and carrying out their weekly programs, monthly entertainments, etc.

Three little girls completed their course in sewing by making dainty ruffled white voile dresses for themselves under great difficulty. Different volunteer helpers taught each week. During the fall there have been no volunteer teachers at all.

The overflow of the river in the spring divided the town and cut me off from my work for a few days. It caused most of the people to leave their homes, but there was no special loss to anyone. It, however, caused a great deal of malaria in the summer and fall—whole families would be having chills at the same time. I had to go about with either a bottle of quinine or chill tonic for those I visited. The Lord gave me strength and health to continue in the work all the year.

The Mothers' Club and the Junior Boys' Club continue interested and faithful. I also have the same group of boys in Sunday school class.

The Sunday school is not as large as it has been, but I think it does remarkably well under the circumstances. Quite a number of families have moved away. There is no one to play the piano, and only those of the community are teaching classes. There were fifty-two present the last Sunday in December. We again tried to have two revivals—one in the spring and one in the autumn—but had every hindrance imaginable. Five of the Sunday school children were all that united with the Church.

The interiors of the office and clubrooms were repainted in September. Also new shades and curtains were placed in two classrooms. The picnic in May and Christmas tree in December were enjoyed by all groups.

Atlanta, Ga.—Wesley Community House

Deaconess Bessie Allen, Head Resident, reports:

"Around us rolls the ceaseless tide
Of business, toil, and care,
And scarcely can we turn aside
For one brief hour of prayer.

Yet work shall be prayer, if all be wrought
As thou wouldst have it done;
And prayer by thee, inspired and taught
Itself with work be one."

Work in the Wesley Community House in Atlanta has increased so steadily we sometimes wonder how we can meet the needs and de-

mands upon us. We have been able to note a continuous growth in interest and coöperation in the city board, Churches, social agencies, and the community, which is very gratifying. Although only three years old, we have outgrown our house and equipment. Our city board is fully aware of our need and is endeavoring to raise funds to build an activity hall to serve as a kindergarten, gymnasium, and auditorium. With this hall we can more than double our service to the community.

Our playground has been equipped with swings, merry-go-round, slide, and sand pile and is the only playground in the community.

We have added to our activities this year a music class, night school for adult illiterates, and outdoor basket ball. The young men of the community made our court and put up the goals and electric lights, so the court is used at night when the weather is favorable. After the game is over the young people gather in our community parlor and sing and have a good time.

We divided our Girl Reserves into a junior and senior triangle, Miss Mary Lou Barnwell taking one and Miss Annis Warner the other, and we have had wonderfully fine results.

Our Boy Scout troop has grown until we are hoping to divide them soon.

The Woman's Club is a real joy. They are so interested and helpful in all we do. They contributed and earned by putting on "Ye Old Deestrick Skule" enough money to build a high board fence around our playground. One member keeps office one morning each week, and they all coöperate with us in the care of the sick or needy and in interesting others in clubs and classes. One member hasn't missed a roll call in the three years we have been organized, and six were present every time last year.

We have visited in many new homes and have had new ones seek us out and ask for their children to be admitted into our clubs and classes.

We have worked in close coöperation with our Church in this community and have rejoiced in the success that has attended it. The friendship and coöperation of our city board and Churches and the confidence and love of our dear children and community make our days a joy and a song for which we would in the words of the psalmist say: "Bless the Lord O my soul! and forget not all his benefits."

Deaconess Mary Lou Barnwell, Club Director, reports:

"For we are workers together with Christ." (1 Cor. 3.)

If the people of our community are to have the abundant life, many stones must be turned, a light must be held up to them, and they must be led gradually into that light. The Wesley House is a lighthouse wherein the underprivileged ones may seek refuge from the everyday, dreary things of life and feast their souls on the beautiful, true, and pure ideals which come from knowing Christ.

In September, when I first came to Atlanta, the enrollment in my clubs was seventy-two, but since that time it has reached one hundred and eighty, and the children continue to come. Of course that means we are very crowded, but when the little ones come and want to "join the Wesley House" it is just too hard to say "No," and we feel that any contact with them will be helpful and worth while; so we move over and make room for one more. My clubs include Little Housekeepers, Girl Reserves, sewing school, and Knights of Service. There are about twenty-five local women who come out each week as volunteer helpers.

We are affiliated with the community Church and help out in every way possible. I have a splendid class of young people in the Sunday

school, and occasionally we go to the home of an elderly invalid for our lesson, and it is truly a blessing to each of us to see how happy our visits make this dear old lady. I also work in the junior Church, and in their small group there are four boys who are planning to be ministers and three girls who want to be missionaries. So we believe that Christ is working through us, and the seeds that are being sown to-day will ripen into full-grown fruit in due season.

Memphis, Tenn.—Wesley Institute

Deaconess Bessie Bunn, Club Director, reports:

I found a very interesting group of children and young people when Wesley Institute opened in September.

The Doll-Sewing Club, of special interest to girls six to ten, has an enrollment of fifty-five. At Thanksgiving this club made thirty-five picture books for sick children. The advanced sewing club reaches girls from eleven to sixteen, who sew for themselves.

The domestic science room is well equipped and quite attractive to the girls.

I have a faithful group of junior boys in Sunday school who also meet each Monday night for a boys' club.

A group of special interest is the chorus conducted by Mrs. Lyman Fulk with a highly trained voice, who so graciously gives her service. This club felt highly honored when asked to sing over the radio.

The following poem was written by Lena Mae Slate, fifteen years old and a member of the older group of girls.

THANKSGIVING

"Thanksgiving Day is drawing near;
 Christmas, too, will soon be here.
 On Thanksgiving we give thanks to God,
 Who gave us this earth on which we trod;
 Also for turkeys and good things to eat
 Which we love to share with friends we meet.

Though Thanksgiving comes but once a year,
 We are always glad when it gets here,
 'Cause there're uncles, aunts, and cousins, too,
 Who on Thanksgiving Day are never blue;
 They tell us stories of Pilgrims true
 Who started Thanksgiving for me and you."

Parties and outings have been enjoyed by the different clubs. A boat ride, ushering in the Christmas season, was a rare treat, some having never been on a boat before. A beautiful Christmas pageant closed our work for 1929.

Deaconess Nellie Howard, Pastor's Assistant, reports:

I would not take anything for my year's experience at Wesley Institute. The institution is situated in a very poor section of North Memphis, the oldest part of town. Around us are hundreds of small, run-down cottages, in which live men, women, and children. These people look to the Wesley Institute as their friend. When everybody else forsakes and forgets them, Wesley Institute will still see something good in them and have faith in them. In many of the little boys we see presidents and great men, and in some of our little girls we see missionaries and teachers. To us they all have a great future if they will but let God have their lives. The work we do here is only a means to an end, and that end is to give them Jesus Christ, that their lives may be worth while and that they may be happy and useful both in this world and in the world to come.

The Wesley Institute is a center of activity. From morning till night the place is filled with children, young people, and adults, who are attending the cooking classes, sewing classes, music, expression, boys' clubs, girls' clubs, or coming to the clinics, or attending the missionary societies.

We work entirely with Americans, and they are very appreciative and seem to love us very much. They cooperate with us in every possible way. Most of the young people attend high school and are very intelligent and attractive. Many of the older ones are very poor and illiterate, but are so anxious to do their part in the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.

We have the babies on up organized into missionary societies, and they seem to take a great interest and look forward to the meetings.

We have three doctors and a trained nurse who volunteer their services once a week. The dentist on Wednesday night, baby specialist on Saturday afternoon, and a doctor for the adults on Saturday afternoon following the baby doctor. Through our clinics many diseases have been found and cured and the suffering people made well and happy.

Wesley Institute has four workers—two deaconesses and two employed by the City Mission Board. We have a very fine nursery, in which we keep children all day while the mother works. These children are well taken care of under Christian supervision. They are given a bath, clean clothes, two good meals a day, medicine when they need it, and a nap. They have a large room in which to play, also a playground where they have a fine time together, and are in a good humor and ready for the mother when she calls for them late in the afternoon. The nursery is, indeed, a great blessing to the neighborhood.

In our kindergarten many little children come each morning to learn the first principles of how to act in school. They play, sing, and march. They are taught stories and songs about Jesus, and many times their little voices can be heard each morning.

I have charge of the house, the missionary societies, and the clinics. It seems to be my duty to visit the different Churches and missionary societies, and I must say that this is the most interesting part of my work. The missionary women of Memphis are precious and have been a great help and inspiration to me. I love them all and shall never forget them. The Wesley Institute has a great future, and I am looking forward to great things being done here in the very near future. My prayer is that God may bless the dear women in their work here and that next year will be the greatest year in the history of Wesley Institute.

Nashville, Tenn.—Wesley House

Deaconess Lora Long, Head Resident, reports:

"Life is not living just for to-day." We might change this a bit and say: "We are not working just for to-day." This is an encouraging thought when we come to the end of the day, and the question comes, Is it worth while? Am I really accomplishing anything? After being here nearly five years, we are beginning to see some results of our work. It gladdens our hearts to see the development in some of our boys and girls and pray that the contacts they have had with us will mean much to them in the years to come.

One very interesting piece of work this year has been with a tubercular family. The mother belonged to our Mothers' Club and came as long as she was able. There were four little boys in the home, and upon examination it was found that the three oldest were infected too. The two-year-old baby was sound; so we immediately

placed him in an orphanage and in a short time had the other three in the tuberculosis hospital. Through a Sunday school class we were able to get new springs and mattresses, and from our loan chest we kept the mother's bed clean and made her last days as comfortable as possible. An "unknown friend" sent us twenty-five dollars to buy clothes for the children. The mother passed away in May, leaving the twenty-seven-year-old father alone. He spends most every Sunday at the orphanage and hospital with his children. The boys are improving nicely, and the doctor says he thinks in a few weeks they will be well and ready to leave. We hope to get them in the fresh air camp where they can grow strong under the best conditions.

Several Sunday school classes have become interested in a milk fund for our undernourished children. One little girl was twenty-five pounds underweight and was not able to go to school. After having the milk for two months she has gained quite a bit and is back in school.

The Board traded our Ford in on a new Chevrolet coach, and this has been such a wonderful help in our work.

There have been more of our people out of employment this year than ever before, and with so much cold weather it has kept us busy answering relief calls. The coöperation with the Charities Commission and other social agencies has been all we could ask, and we have many consultations about our families and the best way each of us can help.

I get more real joy out of this work than anything I have ever done and thank God for the privilege of being a settlement worker.

Deaconess Lora Lee Pederson, Girls' Director, reports:

"What matters, then, where your feet stand, or wherewith your hands are busy? So that it is the spot where God has put you, and the work he has given you to do?"

How thankful I have been this year for work in the Wesley House! I felt as if my first year had been spent in "acclimating" myself to the work, and the second has shown more definite results.

Our Little Mothers' Club had twelve graduates this year, and they looked like real housekeepers in their white aprons and ruffled white caps.

I feel as if our "open house" for teen-age boys and girls has meant a great deal this year, because they feel that the Wesley House really belongs to them. They feel that they can come on Tuesday night, meet their friends, play games, and talk. The boys are past the period when they look upon girls with disdain and often are interested in seeing that they get home safely.

Our cooking classes are as popular as usual, and the mothers report that the children are cooking at home.

One of the outstanding events of last year was the Girl Reserve play. The proceeds, \$37, were used for new songbooks, Girl Reserve pins (won by twenty-six of our girls), and camp expenses. I took three groups of girls to Hillview Lodge for week-end trips. They are so enthusiastic over camping that they want to spend a week in camp this year.

At the annual Girl Reserve banquet given at the Y. W. C. A. our table represented South Africa. We decorated the table with a large mountain in the center, representing the famous Table Mountain. Gravel trails led from each end through the center to the mountain. Along the trails were tiny covered wagons and mud huts. The girls were thrilled to have one of the speakers, Miss Susie Kacheloffer, of South Africa, as guest at our table.

Our Girl Reserve recognition service was very beautiful, and the

mothers were entertained with a program, after which the officers sat at a table and poured tea from a silver service. The girls felt as if they had reached the top round of the social ladder.

