





MISS LAURA A. HAYGOOD.

## **Miss Laura H. Haygood**

DIED AT HER POST  
IN SHANGHAI, CHINA, APRIL 29, 1900,  
IN FULL HOPE OF A GLORIOUS RESURRECTION,  
AND HER WORK IN THE LORD  
FOLLOWS HER.

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"O DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING? O GRAVE,  
WHERE IS THY VICTORY? . . . THANKS BE TO  
GOD, WHICH GIVETH US THE VICTORY THROUGH  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST."

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THE Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in New York April 29, 1900, and held a suitable loving service after the cablegram came which brought the sad news of the death of the beloved missionary MISS LAURA A. HAYGOOD. Miss Haygood served the Board faithfully in China for fifteen years. She lived for China, she gave her life for China, she awaits the resurrection in full hope of eternal life; and many shall arise and call her blessed.

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UPON the dividing line of two centuries, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions has a most favorable standpoint of observation. An eventful past, stretching back to the days of Jenkins, Taylor, Cunyningham and Lambuth, is full of thrilling incidents, momentous movements, wonderful progress, which in 1878 culminated in opening up the missionary operations of the Woman's Board in China. From the arrival of our first missionary, Miss Lochie Rankin, to the present day there has been rapid history-making. The future holds nothing discouraging to the eye of faith; to the Christian who reads the past aright the morning of the century dawns with promise, leaving far behind the night of feeble first efforts, of gigantic opposition, of forebodings and death. Notwithstanding the tumult, the contest, China is throwing off its superstition and admitting the truth; Korea is stretching out open hands for Christ; Brazil is accepting a pure gospel; Mexico recognizing with hope the rays of the Sun of Righteousness; and Cuba, so eager for English civilization and American freedom, is quite willing to take whatever of an open Bible and salvation through Christ accompany them. Is it not a joy to have part in this surely coming success? Now that the shadows flee away, we lift up our eyes with fuller confidence unto the hill of the Lord, from whence our strength cometh.

*Statistics of Home Work.*—Whole number of auxiliaries, 2,290; adult members, 43,327; auxiliaries organized during the year, 205; members added during the year, 3,462; Young People and Juvenile societies, 1,257; Juvenile members, 29,317; Young People and Juvenile societies organized during the year, 121; members added during the year, 3,312; total members, 72,644; life members, 4,542; honorary members, 195; honorary life members, 92; honorary life patrons, 14; scholarships, 146; day schools, 28; Bible women, 60;

subscribers to *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, 10,500; subscribers to *Little Worker*, 16,750; amount contributed, \$97,164.94.

What of our resources? What has been gained since our last fiscal year closed? The beginning of two new Conference Societies encourages the hope that before very long there will be thirty-six. It is true that some of our auxiliaries have died or been merged into other organizations, but others have been organized and new life infused into many old ones. Some, like the rock of Gibraltar, stand as strong and firm as ever, more fixed in purpose, more loyal and true, notwithstanding adverse winds and threatening storms.

The conviction deepens that missionary literature is essential to the development of missionary zeal, hence reading and study are more widespread. In addition to the publication and sale of booklets issued last year, such as "Oak Street Missionary Society," "Dora Rankin Memorial," sketches of Mrs. Morgan Callaway and of Mrs. Fannie Bumpas are in demand. "Missionary Cameos," or short sketches of all the missionaries sent out by the Woman's Board, have been brought out and had ready sale. Circulating libraries are becoming an important feature in many societies, and such books as those mentioned, with "A Decade of Missions," by Miss N. E. Holding, "Dawn on the Hills of T'ang," by Rev. H. P. Beach, "Mission Studies," by Mrs. F. A. Butler, and others, may be found.

In all the best weeklies issued by our Church a column is devoted to the work of our organization, and a lively interest thereby awakened.

The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* has a circulation of 10,500, and needs only 4,500 additional subscribers to make it pay for itself and for the *Little Worker*. Why a paper so essential to the life of the work as the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* does not have double its present circulation is unaccountable. The *Little Worker* is in the hands of about 16,000 children. Nothing yields a larger per cent in the advancement of foreign missions than the amount expended in training the young people and children. The *Little Worker* is one of the most helpful agencies in promoting this object.

*Statistics of Foreign Work.*—Mission stations, 27; missionaries, 50; assistant teachers, foreign and native, 161; boarding schools, 17; pupils in boarding schools, 2,256; day schools, 61; pupils in day schools, 2,098; total pupils, 4,354. A much larger number of the boarding pupils have professed Christianity during the year, as revivals have blessed a number of schools. There are also 5 kindergar-

tens; hospitals, 2; Bible colleges, 3; Bible women, 60; scholarships, 146. Property owned by the Board amounts to about \$392,000. The fields occupied are:

#### CHINA.

China takes stronger hold on the Board year by year. In the Shanghai cemetery lie those who gave themselves to China in an unreserved sense; women who were an honor to any country, ornaments to the highest society, women whose names are dear to Christ, whose work has been approved, whose reward is eternal in the Father's house.

Some changes are in contemplation. At present the centers of work continue to be Shanghai, Soochow, Nantziang, and Sungkiang, but others may soon be opened. In Shanghai, McTyeire Home and School, the center of our educational work, is much better equipped than before. The McGavock Memorial, now complete, adds greatly to the convenience of the school. Already sixty-nine boarders have been enrolled. Except the salaries of the missionaries, and a small sum for incidentals, McTyeire Home and School has been self-supporting for some years.

Soochow calls for a Home and School similar to McTyeire, and will soon have it if our twentieth century thank offering meets expectations. The work in Soochow has been marvelously successful, in spite of the very inadequate school buildings. The Mary Lambuth school not only needs enlargement, but a new structure from corner stone to capstone, as do Clopton and Trinity in Shanghai.

Nantziang has never had a more successful year, and its people never more fully valued the labors of the missionaries in charge.

Sungkiang is becoming one of the most important places in our missionary operations in China. The Hayes-Wilkins Bible college, and the Davidson in Soochow, are prime factors in the success achieved in both cities. The Bible women trained in these schools go out better prepared for their important mission in the homes of their countrywomen. Their gracious ministry is doing incalculable good in strengthening the desire of their sisters to take the place God assigned them in the world. "The women that publish the glad tidings" are becoming a great host in China.

#### KOREA.

Reënforcement sent out last summer was much needed. The work has opened at Songdo, and Miss Hinds and Miss Carroll are busy and hopeful. Politically a spirit of unrest still prevails, but the guid-

ing hand of our God is moving the "Little Kingdom" toward its highest good. Carolina Institute, in Seoul, is attracting many pupils, and Mrs. Campbell's work is bringing forth good fruit.

#### MEXICO.

Every mission station of the Board in this republic has had a year of prosperity, though in many places flood and disease interfered greatly. Opportunities for opening work in other stations are unlimited, but the working force is too small. Romanism has not ceased to fight against an open Bible, but the precious precepts of the Bible are touching the people more generally now than a year ago. Those who have felt the power are becoming more thrifty, more tidy, more industrious, as well as more Christlike in spirit.

#### BRAZIL.

This broad, beautiful country of commercial, mineral, and agricultural facilities needs an open Bible as much as Mexico. The people have waked up to the importance of education and have done much in founding schools of high grade. The government, as in Mexico, is giving much attention to normal schools. Our duty as Christians of a pure gospel is to see that the schools do not send out infidelity. Such influence should be counteracted by an education with Christ as the foundation stone.

#### CUBA.

This country, now attracting so much attention, is so ready for the gospel that a fearful responsibility rests upon the Protestants of our country if they do not get it. The people have turned away from Spanish Romanism and immoral priests, and look for something purer and better. Numbers of teachers from various places have flocked to the island for the purposes of a livelihood, but not all are taking Christ with their English and science. The Church is slow, because it has not free access to its resources. The money is in the hands of men and women who claim allegiance to one who declared that "He that loveth houses and lands more than me is not worthy of me." The school under the principalship of Miss Carson, at Santiago, suffered much from yellow fever epidemic soon after a most promising opening, but another house was rented and in a few weeks a more prosperous school than the first succeeded. Late in the fall school was opened at Matanzas under the care of two missionary teachers, and has made a beginning which will tell upon the uplift of the city at an early day.

## INDIAN MISSION.

This work, under the care of our Board, has felt some of the depressing effects of inefficient means and feeble force. The work at Fort Sill and Mt. Scott was discontinued when Miss Helen Brewster, who had been in charge, felt it her duty to give it up. Methvin Institute, at Anadarko, under the superintendency of Rev. J. J. Methvin, was never more prosperous. With a good teaching force, with high aims, and the best interests of the Indians at heart, the school has grown and the souls of many have been converted.

## EXTENSION OF WORK.

No new provinces have been entered during the past year in China, but new stations in the outlying villages have been opened up, and new centers will doubtless constitute the nucleus of more extensive operations the coming year. Some readjustments of the work have been recommended which may result not only in conserving energy but advancing the work at less cost than formerly. In Korea, Songdo has been added to our list of promising educational and evangelistic centers. Brazil is strengthening her posts and occupying new stations. Mexico reaches out for wider territory, and is ready to plant new schools in every direction. The work in Cuba has grown—a new province, Matanzas, having been occupied. The work in Havana calls for immediate equipment, and offers most flattering prospects. Methvin Institute, of the Indian Mission, presents, as usual, opportunities of enlargement, but at Fort Sill and Mt. Scott the work has been restricted.

The Twentieth Century Movement appeals strongly to the hearts of our constituency, and the special objects to which, as a Woman's Board, we are directing our offerings will, if we succeed, put us upon a much higher plane of operations and give us much broader fields of usefulness than hitherto enjoyed. Soochow, China, City of Mexico, Juiz de Fora, Brazil, and Havana, Cuba, need the seventy-five thousand dollars called for, and such an outlay now will save hundreds of dollars later, and give an impetus to the work of foreign missions this Board has never known.



MARY LOUISE RICHARDSON.

IN MEMORIAM.

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**Miss Mary Louise Richardson,**

OF SPRINGFIELD, MO.,

WENT TO CHINA JULY, 1898,

AND

WENT TO HEAVEN FROM KULING, CHINA,

AUGUST 10, 1899.

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"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE IN THE LORD."



# REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

OFFICIAL.

## CHINA.

WORK OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OPENED IN 1878.

### Shanghai District.

*MISSIONARIES.*

MISS LAURA A. HAYGOOD.	MISS ALICE WATERS.
MISS HELEN RICHARDSON,	MISS M. M. TARRANT,
MISS MINNIE BOMAR,	MISS LIZZIE MARTIN.
MISS JOHNNIE SANDERS,	MISS LOCHIE RANKIN.
MISS EMMA GARY,	MISS ELLA COFFEY,
MISS ELIZABETH HUGHES.	MISS ELLA LEVERITT.

*Wives of Missionaries Who Assist in Missionary Work.*

MRS. A. P. PARKER, MRS. W. B. BURKE, AND MRS. HENDRY.

The rapid advance of the work in Shanghai District—the sore bereavement sustained by the workers in the death of our lovely, sunshiny Mary Richardson, the shadow of a great bereavement in the long and painful illness of Miss Laura A. Haygood, a tower of strength during the difficult first years of the mission, all have concentrated upon this special field, in an intense degree, much of anxiety, apprehension, thought, love, and prayer. For months Shanghai, especially McTyeire Home, Shanghai, has been the burden of appeals to God for his healing hand. However, work has moved on and up. The workers, notwithstanding the entrance of the death angel that seemed to covet and destroy the fairest of the group, notwithstanding the protracted sufferings of the central figure of the Home, have done some of the most telling work in the history of the mission. It will be seen from the reports which are appended that the increase of numbers, the full class rooms, the creditable examinations, the bright evangelistic outlook, the fine day school work, the enlargements and additions, were effected by very busy brains and willing hands. During the past year the McGavock Memorial has been completed, and not only completed, but filled to overflowing with promising students. About this Memorial are gathered the hopes of many loving hearts, many precious memories. Our China

Mission will live in our hearts as long as such names as McGavock, McTyeire, McKendree, Davidson, Hayes, Wilkins, Melissa Baker, and Mary Black are there imbedded in stone and mortar.

A call has come for a worthy memorial in Soochow, like McTyeire Home and School in Shanghai. Who will help in its erection? Whose name will it bear?

Owing to peculiar circumstances, Clopton School and Trinity Home were not rebuilt or repaired during the past year. A memorial was sent to the Board from the last China Conference to unite Clopton and Mary Lambuth, and delay was necessary while the question was pending.

Trinity Home is very near Trinity Church, some little distance away from McTyeire. Clopton School, which holds the class rooms, is still nearer Trinity Church, all conveniently located for school and Church purposes, and may become the center of evangelistic work, if the conditions remain the same. The missionaries should have their class rooms upstairs and leave the ground floor until after repairs or rebuilding.

McTyeire Home and School, with the new McGavock Memorial annexed, is very convenient to Central Church, with its parsonage near by. ~~X~~

Improvements asked for by Miss Coffey for Nantziang have not been made yet, as the General Board contemplates some changes which may render new buildings unnecessary in that quarter.

Sungkiang is the seat of the Hayes-Wilkins Memorial, and is about thirty miles from Shanghai, in the opposite direction of Nantziang, which is only sixteen. The question of large centers as a nucleus for missions, where schools may command extensive patronage, and educational agencies concentrate, and evangelistic operations radiate, is worthy of consideration.

It does not seem wise for the Woman's Board to abandon Clopton School and run the risk of losing the hard-earned fruits of years of planning. Shanghai like Soochow, is a large, important city, in great need of schools. I take from the minutes of our last annual meeting in China Miss Haygood's annual report. Illness prevented the preparation of the usual report for the Woman's Board.

The work of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in China has been represented during the past year by nineteen ladies sent out by the Woman's Board; by six ladies, wives of missionaries, associated with them to a greater or less degree in work; by three boarding schools for girls, with one hundred and thirteen pupils; by the Bible

schools for women; by forty-five day schools, with a total of twelve hundred pupils—three hundred and forty-two girls and eight hundred and fifty-eight boys; by fifty-two native teachers, and by twenty-three Bible women; and last, but by no means least, by a hospital for women at Soochow, where thousands of women and children have received Christian ministry during the past year.

Of the good work undertaken and accomplished during the year other reports will tell you in detail. In these reports there may be some minor tones that will whisper of disappointment and failure. There certainly will be many notes of joyful thanksgiving for all that God hath wrought through his handmaidens and their helpers.

These changes have come during the year to the representatives of the Woman's Board:

Miss Pyle left us on January 9 for home furlough, and Miss Gary on April 29. Both of them are now working as they have strength and opportunity in the home land for China, and both are hoping to be with us in China at our next annual meeting.

In February we welcomed with very grateful hearts the return to China of our dear sister, Mrs. A. P. Parker, restored in large measure to health and strength. In April she very kindly took up Miss Gary's work in Hongkew, which we could not at that time otherwise have provided for.

We had the great pleasure, March 8, of welcoming to China as fellow-worker Miss Mary M. Tarrant.

On August 10 our beloved sister, Miss Mary Louise Richardson, after not quite one year of happy living and loving and serving in China, went home to God to enter upon the higher service of heaven. When we sorrow most for her absence our hearts are full of deepest thanksgiving that God gave her to us for one beautiful year "in fellowship of the furtherance of the gospel" in China.

You will all share my disappointment in the fact that the reinforcements so sadly needed have not come to us this autumn. Doors are broadly opened to us leading to fields white to the harvest that we dare not enter until our forces are strengthened.

To one or two of us God has given many shut-in days during the past year, when waiting took the place of service, but during the waiting time he himself has taught us that to do his will may be even sweeter than to do his work. To the majority of our ladies few interruptions of work have come from sickness or other causes, and the records will show that the work of the Lord has prospered in their hands this year.

It was our privilege to have with us during the first three months of the Conference year our loved and honored Bishop Wilson, and a great pleasure to talk over with him from time to time the past, the present, and the future of our work, and to have the benefit of his wise, fatherly counsel. The day before he left China, February 4, he had a called meeting of the representatives of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions at McTyeire Home, from which only four of the ladies were absent. Those who were present will long remember his kind words of interest

in, and sympathy with, our work. At this meeting, at my request, he created an Advisory Committee with whom the Agent might take counsel in emergencies regarding important matters that required immediate action. The Bishop named as this committee Misses Atkinson and Hughes. At a meeting of this committee held in Shanghai September 4 it was decided, because of the imperative need for immediate help in Shanghai, to give the care of Miss Martin's schools in Soochow to Miss Atkinson, and transfer Miss Martin to Shanghai. Miss Martin has already entered upon her work in McTyeire School and Palmetto School. There will probably be no other changes in the appointment of ladies at this time.

Early in the Conference year the Hayes-Wilkins Memorial at Sungkiang was formally opened, a dedicatory service being conducted by Bishop Wilson. During the autumn and early winter the Anglo-Chinese school for boys in Nantziang was rebuilt. Miss Rankin will tell you of the new and pleasant quarters in which she began work after the New Year's holidays. In March the foundations of McGavock Memorial were laid in McTyeire compound, Shanghai. The building has progressed rather slowly, but we have good reason to hope that it will be completed by the close of the present year and ready to give the much needed relief to McTyeire School.

At its last annual meeting our Board authorized Miss Coffey to erect a suitable building for a girls' boarding school, the building to be paid for and the school supported by special gifts from the Virginia Conference. The work has been recently begun, and Miss Coffey has money in hand to pay for the building. We have long coveted, in a lawful way, the land between our east side compound, Soochow, and the canal. Through the kind and persistent efforts of Brother Hearn the land was secured a few months ago, and through the generous gift of Mrs. Gaither bought and presented to our Board.

These are the brief annals of our year. Best of all, God has been with us, strengthening us in hours of weakness, delivering in times of trial, and comforting us in our deepest sorrow. Trusting him for all that is to come, we will enter with hope and faith upon the work of another Conference year.

Laura A. Haygood.

Miss Helen Richardson, Treasurer of the China Mission, has passed through deep waters during the past year, but with strong faith and fixed purpose of heart her work has gone on. She speaks of the McGavock Memorial as a "thing of beauty." Of McTyeire Home and School she reports:

In writing a report to cover the past year of our school we desire not only to chronicle a few facts, but to give some idea of the work and life of the school. We have sought in every way possible to us to make the school a Christian home to the girls who have, many of them, come from abodes of luxury and heathen coldness, with no conception of home as we know it.

During all the seven years of the school's existence there have always been a half dozen or more earnest, active Christian girls old enough to in some sense mother the younger girls and to lead the older ones. We usually have fifteen or twenty Church members on our roll, and a number of others who are Christian in all but name. These Christian girls form the heart as well as the brain of the school. They are brave and strong in matters of conscience and duty, and as a result (for I believe it is due largely to their help and influence) the moral tone of the school is being raised higher each year. Lying, stealing, jealousy, backbiting do not flourish in our midst, but, on the contrary, honesty, sympathy, and sisterly kindness are inculcated by precept and example.

The pupils seem truly to love each other, and are, I believe, together growing in grace and in the knowledge of our God. The Christian sentiment and influence are seen in no one thing more strongly than in the matter of foot-binding. The school stands opposed to this cruel custom. A new girl on entering is not allowed many days of grace before she is interviewed on the subject and urged to unbind. This is done by the girls themselves. As they have always seemed so earnest and zealous on the subject, it has seemed best to leave it in their hands. It is one open door they may enter, and they do. Of the fifty-one pupils enrolled this term, only a half dozen, I believe, have bound feet. Many of them, coming either from Christian or progressive families, have, and always have had, natural feet. Since the opening of the school about twenty girls have unbound. Joys of the lawn, frolicking games, running up and down stairs, all evidence the appreciation of the beginning of female emancipation in China.

During the year only one of the girls has entered the Church, though there are several others who are both willing and ready to join, but who are prevented from doing so through family opposition. One of them was withdrawn because her parents feared she was becoming a Christian, but she was afterwards returned.

Later Miss Richardson reports:

McTyeire is just opening after the China New Year's holiday. We have had sixty odd applications, and I am sure the McGavock Memorial will soon be full. We have the work all arranged now so that there is no special weight from responsibility resting upon Miss Haygood, yet her bedroom, as has always been true of her study, is the power house of our whole mission. You can't possibly know how blessed McTyeire is in having this precious invalid in it. I am afraid all the mission is a trifle envious of us who live here and have part in this special ministry of love.

Miss Waters, also stationed in Shanghai, at McTyeire, is busy day after day looking after woman's work, as well as various day schools, Palmetto among the number.

Miss Lizzie Martin, who was transferred from Soochow back to Shanghai after Miss Mary Richardson's death, writes hopefully of

her labors. Speaking of the opening of the school, she says: "Already sixty odd have been enrolled, so our buildings will soon be filled."

Miss Sanders, who for a time lived at Trinity Home and looked after some of the day schools and assisted Miss Bomar at Clopton, has moved back to McTyeire and will have her room in McGavock Memorial, and Miss Tarrant has moved to Trinity Home.

Miss Sanders's music class is giving her great satisfaction, since they are now able, many of them, to sing well our pretty Church hymns, and the more advanced girls read music at sight quite readily.

Miss Bomar, Principal of Clopton School, gives an interesting account of the Christmas festivities at Clopton, which will give a glimpse of the home life of her pupils:

The Clopton girls entered with more than wonted spirit and enthusiasm into the joyousness of the Christmastide. Miss Sanders, the pupil teacher, and three of the oldest girls formed a committee and arranged as a surprise to the rest of us a very pretty "tree." Saturday evening we were all marshaled into the school dining room and served with light refreshments consisting of Chinese "tse" (spinach). Presently we heard singing in the next room, and suddenly the door opened and the "tree" in all of its glory burst upon us. Around it were gathered a class of little girls singing a Christmas carol which Miss Sanders had taught them. Santa Claus mysteriously made his appearance, robed from top to toe in a garment of white sheepskin. After an appropriate little speech he distributed his gifts and then bade us "Ké-mjun-we" (good-by until next year). The evening closed with a Christmas song sung by the school.

Monday morning was given to a children's service in Central Church. Notwithstanding the pouring rain, the little tots from the day schools gathered in force until the church was completely filled. At the close of the service the usual treat of oranges, cakes, red paper bags containing peanuts, walnuts, etc., were distributed. It is pathetic to see how little it takes to make these poor little children happy.

We have had a very quiet, peaceful term, filling the days with study, class work, sewing, cooking, washing, etc. The children began this term resolved to do their very best both in deportment and scholarship. The majority have succeeded most admirably.

Several of the pupils did not return at the opening of the term. Waung Be-tsing, supported by the Kentucky Winchester Auxillary, finished school in July, and immediately began teaching in one of the Shanghai day schools under the supervision of Miss Waters.

Miss Waters tells me she is quite pleased with the work she is doing in the school. I hope the society whose loving service has made it possible for her to stay in Clopton School all these years will follow her with ear-

nest prayers into the work upon which she has entered, and let the scholarship pass on to another. In the day school she will come in touch with hundreds of little children who know nothing of Christ. It is important that we keep these girls who go out from our schools in our hearts and prayers, for while they go into wide fields of usefulness they also leave the sheltering influences of a Christian school, and go into a world wholly antagonistic to Christ.

Sung Kyung-pau (Mamie Lucas Lovejoy) also left in July. She was very anxious to have training in hospital work, so is now under Dr. Polk's instruction in the Woman's Hospital, Soochow. Kyung-pau is blessed in having a Christian home. Her mother is one of Mrs. Gaither's most trusted and faithful Bible women.

Mrs. A. S. Parker, whose health has been so good during the past few months, continues the oversight of several of our day schools in the part of Shanghai called Hongkew. She has looked after the Bible woman's work and visited the homes of many of the Chinese women, and in this way has induced many of them to attend the meetings.

Nantziang has never given more satisfactory evidence of first-class work than during the past year. The power of the gospel is penetrating all classes, and the consecrated labor of Miss Rankin and Miss Coffey, like leaven, is working mightily among the people. The reports given show not only the results of the missionaries but the work of the Bible women. Miss Rankin's report is unusually interesting:

The new Anglo-Chinese School building was ready for occupancy at the opening of the new term, February, 1899. A hall was rented for the smaller children who could not be accommodated in the new school. This department was given to two of the best and most reliable Christian teachers, who taught the regular day school course—Chinese classics, arithmetic, and science primer; and I visited the school as often as possible.

The school hours for the year have been from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., with an hour's intermission at noon. The first hour in the morning is given to Bible study, in which all who can read take part. Much time and thought have been given to the preparation of these studies, that they might be interesting, instructive, and spiritually helpful to all. And although they forget to-day many things taught them yesterday, yet I am sure a desire to search the Scriptures has been aroused, and not a few have learned to love the Bible for its own truth. Now that the class rooms are silent, deserted, and no bright, expectant faces and restless fingers await the announcement of the day's lesson, in looking back over the year's work it seems that each day was crowned with goodness and gladness. Much of the success of this past happy year is doubtless due to the scholarship pupils, who are the children of many prayers.

And I cannot imagine the dear ones who support them praying for them alone. Their teachers and companions are surely remembered too whenever their names are mentioned before the throne.

The first hour in the afternoon is given to sacred music. Until two years ago I had always felt that I knew too little about music to try to instruct others; but Miss Coffey insisted, and I have done my best: how successfully may be inferred from the speech of our former pastor, who preached in our chapel a few weeks ago. Said he: "I note many changes, many improvements, and I congratulate you and your new pastor. The singing is not at all as it was when I was your leader three years ago. Then it was as a hundred voices; to-night I listened as to one voice only." I at least felt more than repaid for the effort to do what I could. All of the young men are taught to read simple tunes and learn to play at least one hymn on the organ, usually their favorite. We are largely indebted to the Epworth League for much of the enthusiasm and zeal with which the pupils pursue their musical studies in the face of so many difficulties. One evening every month is given to music, and every piece is learned and practiced with special reference to the possibility of being invited to take part in the exercises. Some whose parents are so anti-foreign and anti-Christian that they would not dare sing in church take active part in anything connected with the Epworth League. Strange to say, the parents and friends come with the children, and seem much pleased.

There has been a great improvement in the little ragged class. Prizes were offered for regular attendance, and those who won, although it was only ten cents (gold) have been much neater and better dressed ever since. There is now only one really ragged boy in school, and he lost his prize by staying at home to see an idol procession.

One young man deserves special mention. His father, a petty mandarin, died two years ago, and left his family in poverty. This younger son has paid his tuition by keeping my class room, which is no trifle, as there are so many books and slates belonging to the school that have to be distributed almost every half hour. Not one day has he lost from school during the year. Even on the anniversary of his father's death he was present at prayers and roll call, nor did he ask to be excused until after his morning classes had recited. His Sunday school record for attendance and deportment is also perfect. Last Sunday, although school was not in session, and the snow was several inches deep, he was the first in the chapel, where we meet for Bible study before Sunday school begins. Others, sons of the people, have also been perfect in attendance and deportment, proving that in Nantziang at least regular hours and proper school discipline are at last possible.

Only those who have borne the heat and burden of the day can know the sweetness of the evening's rest, and so to me this glad harvest time is doubly precious because of the many days of weariness and toil and the long, long years of waiting.

Miss Rankin also gives a report of some of her Bible women: Miss Wong (Belle Straight), supported by West Virginia Leagues,

was educated at her own expense in Kädin, at the Philip's School. She taught in Nantziang day school for girls successfully for three years.

Her eyes, never strong, began to fail so rapidly about two years ago that she was sent to Soochow Hospital for treatment. The case was hopeless, and she was released from teaching, but the patrons preferred she should still keep the class room. Although too young to go out to visit the women in their homes, she is one of the busiest and most active workers, receiving the women who come to the Home and School, reading and explaining the Scriptures to mothers and children alike.

Mrs. Sung (Mary Mizzell), supported by the Alabama Conference Society, is a widow with two children. Her husband was an Episcopal minister, but she did not join the Church during his lifetime. Her son, the oldest child, has been in my school ever since he was old enough to sit at a desk. He was converted three years ago, and his mother joined the Church with him, both saying they preferred the Methodist.

Mrs. Sung's work is largely among the women of Nantziang, where she is well known and highly respected. She visits by special invitation the wealthiest and most influential families in the place. Young, beautiful, of charming mien and gentle speech, she wins all hearts, especially the poor countrywomen.

Mrs. Tsang Sin (Nellie Parker), supported by Rayne Memorial, has passed her sixty-third birthday, and is not able to do much house-to-house visiting. She looks after the Church members, receives and entertains all who come to services before the church doors are open, attends all the little folks' meetings, and is a "mother in Israel" in its truest and best sense.

Mrs. Zung, supported by Cook Avenue, St. Louis, is an unhappy wife, with a worthless husband, the mother of four little boys, all dependent on her for support. A sadder lot in life than hers would be difficult to imagine, and yet she is always cheerful. She is one of the very few Chinese women I never heard speak unkindly or complainingly of any one. Her best work is done in the country, where her husband is not known. She talks well and wisely, and seems to have heeded the apostle's injunction to be able to give a reason for the hope that is hers.

Our woman's work in Nantziang is so like that of the busy mother who must look to the ways of her household and train her children too that it seems impossible to give a connected report of the year's work. Every door is open to us, from the yamen to the lowest hovel.

A few have come into the Church, others are anxiously inquiring the way, but our hearts ache over the thousands who still seem joined to their idols.

Miss Coffey, who has been so happily and successfully associated with Miss Rankin at Nantziang, gives some details of the work in the following report:

Ten teachers have charge of ten schools in Nantziang—two schools for boys and seven schools for girls, with an enrollment of 159, and one

boarding school of 11 pupils. Altogether, we have an enrolment of 170. Even to one who watches without ceasing it seems strange that there is always a girl of good family to take the place of her poorer, humbler sister who leaves school to become the servant or expectant daughter-in-law in some home of poverty. How the change has been wrought, how the untidy street girl has been replaced by the daughters of city elders, officers, literati, and tradesmen the foreign teacher does not know. The work has been too gradual to attract much notice. The poor, who do not care for letters, have been visited, encouraged, invited, and even coaxed, but their stay in school is brief, on account of poverty and lack of application. Progress may be seen in the unobtrusive appearance of literary societies, religious newspaper reading circles, private musicals, girls' prayer meetings, relief societies, in which all money is contributed by the children and distributed at their discretion. Their gifts are quite practical—medicine for frost-bitten feet and hands, ready-made garments for little orphans are the favorite expressions of sympathy and helpfulness. We have been glad to avail ourselves of their ability to help in teaching the smaller pupils, visiting the schools, teaching Bible classes, and leading meetings.

The Epworth League, Sunday School, and all Church departments of work feel and appreciate the help given by the happy girls' willing hands, strong, sweet voices, and liberal hearts. Many little girls who get only ten cents a month for pin money give nine cents to the different collections of the month.

The Bible women have visited nearly all the families connected with the Nantziang schools. Everywhere we were kindly and encouragingly received. Many assured us that they believed and accepted our message, but were denied the privilege of openly rejoicing in their faith.

A unanimous request for a Christian school from a village in which there has never been any Christian work influenced us to send one of our teachers there and encourage the former pupils to come to Nantziang, as they are much nearer than those who request us to give them the school. They furnish the class room and the teacher's rent free. The native patrons now pay all the rent for all schools except one, and we hope that they can pay that too after a few more months. Our Kading patrons have advanced so much that it is absolutely necessary to have more capable teachers and teach higher branches if we continue to command their patronage and respect. We hail this progress with joy as one of our Father's blessings, and welcome the day when we are permitted to teach the pupils to see God, infinite, omniscient, and omnipotent, in mathematics, chemistry, geology, astronomy, etc. It costs a little more to employ teachers who can assist us in giving such instruction, but the result is greater and better.

The delay in building the Virginia Girls' School has tried the patience of both foreigners and Chinese. We thought it best to be entirely sure of the mind of those in authority before spending the money. The General Board's representatives decided to occupy only prefectural cities with foreign missionaries. Nantziang is not a prefectural city, and we

did not know whether the Woman's Board would follow their example, and we have waited to hear.

#### SUNGKIANG.

Miss Elizabeth Hughes has quite recovered her health in Sungkiang, and for months past has been able to do full work. She writes of her work as one in hearty sympathy with all its details :

I entered upon the Sungkiang work early in November. The condition of my health, however, was then such as to make active work an impossibility. It was not, indeed, until the beginning of the new year that I began regular work in the Hayes-Wilkins Bible School. This new home and school, formally opened by Bishop Wilson in November, 1898, has been the center of Bible woman's work for Sungkiang and the surrounding country. Here live the Bible women and the representatives of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in charge of the work. Here too are facilities for any women who wish to study the Word of God or to learn to read. Few as yet have availed themselves of the privilege, but some of the native Christian women have in a measure availed themselves of the opportunity given, and have come for study from day to day. Some progress is therefore being made, though not as much as we wish. So far no heathen woman has come for regular instruction, though they come in crowds to the meetings held for them from week to week.

The people all about us are quite friendly, and we are frequently invited to their homes. They visit us in large numbers, and some of them come again and again. Prejudice is certainly being overcome, and there are open doors on every hand. The house-to-house visiting has been done chiefly by two Bible women, Mrs. Kwe and Mrs. Waung. They have done faithful work from week to week, and hundreds of visits have been made. So far as time and strength have allowed, I have accompanied them in these visits.

During the earlier part of the summer it was my privilege to make several visits to the out stations, accompanied by one of the Bible women. Miss Leveritt has made a number of such visits during the year, and has found such work both interesting and encouraging. A Bible woman always accompanies us when we go on trips of this kind, and special meetings are held for women in the villages visited. Our force, however, is too small for us to take much time to work at the out stations. Sungkiang itself lies before us with enough, and more than enough, for our little band to compass. If we had more Bible women, it might be better managed. All about us are those who are learning of that truth which Christ himself has said "shall make free" from sin and death. Thanking him for what has already been accomplished and for the present encouraging outlook, we trust him for all that lies beyond.

One woman has joined the Church during the year, and several have given their names as probationers. Some who have recently become Christians come to us for instruction and are learning to read the Bible for themselves.

Miss Leveritt, not so long on the field, has well advanced the interests of the Sungkiang work also.

In the beginning of the year Miss Hughes was ill and could do very little work, so a large part was left to one who felt unequal to the task, having been in the field only about two years. Yet I did not find the work a burden, and by doing things systematically a great deal could be done in a day.

In the woman's work for several weeks everything was left to my care, though Miss Hughes took hold as fast as her strength would permit. The boarding and industrial departments were a part of my duties until after the summer vacation. The industrial department is still one of my duties, rather one of my pleasures. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons there are meetings for women. It is my duty to look after these meetings, also to be present and to lead in turn with the Bible women. The mornings from ten to twelve o'clock were set apart for the study of Chinese, but many of these hours were interrupted by very necessary work, in the study of some lessons to teach the Bible women, or the study of some books taught in the day schools. Many happy hours have been spent in studying the language. After the vacation I was able to give more time to study, for Miss Hughes came back well, and could do a great deal of work.

During the year we have done a great deal of itinerating, visiting, and holding meetings among the women. Until March there were only three day schools. The 1st of March we opened one new school and reopened two which had been closed for some months because we did not have teachers. In these schools there are about fifty girls and one hundred boys. There have been eight new probationers. Three of this number have been received into the Church.

In the spring we organized a Junior League of about fifty, who seem really to enjoy the meetings. Since we have had the League my Saturday afternoons have been given to the children.

Twice a year we examine the schools. The first examination comes just before the China New Year, and the other just before the summer vacation. English is taught in one school only. We try to make the Bible the center of study in all of the schools. The little heart-to-heart talks with the mothers and the daily work in the schools are the things which bring joy and gladness into the life of a missionary. If I had words wherewith to express the joy and happiness I find in the work of these, I would tell you. I feel that I should like to live to be an old woman and keep the health and strength of the present time, that I may work in China for Jesus.

## Soochow District.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS VIRGINIA ATKINSON,  
MISS MARTHA PYLE,  
MISS SUSIE WILLIAMS.

MISS CLARA STEGER,  
MRS. JULIA GAITHER,  
DR. MARGARET POLK.

## WIVES OF MISSIONARIES.

MRS. DR. PARK,

MRS. A. L. PARKER.

Soochow is greatly in need of reënforcement. Not only does it need additional help in the work at the hospital, but at least two new missionaries in the schools. Miss Atkinson was made Chairman of the Advisory Committee, created at the last annual meeting of the China Conference, to discharge the duties usually performed by Miss Haygood as agent. Associated with her are Miss Hughes and Miss Bomar. This extra work adds greatly to the burden resting upon these ladies.

Miss Atkinson writes:

It has been a constant joy to serve the Lord in the ways that he has appointed, and the joy has increased from day to day as the months have come and gone.

In the little chapel in our home where we have all our public services our pastors have received twenty-one into the Church, of whom thirteen were pupils in the schools, and eight were women. A father who had for years fought Christianity gave his consent this year for his boy to be baptized and become a Christian. The boy was baptized, and is developing rapidly in Christian life. The prejudice of a mother was broken down, and her only son, who had been a probationer for a year and a half, was permitted to join the Church. All the thirteen except two had to face much opposition, as they all came from heathen homes.

In the spring one of our boys was passing through a time of peculiar trial. I knew his faith was firm, but the severity of his trials caused me to fear much for him, all his surroundings being heathen. During his time of persecution he arose in a class meeting and testified to the peace of God in his heart, saying that Jesus himself had stood by him, telling him not to fear.

One day a young mother was baptized on profession of faith, and had her baby baptized, while the father, a heathen, was at home keeping his shop on Sunday. She had heard of the Saviour through her brother, who is a good Christian. Her son, who is in one of the schools, is a probationer, and is asking for baptism. A grandmother and grandson were also received together one day.

Miss Steger and Mrs. Gaither are supporting two boys at our Anglo-Chinese school—"Waco District"—who were once in Palmetto School in Shanghai. They were both baptized during the year, and are promising boys.

We are constantly advancing our course of study in all departments.

Without another missionary living and working with us, however, we cannot do more than we are now. All our Christian boys except two or three have grown up in our schools. When I look at some of them I think of Michael Angelo and his rough stone out of which he was going to carve an angel. This is possible with these little untrained, unloved lads, worse than fatherless and motherless, if put into the right hands. O for more consecrated women to come here and love these children! I have found them easier to win than children at home, and many times more needy.

The women who have come in this year either into full Church membership or as probationers have in almost every case been reached through the Bible women in their visits to the homes of the school children. The women have been faithful to the charge committed unto them. Miss Ng, supported by the Shreveport (La.) Auxiliary, has become engaged during the year to a young Christian doctor in the Chinese Imperial Army Hospital. He was introduced to us through Mr. Lyon, of the Y. M. C. A., and Miss Haygood, after which he and I conducted the correspondence. The first recommendation he gave himself was that he was a child of God, and the first requirement concerning a wife was that she be a true Christian. One, the fifth perhaps, was that she have natural feet, and the sixth that she be moderately good-looking. They are engaged now and are doing their own writing. We do not know when they are to be married, as he can't leave the hospital just when he pleases. We will feel bereaved and injured when she does leave us, but she will go to establish another Christian home.

When our Church was organized and set apart as a separate pastoral charge Mr. Nance was appointed our pastor. After we had learned to love him and Mrs. Nance and to feel that they were indispensable they were sent to Shanghai, and Mr. and Mrs. Cline took their places. A foreign pastor was more than we in any sense anticipated when we asked for a preacher, but Brothers Nance and Cline came so willingly and helped us in such a true, brotherly way that we are quite spoiled for any other arrangement.

The first of the year Mr. Hearn was our presiding elder. He organized us and helped us in every way. He made us feel that it was possible for our little Church from the beginning to be self-supporting, and it was. The natives paid the native pastor's salary for the entire Conference year. Mr. R. A. Parker has been presiding elder since Conference, and he is doing well.

The most beautiful of God's thoughts, however, for me and for the work has been the gift of Miss Williams. I have never seen her equal in influencing and gaining the hearts of Chinese boys and young men. She is so wide-awake and so practical—in short, so lovely in every way—that, though isolated from foreigners as we are, I feel it less than I could under any other circumstances. God was indeed good when he sent her to me, and he blesses what she touches.

One Sunday evening we invited a few of the English-speaking boys in to read to them from English devotional books and sing a few English

hymns. The little informal meeting has grown into a real revival deep and steady.

This report is respectfully submitted with a heart full of gratitude to God that he has not only blessed our feeble efforts, but because he has worked with us.

Lord, if we may,  
We'll work another day.

Mrs. Gaither, who has charge of the Bible women and the Davidson Bible College, has been, as heretofore, in labors most abundant. Her report shows something of the grand work she is, under God, accomplishing:

I am thankful that I can report a good year. The Lord has helped and blessed us. The women have studied *beautifully*. I am hoping this year to have four of them complete the course of study. Then several can be appointed to other stations. Bible women are very much needed. These women are very bright; they would be considered so in the home land. One of them is Bettie Perry, whose mother died just before or soon after the close of the summer vacation. She is the youngest Bible woman I have. Another, Margarette Kenzie, is interesting. So is Fannie Dean, supported by an auxiliary in Independence, Mo. The older Bible women are not now taking the course of study. One of them, Mrs. Dzung, is seventy-three years of age, and is supported by the Arkansas Conference Society. She is *very small* and active. She does a great deal of work. Another one is sixty-one years old. She was sick and unable to work for a long time before Conference. She did almost no work after the summer vacation until Conference was over. I am thankful to tell you that she is quite well again, and is doing full work. Mrs. Loh, who was appointed to do work in Ch'angshuh, is one of the most efficient Bible women we have, and from reports has done a good year's work. As she is not old and had to visit alone, it was thought best to employ a woman to go with her. Mrs. Loh is a very good singer, and can play some on the organ. She writes very prettily. I missed her not a little after she went to Ch'angshuh. Mrs. E. B. Barr supports her.

Louise Wilson is being trained. She is forty years of age, and I am so glad of it. She is homely, but has a good expression. She entered the school November 19, 1899, and can even now read some in the catechism and answer many of the questions. I think she is making fine progress, and feel so glad because she has also become a probationer. Don't forget to pray for Louise Wilson, that she may become an earnest, faithful worker for her Lord.

Since Conference three women have been received into the school, two from Qwin-san and one from Kan-li. I have to be very particular about those received into the Home. Almost any can come as day pupils. It is difficult to report Bible woman's work. Sometimes itinerating, leading meetings, house-to-house visiting, receiving and explaining the doc-

trine to those who go to the Home. Some are busy on their course of study.

Among others who stayed in the Home for a while this last Conference year one was the sister of an official. She wanted to enter the school to study the Bible. She is an educated woman. Soon after, however, she was taken very sick, and did not recover for a long time.

This work must grow slowly, because we can't find many women who are able to enter the school to take the course of study. Numbers are so very poor and have to work so hard for themselves and their children that they have no time.

Not long since one of the Bible women and myself went in to see a woman who had heard the doctrine for years. After talking to her about the salvation of her soul, she said: "I'll soon die of old age." She has a goddess of mercy hanging in her room. I think the candles in front had burned entirely out, and the ashes from the incense were still in the censer. The "goddess" was partly burned up. The Bible woman said it caught fire while the woman was worshipping it. What a good text to tell her about the one true God! I think, from her conversation, that she has some faith in Jesus, but she can't give up her idols.

At China New Year a thick cloud of incense will go up. How it fills the heart with joy to know the Holy Spirit is in the world and can turn idol worshipers unto the living God!

The school at Wang-daung has done well. We have twenty-six pupils. In the meetings they are much more attentive than formerly. The examination is just over. Only a few days ago I examined them in their Christian books, and they did finely. One of the young preachers (Chinaman) went out and examined the school in the Chinese classics. He gave me the report last Monday night. Seventeen pupils were marked 100, seven were marked over 90, and only one marked as low as 85. I think that one has been sick much of the time, from what the teacher told me, or rather when he studies much he gets sick. The preacher who examined them said it "certainly was surprising how well they did."

The missionary meeting is doing well. Mrs. Marshall is our President, and she makes a good, faithful one.

The probationer's meeting is well attended, and I think must be fruitful for good. My quarterly reports show number of visits made, meetings held, probationers, etc., so I will not repeat them here.

My health is very good. If I should try to tell you how the Lord has helped and blessed me, I would scarcely know where to begin or when to stop. Committing all to him, the Giver of all good, and looking for a blessing upon our efforts, I would trust him with all my heart for a harvest to the glory of his name. I pray that the coming year may be more prosperous. I would thank God for the past and trust him for the future. "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

When Miss Pyle was granted leave to come to America to recruit,

Miss Steger was sent from Shanghai to take her place as Principal of the Mary Lambuth School. Miss Steger's report shows that the school has not suffered in the change.

As this Conference year marks another period of time gone, and I seek to record its story, like Peter on the Mount of Transfiguration, I feel that it is good to be at work here, and with all my heart I thank God for the privilege of serving him in China.

Miss Pyle left for her much needed rest in the home land in January, 1899, turning the Mary Lambuth School over to me. It was with a sore heart that I laid aside my work in Palmetto School, for it had grown very precious to me in the one short year. But I love to work among young girls and children, and so very soon the Mary Lambuth School became dear to me, and the work put into my hands a source of joy. The school was in excellent order, under fine discipline, when I took it. Miss Pyle had beautifully prepared the way for her successor, and much of my success here is due to her thorough organization.

I was fortunate in securing for my assistant native teacher one of the girls who had graduated from Clopton School. Having finished the course of study in Clopton, she went to McTyeire to study English. She took my appeal for a teacher as God's call to service, and came to me. She has been a blessing from the day she entered school. Her beautiful Christian life has been a living example to the girls; they have felt its power and grown in grace.

Nine of our little girls have joined the Church, and show by their lives that they love and trust Jesus. The work has made progress along all lines. We have sown the seed; God will give the increase, so we leave it in his hands. The providence of God led me most unexpectedly to the home of one of my most loved pupils. I found her quite ill, and, thinking a change, the care of a physician, and good nursing would restore her to health. I finally prevailed on the parents to trust her to my care, so I brought her back to Soochow. On the way up I found she was very much sicker than I had dreamed, and as soon as Dr. Polk saw her she said: "Miss Steger, you have a very sick girl there; she will have a very hard fight for life." And so indeed it proved. For weeks we watched day and night by her side as she lay under the shadow of death, but God was good and spared her. She had always been an exceptionally beautiful character; an earnest Christian, as far as she had light, but she had never been fully awakened. I had prayed throughout the term that God's spirit would touch her heart, so that she might be willing to consecrate herself and her all fully to his service, for I felt that she could be a power for good to her people if once converted. And thus it was that God answered my prayer. As soon as she was convalescent I said to her: "Do you know I feel that God had a purpose in restoring you? How do you feel about it?" With tears streaming down her cheeks, but a face radiant with a new-found joy and purpose, she answered: "I feel that God calls me for service, and have felt it ever since I began to get better." "Do you know what that call means?" I

asked. "Yes," she answered, "I have thought of nothing else." I pictured to her all that the call might mean, all that God might require of her. She said: "Lord, here am I: I want to give my life to thee, for whatever it may mean for me." "For time and eternity?" I said. "For time and eternity," she echoed. And so closed my year. How can I thank God for all his goodness and mercy!

I cannot close this record without expressing my deep appreciation for all that Dr. Polk has been to me throughout the year. She has been ready in sympathy and help for every call that we have made upon her, and, under God, the restoration of the beautiful life I have just been describing is due to her patience, tireless watching, and skill. She has also given of her time to teach the girls sight singing. Words cannot express what my heart feels, but God knows, and with him we leave the year.

Miss Susie Williams has been greatly blessed in her labor of love among the day schools of Soochow. She and Miss Atkinson are doing cheerfully and successfully very much toward Christian culture in Soochow home life. Their example, like their precepts, form an object-lesson seen and admired by their native friends. The very inspiring account of some of the work will please our readers.

Writing of Zang Tsung Aung, I should like to tell of the little girl scarcely higher than the table when she stands on her poor little bound feet, who carried off the honors in the Girls' School, of her beautiful behavior in the Sunday school, of her knowledge of the Scriptures, and of her opium-smoking mother.

Then I think you ought to know of our old blind woman, who has learned to love the Lord, how faithful she is; and how "our old lady" Grandma Rice's prayers have been answered in behalf of her daughter, who is now a Christian; and of the young lady whose face is all scarred with smallpox, but who is so sunny and bright that you forget all about it. Then how your hearts would warm could you look into the pure, sweet face of our dear little Miss Tsang, and know her story! How like the lotus flower that rises above the mire and filth to which it owes its very life, pure and unsullied! She, reared in a home luxurious but iniquitous, having the seeds of the gospel sown in her heart, was enabled by power of mighty prayer and faith to remove a mountain of opposition and come to us undefiled. Never have we seen more surely the evidences of the Holy Spirit in a heart. She has money enough to support herself simply, and cheerfully performs for herself the services which a servant has always rendered. Her greatest desire is to learn those things which will make her a useful Christian. "How old is she?" Sixteen.

It is a real sacrifice not to write at length of "our preacher boy." His very life is an inspiration, but there is only time to say that his prayers and efforts in behalf of his opium-smoking mother have prevailed, and she has given her heart to God. Our Sunday evening read-

ings with our English-speaking boys, when we read with them books, the depth and beauty of which they cannot get in Chinese, and the revival which is going on among the pupils, quiet but forcible, also call for mention.

Then what woman's heart would not be interested in knowing of the courtship of Miss Ng, our junior Bible woman, and my teacher. It is a veritable love story, though the young people have never met. They are both deeply consecrated and cultured, and are happy in the prospect of making a Christian home. Never is the transforming influence of Christianity more clearly shown than in such instances as this one.

Two of our best teachers, fine young men, one a graduate of Buffington College, the other a product of our own day schools under Miss Atkinson's care and teaching, have declared their intention of giving their lives to God in the preaching of his gospel. The curriculum of the Zang Tsung Aung Schools is about equal to that of any of the boarding schools, and these young men are so capable they could command handsome salaries should they go into business.

Some of you may remember a story of a bright young girl, one of the flowers of this Soochow Boarding School. She had been betrothed before entering the school, and as her fiancé grew up he became an opium smoker and his father the keeper of an opium den. When she was about nineteen this beautiful young girl was claimed, and, despite the heroic efforts of the missionaries to save her, carried away to be the bride of the opium smoker and to serve the drug to smokers in her father-in-law's shop. I recall the circumstance in order that I may tell of the glad sequel—how the wife was found by our Bible woman and is now a member of our little Church, and the young husband has broken off the opium habit and the opium den is closed. Thus does God manifest his power in the protection of his own and cause "the wrath of man to praise him."

So the work goes on. Day after day is the bitter mingled with the sweet, but our thanksgivings follow our heartaches. We roll the burden on Him who is the Burden Bearer. We are strong in the knowledge that we are being kept before the throne in prayer. The prayer circle is an inspiration to us. The leaven of our home and schools in the old Chinese house in the heart of this great city is working, and should God see fit to remove us the influence of what has been could not be effaced. We love the people and they love us. Much of the fruit visible now is the result of years of patient seed-sowing of Miss Atkinson and of those who have gone before. She it is who, under the guidance, we believe, of the Holy Spirit, has planned this work so wisely and so well, and it is now my privilege to share in the work. It has not seemed best to divide the work, one taking the schools and one woman's work, but we work together in the class room, reception room, and chapel. Our work is hindered by lack of help. We greatly need another lady, and are praying for an addition to our force in the near future. We are surrounded by a neighborhood of middle-class and wealthy people.

Hundreds of homes are open to us, but the days are full, and much must be left undone.

In presenting a brief report of the telling work in our Soochow hospitals very sincere regret will accompany the decided gratification, because the Board has been, up to the present time, unable to send Dr. Polk the help she has called for and greatly needs. The accompanying report will show somewhat of her abundant labors, and her need:

Statistics are not always interesting, and in reporting hospital work not always reliable, but are valuable.

In our Soochow work two medical schools have been kept up between the two hospitals. The men's hospital has seventeen boys, and we have four girls. From our side of the work they have gotten about eighty-four lessons in chemistry, about an hour long each lesson; one hundred and twenty lectures of an hour's length in practice of medicine; one hundred and ninety lessons in English, which is very necessary to our workers; about twenty-five lessons in nursing, and daily instructions in pharmacy and clinical medicine. Of course all these lectures and lessons have to be prepared beforehand. This medical school is a very important feature of the work, and should be so considered by both Boards.

*Evangelical Department.*—An hour each day has been given to teaching the servants and the students Bible truths. About two hours a week have been given to teaching the servants to read the Bible. Three hours a day have been given to telling any people who stop in our chapel about Christ, and one hour is given to the wards. Tracts of all kinds are given to patients who can read. Meetings are held each Sabbath afternoon, and a Dorcas Society for the Church members once a month. Of course the regular Church work is extra.

The Mary Black Memorial has had patients in it all the year. Number of patients, 4,107; return patients, 2,006. These all pay twenty-eight cash (one and a half cents) to be looked after. Those who cannot pay anything are called strays, and have this year numbered 1,418.

The out calls to the people in their homes have been three hundred and nine. The people who have been with us in the wards have numbered 180. Total number of patients, 8,020. There have been 270 operations, but most of them were small.

In the medical school I lecture and teach English, and give the clinical teaching in medicine. I also write out on a typewriter the lessons in nursing, and Miss Zak puts it into Chinese for the nurses, and I examine them. Miss Zak, who learned her pharmacy from Dr. Phillips, and learned it well, takes the practical pharmacy in hand and instructs the girls.

The evangelical teaching is done first by Mrs. Park, who comes over each morning and teaches the Bible to the hospital people, having a prayer service also. Some of the girls teach the servants to read. My

Bible woman sits in the chapel each morning from nine till twelve, and talks to the clinic patients and any others who come in, sometimes selling, often giving away, a tract or a book. Mrs. Gaither sometimes finds the leisure to come in during that time for a few minutes. The Bible woman goes to the wards in the afternoon. The plan is to give an hour, but she often gives three, because she gets interested in teaching some hymn or text. The Sabbath evening meetings are in my study. The patients come in if they are able to walk or be carried, and they love to see my pretty room and hear the piano. We take turns in leading the meeting. The Dorcas Society meets in my study on Saturday afternoon, when some clothes are made for the very poor neighbors, of whom we have not a few. The words "in season and out of season" are given by the people in the hospital employ, as all of them are Christians except the cook.

Each of the girls has her especial work given her every quarter. One is to be responsible for the operating room and all the clothing; one is to care for all the sick in one or two wards; another is to have the care of the drug room, etc.; and Miss Zak to look over it all, and under my oversight control affairs.

Last summer we closed the hospital, but neither Miss Zak nor I took any vacation, because repairs must be made. At an expense of about \$450 (gold) the whole place was put into good order. The income from the native patronage was a little more than \$700 (gold) last year. Of course as the work grows the expenses grow in the same proportion; and if we expand our work any, as I hope to do as soon as that long-looked-for assistant arrives, the expense for drugs and implements will increase. With another assistant we can, with a little extra expense, have a dispensary and visit it at stated times, thus helping to open doors.

The men's hospital is almost self-supporting, but it has many sources of revenue that ours can never have, aside from the fact that it has its hands on the pocketbook of its patronage. Men carry the purse here. I can speak of the unfailing kindness of the physician in charge of the men's hospital, Dr. Park. His wife you all know as the daughter of Dr. Lambuth and sister of Dr. Walter Lambuth. She has always been my help and refuge in every complication and friction that has arisen in running the establishment, and never failed to prove our friend. So the two hospitals have been and are the very best of friends, and neither hesitates to use the other's things, from a call for the physician's help down to the orderlies of the place.

I have tried to give you a picture of the work, but it ought to include the hospital home life, where I live in peace and quiet all by myself, but which is brightened often by the other ladies of the mission. The monotony is broken every Thursday evening by my taking dinner and spending the evening with the two ladies at East Side; and often in my out calls I pass Miss Atkinson's home, and they are very patient when I stop and tell them I am just in time for a meal and will stay. This for a glimpse of our home life.

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF MISSIONS IN CHINA.

Stations. ....	5
Missionaries .....	18
Wives of missionaries.....	6
Teachers. ....	12
Native teachers.....	43
Boarding schools.....	5
Pupils in boarding schools.....	128
Christian pupils.....	37
Day schools.....	35
Pupils in day schools.....	887
Christian pupils.....	42
Total Christian pupils.....	77
Total pupils.....	1,001
Scholarships .....	90
Bible colleges.....	2
Bible women.....	33
School buildings owned by the Woman's Board.....	6
Value of same.....	\$22,590
Hospitals .....	2
Value. ....	\$12,500
Total value of property.....	\$35,090

# KOREA.

OPENED IN 1897.

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*MISSIONARIES.*

MISS FANNIE HINDS.                      MISS CARROLL.  
MRS. JOSEPHINE P. CAMPBELL.

*WIFE OF MISSIONARY.*

MRS. C. T. COLLYER.

THE work of the Woman's Board has been wisely planned in Korea, and returns are gratifying considering the outlay. Dr. Lambuth, who recently visited the work, thus writes:

I had two delightful visits to Mrs. Campbell's work about one mile almost due north of the Reid compound. I believe she has done a wise thing to secure property in that quarter of the city. It has hitherto been unoccupied; it lies much nearer to a higher class of people, thus enabling us to reach all, and it gives an opportunity for the women, who are so much secluded in Korea, to have freer access to those who have been sent to lead them to Christ. Again, this furnishes a second center for our common work in the capital, and the Board should utilize it by putting up a chapel on or near the premises.

The new residence was rising rapidly when I was there. The window frames in the second story were in place. It is a substantial brick with comfortably arranged rooms. I could wish they were larger, but Mrs. Campbell felt obliged to build within her means. There is a great deal of malaria in Seoul, and it is wise to get up off the ground. This, with her school, and women, and accounts, and language study, keep her very busy.

She has gathered around her a number of women belonging to the lower middle class; in time she will reach up to a higher grade. The women of the highest class are more secluded in Korea than in China. Special tact, and perhaps the aid of medical missions, will be required. I was surprised that so much had been accomplished in so short a time. Besides what I have mentioned, some eighteen girls were under daily instruction, and gave evidence of fair progress.

The following is a general report of our Korean work by Mrs. J. P. Campbell, who has the oversight of it:

The past year's work has been marked by the revelation of God's power in his wonderful dealings with our little mission in Korea. He has shown us his approval in establishing and prospering our work.

There have been some difficult places to pass, and we feared at times

that we "had rushed in where angels feared to tread," but the continual pressure of our Father's hand gave us courage to go forward.

There were many questions to consider in opening up a work here in Seoul. We were willing to be guided, and felt after much prayer that we were justified in opening a boarding school for girls. There were only two mission schools for girls in a city of one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants, and these schools had something like forty pupils each. This seemed our opportunity, for there came to us every week those wishing to place their little girls in our school, and the friends at home began to anticipate our intention, and sent us now and then the means for maintaining a pupil in the school. The first entered were children of our own Church members, afterwards relations of the Church members. In three months nine pupils were enrolled.

We have been hindered in our work because of our limited use of the language, of course; but we also felt that a compulsory daily use of our vocabulary would help us to advance much more rapidly, and in the meanwhile the children would also be advancing in many ways that were necessary; such as in cleanliness and system in their daily life, daily lessons in sewing and house work. They have had most of the time portions of Scripture to memorize daily, also morning and evening services of prayer and song. The year has been a great gain to them, and we feel that, compared to what they would have been taught in their own homes, this year will mark an era in the whole current of their after lives. By the addition of two eight by eight feet rooms to our first arranged apartments, and a kitchen, we have been able to increase the number of pupils to eighteen. We hope soon to be in a larger house, when we will add twelve more to the number, making thirty our limit, hoping from this number to draw out helpers for our future work.