Our sewing school has an enrollment of ninety-three, with eight who will finish the five-year course in May.

I have made thirty-two talks during the year and have been glad to have the opportunity of interesting different people in our work.

Deaconess May Coeburn, Kindergartner, reports:

The Lucy Moore Kindergarten has had a full attendance this year, fifty-six being our limit. Two children have had a perfect attendance record for two years and were given little gold medals. Their free-will offering for the year amounted to \$91.06. This was used for equipment and many other things needed for the kindergarten.

Last fall one child had diphtheria, and the doctor advised all to be inoculated. The doctor and nurses came to the kindergarten, and ninety-eight children in the community took all three shots.

For our closing program in May the kindergarten and story hour children presented "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." Sixteen children in caps and gowns received diplomas.

For Halloween the children made pumpkin faces and carried them to the children at the tuberculosis hospital. At Thanksgiving they made little red baskets, filled them with mints and candy, and took them to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

The Beginner and Primary Departments of Humphrey Street Sunday School meet in our kindergarten. We have very regular attendance with about one hundred enrolled. They have been greatly interested in the new Church which was completed in October. Their "love gifts" put in a window, and they are helping pay for the new piano. They have already contributed \$55.

At Christmas time we had a "white gift" pageant in the new church. The children's offering came to \$9.95, and a total of \$18.45 was sent to the fresh air camp, where many of them have such a happy time in the summer.

They are finding real joy in doing for others and are learning that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Deaconess Una Smith, Kindergartner, reports:

I was more than "just glad" to have my first appointment in Wesley House, Nashville. I felt that God had indeed wanted me here and had prepared me for this work, because I had community service here both years I attended Scarritt. So I came here fully conscious of the leadership of my Father, and with his help I have been striving to carry out his plans and desires for his children here.

During September I visited in the homes of nearly all the children of kindergarten age in the community. With the help of the other workers, I was able to paint all the kindergarten tables and chairs, as well as clean, paint, patch, or mend all the toys.

On opening day, September 23, a clean, bright, sunshiny room greeted the fifty little children who came. During the first week the enrollment reached sixty with a "waiting list." It has held this high mark ever since.

I have had a splendid group of twenty volunteer helpers who have made it possible for us to do some rather large things. We had Halloween and Christmas parties to which the mothers and friends were invited. Over one hundred guests were served by the children, and all the guests were delighted.

We have been "feeding a deer" to help get supplies, and so far the freewill offering has amounted to \$37.98.

All our interest has not been centered in our own kindergarten room, however. We made jack-o'-lantern faces for the children at Vanderbilt Hospital, Thanksgiving baskets for the Little Sisters of the Poor, and a scrapbook for a little girl at the county home. At Christmas time we made gifts for our mothers and baby sisters or brothers; also remembered our janitor and milkman. We are finding that the greatest joy comes from "giving to others."

My story hour, composed of boys and girls from six to twelve years of age, has been very interesting. We have an attendance of over sixty each week. We sold pictures just before Christmas and won a "Merremaker" for our playground.

On Sundays I have a very challenging work in Fillmore Church. Since September we have secured a piano for the primary room, as well as other equipment that was badly needed. Our "white gift" pageant was a big success, and a nice little gift was brought for the fresh air camp that many of our children enjoy each year.

Truly it seems that we have been progressing, but we intend to go much higher in every activity before the year is over. There is such a joy in watching character grow and the lives of our boys and girls reach higher planes.

I am very happy here and hope to do all in my power to make my first year one of service to the whole community.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Wesley Community House

Deaconess Moselle Eubanks, Head Resident, reports:

The first eight months of 1929 were spent as part of my furlough year. I came to Oklahoma City the last of August ready and eager to begin my new work. It was new in more ways than one, for it was my first appointment to a city Wesley House, and I confess that I came with a little uneasiness in my mind about my ability to do what was expected of me. The strangeness soon passed away when I received such a cordial welcome from the women on our Board. They have been so ready to help in every way, and the success of our work is in large measure due to the splendid coöperation they have given us.

It has taken most of the time during these four months to study our field, to get acquainted with our people, and learn their needs. Many new people have come here hoping to secure work in the oil fields and, failing to find it, have created an unemployment problem for us. Most of our people are day laborers, and, if for any reason they have to stop work, they become dependent upon the public. There are about five thousand people in our territory, most of whom are English-speaking, Protestant Americans. There are some Mexicans, but our work is not reaching them.

In our various club groups we try to provide recreation as well as mental stimulus for our people. I have enjoyed my story hour with the little folk. They are so enthusiastic and responsive. It is a joy to be with them. Our week-day Bible school has been handicapped by a lack of teachers, but the attendance has been good. I do not claim to be a trained musician, but when I found that I had inherited a choral club, I bravely attempted to carry it on. Our preaching service, Hi-League, Sunday school, and Woman's Missionary Society are contributing to the spiritual growth of our community. All of these services are well attended, and interest is increasing.

Our friends in the West Oklahoma Conference have helped us with supplies of clothing and canned fruit for our people. At Christmas we received many gifts from the different auxiliaries, and they made possible our work during the holidays. The boxes of gifts and the

letters containing checks came in, and I could see the women, who had sent them, who perhaps had denied themselves that our people might have a happy Christmas. In my heart there was an extra "thank you" to the Father for these women who were helping us in this way. There is much work to be done here, and I count it a privilege to have a part in it.

Deaconess Inez Martin, Club Director, reports:

I have been very happy in my work since my coming to Wesley Community House the last of August. It has been a real joy to have such a place for my first appointment.

My work is chiefly with boys and girls from nine to eighteen years of age: The Friendly Indian Club (boys six to eleven years of age); the Nitenel Club (girls nine to eleven); three Girl Reserve Clubs (twelve to eighteen); an enthusiastic Hi-League with thirty-eight members; a Hi-League choir and game night, which the young people enjoy very much; the Pioneer Club (boys twelve to eighteen), which is under the leadership of the local Y. M. C. A. Secretary; and an Expression Club, under the leadership of a young girl, who came to us and expressed a desire to give her services teaching expression. She said that she felt that she owed something to the Wesley House because it was through such a club at Wesley House that she became interested in becoming a teacher of expression, and that she wanted to give other children the same opportunity that she had.

The library is another feature which renders a good service to the community by furnishing boys and girls with wholesome books. My Sunday school class of girls fourteen to sixteen years of age has been a real joy to me. The class is steadily growing both in numbers and in interest.

I have always loved to work with junior boys and girls; and I thoroughly enjoy my work with them here. But I find the teen-age boys and girls, while more difficult to deal with, very interesting. They are daily challenging me to give them the best that I have; and it is my desire to meet that challenge, that while I work with them and play with them I may give them Jesus Christ and instill in their hearts a deep longing to know him better.

Louisville, Ky.—Wesley Community House

Deaconess Ellen D. Gainey, Head Resident, reports:

The preacher of long ago who said, "There is nothing new under the sun," evidently never lived in the Wesley House; for whatever else may be said of work here it is never monotonous. The unexpected comes up almost every day to challenge one's best thinking and praying and loving, and much of all this cannot be tabulated in a cold report on paper. So far as club and class and clinic work is concerned, much the same activities have been carried on, and with much the same success. There has been a normal growth in the aggregate attendance, due largely to our gymnasium work. A corps of fifteen volunteers have given faithful service, while a large group of women have come in from time to time to help on special occasions.

The work of the various departments is submitted by the workers themselves.

Miss Anne Ragland, Music Teacher, reports:

My groups and classes seem very interested, and they are quite interesting to deal with, being girls from eight to twelve years of age. The "toy symphony orchestra" affords its members much pleasure, while they are absorbing rhythm and melody unawares. They

are always quite delighted when asked to play for some entertainment—they thoroughly enjoy the publicity.

Most of my piano pupils are mere beginners. We sometimes have impromptu programs. This pleases them and lessens their timidity in playing before others. In our dramatic class we have dramatized several stories.

The five weeks of Vacation Bible School are always interesting. In our handwork class last summer we made moving pictures of some of the Bible stories studied. After becoming familiar with the story, it was divided into scenes, each child illustrating a scene in crayon or water collors. These were then pasted together in order of sequence, fastened to rods, and rolled like a scroll. Then one child related the story, while two others slowly unrolled the scroll. Some of the pictures were quite clever and showed real artistic ability. Another fine piece of work the children did during vacation school was to make Bible notebooks of the ministry of Jesus on earth.

Through our visiting we come to know the home conditions and families or our children and can then understand them better and come into closer, more helpful touch with them.

We have enjoyed our work with these people and trust that our daily lives and contacts with them have been truly helpful.

Last Spring our Board wisely decided the time had come when the best interests of the Wesley House boys demanded a full-time man worker. A fine Christian man was secured, and his contacts with the boys have fully justified the Board's decision.

Mr. C. S. Luce, Boys' Worker, reports:

The wheel of time once more has made a complete revolution, marking off another degree of advancement. As each spoke in any wheel is dependent on the others, so is each activity in the boys' department of the Wesley House dependent on the other activities to fill out the full orb of development. Thus our hope is to have a perfect circle with each radius of achievement coming from the hub, which is the Christ we love.

It is not what we have, but what we are, that measures our character of our worth-whileness; and in this community, where many of the boys have so little, we will accomplish much if we can share with them to develop a greater man for God and civilization.

We have tried to make our activities as enticing as possible for both young and old. The clubs, differing as to the ages of the boys, have filled in the coherent need. And incorporated in these clubs we find activities which develop the boys both mentally and spiritually, while on the gymnasium floor the opportunity for physical growth is very apparent.

There are many outside activities, such as the swimming class at the Y. M. C. A., and hikes into the woods and along the river, which hold great enchantment for the boys. After surveying the work for the year, we feel sure that at least a step has been made toward bettering the lives of the Wesley House boys.

Daconess Elizabeth Russell, Girls' Worker, reports:

Although the girls were saying the third month after my arrival at Wesley House, "Why, Miss Russell, it seems that you have always been here," I know that the second year has brought closer contacts, a deeper understanding, and a still friendlier relationship. After nearly two years' experience, it seems that the essential quality of being a girls' worker is simply that of being a sincere friend of

girls, rather than a matter for skill in the technique of girls' activities and clubs.

My contacts with the younger girls, five to thirteen years of age, has been through the various activities, such as kitchen-garden classes, cooking and sewing classes, game and story period, Bible school, play periods in the gymnasium, hikes, picnics, and parties at the various festive occasions of the year. Volunteer leaders from the different Churches, the Recreational Council, and the Baptist Training School help with some of the programs of these various classes and groups; but the children come by the office to tell of the arrival of a little brother, or a gift from Santa, or some joy or sorrow, so that I keep in close touch with them all, although I may not have the responsibility of the program of their particular group.

To the older girls, thirteen to twenty-five years of age, the Wesley House is truly a community center. Their groups are organized into Girl Reserve and Wesley Girl Clubs. Basket ball is an active interest among these girls. Our team made a good standing in the match games with other settlements, a Church team, the Y. W. H. A. and Y. W. C. A. girls last year. There are other activities of interest which range from annual events, such as mother-and-daughter banquet and Christmas dinner, hikes, picnics, slumber parties, pot-luck suppers, redecorating of clubroom, a week-end camping trip in a houseboat, and a week of organized camp life at the Louisville Y. W. C. A. camp, to the different groups of Daily Vacation Bible School. The Wesley House is the actual center of most of the social life of some of these girls.

Aside from the regular organized activities with girls, visiting in the homes, coming to know the fathers and mothers, seeing home conditions, keeping up with the school records, maintaining an interest in the Church life, sharing the sorrows and joys—all these tend to enlarge the horizon of friendship with my girls.

Some one has said that one side of the task of a worker in a settlement is to interpret one's community to the people outside. I have had frequent opportunity for doing that this year, as I have had many calls to present our work to the missionary societies of the various Churches, to the women at the District Conferences, and to the women of the Missionary Societies of the Louisville Conference at the Annual Conference, to the young people of the Church through the teaching of a class in social service at the District Epworth League Institute, meetings with the different Epworth Leagues in Louisville, and conducting a mission study class with a group of young people from one of the down-town Churches.