The year has not been one of entire health; many little ailments have arisen, and two serious cases of fever. Little Kumsonee after a protracted illness of several weeks we took to the hospital, hoping something else might be done, but she was taken, leaving the memory of her short life with us to teach us some of the lessons of patience we saw in her. Our girls range in age from seven to fourteen, and are a merry, industrious class. We are striving to make them realize how much God, through his noble band of workers in the home Church, is doing to bring them to Christ.

During the first three months of the year Miss Yui (Lingtsee), who was my assistant in China, rendered most helpful service in the school, and with the women of the neighborhood, and in her medical work. She readily caught the running construction of the language, and was my mouthpiece, as it were, for a while, until her health failed, and she returned to China to the Soochow hospital, where she had to remain some weeks.

An interesting feature of the work is the gathering of the neighborhood women into a class for a Sunday service at 11 o'clock—a most interesting picture of from twenty to fifty, as the case may be, as they sit on the little straw mats, in their spotless white cotton and linen frocks,

listening most attentively to Mrs. Kim, a Bible woman. Mrs. Kim and Lois and Maggie are also Bible women. They formed a class, and for six months had daily lessons of an hour. Lois is forty-seven years of age, and reads well, but, having never been a Bible student before, finds it difficult to always get an understanding of the meaning of the written Word, but she studies faithfully. Maggie is young, but does well. In time I feel sure much good will be accomplished through these women.

We regret we are not able to report more progress in our day school work. Mrs. Collyer will report the day school work. Miss Hinds and Mrs. Hardie have been in touch with work among the women in Sunday classes. We are fortunate in having in the mission such earnest women, who are willing to so plan their many duties in care of their families as to give a part of their time to the active work.

The last but not least of our blessings, and one that makes us offer grateful hearts to God our Father for answered prayer, is the addition to our force of missionaries, Miss Hinds and Miss Carroll.

The blessings of the year have far exceeded the disappointments and failures which, too, may be blessings in disguise. We feel with our growth in numbers that God has a place for us, and a work for us to do in Korea. We go forward to strive to do only His will.

Miss Fannie Hinds reached Seoul about fifteen months ago. As she attempted to grapple with the intricacies of the language she determined to take a native Christian and go into the country quite away from English-speaking people. Here she accomplished more Korean in a few weeks than she had in as many months previously. While acquiring the language she came in pleasant touch with many people. She gives an interesting account of this experience:

I returned on yesterday, the day after Christmas. I had planned to come in, pack my things, and get to Songdo by Christmas, and be settled ready for work the first of the year; but the people urged me to stay with them until Christmas, and while the Spirit seemed to say stay, the flesh hesitated. Yet, as it seemed that we were doing no harm, I decided to remain. I was not very comfortable after the weather grew colder, but I was most happy because of the consciousness of the presence of the Holy Spirit. He drew several souls unto himself while we were there. I think I told you of the sick man who sent for us to go to his home and pray with him. He died before I left, and we gave him a Christian burial. The natives think of their friends being at rest after death, so there is great contrast between a Christian and heathen funeral. Instead of the loud mourning, which is kept up for days, in connection with the worship of evil spirits, it is a quiet vocation of no weeping at all, but much singing and prayer. Ten souls confessed Christ during the nine weeks and a half that we were there, and we think many children will soon be ready for baptism. A man and his wife had been employed by the government for some years to furnish food for evil spirits. During the first six weeks of our stay there, she occasionally come into our morning fam-

ily prayers, and he sometimes came to our evening prayers, as did many other unbelievers, though neither of them came to the church services. At first she would hardly listen to what we said to her. She was always attentive, and would sometimes sit an hour or two and ask questions. We talked to her each time she came, and we could see day after day that she was changing. One day she came and told us that her husband said that they would come to church together some time, and on the next afternoon he came and told us that he was believing, and before the next Sunday he had given up his work of furnishing food for evil spirits, gave his name as a member of the mission, and bought all the books of the New Testament that have been translated. He now takes part in the services, and seems most happy in his new life.

After I had decided to stay for the Christmas exercises, I learned from my teacher that they were going to provide a feast, and were to make it more liberal because of my presence. I was grieved because they had the idea that the best way to celebrate Christ's birthday was to feast. I told them I was going to be very happy, and fast and pray much. They changed their plan and did likewise. Many of them came early on Christmas morning to prepare for the evening; came into the chapel, where we had a prayer meeting. At night they had the place beautifully decorated with evergreens, and Korean lanterns of all colors which the men made. I had nothing to do with the work of preparation; the men did it all. The chapel opens into a large porch which has three sides enclosed, and they had a beautiful little tree on that porch. Their tree was lighted with candles, and loaded with little bags of good things for the children. The men sat on the floor of the porch during the long service, though it was a cold night. The chapel was filled with women and children, and the courtyard in front of the house was filled with unbelievers who had never seen a service of that kind. A saintly looking old man read the second chapter of Matthew, and talked a long time, and another one stood by. While the old gentleman was talking the people in the yard asked many questions about Jesus.

After singing and prayer the children received their good things, and all went off quietly. One day I was sitting on the floor with the women, between the morning and the afternoon services, and the men came in telling me that they had received much of God's grace since we had been with them, and if we would stay would become Christians. I told them that I must come to Seoul for a little, and, if the other members of the mission thought best, I would make them another visit. I shall probably stay with them a little while on my way to Song-do.

My stay there did me much good as to the language, and I learned to know the people in a way that I never could have done had I not gone alone among them, and my love for them was greatly increased.

Miss Carroll speaks hopefully and joyously of her work, though she has been Korea but a few months:

I came to Songdo November 10, and am occupying a portion of the home belonging to the Parent Board—that portion made vacant by Dr.

Hardie's removal to Seoul. Songdo is fifty-six miles distant from Seoul. Mr. and Mrs. Collyer are in the other part of the house, so I shall not be lonesome; and I am very fortunate in having with me an elderly Korean woman and her son, both of whom are Christians and have previously lived with missionaries—the one with Brother Reid, and the other with Dr. Hardie. With the study of the language and an attempt at cordially and in a sisterlike manner receiving the many women who come in every day, I have but little time to think of loneliness. There have called an average of about six women a day since I came. I am glad that so many are not afraid to come. My old Korean woman, whose position gives her the name of "Amma," tells them about Jesus, and then, as I sit at my small organ, we sing together of him, and afterwards sell them portions of the Scriptures, hymn books, and tracts. Oh how I do wish that I could speak the language *now!* for I feel sure that there are at least a hundred homes into which I could enter now with the gospel for the women, if only I were not tongue-tied; yet I have the promise that if I study faithfully the Lord will loosen my tongue. The language is very difficult, but I enjoy studying it, and think the sound of it much more pleasant to the ear than either Japanese or Chinese.

When Brother Collyer came here two years ago there was not one Christian. Now there are fourteen baptized members and fifty-nine probationers. Are not the fields "white unto the harvest?" The Roman Catholics have a strong hold in Seoul, and we are very sorry to hear that they are going to build here this spring. I do not wish to forget that Dr. Hardie's dispensary work of last year has its share in the work of spreading the gospel in Songdo. This year their first Christmas celebration was held, and it was by far the most spiritual Christmas service that I have ever attended. It turned into an old-time praise meeting, and afterward a Christmas offering was made which amounted to seventy-one Korean dollars. This is to help build them a church, of which they stand in great need.

During the two months that I remained in Seoul I became very much attached to Mrs. Campbell and the children of her boarding school, but since they had to be left I am finding other good friends here.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Stations.....	2
Missionaries.....	3
Wives of missionaries.....	3
Assistants.....	3
Day schools.....	2
Day school pupils.....	18
Boarding school.....	1
Boarding school pupils.....	18
Total pupils.....	36
Bible women.....	5
Scholarships.....	19
Value of property owned by Board.....	\$4,239

# MEXICO.

## MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.

WOMAN'S BOARD COMMENCED WORK IN 1881.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS NANNIE E. HOLDING,

MRS. A. E. MCCLENDON,

MISS DELIA HOLDING,

MISS LELIA ROBERTS,

MISS EDITH PARK,

MISS LELA MCNEMAR.

THE outlook in Mexico is even more encouraging than it was one year ago. The returns make the heart glad, and the faithful resolve to do greater things. The reports are full, and will more clearly present conditions than anything I can say. Let them speak for themselves.

First, Miss Nannie E. Holding:

As I have not been able through the year to visit our various stations, therefore I cannot give from personal observation a report of the general work. Judging from the bright, hopeful letters which come to me from time to time, I would say the year had been one of blessing and prosperity; we have rarely had reports more full of hope and encouragement. There were a few changes made in the appointment of missionaries. Miss Carson, who had been laboring for several years in Durango, was sent to our Cuban work. While we regret to lose her, we bid her Godspeed in her new field of labor. We miss Miss A. V. Wilson and Miss Dorsey from their beautiful home in Guadalajara, where we ever received a warm welcome. We should be glad to see them again in their loved Mexico.

Miss Case, from Saltillo, and Miss Wright, from Laredo, were moved to Guadalajara. These faithful workers had made a place for themselves in their adopted homes from which we did not want them to go out. We pray the Master to bless them in their new home, and give them the success they had in the old.

As I attempt to report the Laredo work, my first thought is, "Glorify the Lord in the fires." To do this will be to tell how, in the midst of sickness, scourge, and death, the work, which is more dear than all else, and besides which all else sinks into insignificance, stood firm and prospered. It may be, in counting up, the number will fall short of last year, but that fact cannot weaken the strength of the work. The scourge which visited our city in 1899 has never been equaled in its ravages: business was paralyzed, public and private schools closed for months. As we are a mile from the city, instead of closing our school we were allowed to

quarantine. By closing our gates against all comers we shut out thirty pupils who had lingered a day too long in their homes. The smallpox did not enter our home, but there were no bars strong enough to keep out the more dreaded visitor, death. After only a few days' illness, our dear friend and companion, Mrs. Driver, was taken from our circle. For more than six years she had taught music for us. She loved the mission as well as any missionary, often going to the limit of strength and means to help forward the work to which she was giving her life. She left us the 6th of January. Every day of the passing year has brought afresh to our hearts our great loss.

With the exception of my own severe illness, our teachers and helpers have been blessed with good health. On account of the quarantine we did not have our usual series of meetings. For nine months our pastor could not hold even the regular services. For this reason we can show but little increase in Church membership. It is a difficult matter to keep up with the membership of a Church school, as it invariably changes with the changing terms. During the "shut in" time, with the exception of the above-mentioned services, all other branches of work were carried on in regular routine. The Sunday schools, Leagues, and missionary society have been well attended, and the usual interest manifested. The reports of the Laredo Day School, under Mrs. McClendon, and that of West End will show a falling off in numbers, as these schools were of course closed at the time of the closing of others. When the fall term opened many of the old pupils returned, yet there were missing faces, and it will take some time to work up to the number of ninety-eight.

Before Miss Wright's removal I had given to her almost the entire control of the woman's class. Since she left us there has been no one to take it up regularly. Mrs. Anderson and Miss Park have kept it together by adding this care to their multiplicity of duties, but it has needed the personal supervision of one person. Miss Park has had her heart and hands full caring for the boys, teaching Scripture, history, art, and doing many other things which a missionary ever finds to do. She will report her work in full. She has been most earnest in the discharge of every duty. Our four Bible women were also hindered in their work by the scourge. They visited to some extent during that fearful time. As a rule they seem interested in their work, and we trust that their year's labor will be far more reaching than their year's report will indicate. No one can estimate the good that these women accomplish by their going in and out among their own people. They may be called the "missing link" in mission work. The Nuevo Laredo (Mexico) school has been full—more children than could be comfortably managed by the two native teachers. As this school was not closed, as were the others, there was no falling off of numbers. We have been able to sell portions of the Testament in this school, where formerly they would reluctantly receive it as a gift. This shows that prejudice is breaking away in a place that has hitherto been hard to reach.

I feel that I cannot close this report without mention of the faithful

service rendered by our teachers and helpers during the enforced absence of my sister and myself. Of Miss Park's devotion to duty mention has already been made. Miss Edna Fisher managed the school work in a wise and efficient manner, keeping it up to its usual standard of good work. Mrs. Anderson had charge of finance and domestic. This dear, willing helper is a missionary in all but name. For many years she has borne with us the burden of this great mission. It was by her strong hand, with the willing help of our band of devoted helpers, that we found, upon our return, the work as though we had not left it.

We enter upon the new year full of hope and trust in the guiding hand of Him who has lifted from our loved work the seeming cloud that rested upon it for so many months.

Number of pupils under instruction in seminary, 225; in all departments of work in Laredo, 763. Total number under instruction in Mexican work, 2,566.

Miss Edith Park, who is in charge of the boys' department, writes :

The year opened sadly for us, with Miss Holding on a bed of suffering, and death claiming one who held a very tender place in the hearts of all and seemed to our earthly vision to be invaluable to the work.

From January until the close of the school we were obliged to maintain a strict quarantine against Laredo on account of smallpox. We were so fortunate as to escape the contagion. Our boys and girls did excellent work in school during these four months, some of them showing such marked advancement that their teachers remarked: "It would be a wise plan to continue the quarantine indefinitely."

We were not able to hold our regular protracted meeting, but the shadow of death in our midst led some of our children to serious thoughts, and was used of God as a means of spiritual awakening to them. Miss Holding and Miss Delia leaving for Kentucky soon after the close of the school, Mrs. Anderson and I felt a heavy responsibility, but so busy we were kept that before we fully realized it the summer had passed, and we were welcoming back pupils and teachers. During the summer, with the help of our faithful West End teacher, I reorganized the woman's class, which had been discontinued during the smallpox epidemic. My school work during the first of the year was the same as for several years past, but Miss Wright's removal to Guadalajara, in August, left us without a teacher of Scripture history, and some of her classes have fallen to me. I have enjoyed the work, and been encouraged to see some who before have shown a reluctance to study the Bible becoming interested.

In the boys' department we have enrolled sixty during the year, but have not had more than thirty-eight in the family at once.

Mrs. McClendon writes of the Laredo Day School work:

Laredo Day School opened the first week in January, 1899, under a heavy cloud. The dreadful scourge, smallpox, was in our midst. The yellow flags waved from several houses in our neighborhood—one op-

posite the schoolhouse. Public schools did not open after the Christmas holidays. After talking the matter over with my teachers I decided to open school, and be very particular, and question closely each child as to conditions of health at home. So as each child answered "All well at our house," we passed them in to school. One bright-eyed little girl, Catalina, went farther than the rest, and said, "I am very much afraid of the smallpox, and mother says I must go straight to school and home again without stopping anywhere." On the third day of school I missed Catalina, and learned she had smallpox; that her mother and two sisters had had it for some time! For two weeks we held the school together. Then one day a man in blue coat and brass buttons appeared at the door, and we knew school must close. Then began the terrible days of waiting, of hoping, and praying.

Soon there was plenty of work for the ladies in town to do, distributing to the needy smallpox sufferers. Great boxes of clothing arrived daily from all parts of the state. I assisted many days in sorting the clothing, and doing them up in bundles ready for the physician's orders. In May the quarantine was raised, and Laredo rejoiced. When the hot days of summer were over we gathered the children together, and opened school again. They were eager to come. The fall term was very pleasant. Children came in rapidly. One hundred and nine were enrolled, making a good record, a bright ending of the year's work.

We are anxious to rescue the heathen who "bow down to wood and stone." Protestantism stands for freedom of thought, for the enlightenment and Christianizing of the masses; Catholicism enslaves the masses body and soul.

The work at Saltillo, also a part of the Mexican Border Mission Conference, is in charge of Miss Lelia Roberts, assisted by Miss McNemar, who went out in August last. Miss Roberts gives the following report, including very interesting statistics:

I often think that my experience in this mission station is like that of Job's messengers in one respect: "I only am left to tell the tale." During the thirteen and a half years that I have worked here, presiding elders, pastors, missionaries, teachers, and pupils have come and gone. We had begun to look upon Miss Case as the special property of Colegio Inglés, but even she was taken away last April.

During the year just passed three hundred and forty-two immortal souls were directly under our care: two hundred and ten girls, sixty-one boys, and seventy-one women. These have all looked to us for light and guidance. We have tried humbly to direct them to the Source of "every good and perfect gift." Some have tasted and seen that the Lord is good; others are indifferent yet. So it ever has been, and so it ever will be until the Master comes.

We ventured to broaden our foundations by adding a superior grade to our course of study. This corresponds to the first year of normal instruction, and we still need to add two more grades to compete success-

fully with the state normal school established here. With our present income we can do no more, and therefore ask that eight hundred dollars additional be granted us for teachers' salaries. Two girls educated in part with us are teaching in the mission schools of Chihuahua and San Luis Potosi, two are helpers in this school, and others are teaching in public schools. The demand in Mexico for educated Christian girls is increasing. Miss Harper visited us in August in search of Christian graduates capable of teaching grades in Spanish. Our purpose is to furnish these as fast as we can, but we must have the means with which to do it.

The women of our missionary society continue to pay their dues cheerfully. They remember the pit from which they were dug. We do not ask them to give ten cents a month because most of them can more easily give two or three cents a week. In many cases even this sum represents the widow's mite. One member gives one dollar a month, and she is not rich. In the home of another we hold services regularly on Thursday nights. As a result of these services I have just learned that the boys, pupils of an industrial school situated in front of where we meet, have petitioned their president to give them the whole of Sunday as a day of rest, since it is the Lord's day.

Miss Earhart has been a bright ray of sunshine in our home for more than a year. She wins all hearts. Tuition from the classes she teaches is sufficient to pay her salary.

Miss McNemar, a graduate of the training school, came to us in August. She is entirely consecrated and gentle in manner.

Our friend and benefactor, Capt. T. J. Lay, of Winona, Miss., died a few months ago, but his noble Christian wife continues to carry on the work he began, educating two girls.

Pueblo day school is evangelizing the Indians, both small and large, who come within its influence. We find them a teachable people.

Our two Bible women are instant in season and out of season; one laboring principally among those who never have been reached by other Christian workers, and the other among the seventy-one members of our Bible and sewing class. Both do good work.

A friend who visited Colegio Inglés last summer, seeing our urgent need of more room, gave us fifty dollars as the beginning of a fund with which to make additions to our building. He desires that his name shall not be mentioned. We earnestly ask that nine hundred and fifty dollars of the Twentieth Century Educational Fund be appropriated to this school to complete the one thousand dollars needed.

Miss McNemar entered upon her work in August last, and, besides the study of the language, has taught English several hours each day. She expresses her happiness in being called to do missionary work at Saltillo, and longs to be fully prepared to do all required of her.

## NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

*MISSIONARIES.*

MISS LIZZIE WILSON,  
MISS LUCY HARPER,

MISS ELLIE TYDINGS,  
MISS KATE MCFARREN.

THE Conference has felt the quickening power of the work of the Woman's Board also; and, as our school enterprises prosper, the Church strengthens. Both Chihuahua and Durango have had very prosperous years, notwithstanding both have felt the effects of retrenchment.

Miss Lizzie Wilson, of Chihuahua, reports as follows:

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." (Psalm xci. 1.) In our work for the year just closed there has been much to encourage along all lines. There have also been difficulties and trials not a few, but memory has a kind way of hiding the sorrow and making us remember only the pleasant places. Most of the children of the previous year came back to us, and others have been added. We closed school in May with a pleasant entertainment which was so well attended by our friends and patrons that there was hardly standing room in our large patio.

During June and July we had special classes, and our family remained over fifty all summer. In August we opened school regularly in the Spanish department. I was not strong all the summer, but God was tender to me, and I grew stronger all the fall. Our older girls have grown in character and companionship, and I have learned to depend a great deal on them. My good, kind Antonio rises every morning at four o'clock, and gets the breakfast started, another helps with supper, and two others with dinner. I superintend and help with all the cooking, and have much satisfaction in training my girls to be nice cooks and good housekeepers. They are also willing helpers in League prayer meetings and missionary meetings. They are our hope and pride. May God bless them and use them to extend his kingdom!

Besides the duties mentioned, I direct all the buying for the house, the purchasing for many of the boarding children, cut and fit their clothing, lead the chapel services, and teach the Bible five periods daily, covering seven grades in my classes. In the Sunday school I have the mothers' class. There are twenty-seven mothers, and babies nearly as many, but we always have a good time. Their love for me and faith in me are bright threads in my daily life. I am President of our missionary society, and wish that I could picture it as it deserves. There are seventy-seven members, all are truly in earnest, and all love to pay their dues. The brethren are members also, and are present at every meeting. We hold our meetings at night, the last Friday in the month, and have a fine attendance. We devote our money to the payment of the missionary assessment.

On Tuesday afternoons we have a house-to-house prayer meeting, also

a prayer meeting in English in the parlor on Sunday mornings, which the college teachers take turn in leading. I am first Vice President of the League, and have some responsibilities and duties devolving upon me from that office.

The mention of my Church duties brings to my mind our kind pastor and our Church membership, and I stop to say a word of them before going on to a farther report of the work of the school. Brother Marcas de la Gaza, our pastor, is a kind, good man, and the Church has grown under his care. We are very proud of being self-supporting this year. It is a joy to see how our people love their Church and love to give toward its support.

In North Chihuahua we have a new schoolhouse, a good, comfortable building, fitted to accommodate about one hundred children. The building cost about \$1,200 (Mexican), and no part of this sum was given by the Board. One thousand dollars was given by one person, and the balance by several friends living near the school. We moved into the new house the first of May, but have been able to run only the English department, which is about self-supporting. No teacher has been supplied for the Spanish school, although it would cost only about \$200 a year. How I do wish some society at home would adopt the Spanish school and enable us to open it! My heart longs to see the little children gathered in under the care of a loving, Christian teacher.

Our Bible women have been very faithful, and many times they have to suffer persecution, going as they do among the lower classes, where ignorance and fanaticism are always the worst. Often doors are shut in their faces, but like good soldiers they press faithfully forward. They have made six hundred and eighty-eight visits during the year, and we only count the visits where they read and pray. They go to many places where they are not permitted to do this.

We had a very pleasant Christmas this year. To the children's delight, we had a beautiful tree, and a Santa Claus so well disguised that they had great fun in finding out who he was. Much time and loving care were spent in decorating the tree, also in teaching songs and recitations to the children, and many of their friends were present to appreciate and applaud their efforts.

Miss Harper, who has special oversight of the boys at Colegio Palmore, who is also in charge of much of the business of the mission, besides much of the class work, leads a busy life, as do all the assistant teachers, as well as the Principal, Miss Wilson. Miss Harper writes.

There were never kinder, more loyal, and diligent teachers than ours: earnest devotion to their work and untiring faithfulness characterize them. They spare neither themselves nor their means in making a success of whatever they undertake. We have just organized among us a teachers' institute for Monday night. On Friday afternoons one teacher, by appointment, visits all the other schoolrooms, making a report of her

observations at the next Monday meeting. We also have special subjects for study. The institute is likely to be of great benefit to us all. Year by year we are working into a better patronage. The improvement has been specially marked this year. Our boys and girls are intelligent, cheerful, diligent, and eager. Children and teachers all are eager to push on, and ask so frequently for assistance that it is a delight to give. Some bright, fond boy knocks at the door and says, "Will you tell me who said, 'I would rather be right than President?'" and others, "Can you give me a sketch of Patrick Henry?" To-day I held up my new magazine at dinner for the boys to see. Harry, of the second grade, said: "Pyramids, Egypt! Will you lend me that to carry to my teacher this evening? We are studying pyramids to-day?"

We have never had more enthusiastic, happy, hopeful grade work before, for each succeeding year has given an impetus to the next.

My Sunday school class is composed of six ladies of our household, several gentlemen who have come into the class one by one, and attend irregularly, and our Chinese boy, Charlie Lee, who does not attend well, but is a very faithful payer. I am treasurer for Sunday school, League, and Church. My other work, besides taking care of the boys, their clothes, and their home, has been the ordering, planning, and purchasing of schoolbooks and school material, the bookkeeping and the secretary's work, and these are no small matters.

Of the boys there have been forty-two in the Boys' House this year, though never that many at a time. Three of them have joined the Church. Four of them will finish the Spanish course next summer in company with six girls, if they all continue in school. Six girls will complete the Spanish course this year in May, and be ready for normal training by September.

#### DURANGO.

As will be observed, this station is well reported by Miss Tydings, the Principal, and Miss McFarren, who has been largely instrumental in establishing our prosperous mission in that city:

Some one has said, "Man speaks of great things and small things; God knows no such distinction." How comforting to think of his tender solicitude over all that comes into our life! So many times during the year, as I watched by the bed of the sick, have I rejoiced to think that even "wearisome nights" are "appointed" by him. The year has been one of unprecedented sickness and great trials. He has led me sometimes in the dark, sometimes in sorrow, but always tenderly. One of our great blessings has been a good American doctor, who is always kind and attentive and charges us nothing for his services.

As all the American children stopped while there were contagious diseases in the house, and so many Mexicans were out on account of sickness, our income from tuition was very small. We don't feel that we can charge much tuition yet, for Durango is almost as fanatical as ever, and the nuns have a fine English school, and the city now has a splendid system of public schools where everything is free.

During the year we have had twenty boarders. Most of them are members of the Church, and all attend services in both Spanish and English. One is secretary of the Sunday school, and another of the Epworth League. All take turns in leading in the Junior League. One is President of the Missionary Society, and all are members of the Temperance Society.

We have had under instruction this year 310 persons, of whom 120 are girls and 143 boys, and in the Bible and sewing class 47 women. We have more boys than girls, and the reason is that the nuns receive only girls, so they risk the boys with us, and the only trouble we have had with them has been getting them to come in to chapel service. This I require. The woman's work has not been so successful this year, owing to smallpox in the families of many. We need at least two more rooms, one for the women's class and one for the kindergarten. We rent a room near by for the kindergarten, and use both our dining room and the girls' for class rooms.

The Bible women find it difficult to gain an entrance to the Catholic families, and say they cannot yet point to much visible fruit as a result of their labors. But we believe that in their work and ours there are fruits unseen by man, and are trusting that the day may soon come when it shall be seen by all. A woman, a member of the Church, was very ill some time since, and her husband, thinking she was going to die, sent for the priest. But she refused to confess, and it made the husband so angry that he drove her out of the house, and she has had to find a home elsewhere ever since. Another, who is blind, wishes to unite with the Church, but her husband beats her every time she attends, and makes such threats that she dare not openly avow herself a Protestant. The Sarah Harris Bible woman has undertaken to teach some of the Catholics to read, so that they can read the Bible for themselves. Two of the men belonging to my Sunday school class have done good work among their fellow-laborers in the Round House at the station. We have only one scholarship (Susan Hartridge), and have great hopes of her as a helper in our work, as she is very bright in her studies, and a member of the Church.

ELLIE B. TYDINGS.

Miss McFarren writes:

My time in the schoolrooms up to the close of the year ending June 30, was principally devoted to the Charity or Mexican Department,

After chapel exercises in the morning I was occupied in this department until twelve o'clock. And this, with one hour in the English Department every afternoon, formed my school duties. The afternoons I devoted to visiting as far as possible.

But on opening the new year in September, it was found necessary for me to take charge of the advanced grade in the English department. My time being so engaged in the class room prevents my coming in contact with the class of Mexicans that I feel need us very much.

My Bible work consists first in the chapel exercises, where I have the opportunity of teaching the entire school a short Bible lesson, which I try

to make as practical as possible so as to bring the gospel home to many children who are never permitted to enter the church. I have also a Bible class in my own department, which I endeavor to make profitable for the older pupils. Then I give a Bible lesson in woman's meetings on Wednesday afternoon, where I meet women who never enter the church.

On Sabbath I have my morning Sabbath school class, and in the afternoon I meet with a young people's Epworth League, which was organized nearly two years ago and is very promising.

I still continue to do all the visiting I can in the afternoons, and try to make from thirty to forty visits each month.

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## CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS REBECCA TOLAND,	MISS HARDYNIA NORVILLE,
MISS VIOLA BLACKBURN,	MISS ANNIE CHURCHILL,
MISS ESTHER CASE,	MISS LAURA V. WRIGHT,
MISS FANNIE B. MOLING.	

THE prosperity at San Luis demands some enlargement of the buildings if the Board can make the expenditure. Indeed, the call for larger appropriations comes from all quarters, and would bring great joy if our treasury could bear the outlay. Alas that such calls ever come upon an inadequate treasury! Miss Toland says of San Luis:

In summing up the report for the year I am glad to record progress. We have tried to lean hard on Him who alone could guide us aright and give us the needed strength and wisdom for the accomplishment of any good. My special work is still the pay school for girls and small boys. This school has never been in as good a condition before as it has been the past year. The outlook is encouraging, we are steadily gaining ground, and can see some of the fruits of our labors. Two hundred and five pupils entered during the year, although we were compelled to raise the price of tuition to be able to employ the necessary number of teachers. I found the patrons of the school just as willing to pay the advanced price as they had the other.

Our teachers, as a rule, are alive and fully in sympathy with the work of the school and are active workers in the Junior and Senior Epworth Leagues which are organized in the Church. Fifty-one of the pupils in school have been members of the Junior League during the year. As far as I can judge, the pupils have been brought more under the influence of the gospel, and love their Bibles more and take greater interest in memorizing texts of Scripture. We have just received some "Wall Rolls" with the gospel in pictures, and texts in Spanish, which will be very delightful helps in teaching the children of the lower grades. Brother Onderdonk, our pastor, has again labored faithfully with us the entire year, preach

ing regularly to the school every Monday morning. The pupils are glad to hear him, and feel that they have a friend in him. Only one hundred have attended the Sunday school, and it is still a problem to us how to get the children who come from Catholic homes to attend Sunday school.

I made some improvements in the house during the summer which gave us more room. We have now a nice, large primary room, which is quite a source of happiness to teachers and pupils. Our house is too small for our needs.

Miss Blackburn is doing splendid work with the charity school and woman's class. From her report you will see how successful she has been the past year. Her school is filling up with a much better class of children, a hopeful sign.

We can but trust that our work will result in the uplifting of many lives and in the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord.

Miss Blackburn, who has been unusually successful in charge of the charity and evangelistic work of San Luis, writes most hopefully:

I still have charge of the two departments of work that were given me at the beginning. Our days pass much as they have, being full of work. We have breakfast at seven A.M., begin school at half past eight, and teach until four, with an intermission of two hours. I then go out with the Bible woman and visit from house to house until night.

The work along all lines has been more interesting this year than usual. My English class of six girls has grown to fifteen, and some of them attend Sunday school. They have all bought Bibles except one. One girl, afraid to carry her Bible home, left it with one of her friends and goes to her when she wishes to read. I visit her mother, and trust that her objections may soon be removed.

We have had the usual Thanksgiving and Christmas entertainments, which were well attended.

Rev. H. L. Gray, the new pastor of the Mexican Church, and his wife have assisted us in the work. I found it necessary to employ a new teacher at the beginning of school in September to assist me both with the school and woman's work. Isabel Medina, a Mexican girl from Miss Roberts's school in Saltillo, came to us. She has been well trained and is doing good work.

The Bible woman, Mercedes Gonzalis, besides doing her regular work of visiting from house to house, reading the Bible and praying with those who will listen to her, attends the woman's class and helps along all lines, doing whatever her hands find to do.

We have many things for which to praise the Lord this year: two women from the sewing class and three schoolgirls have joined the Church.

The privilege of engaging in this work of trying to elevate the poor and lowly, and point them to Christ, the Saviour of the world, is worth more than gold and silver and all the honors the world can give.

*Statistical Report.*—Pupils enrolled in school, 110; who attend Sunday school, 55; enrolled in woman's work, 72; who attend both, 28; total un

der instruction, 174; Church members, 22; visits, 325; tracts distributed, 1,596; visits of Bible woman, 902; tracts distributed by Bible woman, 3,004.

Guadalajara was unfortunate in losing Miss A. V. Wilson and Miss Mattie Dorsey, who were instrumental in laying the foundations of the mission and bringing it to its present prosperity. These ladies sent in their resignations because of health conditions, and retired a few months ago; but the mission was fortunate in being put into the charge of Miss Esther Case, who for some years previous had been so efficient at Saltillo. Miss Case and Miss Wright, the latter transferred from Laredo, give the following interesting reports of Guadalajara. Miss Case says:

During the first quarter of the year I was in Saltillo, and the greater part of my time was given to teaching the first and second grades in Spanish. I helped keep the study hall, took the girls out walking, and in other ways promoted the interests of the work as I found time outside of school hours. Toward the end of the quarter I was overcome with malaria, and was sick when the summons to a new work reached me. Though my heart was in the work in Saltillo, and during the four and a half years I was there I learned to love dearly my coworkers, the children, and the members of the woman's class, I did not hesitate to start to the new field of labor at the Master's bidding.

I reached Guadalajara in the first week in April, and was welcomed by Miss A. V. Wilson and Miss Dorsey. During April and May I taught a few classes and helped prepare the children for the closing exercises of school, but the greater part of my time was given to studying the work in order to carry it on intelligently, and in getting acquainted with the people. When Misses Wilson and Dorsey left for their home, June 1, I was left in charge, and spent the two months of vacation visiting the people, having necessary repairs done, and getting ready for the opening of school. It is not easy to take up another's work, and I believe it is impossible for two people to work just alike, so some small changes were necessary. Besides, the teacher we most depended upon felt that she must resign during the first week of school on account of ill health. Miss Wright was detained at home by illness in her family, and could not reach here until after the opening of school in August, but her coming was a blessing and a help. She has taught the English classes, had charge of the housekeeping, and helped in many other ways.

Four teachers help us in the school. We have enrolled during the year one hundred and seventeen pupils, of whom twenty-four have been in the home, though the house is comfortably full with seventeen. Our girls are bright, good, and lovable, and are interested in their studies. Eleven of them are members of the Church, and two others of them will join very soon. One of these belongs to a Roman Catholic family. She is deeply interested in her Bible study, as are all of them.

After our church was repaired, Brothers Yearwood and Cox offered us

one of the side rooms to be used as a day school, and the "Trueheart school" was opened. It is in charge of a native teacher, and began with seven pupils; by the end of December she had enrolled eighteen, so the number has more than doubled. Mrs. Cox kindly offered to teach the Bible and English classes there, and Miss Wright and I have visited the school regularly.

Our woman's class has been well attended, and has had sixty-eight members during the year. They meet on Wednesday afternoons and sew, and we have a prayer meeting before they go to their homes. I devote the other afternoons of the week to teaching the Bible classes in all the grades of the school, but, except the half hour of chapel exercises in the morning, leave that part of the day free for visiting the schoolrooms and "Trueheart school," writing, visiting, etc.

Our two Bible women, Gila T. de Rodriguez and Rosa O de Gonzalez, have worked faithfully, visiting the people, reading the Bible, giving away tracts. They have brought quite a number of people to church.

It was my privilege to organize a Juvenile Epworth League, and the little folks are very much interested in the work. They conduct the meetings, pray, and all take an active part. I have an interesting class of girls from twelve to fourteen years of age in Sunday school.

It has been a busy year, and I am filled with gratitude to God, who has blessed our feeble efforts.

#### Miss Wright reports:

The first part of the year was spent working at Laredo Seminary, a time of trial and bereavement, in the death of one of our teachers, in the presence of smallpox, and in the illness of Miss Holding. Transferred by the Board to Guadalajara, I went on there August 3. I received a hearty welcome, and entered upon my new duties the next day, as school had opened. I have charge of the dormitories, also of the dining room, do the marketing, visit the Trueheart day school once a week, have the English classes in the college, help with the woman's work, and the Junior League: have an interesting class of six girls in Spanish, in the Sunday school. We have a girl in the home of Catholic parentage, whose mother was left a widow, and when compelled to leave the city to obtain employment, she left her daughter with us, knowing that we were Protestants. We hope to do her good. I give our girls a verse in the Bible, in Spanish, every morning before breakfast, and in this way they have learned much of the sacred Scriptures, besides their lessons in the Scripture history class.

#### CITY OF MEXICO.

The growth of the mission in this city is without precedent. In the face of inadequate accommodations, epidemics, restricted support, and constant "moves," the school has increased in numbers, the influence has widened, and present outlook far in advance of last year. Miss Norville, the Principal of the school, in the following report gives only hints of obstacles overcome, results obtained:

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MARY KEENER INSTITUTE.

This year was begun by another move. Our unhealthy locality and crowded conditions made it imperative. After a vain search for three weeks, we found a house beautifully located, containing seventeen small rooms. We had only four days in which to move, cut away a wall, calcimine and paint; but we succeeded, with Brother King's assistance, and opened school at the fixed time. Brother King gave his personal supervision to the moving of every load. Both Brother and Sister King are friends indeed.

When the school gathered it was found necessary to secure more room, and we thought we were quite fortunate to rent a second house for the charity school, on the same street, that served nicely for a home for two teachers and seven boys, and for the charity school. Alas! a terrific earthquake came which so injured the building that we were forced to seek for a safer shelter. The new place being a mile from the old one, we lost many of our pupils, so had to build again from the foundation. We were not long in establishing ourselves in the confidence of the people around us, and before the first quarter had ended were crowded with even a better class of children.

We praise the Lord especially for his sustaining grace during the first trying months of the year. Two of our volunteers, unable to stand the altitude, were compelled to leave. Then came scarlet fever, and scarcely had we cleaned house when our dear Miss Walkup was stricken with smallpox. We could not isolate her in the house, so we secured two good nurses, and sent her to the American hospital, where she was restored to health. Many dropped off for a few weeks, but were back in their places at the beginning of the new term.

During our vacation in May and June there was but little break in the work. Most of our children of the home remained with us, as many parents object to a long vacation. Miss Churchill and Barbosa taught the morning classes.

At the beginning of the new term, the enlargement of our boarding department became so urgent that we concluded to rent a part of another house just across the street. We did so, and the seven additional rooms were soon packed to the utmost, and the demand for larger quarters became yet more imperative. I thought nothing of the inconvenience of a street dividing our houses until a rain came. Seated one day in No. 4, busily engaged in writing, I heard shouts from No. 7. It was the hour for the dismissal of school. I hastened to the window, to find the flood gates open. Not only were the street and sidewalk a sea of water, but the patios up to the third step. Some of the children were already shoes in hand, knee deep in the tide. Eager to get across to lend a helping hand, I sent one of the little fellows to call a hack. Three coachmen came and shook their heads at the prospect. Finally one drove in, but could not turn around. Three strange gentlemen, who chanced to be in the house, went down and assisted the driver, and at length I was driven across. We were till night sending all the children home, some in coaches, some on the backs of servants, and others wading. After sup-

per the problem of getting our six teachers and twenty children to No. 4 for the night confronted us, and the only plan that we could devise was that of pack saddles made of the hands of two strong "Cargadores." It was fun for the children, and a spectacle for the neighborhood! We grew wiser, however, before the rainy season was over, and constructed a moving bridge of benches, the mozo picking up a bench, after it had been crossed over, and putting it in front, and so on, until our family was gotten back and forth three times a day to meals.

With all the fervor of my soul, I trust that the way will be opened to enables us to buy this year. The price of land is about double what it was five years ago. At present our house is crowded; every nook and corner is occupied either with bed or chair. Yesterday the director of the Mineralogical College, and a man of great influence, came for us to take his boy as a boarder. He was greatly disappointed when we told him that it was impossible, and asked that his son be allowed to breakfast with us and remain until eight in the evening, so that he could have as much practice as possible in speaking English.

One of the most encouraging features of our work is the favor in which it is held by the higher class. Barriers are being torn down when the aristocrats of the city consent for their children to attend the same school and sit at the same desks with the children of the lower class. Our school is fast becoming known as the best place in the city for Mexican children to learn English.

I believe that the power of the Spirit is moving Mexico, and that she is hungry for a new and better religion. One father, a judge of some note, said to us: "I want my boy to talk nothing but English, and I want him to be like you Americans, honest and truthful; and you may teach him your religion as much as you please." The boy's mother is a rank Catholic, and has taken him out of school twice, but the father brings him back. Another, the Consul General from Uruguay, who has two daughters with us, one inclined to her mother's faith, the other to ours, tells that his wife's great anxiety is about her two daughters being proselyted, and of her distress when they chance to sing in their home one of the sweet songs of Zion.

Juan de Dios Peza (the Longfellow of Mexico) has two of his children with us. At first he hesitated because of our religion. After a very frank interview, in which I told him that we read the Bible with our children, and try by precept and example to lead them into a pure and holy way of living, he concluded to risk his daughter of eleven years with us. His priest reprimanded, and told him that we talked fair, but that as soon as we gathered the children into our schools we had preachers come and teach them our false doctrine. He kept his little boy in the Catholic school two weeks longer, in the meantime watching us very closely, and then brought him, saying: "Ramon is not learning like Garcia; take both of them, and let them eat with you at noon, so that they will learn all of the English possible." Several days afterwards I met Mr. Peza in the street, and he said: "I have just called at your place to present you with a copy of my latest poems. Will you please accept it as a

token of my appreciation of your work?" As I thanked him for the book, a more earnest thanksgiving went up to the Giver of All for the privilege of wielding an influence over his children, and through them, perhaps, over him. O that this grand man, so beloved by the whole nation, might be led to see the beauty of our religion, and his soul be touched by a spark divine!

Five of our girls were converted at the Young Peoples' Confederation, in San Luis Potosi, and came home rejoicing in their Saviour's love, and eager to tell the glad tidings to others. Soon Brother Paz held a protracted meeting. The power of the Lord was upon him, and souls were born into the kingdom. Brother Paz came to the college and prayed with our pupils: they held their own little meetings and prayed for each other. One afternoon when seated at my desk writing, a little tot of seven put her head in at the door, and said: "Miss Norville, we are going to have a prayer meeting; won't you please come?" You may be sure the invitation was gladly accepted, and my heart filled with praise as every child confessed her sins and gave her heart to Jesus. Since they have been born again, they have delighted in showing their faith by their works. Some have attended a mission service, two miles away, every Sunday afternoon in order to aid in the singing; others have visited the sick and sung and prayed with them; still others have shown their change by a more cheerful obedience and performance of home duties. Thousands of tracts have been distributed by them, and many deeds of charity been performed.

Miss Churchill writes as follows:

From January until June my school work was the fourth and fifth grades. Some of the children did good work. At the opening of the new term I took charge of the second and third grades. I enrolled forty-two, with an average attendance of thirty-six. These little ones all belong to our League, missionary and temperance societies. One of my little girls so impressed her mother by her faithfulness to her temperance pledge that the mother determined not to tempt her with wine, beer, and pulque, which are regarded as indispensable, saying she would never put them on the table again.

One of my little boys has been the means of bringing his mother into the light. "And a little child shall lead them."

For a part of the year I was superintendent of the devotional department of the Mary Keener League. Many of our children take part in the League, some of them from Catholic families, as ready and eager to help as the Protestants are.

In addition to my school work I have charge of the kitchen and dining room. Some of the girls help me, and faithful little workers they are. They are among the ones who joined the Church this summer. I do believe they are learning now that doing the little every day duties in the right spirit is serving Jesus just as much as going to church, visiting the sick, etc., which they dearly love to do. Surely through the children shall Mexico be brought to Christ.

Only since August last has Miss Moling been in the Mexico City Mission, but her report shows she has not been idle:

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." (Ps. xxxii. 8.) As I listened to these beautiful words of our dear Miss Gibson, on my last evening at the Training School, I resolved to claim the precious promise as mine.

Soon after my arrival in Mexico City I was placed in charge of the boys of the boarding department. My work has been confined chiefly to the Charity School. We have enrolled during the school year ninety-three pupils, and new ones are entering every day. School opens at 8:30 A.M., and after chapel the children march to their schoolrooms. Here I spend my morning hours from 9 to 12:30, teaching English. All other branches are taught in the Spanish language, Señorita Ramirez having charge. Since the holidays we have secured another teacher to assist in the work of the afternoon.

It is really delightful to note the progress of these children. One little girl, Elodia Diaz, is an especially bright and interesting child. She has strong principles, readily discerns the right and practices it. Her mother is a devoted Catholic, and although the child loves and respects her mother, she induced her parents to permit her to attend our Sabbath school, the father himself accompanying her the first morning. The Charity School has a bright little boy taken from Mexico's national prison, "Beleiu." Since the holidays we have organized a new reading class in English, and he is the acknowledged leader of that class.

For various reasons I have made little progress in the study of the language. I am sorry, very sorry indeed! There have been unavoidable interruptions of two or more weeks in duration. Shortly after my arrival I was called upon to nurse a little girl with typhoid fever. I studied very little during this interval. The next on my list was a little boy with pneumonia, and scarcely had he recovered ere he was stricken down with that dreaded disease, smallpox. We kept him with us for two days in seclusion, when it was decided to carry him to the American hospital, but it was necessary for me to remain isolated for several more days after the removal of our little patient. Other than Spanish lessons were learned during these trying intervals. These were the days of richest spiritual lessons.

#### SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Stations.....	7
Missionaries.....	17
Assistants.....	64
Boarding schools.....	7
Day schools.....	16
Pupils in boarding schools.....	1,743
Pupils in day schools.....	823
Total number of pupils.....	2,566
Woman's class.....	165
Church members.....	231
Pupils in Sunday school.....	879
Leagues.....	14
Members of Leagues.....	266
Bible women.....	20
Scholarships.....	22
Kindergartens.....	2
Value of property.....	\$150,000

## SOUTH AMERICA.

### BRAZIL MISSION CONFERENCE.

WOMAN'S BOARD OPENED WORK IN 1881.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS MATTIE WATTS.	MISS LILY STRADLEY,
MISS MAY UMBERGER,	MISS LAYONA GLENN,*
MISS ELIZA PERKINSON,	MISS WILLIE BOWMAN,
MISS IDA SHAFER,	MISS MARY PESCU,
MISS CLARA B. FULLERTON,	MISS AMELIA ELERDING,
MISS LEONORA SMITH.	

THE stations occupied by the Woman's Board in the Brazil Mission Conference seem well established and wisely conducted. During the year past the field has been somewhat broadened, and personal effort through the visits of the missionaries into the homes of the people has resulted in winning some souls to Christ. Both Miss Bowman and Miss Elerding devote much time to visitation work and have seen some happy results. Bible women have not been so effective in Brazil as in Mexico and China. It is more difficult to find suitable native women who are available. The Lena Magill Bible woman gives promise of accomplishing much in Rio, and others who have worked in the past may, when conditions change resume operations.

Bishop Hendrix gave much time and thought to our work during his recent visit to Brazil. He was pleased with what had been done, but impressed with the fact that *extension* was a crying demand. So many points which our Board should occupy call for teachers, and the teachers are ready when the women send to the treasury the necessary funds. The report of Miss Watts as agent of the Board in Brazil emphasizes the need of extension and the readiness of the people for educational facilities. She writes:

To properly systematize the work and keep it at its best, the agent should not be too much burdened with work in her office to prevent her visiting every part of the mission frequently.

In April I visited Juiz de Fora to see some property that it was thought

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\* Home on leave.

desirable to purchase, but the conditions of sale could not be met on the installment plan. We consulted together about the course of study and the purchase of school apparatus. The visit was profitable, I think. In June Miss Perkinson made a visit to Petropolis, and there we continued our work on the course of study, which still remains unfinished. My vacation was spent at home in Petropolis. The last week in July was marked by the grand rally of missionaries, men and women, to meet Bishop Hendrix, who had come to preside at the Annual Conference. It was a pleasant occasion and very profitable. Some changes were made in our appointments, owing to Miss Glenn's home trip. Miss Pescud was stationed at Rio in Miss Glenn's absence, and Miss Fullerton was sent to Juiz de Fora, and Miss Maidee Smith to Petropolis. I went to Rio first in August, and had the pleasure of meeting the new missionaries on their arrival. Warm greetings met them from all. In September I went west to visit the different points of our mission in that direction. I spent eight or nine days in Piracicaba. I found the house full of boarding pupils and the school full of children, from the "tots" in the kindergarten to young ladies in the higher classes. The schoolrooms were full, and the corridors were being used as class rooms. A valuable addition to the house had been made, but this was insufficient. There should be a building devoted exclusively to school purposes, leaving the present building for the home department. I met a warm welcome from the kind friends among whom I worked so long, and I was glad to see them.

From Piracicaba I went to Ribeirão Preto. Miss Leonora Smith, who had been sent by the bishop to this place, had organized a school of fifteen pupils. It was wonderful what she had been able to teach them in so short a time. One of the patrons "dropped in" one day while I was in the schoolroom, and expressed great satisfaction in having so good a teacher. I visited several homes with Miss Leonora Smith, and found that the Church people had already found that she was there to help them and to do them good. I was sorry that the work had been opened on condition that "it was not to cost the Board one cent," for I thought a little help in the way of house rent, to make teacher and pupils more comfortable, would facilitate the work of giving the gospel to Ribeirão Preto. There were a number of parents who wished to put their daughters with Miss Smith as boarders, and it seemed for a time that a boarding department would be thrust upon her; but without the consent of the Woman's Board this was declined, though much needed. Red dust in the dry season and red mud in the rainy season are objectionable features in Ribeirão Preto. I suffered very much from the stifling air and this fine red dust while there.

I went on to Uberaba to visit a school opened there by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Eugenia Becker, a former pupil of mine, and later a teacher in the school at Piracicaba. The school contained thirty-one pupils, though all had not returned after the preacher and his wife came back from Conference. Uberaba is on a high table-land without hills anywhere. The climate is hot and dry for the greater part of the year, but is healthy. The earth, a deep red, seems like solid banks of brick. I wish our Woman's

Board of Foreign Missions could take up this school. I believe it could be run with the small expense of house or room rent and the missionary's salary. Uberaba is a hotbed of Catholicism, and if we are to have a Church there, and Mr. Becker is building a church house, we ought by all means to open a school to educate the children.

On my return trip I stopped off at Santa Rita, where we have a Church, and where the Church is building itself a house of worship, to visit some of the patrons of the Petropolis school. A sister of these friends, and our sister in the gospel, has a school there. She began teaching her sister's children, and others soon presented themselves, and now she has a nice little school that gives her a comfortable income. She is a Protestant and holds her school in the house of her brother-in-law, who is considered the "ringleader" of the Protestants in the place. The indications are that the people willingly accept our Bible teaching and hymns and prayers to get our education, and we thus have the opportunity to give them the gospel.

When I returned to the City of São Paulo I was entertained in the house of one of my former pupils of Piracicaba. I rejoiced because I could speak plainly on the subject of religion and reform. May God bless all that was said at that time!

I tried to give one day to visiting with Miss Elerding, but I was so "tired out" with traveling that after four or five visits to Italian families, I had to beg her to excuse me. She kindly went with me to her own home, and did all she could to rest and refresh me.

I reached home on October 20, and after resting a few days went on to Juiz de Fora to visit the school there. I found all very happy to have Miss Fullerton with them. The school was in good running order and more comfortably housed than on a former visit. Miss Perkinson is not well and needs a home rest.

Returning to Petropolis, I took up my schoolroom duties, and continued until December 22, when we closed.

I have given very little time to the Rio work, though it is so near to my own corner of the field. While there in August I gave one day to visiting one of the schools, and was very much pleased with what I saw and heard. On another occasion I visited the Central School, Collegio Americano Fluminense, and was much pleased with the teacher's manner of conducting the Bible study. I have desired to visit the third, but have not had the opportunity.

As I wrote to the Secretary some time back, I believe that each woman on the field is "stretching her cords" to the utmost, that she may enlarge the Lord's tent in this land. Love them and pray for them, and do all possible to help them.

Report of Collegio Americano de Petropolis, also by Miss Watts:

Our school is doing well, though our patronage is small. Our teachers have been faithful all the year. We had our annual festa in June. It was a great pleasure to the children, but the pouring rain prevented a full attendance.

During the year we received into the house a five-year-old boy boarder. It was an experiment, but not a success. One of our boarding pupils, being much surprised by the services during Conference, wrote to her people about it, but they threatened to take her away from school if she said any thing more on the subject. The most of our children are small, and therefore not ready to manifest their convictions, or even to have convictions. The school is learning the "Sermon on the Mount" by heart, a verse at a time, and when they were studying "Enter in at the strait gate," our little boy said to me very earnestly, "Miss Watts, I want to enter the strait gate." "Strait" in Portuguese means "narrow," and it is easy to explain to the children.

We were glad to have Miss Maidee Smith in Petropolis. She has shown a willingness to help in any way she can, and has won the affection of the children by loving them for Christ's sake. We are glad that she is with us still.

D. Emilia Sonto, our faithful Brazilian girl, who has been with us since February, 1888, first as pupil, then as teacher, was married on the 9th of December, thus leaving a vacancy in the faculty. We divided her work among ourselves, so that the pupils need not lose by the change, but we need some one to take her place.

I reported fifty-one pupils last year: this year we have thirty-eight only. This falling off must be attributable to hard times and religious persecution, for no complaint has been entered against the school. Quite a number of our pupils are now working in the auxiliary societies and the Epworth Leagues, thus preparing for Church work later on.

With the subsidy from the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, our receipts barely cover our expenses when the people pay up promptly, but when they do not it gives us a season of anxiety. At the twilight hour of the 12th of August a terrible hailstorm damaged our house very greatly, and gave us great discomfort and much work and expense to restore it to its usual condition of "beautiful, clean, and comfortable."

I hope that our sisters in the field and in the home land may remember to "always" pray for us.

Miss Umberger, who does much school work at our Petropolis College, has also done some visitation work:

During the year just passed we have striven hard in the school, in the Church, and in all its organizations to present the living Christ.

In the spring we had measles and other sickness, which took most of our time out of school hours. During the year I visited the state hospital five times, where we had services in the woman's ward, and sang in the men's and soldiers' wards. We gave out one hundred and sixty bouquets, distributed one hundred and forty-six tracts, fifty-seven gospels, and six hymn books, and had many individual talks. I made about thirty-nine visits where I had prayers.

My work in the League and woman's societies and Sunday school has been most pleasant.

During the school vacation I spent one month in Piracicaba and São

Paulo, and returned with renewed strength and vigor, very much encouraged by the work in other parts, and determined to press the work in Petropolis. The week I returned we had a series of meetings preparatory to the Annual Conference. During this and the week of Conference many souls were born into God's kingdom, and about fifteen united with the Church. Since then the work has grown much, and we pray that God may continue his blessings upon us, making us fit leaders and teachers.

Miss Maidee Smith, who went out as a missionary teacher, has done very acceptable work, and reports as follows:

Miss Fullerton and I left New York for Brazil in July, and had a safe and pleasant voyage. On the steamer we were glad to make two visits into the steerage to see a consumptive. On one occasion we prayed with him, his wife and child. They were Christians, and our visit seemed to be a pleasure to them. Soon afterwards we learned of his death. In our social life we made endeavors, in a quiet way, to speak of the Master's cause, and we believe some good was done.

After a few enjoyable days in Rio, I left for my school work in Petropolis. In the first weeks of school my teaching was light, and I could spend several hours a day on the study of the Portuguese language. The number of my English classes has increased since, so that I cannot study longer than the required three hours a day. The time spent in my school work every day is three and a half hours, with the exception of two days of the week, on which I teach an additional half hour. This school work consists of English classes, a sight singing class, drawing classes, and a half hour spent in playing piano for kindergarten exercises.

I have made four visits to Brazilian families in company with another; am unable to be of much assistance in Church work yet, except by playing the organ when the organist is absent. Each Sunday I attend one Portuguese and one English church service, besides Epworth League and Sunday school exercises. For some time I have been glad to have charge of a Sunday school class of English-speaking children. I attend, also, the English Ladies' Aid Society, and led in one service. I am willing and glad to do the small things for the Master, while unable to do the greater.

#### PIRACICABA.

Good management and approved methods tell in school work. This school, founded by Miss Watts, and well conducted by succeeding principals, has become one of the important factors in the strength of our growing Church. The report of Miss Stradley, the present Principal, is interesting and encouraging:

Reviewing the year, my heart is filled with gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon Collegio Piracicabano. We have favor among the people, manifested in many ways, especially by filling to overflowing our halls. The matriculation during the Conference year, from July to July, was two hundred and twenty-five; during the scholastic year, one hundred and

eighty-one. The daily attendance has been remarkable, averaging, I think, in the higher department ninety-five per cent.; in the kindergarten, something less. Withdrawals have been few, only two leaving for reasons of discipline, and some on account of their families leaving the city. Some have objected to studying the Bible, but have always yielded when told that they would be received on no other conditions. Another encouraging fact is the excellent attendance on saints' days. As in Mexico, so in Brazil, a great hindrance to our work is the saints' days; and after the children are willing and anxious to leave off their idolatry, the superstition of their relatives prevents their attending on these days. I rejoice over the victory gained in Piracicaba.

Though we have no scholarships in our school, forty-four children are helped by the college fund. Several of these are boarders; four are daughters of native pastors, and pay nothing, and one pays half price. Others we hope to prepare for teachers and Church workers. Five of these young ladies I expect to use as teachers in Collegio Piracicabano. One has already gone to Uberaba to help in the school work there, and one is going to Ribeirão Preto, to help Miss Smith. But what rejoices me most is the belief that these young ladies will be consecrated Church workers at whatever point they may be stationed. During the past year they have been faithful Sunday school teachers.

The religious spirit among our girls is marked, and during the year many of them have found Christ.

The 1st of September we experienced a severe loss in the removal of Miss L. Smith to Ribeirão Preto. As a teacher and Christian worker in the school and town her loss was greatly felt.

On the 4th, 5th, and 6th of December written examinations were conducted, and a display made of the work done by our sewing class, and on the night of the 7th an entertainment, consisting of music, recitations, essays, etc., mostly prepared during the year, and requiring little effort when the end came.

Our patrons express themselves well pleased, and we have promise of a much larger school in February than our house will accommodate.

During the year considerable alterations and additions have been made in the house. Our dining room had become inadequate, and was supplemented by the kindergarten hall. A kitchen, two pantries, a room for ironing, a porch, with one end closed, for washing dishes, and above, a servant's room, dormitory, bath room, and long open porch were built. All this was paid for by funds accumulated by the college.

I cannot close this report without a tribute of thanks to my faithful teachers and pupil teachers. I know that your earnest prayers have brought blessings upon our loved institution, and that they will be continued.

#### JUIS DE FORA.

There are three missionaries stationed at this place, who are prospering well. Early last fall they were fortunate in securing a more desirable location for the school work, as well as a more

habitable house; but the demand for permanent quarters in this city is quite as imperative as ever, and the Twentieth Century thank offering will, I trust, enable the Board to make the purchase. The missionaries give quite satisfactory accounts of the work. Miss Perkinson writes:

We began our school in 1899 with fifty pupils. Semiannual examinations came about the middle of January, and were followed by a reconstruction of classes, and the beginning of the work of the new term. All went well for the first few months; then fever in the city sent many families to the country and neighboring towns, reducing our patronage so much that it seemed advisable to close the school earlier, and open earlier in the fall.

Vacation was a quiet one, broken by visits to Rio and Petropolis. At the latter place, Miss Watts and I worked on the course of study for our college, and later I attended the Annual Conference. The last weeks of vacation were full of work—whitewashing, painting, varnishing, placing new desks, having old ones made over, and putting things in shape for reopening. We reopened on August 3 with the largest number of pupils ever enrolled on the opening day. A little later our plans were interrupted by Miss Pescud's removal to Rio. Miss Fullerton came to us in Miss Pescud's place, and right nobly has she done her part. We are always glad to welcome a new missionary, especially one from our own dear Training School. Bishop Hendrix was in Juis de Fora a very short time, but the few days that he had to give to the work here were full of wise counsel and spiritual helpfulness.

We have been fortunate in finding a much more convenient and commodious house, with large and beautiful grounds, which cost us the same rent that the one Bishop Galloway said was next to the worst thing he had ever seen in Southern Methodism. The girls seem better, and life in general seems broader here where the conditions are so much more favorable.