As I review the work of the past year and look forward into the year which is beginning, I am conscious of one supreme desire for both myself and my girls, that we together "may grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ."

Nashville, Tenn.—Centenary Methodist Institute

Deaconess Katharine S. Arnold, Head Resident, reports:

In October the management of Centenary was taken over by the Woman's Board of City Missions, and all departments are now under their management. The financial responsibility is still shared, however, by the unified board. This change has given the head resident many things to learn, and the past months have been busy ones.

Our work is divided into four departments—Goodwill Industry, Department of Women and Girls (including kindergarten), Department of Men and Boys, and the clinic. All are manned by a faith-

ful corps of regularly employed and volunteer workers. The Goodwill Industry is quite a business in itself, employing five full-time workers (including the superintendent), and during the last few months has given opportunity labor to sixty or more men and women who would otherwise have been on charity. The superintendent, who is a resident worker, also serves as director of our Boys' Department, and is assisted in this work by a student from the Southern Y. M. C. A. College, who gives part time. A well-equipped gymnasium, showers, game room, manual training class, a Scout Troop, and a Junior Optimist Club give opportunities to boys along several lines. We hope to add other features this year.

Our clinic is the best equipped in the city outside of the hospitals, and we share its use with the City Department of Public Health, which holds weekly clinics for prenatal cases, chest patients, and infant and child welfare work. The eye, ear, nose, and throat, general and dental clinics are under the direction of the Centenary Board. Four doctors give of their time, and one part-time nurse is employed in our department. The attendance at all these clinics is large, thousands of patients being treated during the year, and an estimate of the service rendered the community through this one department would be impossible to give.

Another feature of our work which we feel is very worth while is a weekly noon service held in the cotton and bag mill a few blocks back of our plant. Singing and devotional talks are enjoyed; the attitude is friendly, and contacts are made which would otherwise be impossible.

We deeply appreciate the many expressions of interest and the service rendered by Churches, Missionary Societies, and Leagues of the city and throughout the Tennessee Conference. For several years the Epworth League Union has given twenty-five dollars a month to the clinic to provide milk for undernourished children, and has also furnished the Christmas treat for our clubs. In addition, they sent to the house this year a lovely radio. The Hi-League decorated our Christmas tree and cared for a needy family in the community. The various social agencies of the city are very coöperative, and we enjoy together many interesting experiences. Thus through every call that comes we try to see another avenue of service opening to us to extend the Kingdom of God in this little section of his world.

Our other Council workers, Misses Kuntz and Reynolds, will report their work in the Girls' Department.

Deaconess Sophie Kuntz, Girls' Director, reports:

In moving from one place to another there is always a period of trying to find one's place and seeking to know just where to lay hold. My work this year was begun where the previous worker left off. During the course of the year some things have been changed and some carried on as before. In our sewing school we find good teachers and a large number of happy children. As their work nears the end and they see results, the happiness increases. The cooking classes, taught by five volunteers, are proving helpful to the girls. It seems that part of the thrill there is in getting to eat the finished product. Knowing the poverty in some homes, one wishes that these classes came oftener. The little gymnasium class is more of a happy times group for girls who are too young for regular gymnasium work. However, they are not too young to learn the lessons of deeper value that are part of the class work, and some are good learners. The Girl Reserves are just what they are everywhere. We have

an interesting group here, cared for by three of our Scarritt girls. A very small group of our mill girls meets once a week. It is hard to say just what has been accomplished here. Again, Scarritt has loaned us a student who, no doubt, has helped the spiritual life of the girls. In this group we are just now beginning to discover some of the unfulfilled desires of the girls yearning to do the better and finer things. A Choral Club, consisting of young people and adults, has been organized since Christmas and has already reached a large enrollment. Splendid work is being done by the members in learning the fine hymns of our Church and also good music of a secular nature. This is a case where work seems fun, and the group never tires. Members have been known to forgo other invitations in order to be at the Choral Club. The worker sometimes feels that she is running an old-fashioned singing school. Our work has been interspersed with parties, chief of which were at Christmas. At that time we also put on two pageants, one at our community house and one at the church. Then, as always, we tried to lift up before the people the Christ whom we serve. In all our work this has been the thing we have tried to do, and we trust that, no matter how poorly it has been done, yet he will be able to draw these people unto him.

Deaconess Birdie Reynolds, Kindergarten, reports:

The attendance at the kindergarten is the largest this year it has been in the four years I have been here. About half the children come from very poor homes. With the aid of Sunday school classes and Missionary Societies, several of the families have been helped with food and clothing.

In one of our morning prayers we thanked our Father "for these hours of work and play." We talked about how glad we were to have a kindergarten where we could come and play. One little fellow said that we could play at home, but another immediately said: "But we don't have all these things at home to play with." One mother said she was so surprised one day when her little boy repeated nearly all of the one hundredth Psalm. She did not know we taught such things in kindergarten. When asked by his father what he learned, one child said he didn't learn anything—he just played all the time.

Through play and conversation these children are unconsciously learning things which we hope will be of great value to them in later years as well as now.

St. Louis, Mo.—Kingdom House

Deaconess Annie Alford, Head Resident; Deaconess Iva Lou Matkin, Director Girls' Department; Deaconess Marie J. Sprick, R.N., Clinic Nurse; H. Linwood Robison, Director Boys' Department; Mrs. Jean Naumann, Day Nursery Matron; Miss Julia Protheroe, Kindergarten; Miss Louise Stone, Office Secretary.

Deaconess Annie Alford reports:

The year 1929 has been a year of much joy in service for our workers. There have been some problems and some trials that have brought us closer together as a group of workers and closer to our Lord than we were before. This has been a most strenuous year for the people of our community. So many manufacturing and other business plants have been closed down for weeks at a time that hundreds of families who have always been able to maintain themselves in some degree of comfort have been forced to call on public charity, or in some cases we have found families suffering for the necessities of life.

The Provident Association, the Salvation Army, and the Churches

have responded to the needs nobly. The Missionary Society and the Mothers' Club of Kingdom House have assisted as they could. These two groups have done a beautiful piece of work in providing clothing and a railroad ticket for a Spanish boy to the State School for the Deaf.

The very generous supply of canned goods, home-canned preserves, jellies, etc., from the St. Louis schools at Thanksgiving time and from our own Missionary Societies over the entire Conference have been a wonderful help and joy to the people of the community, the staff, and the day nursery.

Our nursery has been filled to overflowing most of the time. The children are healthy and happy in their home life here during the hours their mothers are at work. This year has brought the joy of having a trained kindergartner added to our staff, the means for this being provided by a special children's fund in the city. This worker has a kindergarten program in the morning with the preschool children, visits in the community in the afternoon until four o'clock, then has both school and preschool children together for one hour.

Our library has been a source of entertainment for the children and many adults of the community, furnishing wholesome reading matter. To this have been added many valuable books during the year.

Music is taking a large place in the plans of all departments—beginning with a toy symphony orchestra in the day nursery and kindergarten, two piano classes for girls, one for boys, and an orchestra composed of senior boys, all under the best teachers and instructors. We feel a foundation is being laid that will mean much in the lives of these young men and women of the future.

The girls have done splendid work under the leadership of Miss Iva Lou Matkin, who is serving her third year in this department. The girls this year have learned much about coöperation and teamwork as they have worked and played together in the various clubs and classes. The summer outings were very helpful, especially to those who had the opportunity to spend Epworth Hi-League Week at Arcadia Assembly Grounds. Others went to the Girl Reserve camp, and the younger ones to Frank Wyman Outing Farm.

The boys are just like other boys the world over—sometimes mischievous, sometimes trying. But as Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man, so this fourfold development—intellectual, physical, spiritual, and social—is the standard held and adhered to by H. L. Hobison, the splendid Christian young man at the head of this department. More than two hundred boys have enjoyed the opportunities afforded in classes, clubs, hikes, camps, and athletic sports.

The boys and girls, under their leaders, have played and worshiped together in the Daily Vacation Bible School, the Christmas caroling, the Epworth Hi-League services, City League Unions, the Sunday school, and Church services.

During the year a revival was held in which many consecrated their lives. Others reconsecrated themselves to the Master's service.

For all his blessings we are truly grateful.

Deaconess Marie J. Sprick reports:

During the year 253 clinics were held, with an attendance of 2,966 patients. We have five clinics weekly—three general medical, a prenatal, and pediatric clinic. Three hundred and fifteen smallpox vaccinations were given, 186 doses of diphtheria toxin-antitoxin given to children immunized against diphtheria, and 205 throat, ear, and nose cultures were made.

All day nursery applications before admittance to the nursery come to the clinic for a thorough medical examination, are vaccinated against smallpox, and given diphtheria toxin-antitoxin. After admittance to the nursery they are weighed at regular intervals and carefully watched as to their health.

The nurse assisted in the Daily Vacation Church School and has enjoyed immensely teaching the junior girls, ages eleven and twelve, in Sunday school.

It was by prayer and faithful coöperation of the physicians and surgeons that we have been able to see some splendid results from the Clinic Department.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Wesley Community Center

Deaconess Selden Bryan, Head Resident, reports:

The activities of the Wesley Community Center have moved more and more toward the day nursery as a central point, the nursery supplying part of the attendance for every group meeting. The clubs for children have all changed from specialized groups to activities that could take in all school children of both sexes, activities such as Week-Day School of Religion.

The Mothers' Club does not include nursery mothers, being a day club, but we keep in touch with our whole neighborhood through this group. We are so pleased with the growing independence of these mothers as shown in their willingness to pay dues and a freewill offering. Seventeen of them finished up curtains, scarfs, spreads, and table covers for their spare bedrooms and met all requirements of the club. The sewing school does well here. We let the nursery boys in for the first hour of Bible teaching. Our Girl Reserves and Boy Scouts are encouraging in their meeting and in their development.

The kindergarten has enrolled fifty-five children during the year and has had an average attendance of twenty-one.

The clinic has had its most successful year in its history. We have ministered to more than eighteen hundred patients and have had fifty-seven operations for tonsils and adenoids. We have a general clinic once each week, but a first-aid clinic every day. We also distribute milk from the free milk dispensary every day. The amount given out monthly would average more than fourteen hundred pints. The Kiwanis Auxiliary furnishes this milk through the Free Milk Association. It comes to children under six years whose parents are not able to provide milk for them.

The day nursery has taken in one hundred and forty-three individual children during the year and has had a daily average attendance of thirty children. This part of our work has improved greatly during the year and is really a great blessing to our people.

This has been a year of adjustment for us. A new City Mission Board president, a day nursery with its added expense, a new worker at the nursery—all these have had to be adjusted, together with more or less hardships on all concerned. We have remembered and rejoiced over the fact that there never is change in our Master, for whom we are doing all this. We are thankful for the year, because our need has drawn us closer to him.

San Francisco, Calif.—Wesley Community House

Miss Elizabeth Olmstead, Head Resident, reports:

The annual report of the work of our Wesley Community House, San Francisco, records lights and shadows, but through it all God's unfailing love has been manifested.

The responsibility of home making has been made lighter by repair

work, with many improvements in the workers' apartment of the building, sponsored by our faithful women of the Board of City Missions, thus enabling us to make our community center an example to others in home making.

Some business management and a general oversight of all work is mine, but dearer to my heart than all else is visiting in the homes and hospitals, many times having the privilege of reading God's Word and prayer with the shut-in or troubled one.

Sharing the sorrows and lifting the burden for others give zest to any work.

We have been affiliated with the Methodist Training School, Associated Charities, Juvenile Court Detention Home, and have received aid from the Children's Hospital.

The Girls' Club work moves on nicely under the direction of our deaconess, Clara Hodgson.

The Boys' Club work, heretofore supervised by our pastor, is now in charge of Mr. William Turner, ably assisted by Melville Wolff, and gives visible results of good accomplished.

I have answered several calls to represent our Wesley House and present the work we are trying to do; also have assisted in Conference work.

Clothing and bountiful boxes of California fruit sent by auxiliaries enable us to meet many calls for help, and we are grateful to those who make possible this social center in all its activities.

We believe the time has come when an enlarged program of work should be put on, that we may more efficiently combat the forces of evil at work in this big city.

The fine group of young folk we now have justifies the best efforts to hold and win them for the Master's service. We count it a joy to have a share in the work at this place, as there are many encouraging features despite the hardships.

Deaconess Clara Hodgson, Girls' Director, reports:

Babies, juniors, and young people; office, clubrooms, and gymnasium; outings, parties, and plays; Sunday school, Church and League—all of these have a vital part in the daily round at Wesley House, San Francisco.

The week-day activities include the following: Monday afternoon, Junior League; Wednesday, Wesley Willing Workers, ages eight to twelve, and an athletic group, ages twelve to fourteen; Thursday evening, We Ha Lo Club, high-school age, and basket ball teams; Friday afternoon, Girl Reserves, and in the evening parties and plays; Saturday, outings, an athletic team, and choir practice; visitation all days.

The Sunday schedule is: Bring a family of eight children to Sunday school in the Wesley House Ford; teach a class of intermediate girls; attend church (choir); fellowship supper at 6 P.M.; superintend the Hi-League; and attend the Church service at night.

I have also had the happy privilege of working with the young people of the Conference as superintendent of their work. We have a World Friendship Club of fifteen fine girls in the Wesley House.

This year has been a happy one. I have enjoyed perfect health, busy hours, and an occasional visit home. God has wonderfully blessed me, and I long to render an ever-enlarging service for him.

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Biloxi, Miss.—Moore Community House

Deaconess Sallie Ellis, Head Resident, reports:

I am most happy to report that the work of the Moore Community House is still moving forward and reaching out into other communities, doing extension and rural work.

As my thoughts run back to four years ago, when we first opened work here, and I compare it with the work of to-day, the results are far more than we had ever dreamed. Each club is filled with fine boys and girls. The day nursery is larger and better equipped, and the children seem to consider it as one of their homes more than ever before. One little girl recently came to us very much distressed because her little brother wanted to take his clothes, leave home, and come to live at the nursery. The strange part of this is that the same little boy was one of the hardest to manage when he first entered the nursery.

All of our Christmas activities were successful. The offering taken at the white Christmas program was given to the Superannuate Endowment Fund. Three hundred were present at the various Christmas trees.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School was the very best we have ever had, with an enrollment of 140. The people in our community did all that they could to help in making the school a success.

The Missionary Society and Epworth League are both very active. Our Missionary Society is expecting to be on the honor roll at the next annual conference.

God has prospered us, and the Moore Community House has stretched out her arms to the needy places to help the weaker ones.

The work in the Johnson Camp community has surely been worth while. We bring children and adults to Sunday school and Missionary Society who would not be in any Church at all. We also have religious services there, as well as a sewing school once each week. We have also helped in the new and weaker Churches in the rural district. As a result we have organized four Missionary Societies and two Epworth Leagues.

We are expecting the coming year to be the very best in our history. There are yet fields untouched that we expect to go into. Since we have our new Ford car we are able to do far more. Our people are as proud of the car as we are. One of the nursery children, seeing the new car the first day after we had bought it, looked over it very carefully and then asked: "Miss Ellis, did you spend all your *san sou* for the car?" However, it was the people of the Mississippi Conference who so generously spent their "*san sou*" (French for nickels) for the car.

I thank God for the privilege that has been mine in serving in this new work. These have been the very happiest four years in my life.

Miss Katie Herndon, Club Director, reports:

My first impression of our people on Back Bay has been a lasting one, and my pleasure in working among them has only been increased.

Especial progress has been made this year among the adolescent boys and girls. Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs have been most helpful in this respect. Brownie programs for girls and Y. M. C. A. boys have also proved of great value in work with primary groups. Two groups of girls, most of whom work in the factories, have been coming to clubs for four years. This year another group of working girls, all of whom are French, asked for a club. Therefore we made

a place for them. These three groups, as well as the regular sewing school, sew and embroider, and many are now doing beautiful work.

I continue to teach a group of intermediate boys and girls in Sunday school and to work with the Epworth League. This continues to be a most wide-awake set of young people, loyal to the League, and ready and willing to serve the community when opportunity is offered. The Coast League Union meets every other month, and our League has had the attendance banner twice and the efficiency banner twice this year.

As our program was already so well filled, our efforts have been more to improve than to enlarge the program, though it has been enlarged in some respects. The spirit among the various groups is, on the whole, much finer, and we feel there is real progress being made in a social and spiritual way.

I try to give whatever time I can spare toward assisting weak Leagues and organizing new ones.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Wesley Community House

Deaconess Florence Blackwell, Head Resident, reports:

After a delightful furlough year of study and rest, my lot has been cast in the beautiful Wesley House at St. Joseph, where I have spent the last four months of the year 1929.

These months have been spent in trying to get acquainted with the community and the work.

The community is varied. There are people of many nationalities—Armenians, Roumanians, Croatians, Ukrainians, Greeks, Poles, Germans, Swedes, Jews, Mexicans, small groups of each, together with a majority of Americans. There are people who are very poor, living in hovels and barely existing. There are others who are poor but ambitious, striving for the better things of life. Others are in moderate circumstances, and still others who are well to do. There are the ignorant and the cultured, the thriftless and the thrifty, the satisfied and the ambitious.

In this field of perhaps sixteen thousand people the Wesley Community House ministers. It is the only settlement, religious or social, in a city of eighty thousand people. The opportunities for service are great.

This service is being rendered the day nursery, Saturday and Vacation Bible Schools, Mothers' Club, Boy Scouts, kindergarten, Art and Activity Club, Health and Happiness Club, tumbling class, and night school.

The Wesley House is a real community center, being the meeting place of many groups in addition to its own activities. The Story League, the Southside Garden Club, Missionary Society of a neighboring Church, South St. Joseph Ministerial Alliance, and the Boy Scout Council all meet regularly here.

The Wesley House Mothers' Club does signal service through its linen chest. Bed linen, gowns, and pneumonia jackets are made and loaned to the sick of the community, coöperating with the visiting nurse of the district.

The Junior League uses a room of the Wesley House as a milk station, where the poor and undernourished children may receive milk daily. They also conduct a clinic.

Another room is occupied as an office for the Y. M. C. A. secretary of the south branch, and older boys of the community are taken care of through the "Y" activities.

In November the Wesley House celebrated the nineteenth anniversary of its work, and through this occasion its place in the commu-

nity was clearly seen. It is truly an institution loved and honored throughout the city.

It is a joy to work here and share the experiences of the people who come and go and in whose homes we find always a welcome.

Deaconess Verdie Anderson, Kindergartner, reports:

Another year has passed, and its swiftness makes me pause once again to recount its blessings and accomplishments.

After a busy spring of kindergarten graduation exercises and closing club programs, the summer ushered in our Daily Vacation Bible School. For six weeks the children assembled daily for religious training, worship, and handcrafts, under the direction of a fine corps of workers. All felt that the results amply repaid all efforts.

With the opening of school in September, Wesley House activities resumed their operations. Kindergarten opened with a larger attendance than usual. Tots of several nationalities were enrolled. When I think of the lack of religious training in the lives of so many of them, I am awed by the responsibility and pledge renewed consecration and gratitude to God who gives me a share in their Christian development.

The Health and Happiness Club is still trying to become healthy and happy. The girls work and play and have a fine spirit, which, after all, makes for health and happiness.

The Y. W. C. A. physical director comes weekly to supervise a tumbling class for younger girls. This is very popular, and oftentimes the hour seems all too short to them.

My Sunday school class of girls is truly an inspiration to me. Recently this class and Miss Blackwell's class, just younger than mine, engaged in a real live contest for Sunday school and Church attendance. My girls lost by a small margin and are now planning to entertain the other girls.

We feel that good has resulted in helping the girls to form habits—Sunday school and Church attendance—and in proving that they can carry through such a contest in good feeling and wholesome rivalry.

Biloxi, Miss.—Wesley Community House

Deaconess Ruth Heflin, Head Resident, reports:

Many have been the material improvements this year. Floors have been repainted, nursery walls repainted, and all furniture in the House has been varnished—nursery, furniture, and floors being done by local folks who charged practically nothing for their work, a few old clothes from the old clothes closet for one man, and all other labor free. The downstairs front porch was refloored by money contributed by factories, both labor and materials. One room was furnished by money sent from the Mississippi Conference. Upstairs rooms were papered, gymnasium painted inside and out, and church and main buildings were repainted by the Council.

In November we found that our friends, mostly from the North Mississippi Conference, had contributed enough for the first payment on a new Ford (\$250). So our work has been much easier since then. Our neighbors and community children have been doing most of the cleaning of house and yards, so that the appropriation for janitor and yardman may be used for car payments and gasoline when some friend does not send us money for them. We also have new linoleum for our kitchen and nursery bath.

From the above you can see that we have had the very best of co-operation from both Conferences and individuals, both in Biloxi and

elsewhere. The County Board of Health has been so good to us, and we feel that through their help many wonderful improvements have been made. The nurse and doctor have been most liberal with their time, as has been the hospital in Biloxi and the doctors here. Main Street Church has been standing solidly behind us, and we are expecting to be able to do much more because of this "backing." Out of the numerous deaths in the community during the past year from various epidemics we have lost only two out of about one hundred who have been attending the Better Baby Station conducted by county nurse and local doctors.

It is always so hard to measure spiritual results, but in a way we are far from satisfied with them as we view the field during the past year. We have been able to reach many new people, but a few of the old ones have fallen by the wayside. Working conditions have been worse than ever, and persecution by the priest at times has been almost unbearable to the people. Mothers have come to me crying because of conditions, and many of them are now realizing that there is some other way than the money way to heaven. Unrest and disbelief is rampant now. There were four "sisters" in a parochial school last year; there are seven this year, with one employed worker; and next year we are to have a convent with twelve resident "sisters" in the block next to us. O that they might hear "Ye must be born again" and do it! Mothers are becoming acquainted with personal prayers by attending our sales, which always opens or begins with prayer. Many questions are asked privately as to why we always pray "to God in Christ's or Jesus's name."

Most of the children of the community would attend our Vacation Bible School if permitted to do so, and we were equipped to take care of them. Last year we had more volunteer helpers than usual, three young ladies coming from other towns giving all their time for a month, and many of the local girls as well as two out-of-town boys. Because of them we were able to enroll 210 children. After the first week there was the bitterest persecution and opposition; several of them were forced to stop by threats; but at the end of four weeks we had an average of 110 for the time. Results otherwise were good also.

Church attendance has been very good most of the time. The three Leagues are doing splendid work. The Missionary Society, though small, is growing and very active, having ten subscribers to the *Voice* for 1930. We have more than 150 enrolled in the Sunday school and are striving to reach the standard of a "C" type school. We organized a junior Church last fall, and it is doing good work, with an attendance of from thirty to seventy each Sunday. We are trying to train an intelligent Church membership group as well as to minister to their spiritual needs.

During the year 1930 we hope to be able to have as much spiritual gain as we had material gain last year. Will you not pray for us? We need your prayers and the constant presence and guidance of the Saviour, "for we are weak, but he is strong."

Deaconess Myrta Davis, Club Director, reports:

My work here in Biloxi has been very enjoyable this year. The number in my clubs has not increased over last year, I think, but the interest has increased very much. I am very proud of my Girl Scout troop. Last year I failed to put Scouting over, but this year there are twenty-three enrolled, with an average attendance of sixteen. Eight or nine have already passed their Tenderfoot test, and several more are about ready. They are not only trying to pass their tests,

but are really trying to live up to the laws of Scouting, which, after all, is the main thing in Scouting.