From January 1, 1899, to December 1 of the same year we have enrolled ninety-two pupils. In the Sunday school, we have had forty-four, though the number of Church members is much smaller. Our boarders have been taking part in the work of the Ladies' Aid Society, which has been as helpful to them as to the society, and has shown them that they can do something for their Saviour. Lately some visiting has been done; food and clothing distributed among the extremely poor. There is a large demand for such work in Juis de Fora, and it is a pity that we can give so little time to it. The great need of the college is still a home, and not until we get it can we feel that our work is secure. Surely we will have it ere the dawn of the new century. When Bishop Hendrix made his collections for the Twentieth Century Fund about three hundred and forty dollars was subscribed, especially for the Mineiro. It seems very little, but it will be of some help.

I am thankful to Miss Watts for her visits and helpfulness during the

year. She has ever been ready and glad to do all she could for us, and we fully appreciate her worth and kindness.

Our teachers and helpers have been conscientious and faithful in the discharge of their duties, and a great comfort to me.

Miss Shaffer, also of Juiz de Fora, writes hopefully:

As I look back upon the year's work my heart is filled with gratitude, and I can say, "Only goodness and mercy have followed me." Soon after school began, came the fever, not an epidemic, but some fatal cases made our patrons fearful of what might be, and in a few weeks we lost a large numbers of pupils, and the school was closed for a time.

My vacation was spent in São Paulo visiting Miss Elerding, enjoying the visit, and seeing something of her city mission work; then to Piracicaba, where the weeks were passed with Misses Stradley and Smith, and the family of Mr. Bruce. Fortunately for me, Collegio Piracicabano was in session, and thus the opportunity was given me of visiting the classes and observing the methods of work. The results were both encouraging and gratifying. The influence of the work begun in that college by Miss Watts, and carried on by other able workers, has developed into a strong power for good.

From Piracicaba I visited Santa Barbara, a settlement of Americans who came to Brazil after the civil war in the United States. It is conveniently near Piracicaba, and pupils reach our school in Piracicaba from there. A number of these girls have already availed themselves of the advantages of the Piracicabano.

Some of the holiday was spent in sewing and getting things in order for the opening of school on the 3d of August. In answer to Bishop Hendrix's call, we went to Petropolis for a few days during the Conference. Our meetings with the Bishop were very helpful and uplifting. In one of his talks to us he gave that inspiring exhortation of Nehemiah: "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

Miss Pesend's removal to the Rio schools necessitated a new division of labor. The English classes again fell to my lot, which, with the arithmetic of the advanced grades, the Bible classes of the intermediate, and the special English class I have had for nearly a year, left me no time for the study of Portuguese. The teaching of Bible verses to the little people in our boarding department is still my pleasure; also the Sunday school lesson, and Sunday afternoon prayer meetings with the girls.

Early in the school year our work was interrupted by measles, then whooping cough. All the time at my command was spent in visiting the sick ones. This, of course, brought us in touch with the parents of our pupils, which is one of the means of enabling us to do them good.

Miss Fullerton arrived in August, to take the place made vacant by Miss Pesend. The last days of October the mission moved to a better house, and one which is still in the center of the city. Our nice, commodious schoolrooms, with new adopted course of study, give us encouragement, and a more definite aim in our work. I thank God for all his mercies and blessings to me the past year.

Miss Fullerton writes:

My first annual report can cover only a few months, unless I were permitted to go back in time to the Scarritt Bible and Training School, in Kansas City, Mo., which I would gladly do, and tell something of my work there preparing for my work here.

Yet as this is not to include any of my work of the past year, except in this field, my report will begin with my arrival in Rio. I reached Brazil August 8, after a very smooth and delightful voyage. On August 14 I came to Juis de Fora, where I was kindly welcomed by all our workers. I at once began the study of the language. In a few weeks I was given a class in English to teach, which I still have in charge.

The annual meeting of the representatives of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in Brazil is now in session at Juis de Fora, and we are glad to have the sisters with us.

In every way I may say I have been greatly blessed since my arrival in Brazil.

#### RIO DE JANEIRO.

Some changes were made necessary in Rio by the home-coming of Miss Glenn, who had succeeded in establishing a system of day schools which were most promising in good results. Miss Pescud, who was transferred from Juis de Fora and put in charge, has not suffered the work to lose anything during the year. She reports as follows:

Looking back upon the year's work, we must acknowledge the goodness of our God, who has greatly prospered our work in the city of Rio. The move made by Miss Glenn to a more conspicuous location has proved a wise one, in spite of the additional expense involved, the Central School (the one in the house) growing to such an extent as to require the services of another teacher.

The school at the Cattete Church has also increased, until another teacher there, for at least a part of the day, became a necessity. These additions were made by Miss Glenn before she left for home, in September.

At the Jardin School the attendance is in excess of the accommodations, until it has become quite a problem to seat the children; indeed, some had to be refused. Here we have also a night school, in charge of the teacher of the day school, which is doing a good work not only for the minds but for the souls of its members.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the faithfulness of our teachers, nearly all of whom are earnest Christian women. It is a great pleasure to see the faithful work done in our class rooms, and its fruits in the daily life of our children.

There is a fine opening for another day school in a part of the city where our Church already has an organized company of believers, to whom more are being added day by day. It is my hope and prayer that

the way may be open for the enlargement of our borders in that direction.

The reduction of our appropriation was a great grief to us, as it apparently meant the curtailment of our work already in progress. But exchange has been in our favor, and by careful economy we have kept our heads above water.

Of myself I have but little to say. I worked the first seven months of the year in the Collegio Mineiro, in Juiz de Fora, doing regular class room work. When Miss Glenn went home for rest, I was sent to Rio, where I have had the oversight of the schools. I have taught in the Central regularly; done a small amount of visiting, have charge of the organ for all the Portuguese services, teach in the Sunday school, and am continuing my study of the language. All through the year God has led and helped me, given me friends, kept me in health, been my comfort in times of trial, my guide in perplexity, the source unailing of peace and joy in my heart, so that in all things I can sing with David: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Miss Bowman writes as follows:

The visitation work in Rio during the year has been in many ways quite satisfactory. From January to September I did not have any other work in connection with it, so could give my whole time, and often went all day. When Miss Glenn left, in September, I had to take charge of the housekeeping, so have not been able to do quite so much visiting since then. For a time I had an assistant in the person of a young woman I wanted to train for a Bible woman, but found her unsatisfactory, so gave her up, and worked alone for several months, when I had another assistant, who also was unsatisfactory. I hope to be more successful the coming year.

During the year I have made five hundred and twelve visits among the people, and always try to make them feel that I come in the name of the Lord, bringing to them his message of love and life.

Miss Elerding's report of the work in São Paulo:

"Fear not, little flock; for it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." During the first half of the year devouring wolves entered our fold, and aimed to make havoc with our flock. Some withdrew, and it became necessary to expel a few. This thinning out, sad as it was at the time, ended in good, as a number have been received into the Church of more decided religious convictions.

The visitation work has kept me very busy, and at the same time afforded me much pleasure. A number of those among whom I visited are to-day members of the Church; a few are candidates; and others, I believe, will enter after they have a better knowledge of the gospel.

In April I gave up playing the organ at the Italian Mission, and Dona Amelia Canoto, my music pupil, took my place. That extra time gave me an opportunity to carry out a long-cherished plan—namely, to open a peoples' prayer meeting before church services on Sunday evenings.

Our Ladies' Aid Society is developing more and more into a woman's prayer meeting. The number of active members is small, but they are faithful. Friday evening services at the carpenters' shops were attended with good results. I played the organ there. At our last communion services, among others, a husband, wife, and son were received into the Church. The husband became interested while listening to the services in the shops. A Bible was given him, which he read and reread until he and his family accepted the gospel. The work among the Italians is progressing. I have continued to give one hour a day, when I could spare the time, to the study of the Italian language.

Our Sunday school has been in a prosperous condition the entire year. Last Christmas we had four classes; this year closed with eight. Our Christmas festa was a pleasure to all who attended. All the children who attended received a small package of sweets, and each adult a pretty Christmas card containing a Scripture verse. May these verses be the means of leading some souls into the fold!

In retrospecting the year, my heart fills with gratitude. I have enjoyed my Saviour's presence in a special manner, and have seen tokens for good in many of our members, which is most encouraging.

#### RIBEIRÃO PRETO.

Owing to circumstances which seemed to make opening work at Ribeirão Preto possible, Miss Leonora Smith was transferred from Piracicaba to that point, and opened school in September last. She writes:

I was transferred from Piracicaba by Bishop Hendrix last August to open school. I arrived in Ribeirão Preto August 31, and opened school September 5, in the hall now known as the Methodist Church. Patrons and friends of the school had been invited to attend the opening, and a goodly number were present. After appropriate exercises, chiefly conducted by Rev. E. E. Joiner, presiding elder of Ribeirão Preto District, and Rev. Juvelino M. Camargo, pastor of the Ribeirão Preto Church, the "Eschola Methodista" was organized with eleven pupils. The next week four others entered. In November there were two more additions, and in December three, making twenty in actual attendance at the close of the year.

There being no school furniture, the church chairs and tables were kindly tendered me for use until I could provide better. One of our Church members made, at reasonable rates, five double desks, a blackboard, and hat rack. Teaching in the church was fraught with many inconveniences, the chief being the moving of school furniture three times a week to prepare for public services, and the arrangements for school the following day. I had some reason to believe that teaching in the church limited my patronage; so as soon as I could I made a change, finding a house not in every particular desirable. I have two rooms, each about seven feet square, which I use for bedroom and study, and a large room for the school. For these and my board I pay fifteen dollars. The work has been much more satisfactory here, though my accommodations are circumscribed.

The closing exercises of the school took place in the church Christmas evening, just before the distribution of presents that had been bountifully and prettily arranged on the first Christmas tree ever seen by the Ribeirão Preto people. The children did well, and, judging from their bright faces, every one was happy.

Most of my patrons are poor, but I have stressed the matter of each paying something. One woman has done my washing, two others some sewing, and one man has scoured the floor for me three times. I have had the largest boys to sweep the schoolroom.

Amount received from school from September 5 to December 31, \$48.60; amount received from donations, \$36.02. Expenses of house and school, \$94.03.

Pupils favored by school, fifteen. One belongs to the Church, and two others are candidates. All but four attend church and Sunday school.

In October Miss Watts visited me. Her suggestions and words of counsel were of the highest value in helping me to decide many questions, and in every way it was a pleasure to have her with us.

I have not been able to do the visitation I desired. I have made a number of visits, but not systematically as I had planned. Circumstances beyond my control have prevented. My school work has largely occupied my time and thought. For a while the sun was too hot for me to go out immediately after school, and after dinner it was too late to go alone.

Since the rainy season set in the streets have been so muddy that, even when it is not pouring down rain, it is impossible to go any distance without wading through a loblolly of mud and water. In order to help the women as I had planned by visiting them in their homes, I have organized a Sunday afternoon prayer meeting. The few meetings we have had were well attended and profitable. Every one seemed to feel God's presence, and we hope much good can be done in this way.

#### SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Stations.....	6
Missionaries.....	11
Teachers.....	37
Missionaries and teachers.....	48
Boarding schools.....	3
Pupils in boarding schools.....	253
Members of the Church.....	41
Day schools.....	5
Pupils in day schools.....	134
Total pupils.....	387
Kindergartens.....	2
Under instruction.....	387
Bible women.....	2
Visits made.....	274
Gospels distributed.....	54
Tracts.....	184
Scripture readings.....	126
Opportunities for prayer.....	127
School buildings owned by Board.....	2
Rented.....	4
Total value of property.....	\$75,000

# ISLAND OF CUBA.

WORK OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OPENED IN 1899.

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MISSIONARY.

MISS HATTIE G. CARSON,

ASSISTANTS.

MRS. PELOT,

MISS LOUISA BEST,

MISS LILY WHITMAN.

SINCE last report the Woman's Board has extended the work in Cuba, having opened a day school in Matanzas, in the province of Matanzas. This province is of more easy access from the United States than Santiago, in the province of Santiago, the city first occupied. The possibilities of successful educational and evangelistic work are incalculable. If we do not go up and possess the land, for we are well able, we will be verily guilty concerning the spiritual welfare of our brethren.

Of the Santiago school Miss Carson reports: "The Irene Toland School is very promising. I have a number of very good paying pupils, and many I could feel proud of, even at home. We have now fifty-nine pupils. We may have to move again, as I hear the owner wants the house." Mrs. Pelot, who assists Miss Carson, has given a very interesting account of the pioneer work of the Board at Santiago. Before Miss Carson's arrival she commenced to plan for this school, and with the kind assistance of Brother Someillan the pastor was enabled to make a start, though without desks or seats. The most serious hindrance to the rapid growth of the Irene Toland School was the yellow fever scourge. Mrs. Pelot, who is well qualified for nursing yellow fever patients, gave her time to hospital work for some weeks, and Miss Carson did all possible under quarantine and a scattered school.

MATANZAS.

The beginning of school work marks this station. The missionary teachers, Miss Louise Best, of Kentucky, and Miss L. Whitman, of Mississippi, were detained in the States for some months last fall because of yellow fever conditions in Florida, and finally

had to go to New York, and take steamer from there to Matanzas. A good beginning has been made, and the promise of much better things animates the workers. Dr. D. W. Carter recently wrote: "I have had great pleasure in visiting the schools of the Woman's Board in Matanzas and in Santiago. In Santiago Miss Carson and Mrs. Pelot are working steadily, but against much opposition and considerable disadvantage. Their house is too small; their equipment inadequate. What I have said of the Santiago school is largely true of the Matanzas."

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Day schools.....	3
Missionaries.....	1
Assistants.....	4
Under instruction.....	95

# NORTH AMERICA.

## WORK AMONG THE INDIANS.

WOMAN'S BOARD BEGAN OPERATIONS IN 1886.

REV. J. J. METHVIN reports of the work at Anadarko as follows:

The conflict with heathen superstition and vices is always a hard one. The first convictions and impulses awakened by the gospel with any people must be followed by earnest, patient disciplinary instruction; and as it was in the days of our Lord's earthly career, so it has ever been that as the deeper and more spiritual application of gospel truth is made to human life for its correction, many turn back and walk no more with him.

The missionary can, in some measure, appreciate the loneliness of the Lord when he sees, after the first glad impulses awakened by the gospel, the people fast falling away as the real, practical, corrective teachings of the gospel are revealed unto them. For years this work has had the greatest encouragement in the awakening of better hopes, deeper convictions, higher purposes; but so many have, when the deeper things of practical godliness were presented, turned back; so that we have been made to ask more than once, "Were there not ten cleansed, where are the nine?"

There was never a people more needy than the Wild Tribes, because none more lost and helpless. There never was a people whose claims upon us for Christian counsel and instruction were more imperative; and this because of the very relation they sustain to our race and nation and Church. There never was a field in which more peculiar trials and difficulties are met with than this; and if there is not that measure of success that should appear, the Church should not be discouraged. "Have the faith of God," needs to be an actual experience, giving impetus to every step of mission work, and then apparent success will not inflate, nor seeming defeat cast down. God is true, and his cause will prevail whatever the hindrances.

The woman's work among the wild tribes has been for these years the most effective means employed for their salvation. While two lines of work have been followed, yet the most effective has been

### THE SCHOOL WORK.

This has had increased prosperity since the present scholastic year set in last September. The reverses in patronage of last year, caused by the chicanery of the Catholic priest and the Indian "medicine men," have been quite overcome, and we have had a better patronage than before. Since last annual report there has been an enrollment of one hundred and fourteen, and an average attendance of nearly ninety. The pupils are of both sexes and of all ages, from the two and a half year old tot to the sixteen year old boy and girl. The two sexes are about equally divided.

## LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

In this department Miss Lou Hall, who has been with us so long, and Emma Methvin, with the assistance of Julia Tsaitkopta and Sallie Santiago, two of our Indian girls, are doing efficient service, and the pupils are making suitable progress. This corps of teachers, in some respects, are not excelled in any school among the Indians, and their work proves itself in the real progress of their pupils. Regarding the two Indian girls I wish to say that they are both full-bloods, trained for a number of years in our school here. They have made such progress that I felt warranted in employing them in the school, and thus giving force and impetus to their progress, and encourage them and others to aspire to places of service and profit.

## MATRON.

Miss Ida. M. Swanson who for a number of years served as principal teacher, and who did such efficient work in that capacity, has during the present scholastic year served as matron. I have long felt the need of an efficient matron, and I have found in her the long-felt want. That department is secure in her hands.

## OTHER EMPLOYEES.

Miss Mattie Cox in the cook room, Miss Belle Stout in the laundry, and Miss Hattie Bradford in the sewing room have all done satisfactory work. They are all earnest Christians, and have the interest of the work at heart.

T. J. Pritchell continues as industrial teacher in charge of the boys, training them in various industries. He is faithful.

## THE FARM.

Mabry Methvin cultivates the farm at no expense to the school, paying the usual rent. By this means we secure sufficient produce for the necessary stock on the place. The frequent and protracted droughts in this section make the quantity of produce exceedingly doubtful, and therefore it cannot be relied upon to give much support to the school.

The gardening is done by the Indian boys under the direction of the industrial teacher, apart from the regular farm.

## DETAILS.

For the most thorough training in all the departments the school is divided into details, readjusted each week so that each pupil gets instruction in each department. By this means some of our girls have learned to cook, sew, wash and iron, etc., very well indeed; and the boys do such work as is common to their sex.

## RELIGIOUS.

Feeling that it is important that strong religious sentiments should be kept alive, and deep religious convictions should prevail in all departments of our work, we endeavor to work to that end. I therefore endeavor to secure teachers and employees of such piety as will give aid to this purpose, and will lead exemplary lives worthy to be followed. The order of religious services are as follows: Monday evening at seven o'clock the pupils have their

own prayer meeting; at the same hour Wednesday evening the general prayer meeting is held. Friday evening the Epworth League, at which time mission studies are taken up, and blended with the devotional. Tuesday and Thursday evenings are devoted to general study and reading, and Saturday evening to general preparation for the Sabbath. On Sunday morning the whole school go to the church, about one mile away; also a goodly number go there to the evening service.

#### CAMP WORK.

As opportunity affords our school ladies visit the camps, administering to the sick, holding prayer meetings, Bible readings, etc., and some good is accomplished through this means. This keeps us in direct touch with the older Indians, and keeps them looking our way, in a measure.

Sunday school service is held at School Chapel in the afternoon at three o'clock. The pupils are encouraged to attend to their private devotions in their rooms. A goodly number of our pupils are members of the Church, and some of them are very faithful in religious duties, and are ready to contribute of their means to institutions of the Church when called upon.

#### SELF-SUPPORT.

I am encouraging the Indians to self-support as far as possible, and they are spending less for "gewgaws," and more for substantial things than in the years gone by; and they contribute according to their means and convictions to the institutions of the Church.

#### THE TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.

In view of our needs above enumerated, and others not enumerated, we have started a movement to raise on the Twentieth Century Fund, pledged by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, an amount commensurate with our ability. We have elected to apply here whatever amount we may raise, because we hope thereby to enlist all our Indian membership, and secure a thank offering from them for this great movement. I shall report before the year closes what we have secured.

I have written and had published a little book recently: "An dele, or the Mexican-Kiowa Captive," a true story of real life among the Wild Tribes, which I hope will aid me in contributing something to this purpose.

In closing this report I will say that our present progress is good, and our future prospects are as bright as the promises of God.

#### STATISTICS OF INDIAN MISSION WORK.

Pupils, 114; teachers and native helpers, 10.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1899-1900

*MRS. H. N. MCTYEIRE, Treasurer, in account with Woman's  
Foreign Missionary Society, M. E. Church, South.*

DR.

Alabama Conference.....	\$ 2,682 26
Of above, \$149.55, thank offerings; \$120.50, mite boxes; \$63.93, Bible woman; \$242.50, scholarships.	
Arkansas Conference.....	1,786 50
Of above, \$92, Harlan Memorial; \$251, Bible women; \$238.05, scholar- ships.	
Baltimore Conference.....	5,268 06
Of above, \$138.88, thank offerings; \$16.18, mite boxes; \$8, Bible woman; \$102.50, scholarships; \$100, day school.	
Denver Conference.....	18 20
East Texas Conference.....	593 73
Of above, \$53.89, thank offerings; 75 cents, mite box; \$5, Bible woman; \$40, scholarship; \$9.05, Bennett chair.	
Florida Conference.....	1,989 65
Of above, \$17.69, thank offerings; \$15.84, mite box; \$119.72, Bible woman; \$111.20, day school; \$83.80, scholarships.	
Holston Conference.....	3,187 60
Of above, \$100, day schools; \$164.14, thank offerings; \$50, Bennett chair; \$1,032.27, juvenile collections.	
Indian Mission Conference.....	304 10
Of above, \$37.80, thank offerings; \$24.27, mite boxes; \$4, Bible woman.	
Kentucky Conference.....	2,568 70
Of above, \$335.85, thank offerings; \$4.33 mite box; \$464.62, Bible women.	
Little Rock Conference.....	1,273 68
Of above, \$21.79, thank offerings; \$6.87, mite box; \$160, scholarships; \$60, McGavock Memorial.	
Los Angeles Conference.....	400 44
Of above, \$39.61, thank offerings; \$94.75, Bible women; \$31, scholarships.	
Louisville Conference.....	3,275 95
Of above, \$9.78, mite boxes; \$120, scholarships; \$96.98, thank offerings; \$240, Bible women; \$60, day schools.	
Louisiana Conference.....	1,150 41
Of above, \$2.45, mite boxes; \$221, scholarships; \$47.62, thank offerings; \$180, Bible women.	
Memphis Conference.....	3,759 11
Of above, \$91.25, mite boxes; \$147.96, thank offerings; \$164.08, scholar- ships; \$360, Bible women.	
Mississippi Conference.....	1,375 76
Of above, \$16.87, mite boxes; \$38.90, thank offerings; \$80, scholarships.	
Missouri Conference.....	2,216 59
Of above, \$48.65, mite boxes; \$772.41; thank offerings; \$40, scholarships; \$75, day schools.	
Mexican Border Mission Conference.....	7 00
North Alabama Conference.....	2,141 24
Of above, \$23.47, mite boxes; \$-.00, scholarships; \$54.54, thank offerings; \$60, Bible woman.	
North Carolina Conference.....	3,446 99
Of above, \$193.59, thank offerings; \$80, scholarships.	
North Georgia Conference.....	9,927 59
Of above, \$46.09, mite boxes; \$214.80, thank offerings; \$423.68, scholar- ships; \$719.27, Bible women.	
North Mississippi Conference.....	4,489 95
Of above, \$138.97, thank offerings; \$680, scholarships; \$540, Bible women; \$620, day schools.	
North Texas Conference.....	1,422 40
Of above, \$25.18, mite boxes; \$38.55, thank offerings; \$80, scholarships.	
Northwest Texas Conference.....	1,991 31
Of above, \$12.47, mite boxes; \$60.37, thank offerings; \$244.25, scholar- ships; \$120, Bible women; \$160, day schools.	

Pacific Conference .....	\$	433 82
Of above, \$2.04, mite box; \$30.56, thank offerings; \$40, scholarships; \$60, Bible woman.		
South Carolina Conference .....		6,745 18
Of above, \$22.15, mite boxes; \$808.23, thank offerings; \$720.35, scholarships; \$180, Bible women; \$100, day school.		
South Georgia Conference.....		7,273 88
Of above, \$300, Bible women; \$1,052.22, juvenile collections; \$17.15, Bennett chair.		
Southwest Missouri Conference.....		3,817 98
Of above, \$40, scholarship; \$60, Bible woman; \$60, day school; \$1,419.66, salaries of missionaries.		
St. Louis Conference.....		1,595 41
Of above, \$1.69, mite box; \$16.95, thank offerings; \$105, scholarships; \$148.10, day schools.		
Tennessee Conference.....		4,450 79
Of above, \$63.18, mite boxes; \$45.45, thank offerings; \$280, scholarships; \$60, day school; \$180, Bible women; \$272.25, McGavock Memorial.		
Texas Conference.....		1,277 19
Of above, \$230, juvenile collections.		
Virginia Conference.....		7,331 22
Of above, \$180.73, mite boxes; \$459.34, thank offerings; \$880.52, scholarships; \$214.50, day schools; \$420, Bible women.		
West Texas Conference.....		374 50
Of above, \$30.64, thank offerings; \$40, scholarship.		
Western Conference.....		83 22
Western North Carolina Conference.....		3,712 42
Of above, \$160, mite boxes; \$361.24; thank offerings; \$240, scholarships; \$120, Bible women.		
Western Virginia Conference.....		1,156 31
Of above, \$8.86, mite box; \$119.36, thank offerings; \$94.85, Bible women.		
White River Conference.....		736 94
Of above, \$4.01, mite box; \$29.34, thank offerings; \$80, scholarships; \$52.11, Bible woman.		

MISCELLANEOUS.

Received of Mrs. M. W. Watkins, New York.....		10 00
Received of Mrs. Lula Marston, Roswell, N. Mex.....		2 00
Received of dividend Commercial National Bank.....		177 77
Received of Mrs. J. M. Barker, Danville, Mo.....		2 00
Received of Mrs. A. H. Rockafellow, Roswell, N. Mex.....		2 80
Received of Mrs. S. E. Allen, Gold Hill, Ala.....		64
Received of Miss Maud Welch, Altus, Ark.....		3 87
Received of Mrs. S. E. Allen, Gold Hill, Ala.....		20
Received of Mrs. A. H. Rockafellow, Roswell, N. Mex.....		4 76
Received of Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, sale of books.....		168 43
Total.....	\$	94,638 55
Gifts to Twentieth Century Fund.....		2,426 39
Total collections for year.....	\$	97,064 94

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1899.			
April	24.	Paid W. R. Lambuth, Secretary, for Cuba.....	\$ 150 00
May	11.	Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary.....	300 00
		Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents.....	100 18
	26.	Paid Miss C. B. Fullerton, outfit.....	100 00
	30.	Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, for typewriter.....	75 00
		Paid Miss Helen Richardson, specials for China.....	4,149 00
		Paid Mrs. J. P. Campbell, for Korea.....	733 00
	31.	Paid Mrs. H. N. McTyre, Treasurer, office work.....	87 50
June	6.	Paid Miss H. M. Watts, fourth quarter for Brazil.....	3,152 50
		Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, order of Mrs. Brown, in Brazil.....	17 00
		Paid Miss Alice Moore, salary.....	125 00
		Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, account <i>Advocate</i> .....	930 76
		Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary.....	150 00
	14.	Paid for outfit of Misses Moling, McNemar, and Carroll.....	250 00
	15.	Paid W. R. Lambuth, Secretary, for Santiago.....	293 43
		Paid Miss Ellie Tydings, for Durango.....	982 50
		Paid Miss Edith Park, for Laredo.....	3,387 25
July		Paid Lizzie Wilson, for Chihuahua.....	1,202 50
		Paid Miss H. Norville, for Mexico City.....	1,052 50
		Paid Miss Rebecca Toland, for San Luis Potosi.....	1,037 50
		Paid J. J. Methvin, for Indian Mission.....	1,250 00
		Paid Miss Lelia Roberts, for Saltillo.....	750 00
		Paid Miss Esther Case, for Guadalajara.....	637 50
		Paid Miss Hattie Carson, for Santiago, Cuba.....	337 50

	1899.			
July		Paid expenses of Board meeting.....	\$	454 41
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for Laredo.....		375 00
		Paid Miss L. V. Wright, missionary.....		125 00
		Paid Miss Helen Richardson, Treasurer, for China.....		4,952 96
		Paid Miss M. Smith, travel to Brazil.....		200 00
		Paid Miss A. Carroll, travel to Korea.....		300 00
		Paid Miss C. B. Fullerton, travel to Brazil.....		200 00
		Paid Busk & Jevons, Agents Steamship Company.....		50 00
		Paid Miss Lena Freeman, Agent, <i>Little Worker</i> .....		37 50
		Paid Mr. E. M. Kennedy, order of Mrs. Brown.....		108 00
		Paid Miss J. Ruse, order of Miss Perkinson.....		10 00
		Paid Mrs. M. E. Perkinson, order of Miss Perkinson.....		75 00
		Paid Miss E. Billingsley, for Miss Bomar and Bennett chair.....		240 26
		Paid Mr. E. M. Watts, order of Miss Watts.....		50 00
		Paid Misses McNemar and Moling's expenses to Mexico.....		175 00
		Paid J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer, supplies for China.....		41 31
		Paid Miss Martha Pyle, missionary.....		93 75
		Paid Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Editor of Leaflets.....		100 00
Aug.		Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary, salary for quarter.....		300 00
		Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, for printing reports.....		818 99
Sept.		Paid J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer, for Santiago.....		200 00
		Paid Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer, appropriation for quarter.....		87 50
		Paid Misses Whitman and Best, Matanzas, Cuba.....		450 00
		Paid Miss Mattie Watts, first quarter for Brazil.....		3,402 50
		Paid Mrs. J. P. Campbell, first quarter for Korea.....		850 00
Oct.		Paid Miss Lena Freeman, Agent of <i>Little Worker</i> .....		37 50
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for Laredo.....		375 00
		Paid Miss Helen Richardson, for China.....		6,095 00
		Paid Miss Lizzie Wilson, for Chihuahua.....		1,337 50
		Paid Miss H. Norville, for Mexico City.....		1,387 50
		Paid Miss Lelia Roberts, for Saltillo, Mexico.....		962 50
		Paid Miss R. Toland, for San Luis Potosi, Mexico.....		894 16
		Paid Miss Edith Park, for Laredo, Mexico.....		2,406 25
		Paid Miss Ellie Tydings, for Durango.....		862 50
		Paid Miss Hattie Parson, for Santiago, Cuba.....		375 00
		Paid Miss Esther Case, for Guadalajara.....		787 50
		Paid Miss Rebecca Toland, for San Luis Potosi.....		35 84
		Paid Mr. D. A. Keese, order of Miss Stradley.....		200 00
		Paid Miss Emma Gary, missionary.....		140 00
		Paid Mrs. J. C. Edwards, order of Miss Sanders.....		50 00
		Paid Miss L. L. Shaffer, order of missionary.....		100 00
		Paid Mrs. M. K. Carter, order of Miss Fullerton.....		25 00
		Paid Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co., order of Mrs. Campbell, Korea.....		13 05
Nov.		Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary.....		75 00
Dec.		Paid J. J. Methvin, for Indian Mission.....		1,000 00
		Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary, appropriation for quarter.....		300 00
		Paid J. J. Methvin, balance due.....		187 50
		Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, leaflet bill.....		96 48
		Paid Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, appropriation for quarter.....		97 50
		Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary, order of Miss Williams.....		27 47
		Paid Mrs. J. P. Campbell, for Korea.....		950 90
		Paid Smith's Cash Store, order of Miss Atkinson.....		66 44
		Paid Mr. A. M. Cryor, order of Miss Smith.....		100 00
	1900.			
Jan.		Paid Miss Helen Richardson, for China.....		5,294 50
		Paid M. H. Watts, for Brazil and specials.....		3,340 00
		Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, for printing.....		133 91
		Paid Miss Lena Freeman, Agent of <i>Little Worker</i> .....		37 50
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for Mexico.....		9,380 53
		Paid Miss Hattie G. Carson, for Santiago, Cuba.....		210 26
		Paid Miss C. S. Martin, order of Miss Martin, missionary.....		100 00
		Paid Miss Layona Glenn, missionary.....		125 00
		Paid Miss M. Pyle, missionary.....		93 75
		Paid Miss L. Polk, order of Dr. Polk.....		50 00
		Paid Mrs. M. K. Carter, order of Miss Fullerton.....		10 00
		Paid J. J. Methvin, for Indian Mission.....		1,207 50
		Paid Miss L. Best, for Matanzas, Cuba.....		341 60
Feb.		Paid American Paper Company, for mite boxes and tubes.....		74 87
		Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary, for third quarter.....		300 00
		Paid Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer, appropriation for quarter.....		87 50
		Paid Montgomery, Ward & Co., order of Miss Williams.....		47 20
		Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, for printing.....		129 79
March		Paid Mrs. J. Campbell, for Korea.....		1,316 65
		Paid Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Editor of Leaflets.....		100 00
		Paid Miss Martha Pyle, missionary.....		108 75
		Paid Miss M. H. Watts, for Brazil.....		3,709 50
April		Paid J. M. Elliott, order of Mrs. Campbell.....		164 81
		Paid A. F. Gaylord, order of Miss Fullerton.....		5 00
		Paid Miss E. Tydings's salary.....		187 50
		Paid Miss Emma Gary, home salary.....		93 75

1900.	Paid Smith's Cash Store, order of Miss Carroll.....	\$-	73 35
April.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for Mexico and specials.....		9,069 94
	Paid J. J. Methvin, for Indian Mission.....		1,187 50
	Paid Miss Helen Richardson, Treasurer, special for China.....		40 00
	Paid Miss Lena Freeman, Agent of <i>Little Worker</i> .....		37 50
	Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary, for office expenses.....		75 00
	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, for salary, office expenses, and expenses to Board Meeting.....		906 00
	Paid Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, for postage on mite boxes and certificates and mite boxes.....		198 37
	Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, for salary.....		600 00
		\$	92,740 92

RECAPITULATION.

Balance April 6, 1899.....	\$20,463 99	
Amount received for fiscal year 1899-1900.....	97,064 94	\$ 117,528 93
Amount paid out for fiscal year 1899-1900.....		92,740 92
		\$ 24,788 01
China draft out.....		6,257 80
Balance on hand.....		\$ 18,530 21

In banks as follows, April 12, 1900:

American National Bank.....	\$ 4,308 00
Fourth National Bank.....	2,749 68
First National Bank.....	17,742 84
Check No. 14, for \$12.50, in favor of J. D. Hamilton, not collected when the Fourth National Bank book was balanced.	\$ 24,800 52

REQUESTS RECEIVED THIS YEAR.

Miss Melissa Baker, Baltimore, Md.....	\$ 1,800 00
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RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION.

Amount received for fiscal year 1878-79.....	\$ 4,104 27	1889-90.....	\$ 75,476 54
1879-80.....	13,775 97	1890-91.....	85,969 44
1880-81.....	19,362 10	1891-92.....	66,448 59
1881-82.....	25,609 44	1892-93.....	71,199 12
1882-83.....	29,647 31	1893-94.....	66,377 90
1883-84.....	38,873 52	1894-95.....	63,951 98
1884-85.....	52,652 12	1895-96.....	74,403 16
1885-86.....	51,588 76	1896-97.....	82,880 47
1886-87.....	50,092 63	1897-98.....	86,418 76
1887-88.....	69,729 65	1898-99.....	83,587 07
1888-89.....	68,165 34	1899-1900.....	97,064 94
			\$1,277,379 08
Amount received for Training School from 1889 to 1900.....			143,418 02
Grand total.....			\$1,420,797 10

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the accounts and vouchers of Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, for the year 1899-1900 and find said accounts correct, and vouchers for all credits claimed.

This May 16, 1900.

THOS. S. WEAVER, *Auditor.*

J. D. HAMILTON, *Treasurer.*

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

*From April 6, 1899, to April 12, 1900.*

Alabama Conference.....	2,682 26	North Georgia Conference.....	\$ 9,927 59
Arkansas Conference.....	1,786 50	North Mississippi Conference.....	4,489 95
Baltimore Conference.....	5,268 06	North Texas Conference.....	1,422 40
Denver Conference.....	18 20	Northwest Texas Conference.....	1,991 31
East Texas Conference.....	593 73	Pacific Conference.....	433 82
Florida Conference.....	1,989 65	South Carolina Conference.....	6,745 18
Holston Conference.....	3,187 60	South Georgia Conference.....	7,273 88
Indian Mission Conference.....	304 10	Southwest Missouri Conference.....	3,817 98
Kentucky Conference.....	2,568 70	St. Louis Conference.....	1,595 41
Little Rock Conference.....	1,273 68	Tennessee Conference.....	4,450 79
Los Angeles Conference.....	400 44	Texas Conference.....	1,277 19
Louisiana Conference.....	1,150 41	Virginia Conference.....	7,331 22
Louisville Conference.....	3,275 95	West Texas Conference.....	374 50
Memphis Conference.....	3,759 11	Western Conference.....	83 22
Mississippi Conference.....	1,375 76	Western North Carolina Conference.....	3,712 42
Missouri Conference.....	3,216 59	Western Virginia Conference.....	1,156 31
Mexican Border Mission Conference.....	7 00	White River Conference.....	736 94
North Alabama Conference.....	2,141 24	Miscellaneous.....	372 47
North Carolina Conference.....	3,446 99	Total.....	\$94,638 55

**GIFTS TO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND.**

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Alabama Conference.....	\$ 29 00
Arkansas Conference .....	23 00
Baltimore Conference.....	10 00
East Texas Conference.....	30
Florida Conference .....	79 24
Holston Conference.....	13 00
Kentucky Conference.....	244 85
Little Rock Conference .....	12 00
Los Angeles Conference.....	9 41
Louisiana Conference.....	66 66
Louisville Conference.....	113 25
Memphis Conference.....	270 16
Mississippi Conference.....	5 00
Missouri Conference.....	210 06
North Alabama Conference .....	2 90
North Carolina Conference.....	304 13
North Georgia Conference.....	169 60
North Mississippi Conference.....	115 20
North Texas Conference.....	103 80
Northwest Texas Conference.....	12 25
South Carolina Conference.....	176 23
South Georgia Conference .....	14 30
Southwest Missouri Conference .....	10 00
St. Louis Conference.....	138 17
Tennessee Conference.....	55 50
Texas Conference.....	113 65
Virginia Conference.....	35 50
Western Virginia Conference .....	47 83
White River Conference .....	35 40
Miscellaneous.....	6 00
Total .....	
	\$2,426 39

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING  
WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,  
M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.  
1900.

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THE Woman's Board of Foreign Missions held their twenty-second annual meeting in Paris, Tex., beginning May 24, 1900. While the executive officers met to arrange the committees and plan for facilitating business, the Conference Secretaries held an informal meeting at four o'clock in the afternoon at Centenary Church. They discussed their personal difficulties, exchanged helpful ideas, and compared progress. So pleasant was this occasion that it was decided it should be renewed next year.

At eight o'clock a missionary prayer and experience meeting was held, led by Mrs. A. W. Wilson. Thirty or forty ladies joined in the service, which proved uplifting to all.

The evening of Friday, May 25, was made an occasion of welcome to the Board. For the Church, Rev. C. M. Threadgill, the pastor, and Mrs. Robinson gave us greeting; for the Conference Society, Mrs. J. H. Bowman, their President, gave us a hearty welcome; and the Home Mission Society failed not to join with other friends in expressing the hospitable feeling of Texas and her Christian women. To these responded Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham.

After these courteous interchanges, the President of the Board made her annual address, which was so greatly appreciated that it was by request of the Board ordered to be published in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

On Sunday morning, May 27, the annual sermon before the Board was preached by Rev. Bishop Joseph S. Key, D.D., from Matthew ix. 36-38. His subject was prayer in all things, and the special need of prayer in missions. The crisis of missions is upon us; it rests with the Church to go forward, or we fail. And while we hesitate, let us unceasingly implore the help of God in our work, and for the laborers in this white harvest.

At three o'clock a children's service was held, presided over by Miss Gibson. There were four missionaries present, who made

talks to the young folks. Miss Glenn told about saint worship in Brazil. Miss Norville gave a sketch of the political decline of Romanist ascendancy in Mexico, and told about the fiestas or saints' days. Miss Gary, of China, talked about ancestral worship, foot-binding, and incidents of mission life which led to wide results. Rev. J. J. Methvin described some of his work among the Indians, and concluded a very interesting service by singing "Come to Jesus" as the Comanche children sing it.

The service at night was an address by Rev. C. F. Reid, D.D., of Korea. He dwelt on his experience as a worker for fourteen years in China, and then laid before us the needs and prospects of Korea.

On Monday night the Board heard an address by Rev. W. R. Lambuth, Secretary of the General Board. He had visited our work in the East last winter, as well as Cuba. He advocated a strong policy, gave us helpful counsel, and presented the situation of our missions in a forcible light. He but joined in the voice of all who study the Eastern question—seize the opportunities now, or else they will be forever closed to our effort.

Previous to this thrilling discourse came a ceremony of great interest, the presentation of five young ladies who had been accepted by the Board for work in the foreign field. They were: Miss Elizabeth Davis, of the North Carolina Conference Society, appointed to Brazil; Miss Alice Griffith, of the Louisville Conference Society, to China; Miss June Nicholson, of the South Carolina Conference Society, to China; Miss Sue Ford, of the Kentucky Conference Society, to Cuba; and Miss Sadie Harbaugh, of the Baltimore Conference Society, to Korea. Each had completed with credit two years' work at the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and each was joyful at the prospect of going out to active labor for her Lord in his vineyard.

On Tuesday night a memorial service was held. In nine months two workers had gone from the China field to a blissful immortality. Mrs. S. N. Jones read a beautiful memorial of Miss Mary Richardson, which had been written by Miss Haygood for the memorial service in China. Tribute to her lovely character was paid by Mrs. Adam Hendrix, who knew her in the Training School, and by Miss Gary, a fellow-worker in China, and by Miss M. L. Gibson.

Mrs. A. W. Wilson read a paper on Miss Haygood's work, and was followed by Mrs. E. A. Gray, Mrs. Trueheart, and others.

The Board had lost a noble friend and helper in the removal of Rev. W. G. E. Cumnyngham, D.D., to his eternal home. Mrs. F. A. Butler, Mrs. P. A. Sowell, and others tried to tell what this lovely Christian saint had done for them in his never-ceasing endeavor to hold up the hands of the workers. There were some present who could remember Dr. Cumnyngham from their girlhood, and who had never seen him vary from his even, gracious, tender, helpful disposition. This service might have been greatly prolonged ere all who wanted to speak had finished, but it was late, and we closed with the benediction by Rev. W. D. Mountcastle.

On Wednesday night echoes from the Ecumenical Missionary Conference in New York were the order of the evening. Miss Maria Layng Gibson, Miss Emma Gary, Mrs. Trueheart, and Mrs. C. Price Brown each gave a sketch of some point specially notable. They concurred in the opinion that great results will follow. Great plans have been inaugurated, and comity of the Boards will be more attainable than hitherto as a direct sequence.

## OFFICIAL MINUTES.

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The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened at nine o'clock A.M., May 25, 1900, in Centenary Church, Paris, Tex., for the opening business meeting of the twenty-second annual session. The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. M. D. Wightman, President of the Board. "Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of his choice." was the appropriate opening hymn in view of mercies past and opening opportunities. The prophet Jonah was the theme of the short, uplifting talk of the leader. Type of Jesus, chosen of Christ as an emblem of the resurrection, Jonah was equally a type of human nature. In his refusal to obey the commission of Jehovah, as also in his glad consent to his reappointment after severe discipline, he has had many followers among missionary workers of to-day. As the leader drew the parallel between the prophets Elijah, Elisha, and Jonah, Son of Truth, whose name signified "Dove," new and helpful thoughts made the service impressive as a prelude to the work of the session.

At the close of the devotional service Miss Maria Layng Gibson was elected Secretary *pro tem.*, in anticipation of the hoped for arrival of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. L. Hargrove, who was detained by the illness of her daughter, and whose absence was deeply regretted.

The Secretary called the roll of the members of the Board, and the following were present to respond:

### OFFICERS.

Mrs. M. D. Wightman,	Mrs. A. W. Wilson,
Miss M. L. Gibson,	Mrs. S. C. Trueheart,
Mrs. H. N. McTyeire.	

### MANAGERS.

Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyningham,	Mrs. Adam Hendrix,
Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham.	

### CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

Mrs. J. W. Rush,	Mrs. F. D. Swindell,
Mrs. V. V. Harlan,	Mrs. E. A. Gray,
Miss Nina Wilson,	Mrs. W. M. McIntosh,

Miss L. P. Lane,	Mrs. L. H. Potts,
Mrs. J. E. Bentley,	Mrs. J. P. Mussett,
Mrs. H. B. Spaulding,	Mrs. R. C. Neely (reserve),
Mrs. M. A. Oden,	Mrs. S. N. Jones,
Mrs. James Thomas,	Mrs. C. L. Holmes,
Mrs. C. Price Brown,	Mrs. P. A. Sowell,
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade (reserve),	Mrs. S. S. Park,
Miss Tula C. Daniel,	Mrs. H. C. Cheatham,
Miss Laura Bradford,	Mrs. E. C. Nichols,
Miss Sallie Smylie,	Mrs. L. W. Crawford,
Mrs. Blanche Alexander,	Miss Lida Moore,
Mrs. C. W. Brandon,	Mrs. S. H. Babcock (reserve).

All officers were present except the Recording Secretary. Three Managers were absent, detained by illness or personal affliction. Twenty-seven Conferences were represented by their Secretaries, three by reserves, while five were without representation—viz., Denver, Florida, Pacific, South Carolina, and Western Conference Societies.

Misses Bessie Hill and Mary Williams were introduced as pages for the day.

The bar was fixed, and delegates were requested to sit within it at all business sessions.

The Rules of Order were read.

The report of the preliminary meeting of the officers and managers was read, and the committees announced:

*On Extension of Work.*—Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Chairman; Mrs. S. S. Park, Mrs. H. C. Cheatham, Mrs. Adam Hendrix, Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyngnam, Mrs. H. B. Spaulding, Mrs. M. A. Oden, Miss Nina Wilson, Miss Laura Bradford,

*On Missionary Candidates.*—Mrs. E. A. Gray, Chairman; Mrs. J. W. Rush, Mrs. V. V. Harlan, Mrs. C. L. Holmes, Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, Miss Sallie Smylie.

*On Publication.*—Mrs. C. W. Brandon, Chairman; Mrs. J. P. Mussett, Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, Mrs. C. Price Brown, Mrs. James Thomas, Miss L. P. Lane.

*On Finance.*—Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Chairman; Mrs. J. E. Bentley, Mrs. W. M. McIntosh, Mrs. P. A. Sowell, Mrs. L. W. Crawford, Mrs. Blanche Alexander.

*On Memorials.*—Mrs. F. D. Swindell, Chairman; Mrs. S. N. Jones, Miss Lida Moore, Mrs. R. C. Neely.

*On Resolutions.*—Miss Tula C. Daniel, Chairman; Mrs. S. H. Babcock, Mrs. E. C. Nichols.

*On Platform Courtesies.*—Mrs. L. H. Potts, Chairman; Mrs. A. P. Boyd, Mrs. J. W. Hooks.

*On Devotional Exercises*—Friday morning, opening devotions, Mrs. M. D. Wightman; Friday, noon service, Mrs. Bowman; Friday afternoon; committee meeting, Mrs. M. A. Oden. Saturday morning, opening service, Miss Emma Gary; Saturday, noon service, Mrs. L. H. Potts; Saturday afternoon, committee, Mrs. C. Price Brown. Monday morning, opening service, Miss Layona Glenn; Monday, noon service, Miss Hardynia Norville; Monday afternoon, committee, Mrs. J. W. Rush. Tuesday morning, opening service, Miss Tula C. Daniel; Tuesday, noon service, Mrs. P. A. Sowell; Tuesday afternoon, committee, Mrs. C. W. Brandon. Wednesday morning, opening service, Mrs. F. D. Swindell; Wednesday, noon, Mrs. J. P. Mussett.

Hours determined on for daily sessions: Opening devotional exercises, 8:30 A.M. to 9 A.M.; business sessions, 9 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.; closing noon service, 11:45 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.; adjournment, 12:15 P.M.; committee meetings, 2 P.M. to 5 P.M.; evening sessions, 8 P.M.

A letter of greeting from Mrs. S. S. Harris was read by the Secretary expressing her regret for her enforced absence, and extending an invitation to the Board to meet in Tallahassee, Fla., in 1902. The Board shared her regret, and enjoyed her unique invitation.

Greetings to the Board from Rev. D. C. Kelley, D.D., were given by Mrs. F. A. Butler. Dr. Kelley also expressed the wish to present a morocco-bound copy of the life of his sainted mother to each member of the Board who had been a member of the Woman's Board during the first quadrennium of its existence. Dr. Kelley presented to the Board, in addition, one hundred copies of the cloth-bound edition, to be used in any other way that may seem best for the work. Those members who knew Mrs. Lavinia Kelley, a noble matriarch in missions in our Church, appreciated keenly this timely and helpful gift. Mrs. Butler was requested to furnish Dr. Kelley a complete list of members entitled to the morocco-bound copy, and to express the gratitude of the Board for his generous kindness.

Mrs. Potts, Chairman of Committee on Platform Courtesies, gave the Board an opportunity of greeting ministers and missionary workers, as she presented six ministers of our Church: Rev. W.

D. Mountcastle, presiding elder of the Paris District; Rev. C. M. Threadgill, pastor of Centenary Church; Rev. I. W. Clark, of Sherman; Rev. J. J. Clark, of Paris; Rev. G. F. Boyd, of Petty; and Rev. J. F. Archer, of Brookston. Their presence was appreciated, as missionary enthusiasm in the heart of the pastor enkindles missionary zeal and activity in his Church.

The five Texas Conference Societies were well represented by some of their foremost missionary women, foreign and home workers: Mrs. J. H. Bowman, President of the North Texas Conference Society, Mrs. M. T. Steele, President of the West Texas Conference Society, Mrs. F. E. Hartsill, President of the East Texas Conference Society, and Mrs. Philpott, President of the Texas Conference Society, were presented. Mrs. F. E. Howell, Recording Secretary of the North Texas Conference Society, and Mrs. Steele, Treasurer of the Texas Conference Society, were also introduced. Three of these ladies (Mrs. F. E. Howell, Mrs. F. E. Hartsill, and Mrs. M. T. Steele) had been members of the Board erstwhile, and it was pleasant to greet them as sisters beloved in the Lord. Mrs. Hester, President of the Indian Mission Conference Society, also received greeting by the Board.

This pleasant interlude having been concluded, the business of the day was resumed. The report of the work of the Board at home was read by the Secretary, Mrs. S. C. Trueheart.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD AT HOME.

S. C. TRUEHEART, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

THE work of the past year, which closed March, 1900, has gone upon record as one of unceasing activity on the part of a large majority of the membership of our foreign missionary organization. Upon the bosom of the months, as they passed into eternity, were heart throbs of bereavement, sore distress that fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, wives and husbands, sons and daughters, tenderly loved, essential to the work of God, as well as to the preciousness of home, were called from earth: but the work has been pushed on, notwithstanding the sorrow, the anguish. In addition to sore trials at home, came the fearful losses in China. First, the hand of Jesus took Mary Louise Richardson, the consecrated, sunshiny spirit of the mission, one of the brightest and best of the daughters of Missouri.

Only a few weeks ago came over the wires: "Miss Haygood died to-day at sunset." This news sent a shiver of pain throughout the Church. Expressions of grief and regret are general, not only from our own Church but from other Churches who knew her. Miss Haygood was a wise, sweet-spirited woman, a tower of strength to the Board; but God knew what was best for her and for us. He surely says to us: "Go forward!"

Shall we not obey? This command comes with clearness and emphasis, and thought turns to the need of a "Home and School" in Soochow, for which Miss Haygood's heart longed. Will not we heed her wish, as her dying request? One of the last utterances in regard to the work in China was of the educational claims of Soochow. The Board has planned for a home and school in Soochow, but the claim now upon us has new meaning and power. It seems to come through the majesty of death from glorified lips, and, with it, the opportunity to show how fully we trusted Miss Haygood, how deeply and sincerely we honored and loved her. Let Soochow have a home and school similar to McTyeire Home and School, and let it be known as "Laura Haygood Home and School." McTyeire Home and School was dear to her. I am glad she lived to see it completed. Only two months before her death, she said, in speaking of it: "It is a joy to my heart. I thank God that he let me live to see it on the road to prosperity." In her first sweet message to the Board, soon after reaching China, she wrote: "I come to you to-day with greetings across the seas. Never can I forget how, all along the way from Georgia to California, you stretched out sisterly hands and comforted us with sisterly words. We thanked God then for your care for us, and its sweet expressions, and we thank him now for all the comfort and blessing that come to us in remembering it."

In her last message to the Board she writes: "To be given to the Board after my death. I want to express to the Board my deep sense of gratitude to them for their uniform kindness to me during all the years of my association with them. I hope they will never for a moment think of my time in China as years of sacrifice, but as years of glad and loving service. Had I known the end from the beginning, it would have been all joy to give these fifteen years of service for God in China. If I have been enabled to accomplish anything, it has been because of the faithfulness of our God, and, claiming this faithfulness for those who follow me, I lay down the work that He for a time intrusted to me, without a fear for its future. He has fulfilled to the uttermost to me all his promises to those who leave home and friends for his sake and the gospel's—not one of all his promises for good has failed me. In his name I beg the Board to be strong and very courageous, for I am sure he has yet very much land for them to possess for his name in China."

Let us build the "Laura Haygood Home and School," in Soochow. Let it be to Soochow what McTyeire Home and School is to Shanghai, and let the methods taken by her to secure funds for McTyeire be adopted by us for this. When asking for funds for McTyeire, she wrote: "Let the funds be a thank offering for the sweet communion of the Church at home; for the privilege of hearing the gospel in our own dear mother tongue, and joining in prayer and praise about the home altars. Sacrifice some pleasure, some *comfort*, if need be, to take stock in our Home and School. The Saviour would bless such a giving. There would linger about it something of the fragrance of the alabaster box of precious ointment."

Her plan, you remember, was to form a joint stock company, with

shares at ten dollars each, and to every one taking a share send a certificate. Could not such a plan be adopted again, and certificates issued, each certificate to have as a vignette Miss Haygood's portrait? The Church loved Miss Haygood—men, women, and children. Other denominations loved her, the Chinese loved her; and all could thus have the precious privilege of showing something of this love. It would, of course, greatly assist in carrying forward our Twentieth Century appropriation for Soochow. China has become sacred to us because of the precious dust in the Shanghai cemetery, and the work which has cost us so much heart treasure should be cherished.

The sorrows at home and in the foreign field have tended to a fuller spiritual development. Many have learned the valuable lesson that there can be no Spirit-filled life in one who cares not for the salvation of the world. More and more is Christ being taken into our plans and methods of work. More and more are we realizing the fact of utter helplessness in projecting and developing successfully anything in his name without his Holy Spirit. "Without me ye can do nothing," has been the experience of every sincere, willing worker.

The young life of our enterprise is receiving more attention, and training the children has become a clearer, as well as more pleasing duty. Realizing the value of preparation for God's service, we are seeking to begin preparation with the infant. Year after year shows improved methods for the children's work, and each year shows intelligent growth. The Board made an advance movement in putting juvenile missionary literature within easy reach of all the children, even the poorest.

The *Little Worker* continues to be an important factor in this training process. As the children are being taught to serve God, they enter upon Church life with a love for it that tends to banish all unlawful entertainments, and gives promise of substantial fruitage. This little paper takes into the home, month after month, much to supplement the best teaching there, as well as in the Sunday school. It opens up treasures in geography, arithmetic, and economics, as well as broadens sympathies, and invites benevolence. Suffer no unwise legislation to shut it out of any home in the land.

The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* has reached much nearer a self-supporting basis this year than for several years. It needs only fifteen thousand subscribers to make it not only entirely so, but will enable it to pay all extra expenses of the *Little Worker*. The question was asked: "Why does not the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* meet all its expenses as in the first years of its publication?" There are good reasons for this. First, in order to have good "cuts," a better quality of paper was used than at first. Second, the price was reduced ten cents by allowing so much to the agent for every new subscriber, and five cents for each renewal, making the average subscription *forty-five cents*, instead of *fifty cents*. Again, a much larger number goes out every month as sample copies, so that the circulation is much larger than the subscription. Fifteen thousand subscribers will meet all demands and more than pay expenses, besides doing the best missionary work of any agency now avail-

able. One great difficulty stands in the way of an adequate subscription roll. Subscribers so often fail to renew. An efficient agent in each auxiliary is indispensable for this. One auxiliary I know, which had a subscription list of seventy, fell to thirty in a few months, owing to the want of oversight on the part of an agent. In a week after an efficient agent was appointed the roll regained all it had lost. To secure a creditable subscription list in each Society, and *keep it*, is truly as valuable missionary work as giving money. If the Conference Secretaries required each auxiliary agent to report all the work she has done at the end of each year, at the annual meetings, either in person or through the Conference Secretary, I think the agent's work, which is not easy and is often disagreeable, could be magnified, and greater results secured. Will you not stress the matter? Very soon, if each Conference Society would make itself responsible for its share of the \$6,500 needed *annually* to keep the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* on a money-making basis, all other schemes for lightening its expenses could be abandoned, and anxiety would be followed by a feeling of security and satisfaction. We cannot work without tools, and each workman should be supplied. As well expect to build a house without trowel and hammer as to advance foreign missions without information.

"Buds and Blossoms," our Cradle Roll Cards, are growing in favor. Please modify the directions given about the disposition of the cards after the first enrollment. Let the charge of them be optional. If the mother prefers that the child should keep them until enrollment time expires, so be it. The law now is that the lady appointed by the Society to look after the cards should keep the cards. There should be an appropriation for a new issue of these Buds and Blossoms Cards. We have on hand less than four hundred now.

*Year Book of Prayer, or Prayer Cycle.* The appropriation for the preparation of this Prayer Cycle was not used, as the Publishing Committee did not get the material ready. Circumstances were such that it was not possible. In the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* there appeared, from month to month, a Prayer Cycle, which I prepared, until each mission and missionary of the Church was named, and special prayer for each called for. This was used by many and answered a good purpose, as far as it was possible; but our Board should have what other Boards have—a Missionary Prayer Cycle, which can be hung up in a conspicuous place in the home, convenient for daily use. Fifty dollars may not be sufficient to meet all the expenses for publication, but at twenty-five cents a copy, when ready for sale, and one copy in the home of each member, all expenses will be met.

*Literature.* All our publications have been paid for, so that all orders hereafter will swell the general fund. "Cameos," issued last year, were sold, some at fifteen cents, some at twenty cents. The proceeds of sale have paid the publishers, and the sums now due from a few of the secretaries will pay for another edition if called for, or swell our general fund. There are on hand only ninety-four copies.

Of the last edition of "The Oak Street Missionary Society," I have in

the office three hundred and forty copies; of the "Dora Rankin Memorial," two hundred and sixty-nine copies. A number of the large maps of China are yet to be sold. In the Publishing House, at fifty cents a copy, may be found "Dawn on the Hills of T'ang." Those bound in paper, at twenty-five cents, have all been sold. This book is one of the best and cheapest small editions of China's history, manners, and customs.

A memorial of our first President, Mrs. Juliana Hayes, prepared by Mrs. F. A. Butler, editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, is now ready. Every one should have a copy. Send to Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House, M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn., and secure a copy at twenty-five cents.

"A Missionary Conscience," by Dr. Pritchett; "Cuba," by Dr. Lambuth; and a sketch of "John G. Paton," all in booklet form, may be had at five cents, by ordering from me or the Mission Rooms. Dr. Cunningham's "A Young People's History of the Chinese," Dr. Cunningham's "The Foreign Missionary and His Work," Mrs. Daisy Lambuth's and Miss Kate Harlan's "Child Life in China," Dr. Newton's tract "Missionary Education in China"—all these publications should form a part of the reading circle of our societies. In addition, I may also recommend Mrs. F. A. Butler's "Story of Our Missions," and other valuable publications advertised in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

The Twenty-First Annual Report was in great demand the past year. I notice that every Woman's Board sells its Annual Reports, and I suggest that each Conference Secretary has sent to her *half* the supply of the Twenty-Second Annual Report she has ordered, and let the other copies go out, if needed, at fifteen cents each. Instruct the auxiliaries to send orders to the Corresponding Secretary's office, with fifteen cents for each additional copy, this price to include postage. The number of Summaries is about as usual, so of blanks for reporting "New Organizations," "How to Organize," etc. A new supply of these is needed. Please order 13,000 "Summaries," 2,000 "How to Organize," 3,000 Adult Constitution and By-Laws, 2,000 Young People and Juvenile Constitution and By-Laws, 2,000 Blanks for Reporting New Organizations, Adults; 2,000 Blanks for reporting New Organizations, Young People and Juvenile; 5,000 "Duties of Officers and Members," 23,000 Leaflets, 6,500 Annual Reports.