My Manual Training Club is progressing nicely. Although handicapped by the lack of tools, the boys are doing nice work. Right now they are at work on model airplanes. Of course they are not making very big models, nor are they having very great success, but they are trying and are interested in their work. They are using the five-pound cheese boxes as their materials. Most of the boys are ten or eleven years old. Every boy in the club will lead in prayer. In our devotionals we always have sentence prayers. At first they had a tendency to laugh at each other, but we made a rule that the boy who laughed could not do any of the handwork. It has worked real well so far, and the boys seem to be entering into the real spirit of prayer.

I also have two painting clubs. One of them is named "Dab and Smear," and the other is the "Paint Box." The latter is made up of intermediate girls, and has only been in existence for about a month. They are all doing very good work, using the fabric paints. My other club of young ladies are sewing and embroidering. They felt that it would be too expensive to use the paints.

In all of these clubs we are trying to stress the idea of self-support. As a rule, the girls furnish their own materials and help furnish the paints and thread.

The Epworth Leagues, all three of them, are progressing very nicely. We were in need of a sponsor for the Hi-League, and one night at one of the League business meetings one of the Senior girls volunteered to take over the Hi-League. They are doing very nicely and are becoming interested in the other Leagues in the city.

Miss Priscilla Freeland, Day Nursery Matron, reports:

The nursery has been very small this year, owing to factory conditions, but the children have improved wonderfully, developing physically and spiritually. The girls and boys of four and five are learning to sweep and straighten up and look after the younger ones. Their project this year is a garden, and radishes are up. They learn through this that God sends sunshine and rain and sing their little "thank you" song each day. We are trying to teach them to see God in their daily lives and in everything.

One day a little girl told them she did not believe in God (it was the sleep hour when all were in bed.) Every head came up: "God made you. He sees you. How you going to live without him." I just kept still and listened, getting a lesson from their faith and loyalty. One little two-and-half-year-old will not go to sleep without singing "Jesus loves me"; so her mother came to ask the words so she could teach her right.

A little French lady came in to say that on account of ill health she was removing her children, but if she could be of any use at any time to call on her, and thanking us for the years of care given her children. We do see progress and development. The Better Baby Station, with Board of Health nurse in charge, has done wonderfully well and helped so much. The Mothers' Club has made quilts and helped.

Pray for us, for we can feel your prayers and need them so.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Wesley Community House

Deaconess Susie E. Mitchell, Head Resident, reports:

The year 1929 has passed very rapidly, and, though full of hard work, it has been a very happy year.

After the Girls' Club committee wrought such a transformation in the domestic science and girls clubroom, the house committee got busy and had the walls of the whole lower floor and also the kitchen, hall, and 'athroom upstairs calcimined and the floors refinished. One society bought new furniture for the library and made new curtains and pillows. Another auxiliary fitted up the hall with curtains, pictures, and cushions.

But the most attractive room is the kindergarten, with its pretty light paper, pink-and-white curtains, and apple-green woodwork, tables, and chairs, and how happy Miss Evans and her little children were.

Our clinic is proving to be of great benefit to the community, and through this we are coming in contact with new families.

The Junior Boys' Club is a great joy to me. They wanted to know more about trees, as we did not get very far last year; so in the fall we decided to make a more systematic study. We went to the woods and gathered leaves to press of some of the trees we wished to make a study of, and as we study a tree they write a little sketch about the tree on the right-hand page of their notebooks and fasten the leaves on the left-hand page. How they labor over these, and their interest has never lagged. We studied evergreens just after Christmas and visited one of the big nurseries to see just how they are rooted and how they are cared for for several years before they are placed in the open.

We are very proud of our extension work at the Texas and Pacific Railroad Shops, which was started last summer at a story hour. When school opened we decided to meet Sunday afternoon, and in a short time we were a regular Sunday school, and how they enjoy the songs, Bible stories, and memory verses. We meet in the home of the section foreman. We had a beautiful Christmas tree with presents for each one. This was the very first Christmas tree most of them had ever seen.

Our community has been much grieved over the death of our dear kindergarten teacher, Miss Edan Evans, who passed away February 2, 1930, after a brief illness and an operation in a hospital at Temple, Tex. She had worked here for eleven years and was greatly loved by all. There was a very impressive memorial service held the following Sunday at our Mexican church, and the church was filled with friends and former pupils of many nationalities from all parts of town. O how we all miss her quiet, sweet presence and wise counsel!

Miss Bertha Hogg, Club Director, reports:

All the classes and clubs have increased in number this year. In sewing we have ten helpers, all being Church women interested in our work. Before Christmas three girls from Texas Woman's College helped us, but when the schedule of courses changed they had to give up the work, so our Church friends came to our assistance. At present we have an ideal working force for sewing school.

There are two classes in cooking—ten in one, five in the other. The more advanced class shops for its own cooking supplies in addition to actual cooking lessons.

Girl Reserve group has an enthusiastic, competent leader who is a student of the Texas Woman's College. At present they are planning their annual mother-daughter banquet.

Mrs. Earl Downs is still doing splendid work with the choral club and also gives private voice lessons to choral members. These young people act as Church choir at the Mexican Methodist Church. Too, the vocal numbers learned are used as special numbers at the church.

The latter part of last year we started a young people's orchestra—six in number, saxophone, mandolin, violin, two zylophones, piano. We gave a program at the opening of this year's club work.

One of the girls from the Texas Woman's College teaches four of our children piano lessons, and the Fort Worth Conservatory is taking care of six of our more talented children, Miss Tillett, the head of the School, taking one of them herself.

We have not accomplished as much as we hoped to this year, but all in all it has been a profitable year. Of course our supreme aim in all our work is to give them a living Christ, so they may be lifted up into higher and better things of life.

RURAL WORK

Nashulaville, North Mississippi Conference

Deaconess Dora Hoover reports:

It is with gratitude that I look back upon the labors of the year 1929, for it has been a preparation for better things among us and of seed sowing from which we hope that a bountiful harvest will follow.

Sunday schools have been in operation at five of the churches and at one high school where the near-by church is out of repair. It is at or near this high school that we are hopefully looking forward to having a new church built in the near future. One of our churches has been improved, another has been ceiled, and a room for the Primary Department made available for another. Flowers have been planted at three of the churches.

There are four Woman's Missionary Societies, one Young People's, four Epworth Junior Societies, two Epworth Leagues, and one Layman's League on the charge.

In the high school, which we use instead of the church, the Baptists work harmoniously with us. All the teachers are members of the Missionary Society, and the principal is superintendent of the Sunday school. In the Missionary Society and in the Epworth Juniors one-half of the dues goes to the Methodist and one-half to the Baptists. We were evenly divided when we organized the societies, but the Baptists are possibly in the lead at the present time. In the Sunday school we use Methodist literature one-half of the time and Baptist literature one-half of the time.

This Missionary Society has studied, but did not complete, "Women and the Kingdom" and is just finishing "Our Templed Hills," which has been very interesting to them. Another one of our new societies has studied "Looking Ahead with Latin America" and is now taking up "Our Templed Hills."

The Missionary Societies of the North Mississippi Conference have kept me supplied with good literature, which I have carried with me in my car for distribution. I also carry tracts and health bulletins to distribute and books to lend.

When the weather is dry I can travel with but little difficulty over the charge, but when the roads are muddy, many places are inaccessible.

I have lived in four different localities during the year and have made house-to-house visits in each locality.

There are four high schools on the charge, but I have been able to work in but two of them yet, where I have conducted chapel services, and helped organize a Girls' Reserve in one. There are, also, four

one-teacher schools. All of these I have visited and conducted services or told stories to them.

There is much need of a spiritual awakening here. May it come this year, is our prayer.

Aberdeen District, North Mississippi Conference, Greenwood Springs
Circuit

Deaconess Ethel Cunningham reports:

I have always enjoyed my work under the Council, but never so much as this rural work, which I began in September, 1929. It means much to work for a district that is looking after its own work. The district secretary, pastors, and stronger Missionary Societies are so interested, and with such backing the work naturally moves forward.

The harvest truly is ripe in this circuit. Each of the six Churches seemed eager for an Adult Missionary Society. All they needed was a start. They have an interest in every phase of the work. They have done what they could with the Junior Epworthians. In the county it is a problem to get the children together. In some places our Junior Epworthians are furnishing the fourth Sunday missionary programs for our Sunday school. Our women are helping the schools, the sick, and the needy. They enjoy reading and have taken up mission and Bible study. They have helped organize other societies. The school-teachers, as I have usually found, are much help in the work.

Some of our young people are doing good work in their newly organized Missionary Society. Two of them wrote on "The Future of the Rural Church." They gave the stewardship play, "Thanksgiving Ann." No wonder our leaders are coming from the country. Many of our young people are away at college.

Impassable roads or lack of heating facilities may cause Sunday schools to close, but they do not prevent our women from meeting in the homes for their Missionary Societies. We need your prayers that we may overcome the difficulties and soon reopen our two Sunday schools that were closed, and that we may have this new work on a firm foundation for the Master's service.

The Young People's Missionary Society of McKendree Church, Nashville, Tenn., sent five dollars for a much-appreciated circulating missionary library.

The eight weeks of Daily Vacation Bible School, that closed my year's work at Picher, Okla., last summer, reached four sections of the city. Its success was due to the beautiful coöperation of all the Churches and the faithful, efficient teachers.

North Georgia Conference

Miss Bert Winter reports:

The rural work in the North Georgia Conference moves slowly, but it *moves*. The sentiment for a better rural Church is growing. The Conference Mission Board is giving special financial help to three large rural circuits this year, with three good, strong pastors and assistants for two and the rural worker as assistant for the third.

Throughout the past year the worker continued the plan of helping to put over the regular Church program wherever the Rural Committee directed.

The first quarter was in the Lagrange District, at Turin. The next was given to surveying eight big circuits in two districts, Marietta and Dalton. These surveys showed some alarming information. In

many places only about one-third or one-half of the population belonged to any Church. One small town with a population of 600 could find only 200 Church members with 400 nonchurch members. Another rural community found 60 Church members with 117 nonmembers. In many places about four to eight people paid all that was paid to the pastor, and many had no stewards. Their indifference and discouragement was pathetic.

The rest of the year was spent at Clayton, where the work was started three years ago. Some of the work needed reorganizing, some promoting, and some was ready for bigger things, and some new work ready for help to get started. Much of the work had done so well that it helped to answer the ever-present question, "Does the rural work pay?"

The worker is most grateful for the help given by the Sunday School Board at Nashville for some free Sunday school literature, by the East Point Sunday school through their Sunday school Primary Department, and the First Church (Atlanta) Missionary Society through Mrs. Henry Wright, Miss Welch's Young People's Society, Atlanta, also St. Paul Young People, Gainesville, for their Christmas boxes for the Sunday school, Christmas trees, and money to buy songbooks and other supplies. Lastly to Mrs. J. N. McEachern and Mrs. M. E. Tilley, of Atlanta, for their wonderful help in our Daily Vacation Church Schools.

The worker received much information and inspiration from the privilege of attending the Missionary Conference at Memphis in January, the Woman's Missionary Council at Washington, the Blue Ridge Missionary Conference, the Regional Conference, and the Pastors' School and home Conferences and district meetings.

It has been a great joy to have a part in the work of the Kingdom, and, forgetting the failures of the past year, we start out with renewed faith and trust in the Father's great help for the new year.

Lake Charles District, Louisiana Conference

Deaconess Ora Hooper reports:

The year 1929 was spent in the Lake Charles District, which includes all or part of ten parishes. There are thirty-six Methodist Churches, South, and six of the Methodist Episcopal Churches in this field. Of this number, nineteen were reached by your worker. Three of the Northern Churches were visited and helped. There is a Sunday school in every Church in this district. Three are union schools. There are twenty-eight Missionary Societies and twenty-five Epworth Leagues.

Work this year has been more varied than before. A community center has been helped through literature given. The Negro Federated Church Societies and Girl Reserve work has been encouraged and strengthened.

It has been your worker's pleasure to visit and talk to many types of meetings—namely: auxiliary, zone, and district meetings for woman's work; chapter and district League gatherings; district Sunday school gatherings; to federated Church societies for Negroes and to federated Church societies for whites; also to interdenominational young people's conferences.