The call for District Secretary's Book has nearly exhausted the supply. Many applications have come for a Corresponding Secretary's Book also, but the general office has never issued one. I think a suitable book for this purpose would soon pay for itself, as many Conference Societies have no supplies of this kind.

The order of the Board at last annual session for the Publishing Committee to arrange and publish a book of programmes and suggestions for juvenile entertainments has not yet been carried out. I hope some plans may be set on foot looking to the furtherance of this publication.

*Life Memberships.*—Some confusion has arisen in regard to life memberships. The question has been asked more than once, "Can life memberships be made of our Twentieth Century Fund?" As you know, the

law requires all life membership fees to supplement the general fund. The Twentieth Century Fund is a special, but some enactment at this session of the Board can give authority, if you so will, and certificates may be allowed when an individual or society pays *one hundred dollars*, and thus becomes an honorary life member. I would suggest also that what is called *pledge* money be used for making life members, if any Conference Society so elect. The number of life members made can easily be reported, as well as the number of certificates for the same. Let the pledge money be collected through mite boxes also, if any wish to do so, and no report of mite box collections and life membership fees be made to the General Treasurer. The object of such reports was intended to show the value of each as a means of supplementing the membership fee—ten cents a month—which was insufficient, and is now. Their value has been demonstrated, and the law has, of late years, been only partially observed, and the amount pledged by each Conference Society should be large enough to meet the demands.

*Mite Boxes.*—A large number were distributed last year, and an order should be given for making ten thousand more.

*Specials, such as Bible Women, Scholarships, and Day Schools.*—As a spur to enthusiasm, societies or individuals have the privilege of selecting and supporting any of these, but the money for them should not be raised through mite boxes, or in making life members, since the society or individual doing such special work directs the money, the Board merely transmitting it to the field, without being able to use it in supporting the regular work, as entering new fields, or in sending out new missionaries and paying their salaries.

*The Twentieth Century Movement.*—Easter, the time fixed for special services in the interest of this movement, was observed in some Conference Societies. The Editor of Leaflets prepared an interesting programme for the occasion. In addition to the circulation of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, in which the programme was published, I sent out twelve thousand copies in leaflet form. The results of the Easter service have not met expectation, but the feeling is widespread that the Twentieth Century should be marked in our history by a thank offering somewhat commensurate with our privileges. The objects are eminently worthy. Indeed, there is present urgent need of every cent of the \$75,000. A Home and School in Soochow, a Home and School in Juiz de Fora, a Home and School in Havana, as well as the building and equipment of the "Mary Keener Institute," in the City of Mexico. These institutions of learning will be monumental, because of our thank offerings, and because of the loved and honored names they may bear. "Laura Haygood," in Soochow; "Isabella Hendrix," in Juiz de Fora; "Eliza Bowman," in Havana; and "Mary Keener," with Park Chapel, if you so will, in the City of Mexico. More enduring than marble, more lovely than fine gold, these schools will stand for the benevolent thought, the sincere thankfulness of this Board for the outpouring of consecrated, loving hearts redeemed by the blood of Jesus. If it is possible, each Conference Society should send out an enthusiastic woman to go from society to society and

plead with the membership that each may honor God and the cause by liberal offerings for this fund. Should the amount exceed \$75,000, let the excess be given to Song-do, Korea, where our missionaries are without proper equipment for their work, and give the North Carolina Conference Society the privilege of naming the building. A petition comes from McKendree Auxiliary, Nashville, Tenn., to equip the chapel in the Soochow Home and School, when built, and name it the "Cunningham Chapel." I hope you will grant this request also. This name is much honored, as you know, in China as well as in the Church at home.

*Week of Thanksgiving and Prayer.*—I do not think the Board would be willing to omit a service so helpful, so invigorating as this season of thanksgiving for the blessings of the past year, and prayer for a continuation of God's great goodness. The special programme of last November was much appreciated, and our Editor of Leaflets and Programmes will, no doubt, furnish again a programme as good. I do not think those who conduct the meetings of the week have any right to divert the daily offerings to other purposes than the foreign work. Some did this last fall.

*Evangelistic Work.*—Native Bible women are accomplishing incalculable good, and some means of training should be available in all our fields, as in China.

The question of self-support, which occupied much of the thought of the Ecumenical Conference, should be stressed more fully by this Board. Our native Christians should not be weaklings—should not be allowed to depend entirely upon gratuitous instruction for their children in our mission schools. Think of the young taking their places in the Church, dwarfed by a mistaken policy, which will tend to make them mere dependents on others. Caution is necessary in enforcing the principle that the truly helpless may not be turned away. The missionaries in charge should have a sufficient sum to meet such cases, thus secure the children and give them opportunity to study and open the way to the hearts of the parents. The matter is of prime importance, but must be handled delicately.

Searritt Bible and Training School grows in the thought of the Board, and continues to find its graduates among the most satisfactory workers sent to the field.

*Ecumenical Conference.*—This meeting, which closed May 2, in power and influence, I think, far exceeded any religious gathering ever convened. No one except the Divine can estimate the results. Our Board was well represented. Would it had been possible for every woman of the Church to have felt the inspiration, the enthusiasm of the occasion! Woman's part occupied the thought and executive ability of some of the most elect of the various Protestant Churches. The chairman, Miss Abbie B. Child, of Boston, has reason to thank God for the success that attended the efforts of her committee. It seems to me that Woman's Day crowned the Ecumenical. The programme embraced all the great questions of woman's missionary enterprise, and the impetus given women will be world-wide in its influence. The echoes are already falling upon the home work most graciously, and striking the foreign fields with a joyful note.

While in New York, a number of our delegates met and discussed the best means of sharing the grand results of the Ecumenical Conference with the Church at large. Among the valuable suggestions made, Dr. James Atkins moved that a committee be chosen to memorialize the General Board of Missions to call a Conference of our Church at an early day, somewhat similar to the Ecumenical.

The committee was selected and appointed. Their petition was presented, and the following action was had :

#### ACTION OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

When this memorial was received in the annual meeting of the Board, a committee was appointed, which, on Saturday, reported these recommendations, among others :

“1. That an Executive Committee be appointed by this Board, consisting of the bishops in charge of the foreign mission fields for the ensuing year, including the island of Cuba, the Secretaries of this Board, and one representative each from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Woman's Home Mission Society, the Sunday School and Epworth League Boards, Boards of Education and Church Extension, these members to be chosen by the Secretaries of this Board.

“2. That this General Conference shall be wholly engaged with the subject of missions, and shall include in its schedule all the branches of missionary work enterprised by our Church—that is, both foreign and home missions, including also the work which our women are doing at home and abroad.

“3. The place of holding the Conference should be a city of considerable size, with a fairly central location, and one, if possible, which will raise enough money to make the meeting thoroughly successful on its local side.”

A further provision is that the ratio of representation by the Executive Committee be such that “the scheme shall be ample enough to procure the attendance of not less than one thousand delegates.”

It may be safely estimated that if one thousand members attend there will be at least that many visitors in addition.

The personnel of the Executive Committee will be about as follows: Bishop A. W. Wilson, in charge this year of missions in the Orient; Bishop J. S. Key, in charge of Mexico; Bishop E. R. Hendrix, in charge of Brazil; and Bishop W. A. Candler, in charge of Cuba (including thus the senior bishop of the Church and his youngest colleague); the Secretaries of the Board, W. R. Lambuth, M.D., D.D., and J. H. Pritchett, D.D.; and one each from the Boards of Extension, Sunday School, Epworth League, and Education; and two from the Woman's Boards—in all a body of twelve, thoroughly representative and of unquestioned ability.

At the last meeting of the Woman's World's Committee, which I attended while in New York, the question was discussed of having a central house for the publication of missionary literature—a depot of supplies to which all Boards may send contributions, and from which all may seek supplies.

The object of thus centralizing such a Publishing Committee is to secure not only the best literature, but the greatest variety and most abundant supplies at small cost. The final action of the committee has not been sent me, but an expression of opinion in regard to the matter by this Board would be timely, I have no doubt.

Last September, when the time came for sending remittances to the field, there was not money enough in hand to meet the drafts. Delay was dangerous, and borrowing impossible; hence the appeal to the Board—an appeal that was quickly responded to—was my duty. The appeal was for funds already pledged, but not paid in. It has been termed a special, but in no sense was it such. Our June quarter's collections are always meager: so is September's, and unless there is a large balance in the treasury from the March quarter, there is danger of scarcity of funds at the end of the first quarter. The balance at the last Annual Meeting was small. The drafts must go out the first of the month of each quarter, and the remittances from the Conference Societies' Treasurers are not due until the last of the same months; hence the necessity of there being funds sufficient in March quarter's balance to meet June quarter's drafts, and so of the balance of the June quarter for September drafts. There should never be less than \$25,000 balance in the treasury.

The question of making some change in the time of reporting is one which needs consideration. Why may not Conference Treasurers all have their funds in the General Treasurer's hands at an earlier date? Auxiliaries are requested to remit to their Conference Treasurers by the 1st of each month of the quarter, and Conference Treasurers can, I think, prepare and send in their reports to the General Treasurer by the 15th.

It has become an evil, I think, that so many of our Conference Societies meet months after the Board, some even being held nearly a year after. It is true that the summer months are not suitable for these meetings, as most of our organizations are located in the extreme south. Why not make a change in the time of our Board meetings? What of the last of February as a suitable time? Moving the time three months earlier, or putting the meeting a quarter later? Making the change of a whole quarter will enable the missionaries to get their reports in without detriment to the work. They report quarterly, as you know, just as the societies at home do.

Expense of administration in comparison with other Boards of Foreign Missions is meager. While we would deprecate an extravagant policy, the dignity of the work and its increasing demands require a liberal per cent, if extension is an object. Increase of work is a matter of rejoicing. It records growth, and growth is an evidence of more vigorous life. How thankful we are because of larger returns to the treasury than we have ever known! Eleven thousand dollars more than our most prosperous year! True, \$2,440 of the Twentieth Century Fund is included in this amount, but an advance of even \$9,000 is a matter of rejoicing. The work has to meet serious obstacles, but these should serve only as stepping-stones to success. I have met with people carried away with what is known as the Christian Alliance Missionary Movement. Those eager

to support a missionary as personal work, being assured that \$300 a year is all the money necessary, have sent on the amount, and rejoice in the delusion that \$300 is sufficient. Dr. Simpson in his travels and lectures through our country, fosters this delusion, though he must know that, after the missionary's traveling expenses to the foreign field are paid, few can sustain life on \$300 a year, conditions in heathen lands being unlike those at home. In proof of this, numbers in China assert that many of the Alliance missionaries would starve if missionaries of other Boards did not come to their relief. I hope that noble women, yearning for the salvation of the heathen, may not be diverted from their legitimate work in the Church by delusions of any kind. I speak of this because the faith of some has been weakened by Simpson's assertions.

Bishop Hendrix carefully examined and reported most encouragingly of the woman's work in Brazil. We thank him most sincerely for the pains he took to correctly estimate the whole situation, and the kindness shown our missionaries, who have time and again written of his helpfulness and kindness.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth was equally as thorough and helpful in reviewing our work in China and Korea. We are greatly indebted to him, as to Bishop Hendrix, for the favorable reports brought to us. Dr. Lambuth arranged all our deeds and secured properly all titles to our property, and brought home copies of the same.

The bequest of Miss Melissa Baker, of the Baltimore Conference Society, was paid over last fall, less two hundred dollars bequest tax, which went into the coffers of the State or city. I wish foreign missionary bequests were exempt from taxation. They are not, so only \$1,800 came into our treasury. The bequest of Miss Thomas, of the same Conference Society, of \$1,000 was left to our work, but will come in through the Treasurer of the Baltimore Conference Society.

The Board has had for some years a small amount in Baltimore Water stock, which pays only five per cent annually. Originally this was a gift from a lady of the Baltimore Conference Society. The stock is good, the investment safe and desirable if one has money to lay up. Will it not be best to sell this stock—the amount is about \$400—and put it into circulation? The slow accumulation of about \$20 a year is not doing the *cause as much good as \$400 would do*. Please give the order to sell if we get the price we should have.

Mrs. J. D. Hamilton continues to give very valuable aid to our work, as the following report shows:

Report of Mrs. J. D. Hamilton from April 1, 1899, to April 1, 1900:

Number of mite boxes sent out.....	13,878
Number of life membership certificates.....	350
Number of honorary life membership certificates.....	11
Number of honorary life patron certificates.....	3
Amount received for treasurer's book.....	\$42 10

Expense account of Corresponding Secretary of the Board, from May 1899, to May, 1900:

Stationery, express, stamps, postals, and telegrams.	\$160 82
Postal guide, Easter programmes, etc.....	24 60
Printing chart and preparing books for Ecumenical.	4 65
Order drafts, books, etc.....	8 74
Mrs. Hamilton's bill of postage on Treasurer's books	16 00
To travel.....	85 00
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Total.....	\$299 81
To balance.....	19
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	\$300 00
Received of the Board.....	\$300 00

Some surplus accruing in collecting the debt of the General Board, a work largely due to Bishop Morrison's tact and persevering energy, has, at his request, been turned over to our day school in North Chihuahua, Mexico. We owe him and the General Board thanks for this unexpected token of appreciation. Words of commendation which came from Bishop Morrison in regard to the work and workers of our mission in Chihuahua were very gratefully received. Nothing is more encouraging to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions than the careful attention our bishops and Secretaries give our work, and the gratifying testimonials of the efficiency of the women sent out. Bishop Wilson will soon leave for our missions in the East, and his wife, our Second Vice President, may go with him. This is one of the most favorable opportunities to have our work in Korea and China visited by one of the officers of the Board. Having been in the field before, knowing conditions and environments as no other officer, it seems to me the Board should avail itself of Mrs. Wilson's services. The expense will be inconsiderable, as she will accompany the Bishop. The Board should pay about half the traveling expenses, I think.

There may be some changes in our work abroad growing out of the proposed advance movement of the General Board, both in China and Brazil. If the General Board takes up the mission at Porto Alegre, in the Province of Rio Grande do Sul, a city of eighty thousand inhabitants, we should follow, and it can be done at an expenditure of about \$3,000. If the General Board determines to centralize its work in China, and locate in other strategic points, this Board should govern itself accordingly.

If it should appear best to move the "Irene Toland" School from Santiago, Cuba, and locate it more advantageously, we will need larger resources, and we should hasten, that no serious loss come by delay. We have wonderful opportunities, dear sisters; let us rejoice and move forward with confidence.

There remains much ground to occupy by the Woman's Foreign Missionary organization in the home land. Much less than one-third of the women of the Church are enlisted, and because of this much territory opened to the Board in foreign lands has not been entered, and many points in the provinces occupied are lacking in rapid, vigorous growth.

“Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth,” said Christ “after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.” Are we to conclude that two-thirds of the women of our Church have not received power from on high? Surely they are not altogether ignorant of the commission? If so, have we, whose souls have been touched by the “live coal from the altar,” failed to do our whole duty concerning our sisters? “Well done,” may be emblazoned upon the banner of nearly every Conference Society for what has been done to keep our treasury equal to the demands upon it, but this is not all: let us not be guilty concerning those who take no interest in foreign missions. It is a great privilege, as well as a means of grace; and if we so esteem it, we will never rest satisfied without the full coöperation of *all* the women and children of our Church. Are we willing to pay the price of their enrollment? The price is not light. It will take time, tact, some persecution, and much prayer and self-denial, but the results will be ample compensation.

On motion, the report was ordered to be taken up by items.

Item 1. Proposed home and school at Soochow. Referred to Committee on Extension.

Item 2. *Little Worker*. Referred to Committee on Publication.

Item 3. *Woman's Missionary Advocate*. Referred to Committee on Publication.

Item 4. Cradle Roll. Referred to Committee on Publication.

Item 5. Prayer Cycle and Missionary Calendars. Referred to Committees on Publication and Finance.

Item 6. Literature; suggestion to sell one-half the supply of Annual Reports, as is the custom in other Boards. Referred to Committees on Publication and Finance.

Item 7. Book of Entertainments. Referred to Committees on Publication and Finance.

Item 8. Orders for Literature. Referred to Committees on Publication and Finance.

Item 9. Twentieth Century Movement and Cumnyngham Chapel; plan for sending through each Conference Society women to develop the working of this movement. Referred to Committee on Extension.

Item 10. Week of Prayer and Thanksgiving. Referred to Committee on Extension.

Item 11. Self-support. Referred to Committee on Extension.

Item 12. Central Publishing Committee. Referred to a special committee of three, appointed by the Chair.

Item 13. Change of time for sending 'Treasurers' reports; and annual session of the Board. Referred to Committee on Memorials.

Item 14. Sale of Water Stock given to the Board by a friend in the Baltimore Conference. Referred to Committee on Extension of Work.

Papers bearing on the work to be brought before committees were handed to the Chairmen.

The report of the Local Board was presented and read by Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, and, on motion, adopted without discussion.

#### MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD IN NASHVILLE.

The first session of the Board after the Annual Meeting in Tulip Street Church, Nashville, Tenn., May 18, 1899, was occupied in considering the resignation of Miss Alice Moore, so long an acceptable missionary in Piracicaba, Brazil. It caused the Board deep regret to give up one who was so well qualified for her position as Principal of the Piracicaba College. Permission was given Miss Stradley, who succeeded Miss Moore as Principal, to make some needed repairs in the school out of funds on hand.

June 6, the time of the next meeting, the appointment of two missionary teachers to Matanzas, Cuba (Miss Louise Best, of Kentucky, and Miss Lily Whitman, of Mississippi) took place. The next meeting, later in the summer, was a sad one because of the death of Miss Mary L. Richardson, of China. The following action was taken:

"A great bereavement has come to our Board and our China Mission in the death of our beloved Miss Mary Richardson. In June, 1897, at Birmingham, Ala., she was accepted as a missionary, and appointed to enter upon her duties the following summer. She sailed in July, 1898, in company with her sister, Miss Helen Richardson, who for some years has been doing fine work in Shanghai. Very happy were the devoted sisters in the thought of serving their divine Lord together in China.

"A few swift months only have passed, and the sad news comes that Mary, the beloved, the handmaid of the Lord, whom she delighted to serve, had been called to come up higher, to be nearer him, where the glories of a full salvation are hers forever. The beautiful life of this dear one remains as a precious memory, for which we thank God, though our hearts are very sorrowful. China year by year becomes more sacred, as a land to be redeemed at great cost—as a land over which the blessed Christ must reign, no matter what price we are called upon to pay. The agony in the garden, the sufferings upon the cross, show how he valued the salvation of a lost world; and we, his followers, must share in his sufferings. As Mary Richardson so gladly gave her life to China, be it

"*Resolved*: 1. That we, the Woman's Board, though greatly grieved at this mysterious providence, more than ever pledge ourselves to give our best to serve China, to send deliverance to her destitute millions, to free her captives from sin, and present her to the Lord spotless and glorious.

"2. That our prayers go up to the throne of God for the bereaved sister, whose heart was so tenderly attached to Mary, so comforted in her companionship, so happy in her love. The separation is grievous to her:

but, leaning upon the arm of Omnipotence, upon the loving, earnest petitions of thousands who will hold her in their hearts more tenderly than ever, she will find a peace, not of earth, filling her soul day by day, as time takes her nearer and nearer the reunion she will so gladly welcome.

“3. That our deepest sympathy goes out to the dear father, whose useful life has passed its meridian, who will not wait many years before again meeting his beloved daughter. We commend him, and all who by ties of kindred and friendship are bereaved, to God and the word of his promise.

“4. That in a peculiar sense we sympathize with our missionaries in China, who mourn the loss of one so beloved from their ranks. God is near them. He will comfort; he will sustain.

“5. That a copy of the action of the Woman's Board be spread upon the minutes, be published in our Church papers and the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and a copy be sent to the sister, father, and home.”

Signed: Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Mrs. McTyeire, Mrs. Cunnyngham, Mrs. John, Mrs. Sowell, and Mrs. J. D. Hamilton.

September 26 the Board was called to consider questions of importance connected with our Indian Mission at Fort Sill and Mt. Scott, which had been in charge of Miss Helen Brewster, long and favorably known. Her resignation was presented and accepted, as she felt obliged to retire from our Church because of some conscientious scruples growing out of an unsettled faith. It was the decision of the Board to accept Miss Brewster's resignation, but defer action in regard to the affairs of the mission until Mr. Methvin had time to look into matters.

At the next meeting, October 13, after hearing from Mr. Methvin, he was requested to close the stations at Fort Sill and Mt. Scott until further instructions could be sent him from the Board at the next annual session.

October 26, the question of an empty treasury confronting the Board, steps were taken to let the fact be known, and the request sent out asking that at least \$5,000 be collected and sent in at once.

November 15 it was decided to lessen the expenses of the publication of the *Little Worker*, and bring them down, if possible, to the subscription price.

December 4 the decision of the majority of the whole Board having been received, the *Little Worker* was ordered published on less expensive paper, and also reduced in size.

The next meetings of the Board, January 2, 3, 1900, were devoted to the papers of two missionary candidates—one a fine medical one. The medical candidate, if willing to meet certain conditions, would be accepted and sent to Soochow to assist Dr. Polk. The other candidate was not accepted.

Permission was asked by Miss Watts for a year's rest, which was granted; and by Miss Umberger for four months, that she might get a chance to take in the Paris Exposition, which was also granted.

The supply of life membership certificates being quite exhausted, the Board ordered a thousand, the printing to come from the contingent fund. The plate was, of course, ready.

Miss Carson's request to pay for the Irene Toland School furniture was granted, and thanks sent her for her energy in so soon meeting the outlay.

A memorial from our China missionaries to unite Clopton and Mary Lambuth Schools was considered and referred to the Board in next annual session.

A letter from Dr. Lambuth in regard to the work in Korea and China, and probable changes, received careful thought, but action was deferred to the Annual Meeting of the Board. A letter also from Miss Haygood, recommending the division of her labors by the appointment of a committee of three, Miss Atkinson, Chairman, who will discharge her duties during her illness, Miss Richardson to remain Treasurer.

In the necessary legal steps for securing the legacy to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, left by Miss Melissa Baker, of Baltimore, Md., the law firm Cowan, Cross & Bond gave their services free of charge; therefore, be it

*Resolved*: 1. That the Woman's Board gratefully recognize the valuable services of these able lawyers, and most heartily tender their acknowledgment of the same.

2. That the Secretary of the Board forward the above preamble and resolutions to Cowan, Cross & Bond.

February 8, 1900, Miss A. V. Wilson and Miss Mattie V. Dorsey, who had been granted leave of absence from their work at Guadalajara, Mexico, for one year, with the hope that a change and rest would restore their health, found, after being at home some months, the danger of a more serious breakdown if they returned to Mexico, and sent in their resignations, which were accepted, though reluctantly. The papers of a lady who wished to go to China simply as a teacher were considered, but the request was not granted. The Twentieth Century movement was emphasized, and attention called to the Ecumenical Conference, which would meet in New York April 21 to May 1.

March 13 the testimonials of six missionary candidates were considered, and each found satisfactory. Five, having completed the course at the Training School, and being altogether satisfactory, were recommended for appointment—Miss E. S. Davis, of the North Carolina Conference Society; Miss Sue Ford, of the Kentucky Conference Society; Miss S. Harbaugh, of the Baltimore Conference Society; Miss June Nicholson, of the South Carolina Conference Society; and Miss Alice Griffith, of the Louisville Conference Society. The sixth candidate was very satisfactory, but, not having had work at the Training School, was recommended for a year's study there before going to the field.

Miss Bomar and Miss Steger, of China, being much in need of rest and change, their applications for leave of absence to come home were granted.

At the next meeting of the Board, March 31, the following resolutions were put upon record:

"The death of Rev. Dr. W. G. E. Cunyningham is a severe loss to the Church. His career has been approved of God and man. Serving

for years in the foreign field, his work there is beyond earthly estimate. In the pastorate at home thousands were helped by his ministrations. As a connectional officer (Secretary of the Sunday School Board) the children of the Church were nourished in the truths of the Bible and in the faith of the Church. In an especial sense to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions is Dr. Cunningham's translation from earth to heaven a bereavement. From the organization of the work to his closing days the enterprise was dear to him, and received his support in kind words as well as in helpful deeds. We owe him much, we honor him greatly, and would record somewhat the esteem in which he is and always has been held; therefore be it

"Resolved: 1. That we thank God for such a friend and counselor as Dr. Cunningham. His gentle spirit and loving faith have been an inspiration, and to these we owe much of our success and much of our encouraging outlook.

"2. That as he walked with God, and undertook no work without His approval, we, as a Board, will imitate his example and emulate his devotion to the grand work of giving the gospel to those who have it not.

"3. That our united prayers are with his bereaved ones, with his sons and daughters, and all who loved him, but in a most tender manner with his sorrowing wife.

"4. That we pray for sustaining grace for her, and trust that through her tears she sees the loving, divine Comforter. As one of the managers of our Board, we have been signally blessed in having her wise, loving advice and strong support, and pray God to sanctify to her all the dispensations of his providence, and be her Stronghold and close Friend forever.

"5. That a copy of the above be spread upon our minutes, appear in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and other Church papers, and sent to the dear wife and family."

Signed: Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Chairman: Mrs. I. G. John, Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, Mrs. H. N. McTyeire.

The Board has been called very frequently during the past year to express sympathy with bereavement. Miss Bradford's beloved mother, Mrs. MacDonell's dear mother, Mrs. Higginbotham's brother, Mrs. Thomas's mother, and other precious ones have been called away from the blessed companionship of loving hearts to the communion of saints above. Among our missionaries also death has been breaking up home ties. Miss McFarren, of Durango, recently lost her mother.

The last two meetings of the Board were held in New York, there being quite a number of members present. The first was called to consider some requests made by Miss Watts, of our Brazil work. These were referred to the Board in annual session for consideration. The other, April 29, was called in consequence of the death of our beloved Miss Laura A. Haygood, of McTyeire Home and School, Shanghai, China. The following action was recorded:

"Whereas to-day, in McTyeire Home, in the city of Shanghai, China, our beloved Miss Laura A. Haygood passed into the rest of her heavenly home, we, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, have met to testify

of her excellence as friend and sister, of her inestimable value as missionary, as well as to sympathize with all who knew and loved her. The sad news of her death, coming in the midst of the wonderful uplift received at the great Ecumenical Conference in New York, deepens our determination to devote ourselves to the cause of foreign missions—a cause for which she counted not her life dear unto herself. Therefore be it

“*Resolved*: That with God's help we will do more than ever before to carry forward her plans of evangelizing China, whose people she loved well, for whom she most gladly sacrificed all things, even life itself.

“That her dying words, ‘Had I a thousand lives, I would willingly give them to save China,’ will ever live in our thoughts, that we may be filled with the same Christlike spirit, and labor, as she did, in proof of our sincerity.

“That our deepest sympathy goes out to the dear missionaries with whom she was associated. They are greatly bereaved, their relationship being almost as close and tender as that of mother and daughters. God bless them, and comfort their hearts!

“That we extend our most sincere and loving sympathy to the beloved sister and all the home ties, whose bereavement is very sore indeed. We pray that the grace of the Lord Jesus be sufficient to bring them light in this dark hour.

“That a copy of the above be spread upon the records of the Woman's Board, and in all the Church papers and periodicals, and a copy sent to the bereaved family and to the missionaries of the Board in China.”

Signed: Mrs. M. D. Wightman, Mrs. T. B. Hargrove, Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. W. P. Lovejoy, Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, Mrs. S. S. Harris.  
MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART, *Secretary*.

A memorial from the St. Louis Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was presented by Mrs. C. L. Holmes, and referred to the Committee on Memorials.

To the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the M. E. Church, South.

Whereas the Board has decided that the memorial tablet to be erected in the Scarritt Bible and Training School at Kansas City shall not be placed until the full amount of the memorial scholarship—viz., \$2,500—shall have been provided; be it

*Resolved* by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the St. Louis Conference that your attention be called to the necessity and importance of placing it in position immediately for the following reasons:

1. As an encouragement to societies and individuals in their efforts to raise \$100, the amount necessary for placing a name thereon.

2. To avert the seeming injustice of holding indefinitely the amount necessary for a name until the full amount, \$2,500, is raised. We are impressed with the fact that it would be easier to fill up the tablet with names so dear to the various societies and the cause in detail, than by waiting until the full amount for twenty-five names is obtained. This.

society has now in the hands of the Training School, and has had for several years, more than enough for the two names we want inscribed, and is pledged to raise the amount to \$400 before the year is out. The few names already provided for should be speaking in pleading tones for the work and workers instead of being hidden deep in the hearts of our people, awaiting recognition in the distant and uncertain future.

3. We desire the name of Dr. Irene Toland to be first on the memorial tablet, because we feel that as a representative Methodist she deserves it. She braved the dangers incident to war and contagion, not counting her life too great a sacrifice. Her service during the Cuban war deserves an honorable place in the history of our Church, for she said on going out on her mission of love (skilled physician as she was): "It is not for the body alone that I expect to labor, but for the soul as well."

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. J. W. EVANS.

MRS. J. E. MUSICK.

*Committee.*

A memorial from the North Georgia Conference Society was presented by Mrs. E. A. Gray, and referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Being especially interested in Japan, and realizing the importance of acting promptly now while in her transition state, we, the officers and members of the North Georgia Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in annual session assembled, do once again memorialize our Board to consider our earnest desire to enter Japan as a mission field white unto the harvest. Our Parent Board having workers there, both male and female, and having met with an encouraging degree of success, makes it a more inviting field to us, and more easily entered by reason of their presence. If it should comport with the plans and wisdom of our leaders after due consideration of all questions involved, we would rejoice to know that our work extended to that inviting field.

A memorial was presented from the Missouri Conference Society by Mrs. Blanche Alexander, and referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Realizing the fact that continued and intelligent interest in mission work depends in great measure upon our knowledge of the work and workers, and feeling the need of systematic effort to secure these benefits to *all* our women, the Missouri Conference begs to present this memorial to the Woman's Board:

*Resolved.* That it is the sense of the Missouri Conference that the Woman's Board prescribe a yearly reading course for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies of suitable missionary books and literature, the expense of which shall be within reach of the weakest auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted.