It gave your worker joy and inspiration to attend the annual conferences for Woman's Work, Sunday school, and General Work; also to help work for the Chatauqua and to assist in two revivals.

Seven Bible schools were conducted in this district during the months of June and July. The school leaders were trained in advance of the school; so the rural worker started the work off by

helping one week, then local talent continued the work. In this way five hundred and twenty-five were reached in all.

Other types of work engaged in were: Organized two Epworth Junior Societies, one adult society, taught mission study classes, assisted in organizing one League, helped survey at Christmas time to find needy, organized a Sunday school class, taught a League District Institute, helped care for some influenza patients, distributed Christian literature, and visited from house to house, at times worshipping with the family.

Marrowbone, Ky., Louisville Conference

Deaconess Mae C. Sells reports:

The work here this year has been a continuation of that of last year—viz.: a study of one of our best rural communities with the idea of finding ways of promoting the more abundant life which Jesus came to bring to all of us, by utilizing to the utmost the great natural advantages which the country possesses, and by bringing from the cities as many as possible of the advantages which have been worked out there. For county-wide effort a threefold goal has been set: (1) To continue the effort already begun to secure a county agricultural agent (now almost accomplished); (2) to secure a county health unit; and (3) to secure good library facilities for the entire county.

The outstanding accomplishment of the past year has been the completion of two maps. The first of these is a map of the county on an inch scale, giving the basis for an educational and religious survey. Each school, white and colored, is located, and each church is located, giving the denomination of each one; also the polls for each voting precinct is shown, with the number of the precinct. This will be valuable in arranging for public programs in each precinct throughout the county, working toward the goals which have been set. The second map is on twice as large a scale and shows the part of the Marrowbone Valley which lies within Cumberland County. On this map every residence, lodge, store, garage, etc., is shown, as well as the schools and churches. These maps were sent to a blue-print company and Van Dyke negatives made from them, so that blue prints could be obtained at a nominal cost. Although they were completed only last week, orders for twenty-five of them have already been received from people of the community. Meanwhile on two of these maps I have traced, by drawing a line around the farthest family included in each direction, the range of influence of the post office, the bank and stores, the two lodges, the grade and high school, and five churches, the data for the sixth not yet having been secured. This is a preliminary step toward furthering an *esprit de corps* in the community that will make possible the growth of community consciousness, pride, and accomplishment.

Meanwhile the Young People's Christian Society, organized last year, has continued to provide the young people with weekly religious services designed particularly for them and with group recreation every month. A Christmas program succeeded in placing in attractive parts members of some of the groups that have always been in the background of the community life, which parts they filled exceptionally well. With the help of the Boys' Club, and other boys as well, a playground with homemade playground equipment has been begun on the school grounds. A number of weeks of service has been given in cataloging the books of the school library. This has enabled the school to fulfill the library condition for an approved first-class high school. It has also given some of the students training in

library methods, and it will furnish a beginning toward a good community library, for it is intended that the school library shall serve this purpose also.

After a year and a half of experience, it is my belief that the country furnishes the best setting for a well-rounded, happy life, and for the sturdy growth both of the bodies and spirits of our boys and girls; also that the work of studying a community, locating the historical causes for its present status, and helping its members translate their highest ideals into a reality in order that their boys and girls may live in an environment that will develop their powers to the utmost is surely one of the most interesting, exacting, and far-reaching tasks in which God has ever permitted mankind to engage.

Monticello, Ky., Louisville Conference

Deaconess Brooksie Davenport reports:

The work that I am doing this year is more satisfying to me than any I have done before. I am working in a rural community with the class of people that migrate to our cities seeking amusements and employment.

My community is thickly settled with very poor people. About seventy-five per cent of them own their homes, which in most cases is just a two-room box house and three or four acres of steep, rocky land. The community is known over the country as "Number One District." It is the largest school district in the county. It has one hundred and fifty children of school age. That does not include those of high-school age. Our Church is the only one in the district, and its opportunities are great. It has been on the field about six years, having preaching services once and twice a month, Sunday school (in good weather), and an occasional revival.

I organized a Sunday school the second Sunday in September, meeting every Sunday, and the average attendance during this severe winter has been sixty-three. At least half of this number are young people. They are eager for something to do and have been an inspiration and a help to me in everything I have undertaken. I think the Christmas pageant was never given more beautifully than they gave it in our little one-room country church. Since Christmas they have put on a three-act Church play that was greatly appreciated, and they have done a splendid piece of work on our church lot.

I enjoy going into their homes, and they seem to appreciate my visits. I have made around four hundred visits since coming here in September. Several times in these six months different ones have said to me: "We are so glad you are here. Nobody ever tried to do anything with us before. We're just 'Hill Billies.'" I am sure I am just as happy to be here as they are to have me here.

My health is good, and I feel that I am doing a worth-while work for my Church and Master.

Camden District, Little Rock Conference

Deaconess Willie May Porter reports:

I am numbering the past year as one of my dearest possessions; not a treasure to be stored away, but one that will keep on growing, helping my life and the lives of many others to be bigger and better.

We are still working in the four camps in which we worked last year. Our Sunday school is a delight. We complained last year that the adults would not take an active part, but we are happy to now report a large adult class. Until Christmas I taught a class of fourteen junior boys. They helped us to add a room to our shack church

which we use for nursery and beginner-primary departments. Then the boys took the entire job of papering the walls with building paper and painting the overhead and short, low benches. We have work planned for many more weeks, and after that we shall find plenty to do in our week-day meetings. I am now superintendent of the nursery and beginner-primary departments. Our goal for these two departments is the standard of the D type Sunday school. The interest of the junior boys in these departments is wonderful. I always find some of them in the room when I arrive on Sunday morning, and they take a real interest in arranging the pictures, etc., often bringing things which they think will help.

A number of camps located within a consolidated school district had no Sunday schools. We persuaded the people last Easter to use the school bus to take the people to Sunday school at the school building. They are still doing this, and the Sunday school is doing well.

Our Bible Study Club in one of the camps within this school district is still growing. We have added a nursery department, which is organized just like a Sunday school nursery department. The club owns two cards, and we have the use of four others from the El Dorado Public Library. On each card we can get one fiction and one nonfiction book each week. We find this service very helpful.

The two Churches in which I work each had a full-time pastor last Conference year, but now one pastor is serving both places. I work with the Missionary Societies in both places—in one with the Senior Epworth League, and with the Epworth Juniors and the Epworth Hi-League in the other.

Last summer we held four very worth-while Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Seven have been asked for for this summer.

I am thankful for this work to do for the furtherance of the Kingdom and for the women of the Church who are back of us.

Helena District, North Arkansas Conference

Deaconess Jessie Mae Byers reports:

The opportunity for service as a rural worker in the Helena District is very great.

The first four months of my time I spent in Weiner. One of the first things I did was to organize an Epworth League. Although we called the organization an Epworth League and used the literature of the League, it was an interdenominational organization and was well attended by the young people of the various denominations.

With the help of the Young People's Missionary Societies of the North Arkansas and East Oklahoma Conferences and the young people of Weiner who gathered and repaired outgrown or discarded toys, we were able to give every child and worthy grown person in and around Weiner a happy Christmas.

Since the first of January I have had my headquarters at Forrest City. Now that I have a Ford, I hope to reach a larger number of people and cover more territory in the district.

Because of the heavy rains it was almost impossible for me to get out of Forrest City during the month of January.

I have attended various Sunday schools and have given suggestions which I feel have helped.

I have also met with six of the weaker Missionary Societies of the district and helped to make them stronger. Two new societies have been organized, and also one League. I have been requested to help in the organization of other Adult, Young People's, and Epworth Junior Societies which I hope to do soon.

I have visited in many homes, and in some of these homes I found conditions which I hardly dared to think existed to-day.

I plan to spend a great deal of my time in one community, of which I have recently made a survey; and I hope to do some real constructive work there as well as elsewhere during the remaining time I stay in the district.

Caledonia District, Texas Conference

Miss Janet C. Head reports:

The work at Caledonia this year has been a continuation of what we started last year. We have particularly stressed two phases of our work—that of developing the social life of the young people, and of working out a plan of agricultural development which shall profit both the Church and those individuals who have undertaken the agricultural projects.

In our work with the young people we have planned so that we have some social activity on every Friday night. This activity is usually a social at the Sunday school building, indoors when the weather is bad in the winter, and on the playground during the summer months. We have a social especially for those of League age on three Fridays during the month, and on the other Friday we have a social for everybody in the community. We have had an average attendance of thirty-four at our League and eighty-three at our community socials.

We have started a club on Saturday nights to which those of Hi-League age are eligible, and our Hi-League age limitations are over fourteen and under forty-five. The one requirement for membership in this club is attendance at the Hi-League devotional services. It is a social club, and only initiated members are allowed to attend.

On Saturday afternoons the Church circulating library is open. We have 372 books and have distributed 338 during this past year. Our young people want to read, and we are trying to give them wholesome reading matter to fill this need.

We also have a splendid collection of indoor games, which are very popular on Saturday afternoons and in bad weather. In fine weather and during the summer the games on the playground and the playground apparatus are more popular. We have a volley ball court, a tennis court, swings, a slide, seesaws, and plenty of additional space for games of tag and any kind of ball game.

We observed Recreation Week in our Hi-League. The week was started off by having a talk on recreation, given by one of the League workers in this district. During the week the Hi-League entertained the Epworth Juniors and had a picnic for their parents, as well as having a clown party, a party where the boys were hosts, one where the girls were hostesses, and going to the school to see a senior play.

These social activities are meeting a vital need of our people, for their lives were entirely lacking in any type of social activity, except dances, until we organized these groups.

On Sunday, March 17, everybody in the community was invited to meet at the church to hold an Agricultural Day service. One hundred and twenty-five came and stayed all day. In the morning the Rural Extension Secretary of the Conference Sunday School Board, Rev. C. W. Lokey, told us of the plan which he had used at the Edgewood Church and now was called the Edgewood Plan. We decided that every one in the community would do some work for the Church under this plan. The children and women would take a talent of twenty-five cents from the Sunday school and try to develop that in as many ways as possible and turn the total amount in to the Church at the end of the year. Many talents were given

out, and we had about eighty dollars turned in to the Church fund at the end of the year. The men were to cultivate an acre of cotton for the Lord's work and give the profits to the Church. Ten of the men and one woman worked under this plan, and, in spite of the bad crop year, we had almost four bales of cotton for the Church. The boys and girls of the 4-H Club age were asked to work an acre of any kind of crop and tithe the profits. We had six boys and three girls who entered this project. The acre which developed the most was one of ribbon cane, from which the tithe was \$20.60.

We were not alone trying to make money for the Church by this plan, but were also endeavoring to direct the agricultural efforts of the people and try to help them use scientific methods in their work. We are using the budget system for our Church finances this year, and as a result of our efforts last year we have many more who are contributing to the support of the Church and its activities, and are doing it every month, instead of waiting until crop time, as so many did last year. We have half-time this year instead of two afternoon preachings as we had last, and our people are realizing their responsibility and are doing more than they did last year to support the Church.

We made a definite effort last year to improve the health of the children of the community. We observed Child Health Day on April 28 and invited the County Public Health Nurse, Miss Grace Baze, to talk to our people on child care. We had a most interesting meeting, and it was arranged that we should do some more intensive work. Miss Baze came back again on May 26, and through her interest Dr. M. S. Picard, a child specialist from Shreveport, came also. Miss Baze talked to the mothers in the morning, and Dr. Picard examined sixty-two children in the afternoon and advised with the parents as to those corrections which were necessary.

We have a departmental Sunday school, which is using the Closely Graded Literature. I have been teaching in the junior department and conducted the worship services.

We have a Women's 4-H Club which works through the Church and is doing some vital good for the women. In connection with the canning kitchen which the women have they canned 1,961 cans of vegetables, meat, and fruit from their gardens, which was a wonderful help in the family diets for the winter months.

Our Hi-League and Epworth Junior League are chartered and are doing the League work as far as we are able, but illiteracy is one of our great problems.

We have received several boxes of books and games and Christmas boxes from the Young People's Auxiliaries of the Texas, West Texas, and New Mexico Conferences, as well as several donations of money. These gifts have helped us considerably with the work which we have done this year.

I have visited in all the homes of the community, and in many of them I have been able to help in times of illness. I have made 276 visits in cases of illness and 301 in the interest of the Church and its activities, and have traveled approximately 2,563 miles. Last year we had 277 white people belonging to 59 families in the Church community.

I feel that we have accomplished much during this year, although not as much as there are possibilities in this community. God is directing the work here, and there are many needs which are still to be filled and which can only be done gradually. I have been following the guidance of the Master and feel that I have been able to do work for him.

WORK AMONG MINERS

Hartshorne, Okla.—Brooks Institute

Deaconess Mattie M. Cunningham reports:

The year's work has been as a changing thermometer—at times moving on so slowly, again seeming to be availing more, then to be at a standstill, and yet again reviving and taking on new life. The past few months this latter characteristic seems to be more lasting, making the outlook and possibilities brighter indeed. A more positive, definite work has been done by the Bible class for Mexicans. Interest is growing. The man who urged the classes being held in his home, draws others, and they do real study, both the men and the women. The new pastor's proposition to hold Sunday afternoon preaching services in the school building in the Mexican camp met with hearty welcome.

Five former members of the Bible class were victims of the dreadful McAlester mine explosion in December. It is a joy to have heard their testimonies a number of times as to the help the class had been to them. So we trust that many lives may be strengthened by this touch here and there in this busy coal field life.

Children's work in sewing school and story hour goes on as usual. The sewing class for Mexican mothers is a very popular feature.

One father has frequently said: "Pray for me. I want to feel that Jesus is near me as I work." My great desire is that I may help them to a deep realization of the truth that

"The God of love came down from above
To dwell with the men who work."

Picher, Okla.—Wesley Community House

Deaconess Adeline M. Peoples reports:

It was my good fortune to spend from January to June in Nashville at Scarritt. Association with the faculty and student body was pleasant as well as profitable. The opportunities at Scarritt College are great, and I would appreciate the privilege of being a student there at any time.

At the reading of the deaconess appointments in May, Picher, Okla., was an unknown quantity to me. However, I was not long in finding out that it was a mining town in the richest zinc and lead belt in the world. It is a typical mining town, and the miner with his little lamp on the front of his hat is interesting to me. How I covet these people for the Master's service! The risk to their lives as they work in the ground is always great, and the rushing ambulance may bring sorrow and grief to the home least expecting it. Picher seems spiritually destitute—a field white unto the harvest with few laborers at work.

Many families have suffered, for a great number of the mines went down the first part of November and will probably not open before spring.

There would have been even greater suffering and want but for the Emergency Community Chest, which was made possible by the mine owners. Boxes sent by our Missionary Societies of the East Oklahoma Conference helped much in the relief work. Christmas we were able to bring good cheer to homes that would possibly have had little if any Christmas cheer for the children and grown-ups.

Our Central Methodist Church is not a strong Church, but there are several fine young people that we hope to develop for leaders later

on. We also have a wise, intelligent pastor to lead in the work, and I trust the membership may respond loyally to his leadership.

The Sunday school, Missionary Society, Senior Epworth League, and Epworth Juniors are growing some. In my visiting I find many who have no Church home in Picher, as well as many others who have no interest in any Church. The social life of our people has not been neglected. We have had weiner roasts, picnics, parties, and covered-dish luncheons. Thanksgiving morning fourteen went out for a sunrise prayer meeting and breakfast in a beautiful woods. Every one seemed glad to spend the morning in this way. The young people gave a beautiful pageant at our white Christmas which was very impressive indeed.

Picher has eight schools, modern buildings, which rank high in educational circles in Oklahoma. But it is certainly a queer-looking town, most of the residences being small, immense chat piles often closing streets, and one may see houses being moved, as that is often the case when a mine is opened up in front or beside a house. Now that I am accustomed to these small mountains (chat piles), they have a fascination for me, and I sometimes find myself gazing at them, especially when some distance away.

A sister and brother were recently sent to our Methodist Orphanage in Britton, Okla., where they are caring to its utmost capacity for homeless girls and boys.

It is my earnest desire that a Wesley House carrying on such a program as Picher needs may be made possible, for, though these are American people, this is truly a mission field, just as surely as that in any foreign land that knows not our God.

Lyra, Tex.—Lyra Wesley House

Deaconess Rhoda Drago reports:

The Wesley House was moved to Lyra from Thurber two years ago. We look back with much satisfaction at the work.

The past year has been especially happy. A Boys' Club, Girls' Club, and a Mothers' Club have been organized and have done fine work. The Sunday school and kindergarten conclude our program. There has been a fine spirit throughout the year.

The tragic death of our young pastor at the close of our holiday festivities was a great shock to the colony, as he had endeared himself to the people. Brother Soto, from Fort Worth, will carry on his work, coming to us once a month.

During the summer there was little work, and many families were forced to move away. Our Daily Vacation Bible School had an enrollment of only forty-one with a fine attendance. At the close they were entertained at Mineral Wells by the Young Woman's Missionary Society. This has become an annual affair.

During the year we have received showers of flower seed, bulbs, scrapbooks, and kindergarten materials from the Children's Department of the Georgia Auxiliaries, which we deeply appreciate. In fact, everybody has been lovely to the Lyra Wesley House.

Amherstdale, W. Va.—Coal Fields

Miss Mary Ogden reports:

Our work here has been very interesting and illuminating. The intimate association with those who are Christian has, indeed, strengthened our faith and caused us to see the coal fields as a great opportunity for service. We have (through assisting in revivals) come in contact with the people in a spiritual way which would otherwise have been almost impossible.

Our cottage prayer services have been very successful in bringing all of those present and we ourselves nearer to God.

The more I study this section, the more deeply do I feel that its salvation is in its young people. They, for the most part, are enthusiastic and eager to work.

We have been slow in organization, because we feel that the people must know us and what we stand for before they will be interested in any program we suggest. I see a vast opportunity for service and pray that our Heavenly Father may lead me as I serve him here.

Kimball, W. Va.—Coal Fields

Miss Emma V. Johnson reports:

The work in the Carswell and King Camps, near Kimball, shows some encouraging features. In the Sunday school, Epworth League, and Epworth Junior Society an increased interest is manifested.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School, held in July, was attended with interest, and the boys and girls were sorry to see it close, even though it had lasted three weeks. There was a special program at the close, to which the parents and others were invited. There was a display of the handwork which had been done, and a beautiful Bible pageant was given.

Our young people are very active in social service work here. A few days before Christmas a group hiked up the mountain, four miles, carrying a donation to a poor widow and six children. It was really a laborious task, through the snow, but they seemed happy to help bring cheer to those who were less fortunate than themselves.

Our Epworth Leaguers made money at community socials to purchase two nice screens for the Sunday school and three dozen new songbooks.

The Mothers' Club has increased in interest. At several of the meetings we have had "patching parties," when old clothing was mended and made ready for use in cases of sickness among the needy.

We have the Girl Scout work here, and a group of pre-Scout age is eager for the starting of a Brownie troop.

Our Christmas services were most gratifying. The white Christmas was carried out, the offering being used for the Holston Orphanage. It was really a worshipful service, and I believe the people caught a clearer vision of the real meaning of Christmas.

There has been considerable relief work during the past year in cases of continued illness among the very poor. Supplies received from Missionary Societies have helped to fill a real need. God bless the faithful women of the Missionary Societies!

We are fortunate here in having the cooperation of the coal company operating the mines here, the Koppers Company. Many courtesies have been shown by the company.

There are many needs here, but the greatest need is Christ, and my earnest prayer is that I may help the people to realize their need of him in their hearts and lives.

"The Prince of Peace is knocking—
 O will nations bid him stay?
 We need him, how we need him,
 Every minute of the day!
 We need him in the mansion
 And the cottage in the glen;
 We need him in our home life
 And our touch with fellow men."

Bradshaw, W. Va.—Coal Fields

Miss Agnes Stewart reports:

The longer I stay in Bradshaw the more I feel the force of the Master's words when he said: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

I have been here one year and a half and find many encouraging features and many discouraging ones.

One thing of which the community as a whole is especially proud of is a new school building. Through the public school I am reaching more of the children of the community than in any other way, for I make a chapel talk twice a week.

We have a splendid Vacation Bible School in the summer and a good revival in the fall which has more than doubled our attendance at prayer meetings.

This year I have regular cottage prayer meetings on Tuesday nights, which are well attended and in which there is a real vital spiritual uplift.

We had to move from our old community hall; so I rented a room in a good location and have organized a sewing class which promises to be a real live organization.

We have some dear, sweet children, and my desire, my prayer, and my aim is to let God be the guide in all these activities, and then I know there will be no blunders.

Hemphill, W. Va.—Coal Fields

Miss Hyda Heard and Deaconess Catherine Parham report:

During the year 1929 the work at Hemphill and Capels was rewarded by several outstanding events. Foremost of these was a gracious revival in one of the camps. In this revival eleven foreign children—Italians, Hungarians, Poles, and Mexicans—surrendered their lives to the Master and joined our Church. These children had been touched and nurtured in our clubs and Vacation Bible Schools, and their decision came as a result of acquaintance and fellowship with the living Christ.

Just before the summer vacation began the Girl Reserve Club observed the formal ring ceremony. At that time eight of our girls received Girl Reserve rings, the highest honor to be accorded girls in this club. In the fall the Girl Reserves began work on a dramatic entertainment which was given this spring, the proceeds being used to secure a beautiful velour curtain for the school stage.

Our 1929 Daily Vacation Bible School was the most successful we have ever conducted here from the standpoint of average attendance and perfect records. There were five teachers and four assistants during the entire period.

In McDowell County there is a wide-awake Epworth League Union, and this year the Hemphill League won the efficiency loving cup for the third year, giving this League the privilege of keeping the cup for all time. The Leaguers have learned much of the joy of service and the benefit of a balanced program of living.

In addition to these things, we have had the regular work of Sunday schools, Woman's Missionary Societies, children's clubs, and visiting. In all things we have found the Christ going before, leading us ever on to deeper experiences of his love and power.

Big Sandy, W. Va.—Wesley Community House

Deaconess Evelyn Waddell, Head Resident, reports:

The first six months of the year I was enjoying my furlough work at Scarritt College. It was indeed a great privilege to have this time

of refreshing and renewing of mind, body, and spirit for the task ahead.

When appointments were read for the new year I was again made glad that I was to return to the coal fields of West Virginia, although to a new location. There was also the added pleasure of a coworker and a home for us in the camps among our people.

We arrived the last of August ready to begin our work September 1. Our pastor met us at the station and immediately began to call the roll of some eight or ten camps we were supposed to serve, and all were equally needy places.

We spent the first month visiting and getting acquainted with the people, studying the needs, and planning the work for the winter. We found they were in need of everything that counts for most in life except food, clothing, and coal, and some did not have that. We also realized that we could not serve all these camps and do them justice; so we centered our efforts on five of them. In three of these camps we have Church Sunday schools. We each have a class and assist the pastor with prayer meetings and in any other way that we can serve people. In the camps that do not have churches we are trying to draw the people to the Sunday school and other services of the church and community house. Several are responding.

We have Missionary Societies in two of our Churches, with a membership of ten to twelve. The women are very much interested and are doing good work for a new society. But we are hoping to have some organization that will reach more of the women of the community not in the Church. There are so many women who have no community interest outside their home. We have been very much interested in teaching mothers to care for their babies and sick.

I have charge of the Epworth Junior Society, which has brought much joy and pleasure to me as well as to the children. We have thirty-seven on roll, and they are a lively, interesting bunch. We are praying that they may get an interest outside themselves and a real vision of the world friendship of children.

Four months in five coal camps is hardly long enough to say one has started, but we do feel that we have a hold on the work, and, from the gracious way in which we have been received and the splendid coöperation they are giving us, we feel that we will be able to accomplish something in the new year.

We are praying that we may have divine wisdom and guidance in every effort put forth, that the Kingdom of God may come in the hearts of this people.

Deaconess Cora Lee Glenn reports:

When we came to Big Sandy in August I was impressed by the large number of bright-faced boys and girls, and I was quite happy to learn that my work was to be largely with the young people. They constitute one of the greatest challenges of the coal field work. In all of these camps the young people are so eager for a more abundant life. It is my privilege to work with them in a Senior League at Big Sandy, a Hi-League at Roderfield, and a Young People's Christian Union at Marytown. There are so many denominations represented in the Marytown camp that an Epworth League is not practical; so we are trying, by our newly organized union, to bring together the young people, irrespective of denominational standing. The devotional services of all these organizations have been truly worshipful, and the social activities have been inspirational as well as recreational.

At Marytown and Big Sandy we have organized Girl Scout troops. These are meeting a great need, for the girls are enjoying all the

Scout activities, and the high ideals of Scouting are being carried over into their daily lives. Many girls are being reached through the Girl Scout work who would otherwise not be touched for Christ.

Our desire at the Christmas time was to present the Christmas story in all its beauty and to separate it from the idea of Santa Claus, to which it had been joined in years past. This purpose was accomplished in the two beautiful pageants at Big Sandy and Roderfield. All those taking part in these pageants seemed to catch the real spirit of the Christmas message, and these services were characterized by a reverential and worshipful atmosphere.

The library of the Big Sandy Community House is supplying good books not only to the people of this community, but also to those of four surrounding communities. As a result of the contributions of friends, one hundred and nineteen books and two hundred and five magazines have been added to this library since September.

As a new year dawns with its many wonderful opportunities we are trusting that it will be a year in which much will be accomplished for the Master here in the coal fields of West Virginia.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tucson, Ariz.—Southern Methodist Hospital and Sanatorium

Deaconess Lexie Vivian reports:

No year of my life has afforded me greater joy through service to others than the past year spent in ministering to the patients of the Southern Methodist Hospital and Sanatorium. Never have I been more favorably situated for discerning the needs of the individual, for we are a large family, some members of which remain under our care over a period of several months. The success of the Christian worker here must depend largely upon that worker's ability to meet these individual needs.

The chief phase of my work, and that which brings the greatest satisfaction and real joy, is that of ministering to the spiritual life of the patient. It is an easy matter to place a Bible in each room, to distribute religious tracts, to conduct a Bible class for those who care to attend, to find out the Church affiliation of each patient and notify his pastor, to have definite times for Bible reading and prayer with the Christians, strengthening and encouraging them—all of which I am doing. But to deal with a man or woman, young or old, who is rebellious toward God for permitting him or her to be afflicted with the dreaded tuberculosis, or to lift some one from the depths of discouragement and hopelessness is a most difficult task. With some of this type I have seen no good results. Others I have assisted in restoring to their former trust in God and have seen them manifest a new and sane attitude toward life, with a strong determination to make the best of their long illness. Chiefly because of the many opportunities for being helpful to such as these have I found the work at the Southern Methodist Hospital and Sanatorium most enjoyable and worth while.

Through the daily visitation I try to cheer and encourage the patients in every way I can, for the battle against tuberculosis is long and often discouraging. Our splendid memorial library, which is under my supervision, affords many pleasurable and profitable hours and contributes much toward keeping the patients satisfied. Occasional evenings of entertainment are provided for those who are able to attend. These diversions are appreciated by all.

In every phase of my work it is my earnest desire to assist to the very best of my ability those who are endeavoring to create a reli-

gious atmosphere in our hospital. I want our Southern Methodist Hospital and Sanatorium to minister not only to the physical, but also to the social and spiritual life of all who enter its doors, and I consider it a privilege to share in this Christian service.

Dallas, Tex.—Virginia K. Johnson Home and Training School

Miss Mary L. Freeman, Superintendent, reports:

During the year 1929 we have touched the lives of seventy-six girls and placed twenty-seven babies in well-investigated Christian homes. In rebuilding the character of the girls, special training is given each one in the line she wishes to develop, as nearly as we are equipped. Our daily program is similar to a large family, each one having a special daily task to perform. Along with the daily routine we also have recreational, educational, and spiritual guidance. Satisfying results have been achieved in the past months in all three phases; but outstanding is the spiritual uplift which began early in the year, the result of a special series of services that was indeed a revival. Serving Jesus Christ, and through him our Heavenly Father, is the goal we are wishing for each member of our family, and not only wishing for, but expecting, for we are told that we "can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us."

In a general way we wish to express our thanks for the many blessings that have come to us from those who are interested in our work. Their help, along with the beautiful Christian coöperation of a very efficient faculty, helps to shed brightness over a cloudy sky and smooths the roughness from a seemingly unpassable pathway of difficulties. Our life is conflicting and filled with many more duties than we can possibly accomplish it seems, but each day has its own victory and achievement. By these achievements that are made gradually we hope to build a foundation for each girl's character that will enable her to withstand any storm of temptation that may arise in her life and trusting that her motto will ever be: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Deaconess Susie Teel, reports:

There are twenty-four girls in the high school section, which is about the average enrollment in this section. During the year we have had seven high school graduates and two college students among our number, and these have been able to keep fairly busy with the studying of Bible, English, spelling, and domestic science and in acting as tutors to the other students.

Last summer our Vacation Bible School was made interesting and profitable by the assistance of two outside helpers, Miss Mary Edmondson, who taught some of the handwork, and Mrs. Mildred Satterfield, who directed the choral work. Both of these rendered a highly efficient service. In the handwork classes the girls made a number of attractive articles, which they mailed home as gifts at Christmas time. In Bible we read the Gospel of Luke through and memorized many of the finest passages and verses. The choral work followed the outline of the Bible study, with the memorizing of hymns bearing on the main events in the life of Jesus. At the close of the Vacation School a delightful all-day picnic in a beautiful private park was enjoyed by the entire school. The remainder of the summer was spent in general clean-ups, gardening, canning fruit, and sewing. The girls made about forty new print dresses besides a number of uniforms and other articles of clothing. For recreation, many of them availed themselves of the opportunity of reading light fiction brought to them from a public library.

Throughout the school year we have carried out as full a program of high school work as possible. Regular courses in history, English, spelling, mathematics, and Bible go on continuously. Southern Methodist University students have given us the additional courses in physical education, art, choral work, and domestic science. And last fall we had a Southern Methodist University student for a term each in Bible and algebra. We are encouraged with the interest which has been maintained with few exceptions through the entire group. Several are expecting to take the State examinations for credits in the spring. We are working and praying for definite results in all lines of our endeavor.

I count this year, on the whole, as the best and happiest of my stay here, realizing more fully, as I have, "the glory of the imperfect and lured onward in the vision of the unattained."

Deaconess Emma G. Vogel, Nurse, reports:

As I look back over another year spent in this institution, there comes to me a renewed sense of my own unworthiness and of the infinite goodness, patience, and mercy of God. In the hospital department we have had twenty-six births, one death, and twenty-five adoptions. I have enjoyed supervising the care and feeding of the babies. The babies are adopted into good Christian homes at the age of two or three months.

I serve as supply teacher in the Sunday school, secure leaders for the midweek prayer services and for the Sunday afternoon chapel services, and attend these services regularly.

I also meet with the girls at 6:30 o'clock each morning for roll call. Each girl responds with a memory Bible verse. They are very faithful in this memory work and are truly "hiding the word in their hearts."

I take my turn with the other workers in providing for the social time each Friday evening, and have regular hours for duty downstairs to answer bell, etc., when my work will permit.

Mrs. Eva Watts reports:

Another year has passed away. I am thankful for the small part I have in the Master's service.

Again we are thankful for the sixty-four boxes of fruit sent to the Home from Texas and other States.

My heart was filled with joy last September on my return from my vacation to find that two new General Electric refrigerators and one water fountain had just been installed in the basement—such a wonderful help in keeping food, eatables, and freezing our own ice. A fourth unit was installed in the diet kitchen for the use of the hospital.

On the last Friday of each month we celebrate the birthdays that have occurred in that month by a candlelight dinner at one table in the diningroom—a real Methodist meal of fried chicken from our own yard and angel food cake. We enjoyed the holiday season very much, especially after the rush was over and we had time to visit with each other and the girls, each and every girl having a fine spirit of coöperation. The year of 1929 has been filled with many good things.

Miss Jennie Bess McClain reports:

This year, as last, I have had the grade work of our school, teaching the regular fifth-, sixth-, and seventh-grade work, Bible, and some sewing.

There are eighteen girls in this department, ranging in age from

thirteen to twenty-two years, and as I study their needs and share their problems from day to day this routine work seems merely a point of contact for giving forth His word, which I earnestly pray and believe will not return unto him void, but accomplish that of which I may never know but can only hope for.

During one term this year we were fortunate in having an experienced teacher doing postgraduate work at Southern Methodist University to give a course in physical education, it falling to my lot to carry this on to the present time with my own department.

In addition to the above, I have the supervision of the Epworth League, do bookkeeping, take my turn at "floor" duty, the regular Friday evening entertainments, and any of the various other tasks we are called upon to perform, also for several months I had the Sunday school work.

Truly the Parable of the Sower and the Seed might well have been written of this institution, so true is it of the situation here. Therefore I am praying with all my heart and putting forth my best effort to bring about the most abundant harvest.

Miss Nora Pafford reports:

"The Lord's loving-kindnesses . . . are new every morning." This unfailing renewal of the Father's mercy and kindness has enabled me to take up life anew each morning and, living one day at a time, to find my way down to the end of another week.

The year has been full to overflowing with many duties, with plans for the work, some of which have been carried through, and with privileges of friendship and helpfulness to others which many times have been far beyond my ability to meet.

And still His love and grace continue.

Greeneville, Tenn.—Holston Orphanage

Deaconess Belle Hennen reports:

God has been so wonderfully good to me this year. My mother's health improved so much that it was not necessary for me to give up my work, and we have had a very happy year at Holston Orphanage.

In January our superintendent's new home was completed and the old one remodeled and furnished for a hall for our older girls, thus relieving the crowded condition in Willey Hall.

The assets of the home at the present time are \$259,635, an approximate increase of \$20,000 during the last year. The expenses during the year were \$40,000, or a per capita cost of \$200, since we have kept an average of two hundred children in the home.

Four of our buildings were painted during the summer, largely by the older boys with an efficient man to direct them.

During the summer and fall we had vegetables from our garden in abundance, stored two hundred bushels of potatoes for winter, filled the silo with corn, and had about fifteen tons of hay. We have a number of hogs and twenty-eight head of cows and calves. We made ten entries at our Greene County fair and won ten premiums.

Our Missionary Societies meet every Sunday afternoon, and our children are "learning to do by doing." On *Voice* Sunday, February 9, several of our older girls gave "A Missionary Clinic" at the evening service in a very pleasing and creditable way. At Thanksgiving time the Primary Division sent a box of kindergarten supplies and toys to the Mexican children in Houston, Tex.

On Christmas the Men's Bible Class of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Greeneville gave each child in the home a new dollar bill to spend as they wished. The following Sunday we had our "white

gift service," and our offering was \$23.35, thus showing that we rightly deserve the name of the "tithing society."

It is interesting to note that two groups of the children used their Christmas money to buy some little chairs for their bedrooms, another group bought some dressers for their rooms, and the little boys got bedspreads.

Nearly all of our older boys and girls are members of our Church, and under the leadership of our excellent superintendent and his lovely wife, aided by a corps of splendid Christian workers, we are striving to make Holston Orphanage a real Christian home for homeless children.

Besides my work here I am Superintendent of Mission and Bible Study in our Adult Missionary Society and am enjoying the work very much. We have a wonderful leader for our president this year, and already the society has taken on new life, and we are expecting the report at the close of the year to be the best in the history of the society.

Truly "the lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places," and I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve in an humble way in this great work, for "as much as ye do it unto one of the least of these,"

"I do not ask that I shall ever stand
Among the wise, the worthy, or the great.
I only ask that, hand in hand,
A child and I may enter at thy gate."

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