SALLIE M. CROWLEY, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Platform Courtesies introduced Mrs. E. J. Robinson, of the North Texas Conference Society. Mrs. Robinson

was so well known and beloved by her former associates that it was a pleasure to do her honor. Mrs. Thompson, a District Secretary of the North Texas Conference Society, was presented. Revs. Bryant and S. C. Riddle were also presented to the Board, who greeted these servants of God with pleasure.

Mrs. F. A. Butler, editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, made a plea for subscriptions during this meeting of the Board. She called attention to the publication of the "Life of Mrs. Juliana Hayes," whose labors must ever prove a stimulus to the women of Southern Methodism.

The Secretary asked that delegates and visitors who have railroad certificates present them at the Secretary's desk at the close of the morning session, or as soon thereafter as possible.

The hour for noonday devotions having arrived, Mrs. Bowman, President of the North Texas Conference Society, took charge of the service. The temptation of Jesus was her theme, beautiful lessons being drawn therefrom. The temptations of his followers were stressed, and a gentle warning was given to guard against the wiles of the enemy of our souls. Prayers were offered by Mrs. Brandon and Miss Daniel, after which the meeting adjourned with the doxology and benediction by Rev. W. D. Mountcastle.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions met on Saturday, May 25, at half past eight o'clock, the President in the chair. The opening devotions were conducted by Mrs. E. C. Nichols.

A letter of greeting from Mrs. Humbert, Corresponding Secretary of the South Carolina Conference Society, was read by Mrs. Wightman. Mrs. S. N. Jones read a message from Mrs. I. G. John. The Secretary was instructed to send greetings to the five absent members of the Board.

On call for business, the roll was called, and minutes of the first day were read and adopted.

The President announced the special committee appointed to consider the item in the Secretary's report relating to a central publishing committee as follows: Mrs. S. S. Park, Mrs. S. N. Jones, Mrs. E. A. Gray.

The Committee on Platform Courtesies presented Rev. C. F. Reid, D.D., of Korea, to the Board. It was indeed a privilege to meet again this honored and beloved missionary.

Mrs. H. C. Cheatham presented a memorial from the Virginia

Conference Society, in regard to reducing expense of the home office. Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

We, the members of the Virginia Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, realizing that its funds are contributed many times through great sacrifice on the part of the donors, and contributed generally with the understanding that all dues and offerings go to the foreign field; and feeling that some of the salaries paid to the officers of our Woman's Board are out of proportion to salaries paid our missionaries in foreign fields; and also that when this is known our work will be seriously injured, do hereby pray that some means may be devised—if it can be done without injuring the cause—by which these expenses may be lessened, and workers at home be placed on a basis not *higher* than those in foreign fields.

MRS. F. W. MARTIN, *Chairman*;

MRS. S. N. BRICKHOUSE, MRS. E. P. HAWKINS,

MRS. A. L. WEST; MRS. B. A. RUE,

MRS. R. BAGBY, MRS. H. T. BACON.

MISS KATE LEY, MRS. W. F. ROBINS.

MRS. C. H. HASKER, MRS. LEE BRITT,

*District Secretaries*;

MRS. SUE JAMES,

MRS. G. L. NEVILLE.

The annual report of the Treasurer, H. N. McTyeire, was presented, and, on motion, adopted. The Treasurer urged the Board to base their appropriations on the collections of the previous year; and made clear several points in connection with irregularity in the receipts, specially asking that effort should be made to increase the collections of the first quarter, that there may be no embarrassment in sending checks to the foreign field.

The Auditor's report was read:

We have examined the accounts and vouchers of Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, for the year 1899-1900, and find said accounts correct, and vouchers for all credits claimed.

THOMAS S. WEAVER, *Auditor*;

J. D. HAMILTON, *Treasurer*.

Nashville, May 16, 1900.

The report was accepted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Memorial Fund was read by the Secretary and accepted:

Amount received for the Memorial Fund for the year ending June 1, 1900, \$101.05. R. VIRGINIA CLOUD, *Treasurer*.

Front Royal, Va.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Extension of Work was read by Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Chairman, and considered by items. (See report, page 139.)

Item 1, naming Laura Haygood Home and School, and Cunningham Chapel, was adopted by a rising vote.

Items 2, 3, and 4 were adopted without discussion.

Item 5 was amended and adopted.

Item 6 provoked discussion, some members fearing it would cause confusion; but it was finally adopted.

Item 7 was adopted.

Item 8, honorary life membership certificates to be given for the Twentieth Century Fund, was adopted after discussion.

Miss Gibson moved that the question of the issuance of a new honorary life membership certificate be referred to the Committee on Publication and Finance, which was carried.

Item 9 provoked much discussion, and amendments were suggested, but at request of the Chairman the item was recommitted.

Item 10, week of thanksgiving and prayer. Pending action on this item, the question of the earlier issuance of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* each month, that matter intended for use in auxiliaries might be received in time, was brought up. No formal action was taken, but a strong desire to have the paper in circulation on the first day of each month was manifest. This item was adopted.

A memorial from eleven members of the South Georgia Conference Society concerning reduction of salaries of missionaries was presented by Mrs. La Prade at request of Miss Gary. This memorial had been tabled at the last session of the South Georgia Conference Society. On motion of Mrs. Gray, the memorial was laid on the table.

The report of Agent of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* was presented:

REPORT OF MRS. F. A. BUTLER, AGENT WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ADVOCATE.

*Dr.*

Balance on hand May 1, 1899.....		\$	19	93
Amount received in May, 1899.....	\$	445	46	
Amount received in June, 1899.....		398	28	
Amount received in July, 1899.....		319	56	
Amount received in August, 1899.....		260	57	
Amount received in September, 1899.....		299	28	
Amount received in October, 1899.....		346	69	
Amount received in November, 1899.....		430	88	
Amount received in December, 1899.....		408	50	
Amount received in January, 1900.....		511	29	
Amount received in February, 1900.....		539	70	
Amount received in March, 1900.....		703	71	
Amount received in April, 1900.....		365	00—	5,028 92
Amount received for damaged stamps.....				4 73
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				\$5,053 58.

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By amount paid Publishing House.....	\$3,151 56	
By amount paid Editor and Agent.....	1,200 00	
By amount paid Miss Freeman.....	500 00	
By amount paid office expenses.....	182 20	\$5,033 76
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Balance.....		\$ 19 82
Amount received for maps.....		1 90
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Balance in bank..... \$ 21 72  
 Due Publishing House, \$500.                      MRS. F. A. BUTLER, *Agent*.

The books and vouchers of Mrs. F. A. Butler, Agent, have been examined and found correct as per above statement.                      J. D. HAMILTON.

Nashville, May 19, 1900.

The report of the *Little Worker* was read by Mrs. Butler, and accepted.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MISS LENA FREEMAN, AGENT LITTLE WORKER.

*Dr.*

Balance on hand May 1, 1899.....		\$ 2 62
Amount received in May, 1899.....	\$ 104 06	
Amount received in June, 1899.....	90 99	
Amount received in July, 1899.....	119 52	
Amount received in August, 1899.....	101 22	
Amount received in September, 1899.....	117 43	
Amount received in October, 1899.....	151 33	
Amount received in November, 1899.....	107 78	
Amount received in December, 1899.....	95 40	
Amount received in January, 1900.....	127 58	
Amount received in February, 1900.....	125 46	
Amount received in March, 1900.....	176 29	
Amount received in April, 1900.....	124 26	1,441 32
Amount received from advertisements.....		25 00
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		\$1,468 94

*Cr.*

By amount paid Publishing House.....	\$1,430 00	
(Including cuts, \$26.67; and office expenses, \$1.16.)		
By amount paid for office expenses.....	12 24	
By amount paid Publishing House received from advertisements.....	25 00	1,467 24
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Balance May 1, 1900.....		\$ 1 70
Amount due Publishing House May 1, 1899.....	\$ 103 00	
Amount due Publishing House May 1, 1900.....	920 39	\$1,023 39

MISS LENA FREEMAN, *Agent*.

Examined and approved.

J. D. HAMILTON.

Nashville, May 19, 1900.

The Secretary gave to the Board a message just received from the absent Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. L. Hargrove, stating that she would be unable to attend this meeting of the Board, owing to the continued illness of her daughter. The Board felt deep regret over her absence and its cause. The spirit of her message was that of cheerful submission to this sore disappointment, because of her faith in God and her belief that it was his appointment.

Miss Gibson asked to be released from duty as Secretary *pro tem.*, because other engagements would prevent her preparation of the minutes for publication. In view of the fact that her name had been sent to the railroad agent as acting Secretary authorized to sign certificates and her withdrawal now would cause embarrassment, she agreed to retain the position and requested that Miss Nina Wilson be appointed her assistant, which was granted.

The following resolution was read by the Secretary and unani- mously adopted:

*Resolved*, That we as a Board request our loved President to give the address delivered by her last night to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* for publication.

MRS. P. A. SOWELL,

MRS. J. E. BENTLEY,

MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE.

A letter from A. G. Irons, General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Paris, Tex., was read by the Secretary.

To the Delegates of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Centenary Church, Paris, Tex.

In behalf of the management and members of the Young Men's Christian Association, I wish to extend to you a most cordial welcome to our rooms at all times during your stay in our city. We gladly extend to you our reading room, correspondence tables, and all the privileges of our homes, and will count ourselves honored by your use of any privileges at our command.

Most fraternally and cordially. A. G. IRONS, *General Secretary.*

May 26, 1900.

Mrs. Swindell moved that the thanks of the Board be extended to the Young Men's Christian Association for the privileges tendered to them, which was unanimously adopted.

The report of the Editor of Leaflets was read by Mrs. A. W. Wilson, and adopted.

#### LEAFLET REPORT.

Copies issued from June, 1899, to June, 1900.....	300,000
Pages.....	1,500,000
Cost of publishing, etc.....	\$446 60

There were issued twelve leaflets: one of 10 pages, one of 8 pages, four of 6 pages, three of 4 pages, and three of 2 pages each.

Rev. C. F. Reid, of Korea, was invited to address the Board and to conduct the noon hour services.

The obligation of the Board was increased by that half hour of service, as, endued by the power of the Holy Spirit, this heroic servant of God set forth the situation in China and the East, and appealed to the Board not to neglect the wonderful opportunity now before the Church.

Inspired by the same Spirit, Mrs. Wightman made a tender and impassioned appeal to the members not to let the emotions stirred by his strong statements pass away without action, lest they be less easily moved thereafter. She asked for a voluntary offering to the new university to be placed at Soochow, and for the Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge. She received in answer \$100 from Mrs. H. B. Spaulding and \$5 from Mrs. Abernathy, for Soochow work; and the offering for the Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge was \$27, most of which was paid in at once.

As the time for adjournment had already passed, the meeting closed on the flood tide of Christian enthusiasm, with the benediction by Dr. Reid.

#### *THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.*

Devotional services were led by Miss Glenn. Her theme was the promises of God—promises of life, strength, acknowledgment, reward; and fervent prayer was offered.

The Society came to order at 9 o'clock, the President in the chair.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Secretary read and revised the list of those who had subscribed to the work in China—to the university at Soochow and to Dr. Allen's work in the Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge. The amount given to the latter cause being \$30, the President begged that it might be raised to \$50.

Miss Gibson made explanation in regard to the railroad certificates.

Mrs. Potts, of the Committee on Platform Courtesies, presented Rev. Mr. Smith and wife, of the Louisville Conference, to the Board; and the pages for the day, Misses Janie Webster and Margaret Brooks, were introduced.

Rev. J. J. Methvin, of our Indian Mission, was presented to the Board.

Mrs. B. Melone, of the West Texas Conference Society, was recognized as alternate in place of the Conference Secretary.

Report No. 2 (see report, page 139) of the Committee on Extension was presented by the Secretary; and Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

The estimates for the work in the City of Mexico being before the Board, the Secretary requested that Miss Norville be allowed to present her own work. Her unprecedented success as a pioneer teacher in the City of Mexico had proved both embarrassing and distressing, because we are in danger of losing brilliant results for lack of funds. Miss Norville had found a good location an imperative necessity. A lot 200 by 400 feet in a suitable quarter of the city will cost now \$20,000. Her large school could be increased if she had only a building large enough and of creditable appearance. Her pupils came from wealthy and aristocratic families, and the school could be self-supporting in a short time if she might avail herself of the existing opportunities. No house can be had for her school at lower rate than \$200 per month; during the past year she had moved three times. Her way is plainly open. The best citizens wish to place their children under her care, that they may be trained to be honest and honorable, as the Romanist schools do not train them. A year ago Miss Norville begged the Board to purchase a good lot, knowing that the value of land was rising every month. We were forced to refuse her request. This year such situations as she wished are far beyond our ability. She earnestly asks that we will authorize her now to purchase a lot, at present in the slums of Mexico, but toward which the city is rapidly improving, deeming this our last possibility in the City of Mexico. Unless we buy at once, she must give up her fine day school, and go out into a village and establish a boarding school. She presented her plan for temporary quarters in a hotel, to be secured by a twenty-year lease, having fifty-six well-furnished rooms; the lease being \$9,000, easily salable, but the rent in addition (\$162.50 a month, or a contingent \$325) is so high that the committee hesitated to recommend the plan. One item of Miss Norville's success was payment of salaries to teachers amounting to about \$4,500, though the Board had allowed but \$1,500 for that purpose. The respect and coöperation of citizens cannot be given to our work unless we locate in a good part of the City of Mexico

and erect a suitable building. Her fine charity school of nearly one hundred pupils had been abandoned temporarily on account of priestly opposition. No more forcible appeal could be presented by any missionary.

During consideration of estimates, Dr. W. R. Lambuth told us that Durango was a station of extreme importance, and urged that the Board prepare to strengthen our work in that part of Mexico. As regards the City of Mexico, he hoped we would undertake the large investment desired by Miss Norville. The opening is so fortunate, and one reason of failure in missionary work is that we have not taken steps to present an attractive appearance to patrons of cultivated and refined class. To Mexico comes the young life of the country for expert and especial training, returning to their own towns and villages to diffuse their information. Mexico will be the capstone of missionary endeavor; and our woman's work has been so skillfully planned that with an outlay of funds we are now in a position to reap the fruits of success. Let the Twentieth Century Movement look to a fine school plant at this great center.

Mrs. Swindell, by permission of the Chair, asked Dr. Lambuth if in his judgment we should appropriate the funds for Miss Norville's work, even at hazard of cramping other work. Dr. Lambuth's opinion was that it would not be wise to involve the general fund for so large an undertaking, but that we should certainly arrange it from the thank offering.

Mrs. Park, by permission, asked Dr. Lambuth's opinion concerning the lease of the hotel above mentioned for Miss Norville's temporary quarters. Dr. Lambuth was hardly prepared to advise in this emergency, but felt inclined to think a long lease, at so high a rate, inadvisable.

Mrs. Park called attention to the fact that Miss Norville's need is imperative.

On motion, the estimates for Mexico were accepted.

Mrs. Park desired to go on record as protesting against these estimates; in committee they were agreed to, merely because the Board had expressed a determination to work on the basis of last year's receipts.

Mrs. Swindell moved to reconsider this report (No. 2), and reconsideration was decided on. It was determined to consider estimates by Conferences.

On discussion of the work at Laredo, Mrs. Anderson, who has

been with Miss Holding, begged that there be no reduction of current expenses.

Mrs. Park moved that we grant Miss Holding what current expenses she had asked for, but this was not adopted.

It was Mrs. Swindell's view that as the Corresponding Secretary keeps in touch with the work, and knows thoroughly the needs and obstacles, we should accept her estimates.

On motion, the estimates for Mexican Border were accepted. (See page 146.)

The Northwest Mexican Mission was discussed by items; and, on motion, the estimates were adopted. (See page 147.)

The Central Mexican Mission was discussed by items; and, on motion, the estimates were adopted, after amendment. (See page 147.)

The Committee on Extension was asked, on motion of Mrs. S. N. Jones, to formulate some plan looking to the collection of the amount needed for the development of work in the City of Mexico.

Estimates for Cuba were discussed, and Dr. Lambuth was requested to give us information on which to base action. He said in part: "The tendency of missions has been to concentrate at great strategic points. Evidently the Holy Spirit has been leading the workers, and showing them the best methods. One of these great central points is Cuba. Santiago appeared to be a good entering wedge for us, at least on the Southern coast no other place was open; and on the Northern coast only Havana. There are other positions now open, and some considerations point to Matanzas. Along the Northern coast people are asking for missionaries. The recommendations of Havana to locate a good school there are its central location, a good climate, and within a few miles a wholesome atmosphere. Havana would radiate its influence as from a center over the island; and at present there would be no need of any other large school. Evangelistic work should be stressed. Women can be reached only by women, as propriety forbids visiting by pastors in families. In no land is Christ more needed. Accounts of sinful living and sorrowful conditions are not exaggerated. Let the missionary women bring joy and peace into these desolate hearts."

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Rev. D. W. Carter in reference to purchase of property in Havana.

Estimates for Cuba were presented, and, after resolutions had been adopted, were accepted.

Mrs. J. W. Dinsmore begged permission to speak a few words in behalf of the work on the southern coast of Cuba.

Mrs. Roberts, mother of Miss Lelia Roberts, of our work in Laredo, was presented, and expressed her pleasure at meeting the Board under whose auspices her daughter's life work is so happy.

Dr. Lambuth was now requested to speak of our work in China. He visited last autumn China and Korea, secured for our Board new and safe deeds of property, and made a study of the development of conditions. The same idea of centralization prevails in the Orient. Shanghai and Soochow each lie in the midst of an enormous population of canal people, walled cities, towns, and villages. Foo cities, or official cities, should always be chosen to establish our work. Nantziang, not being a Foo city, is no longer successful, and the plant should be removed to some other point, such as Sungkiang or Hoochow; though Miss Rankin's work in Nantziang proved useful in showing the direction we should take. The expense of removal would be small, as the buildings and furniture would be loaded on a canal boat very carefully by the Chinese. The desirability of Hoochow lies in the nearness of Soochow, which is to be the educational center of the General Board, and of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. Hoochow is a commercial and literary center, and the people are open to our religion. Inhabitants so wealthy as to own their private ancestral halls place them at the service of our preachers. A large school is not advisable at this point; day schools, and a small boarding school as feeders to the Soochow plant are sufficient. Evangelistic work is of greatest importance. A large force of foreign women are needed to accompany the Bible women, because these are not able to acquire in one generation a mental and spiritual basis strong enough for independent work. As to the medical work, Dr. Margaret Polk is under heavy pressure, and unless she has assistance will break down.

Mrs. Swindell moved that we hold an afternoon session, which was adopted.

Notices of committees were given out.

Literature of our publication was advertised by Mrs. F. A. Butler, who had supplies.

The closing devotional exercises were led by Miss Norville, after which the Board adjourned to meet at two o'clock.

*AFTERNOON SESSION.*

The Society met at two, pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. A. W. Wilson.

Roll was called.

On motion, reading of the minutes was postponed until the following day.

Report No. 1 of Committee on Missionary Candidates was read, and, on motion, adopted by items. (See page 142.)

Dr. Lambuth was requested to explain the plans of the committee appointed to arrange for a Missionary Conference in our Church, reference to which had been made by the Corresponding Secretary in her report.

Mrs. Swindell moved that the Corresponding Secretary be empowered to arrange any matters in connection with this Methodist Missionary Conference that may fall within the province of this Board; which, being seconded, was adopted.

Rev. J. J. Methvin, of the Indian Mission, was requested to tell us of his work. He spoke of the teachers in his school as being most faithful missionaries, though not employed as such. The pupils have made good progress, and their influence would be marked if they might remain with us instead of going into government schools, as they frequently do. There is a good dormitory for the teachers and girls, but a boys' dormitory is needed. The government policy of feeding the Indians tends to pauperize them. The plan of missions is to teach self-support. This has worked so well that the Indians in the Church had even made a thank offering last Christmas out of their earnings. He thinks a good missionary from our Board much needed.

Mrs. Hester, Mrs. Quillian, Mrs. Robinson, and Mrs. Butler were introduced as workers from the Indian Territory.

Mrs. W. M. McIntosh, of the Grenada College, in the North Mississippi Conference, offered a scholarship in her college to a pupil in Mr. Methvin's school.

The Board adjourned to committee work.

*FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.*

The Society met at half past eight o'clock, the President in the chair.

The devotional exercises were led by Miss Tula C. Daniel. Her subject was the coming of the Lord—a blessed anticipation.

The minutes were read and corrected.

The following resolution was presented by Miss Daniel, which was inspired by hearing Rev. John G. Paton, of world-wide fame, at the late Ecumenical Missionary Conference in New York :

In view of the strong sentiment abroad against the liquor traffic allowed by our government, despite the protest of sixteen great nations, the missionaries, and the heathen themselves, one hundred of whom are slain by our rum to one convert made by our missionaries;

*Resolved:* 1. That we of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, put ourselves on record as in fullest sympathy with the earnest protest made both in Carnegie Hall and in various sectional meetings during the late Ecumenical Missionary Conference in New York City.

2. That we instruct our Corresponding Secretary to forward to the President of the United States this protest, signed by every officer and member of the Board, with our earnest entreaty that he listen to and grant the petitions of these other nations, of helpless heathenism, and of veteran missionaries, of whom the Church at home is not worthy.

MISS TULA C. DANIEL,

MRS. P. A. SOWELL,

MRS. L. W. CRAWFORD,

MRS. J. E. BENTLEY,

MRS. BLANCHE ALEXANDER.

Which, after discussion and amendment, was adopted.

Revs. J. M. Peterson and R. C. Hicks were presented, and Rev. S. D. Howell, of the Mississippi Conference.

Miss Maggie Wood was introduced as page for the day.

The Committee on Missionary Candidates presented Report No. 2, which was adopted by items, and, on motion, adopted as a whole. (See page 142.)

The following report was presented :

The special committee appointed to consider the expedience of arranging for a central station from which missionary literature can be had cheap, and to which all valuable material can be sent for publication, would respectfully refer the matter to the Publishing Committee of this Board.

MRS. S. S. PARK,

MRS. S. N. JONES,

MRS. E. A. GRAY.

On motion of Miss Gibson, after explanation from the Corresponding Secretary, this report was sent back to the committee for amendment.

Report No. 3 on Extension (see page 139) was received, discussed and adopted by items, and, on motion, adopted as a whole.

On discussion of the last item, to allow Miss Gary to gather by private appeal funds for a foundling institution and kindergarten, it was decided to ask Miss Gary to speak to this point.

She said the need of kindergarten work in China is urgent. Her experience as a day school teacher showed what might be done with children who had kindergarten training. As to the foundling home, that is a crying need; the little girl babies are cast out to die or thrown into the canals by the hundreds. The Romanists have refuges for many of these outcast babies, and are training them to be Romanists. There is one home where there are fifty girls rescued from canals. A place for these little ones is needed, as well as a kindergarten to put them into as soon as they are old enough. Collections in public for anything outside our regular work being forbidden, Miss Gary begged to be allowed to make personal and private appeals, believing that the money is in the hands of the Church. Her earnestness moved the Board; but it seemed out of the question to grant permission to her to take special collections, and the item was referred again to the Committee on Extension.

Estimates for China were taken up.

On motion, they were adopted as a whole.

Estimates for Korea were considered, and, on motion, adopted.

Miss Maria Layng Gibson presented the eight annual report of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, which, on motion, was accepted.

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

The record of another year is closed, and with increasing appreciation of the magnitude and possibilities of the work of the institution intrusted to our guardianship the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School present our eighth annual report :

Three meetings of the Board have been held since our last report. A called meeting was held May 23, 1899, in Nashville, Tenn., during the session of your Board, to make provision for the completion of the Belle Bennett chair. Our action was made known to the Conference Secretaries at your annual session, who pledged the amount designated, individually, or for their Conference Societies.

The second called meeting was held in Kansas City, Mo., March 1, 1900, to make a legal transfer of a portion of stock included in the Hannah Lithgow Lectureship. This transfer for cash was in accordance with the advice of the honored donor, and was of advantage to the endowment fund.

The annual meeting was held May 17, 1900, at the school. The official

engagements of the President of the Board made it necessary to defer the meeting until that date, which was two days after the commencement exercises, but the Executive Committee had sanctioned the issuance of diplomas to fifteen graduates, an official act which was approved by the Board.

At that meeting the Principal presented her eighth annual report, which was received and ordered filed. We present an abstract for your information :

#### EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

As the meetings of the last eight years pass in review, praise and thanksgiving make glad our hearts. We are told that in the China Inland Mission two mottoes are ever kept in view: "Ebenezer" and "Jehovah-jireh." With equal fitness we may use them as at once the emblem and the stimulus of our household, for, while there have been many changes, yet He who is our trust has ever shown unchanging faithfulness. Especially has this been true during the year just closed, for His help toward us, and His provision for our needs, have been manifested in a marked degree. In presenting my eighth annual report I would make mention of the mercies of our God.

My last report was made May 11, 1899, previous to our last commencement, which was held May 17, 1899, in First Congregational Church, at which time the ten young ladies presented to you for approval at your last annual meeting received their diplomas. Three of those graduates are now in the foreign field as missionaries of the Woman's Board: Miss Fannie B. Moling, at City of Mexico; Miss Lela McNemar, at Saltillo, Mexico; and Miss Arrena Carroll, in Korea.

One of the graduate nurses married during the summer. The remainder are engaged in nursing in Kansas City.

The absence of the honored President of the Board of Managers made it necessary to postpone this annual meeting until after the date set for our seventh annual commencement, which was held May 15, 1900. The graduates were approved by the faculty, and the issuance of the diplomas was sanctioned by the Executive Committee. The largest class in the history of the institution—fifteen in number—has been added to our alumnae: Misses Elizabeth Speed Davis, Warren Plains, N. C.; Sue Thomson Ford, Paris, Ky.; Alice Griffith, Marion, Ky.; Sadie Harbaugh, Washington, D. C.; Annie M. Heath, Covington, Ga.; Mary Dudley Jones, Greenville, Miss.; Rosa Lowe, Hogansville, Ga.; June Nicholson, Edgefield, S. C.; Nettie Peabody, Minden, La.; Della V. Wright, Anderson, S. C., of the Biblical Department; and Misses Flora Lee Armstrong, Fairfield, Ill.; Cora L. Cullison, Altoona, Kans.; Della Caroline Giffin, Mt. Grove, Mo.; Maude Landis, Lawrence, Kans.; Clementina Porter, Macon, Ga., of the Nurse-Training Department. Five of these have been accepted by the Woman's Board, and expect to receive their appointments at the approaching session of the Board, May 24. Two of the five nurses have already completed their hospital service; the remaining three will finish during the summer.

The recommendations made by your Board at the last Annual Meeting have been carried out. The memorial sent to the Woman's Board concerning the discontinuance of the *Evangel* was referred to a special committee which recommended the discontinuance of our paper, and the opening of a Training School Department in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, the organ of the Board, "to be devoted each month to such matter as may serve to increase general interest in this worthy institution, and also serve as a source of information to patrons and former students of the school." The manner and time of discontinuance were left to the discretion of those having the matter in charge. The Training School Department in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* was begun in July, but the *Evangel* was continued until October, the close of its fiscal year, when subscribers were transferred to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*. Thanks to the kindness of subscribers and friends, the *Evangel* was able to close out of debt.

Vacation was filled with duties. Editorial work on the two papers, correspondence with applicants, and labors made necessary by changes in the faculty taxed energy and strength. Miss Cushman's resignation, to accept an appointment under the American Board as missionary nurse in Cesarea, Asia Minor, took effect June 5, 1899. Miss Bidmead, who had been Miss Cushman's valued assistant for seven years, resigned August 1. The Executive Committee decided to make the experiment of dispensing with the head nurse, and transferring the duties discharged by Miss Bidmead to the senior nurses in turn, thus increasing their efficiency. The new superintendent, therefore, accepted the position without an assistant. Miss S. Isabell Moffat, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, was elected as Miss Cushman's successor, and entered on her duties August 1. The hospital has prospered under her management, giving indubitable proof of her ability. Miss Moffat had held a similar position in Bloomington, Ill., and had the highest indorsement of the medical staff and trustees.

Miss Mahan, who had held the position of matron two years, also tendered her resignation early in the summer. The selection of her successor was a difficult task, but at last the guiding hand of God led to the election of Mrs. Anna Patty Ritter, who had held the same position in St. John's Military School, Salina, Kans. She has proved a true house mother, whose influence over the students has been quiet, but potent for good, while her promptness and executive ability cause the household machinery to move smoothly.

The health record of the students has been better than that of last year, except during the smallpox epidemic, when eighteen were vaccinated, and suffered severely in consequence. The immunity from illness was largely due to the thorough house cleaning that was done last August, when every carpet and rug was cleaned and renovated, and calcimine and paint made the building fresh.

School opened Thursday, September 7, at 10 A.M. The exercises in the chapel were of great interest. The address of the day was made by Rev. E. P. Ryland, on Bible study.

Students enrolled this year: thirty-three in the Biblical Department, and

fifteen in the Nurse-Training Department, making the largest enrollment since the opening. They represent sixteen States—Missouri sending the largest number, eleven. All students in the Biblical Department this year are Methodists.

The work done in the Bible classes has been satisfactory. Great eagerness in research and close application in study have been characteristics of this class.

Our Bible teacher was called upon to suffer this year, both by bereavement in the death of her brother, Rev. George H. Lipscomb, and by the illness of her beloved daughter, an illness that lasted for months. Mrs. Hargrove was in Mississippi at the bedside of her daughter for seven weeks, but her classes were conducted by two of the students, Miss Sadie Harbaugh and Miss Emma Page. The review and examination were prepared by Mrs. Hargrove, and so well was the work of that period accomplished that there was no appreciable loss, the grades for those examinations equaling the others of the year: a fact creditable alike to students and teacher. The same methods of teaching have been pursued, and the same amount of work has been completed in the Bible Department as last year.

The nurses' Bible classes have been held weekly, and more interest and better results shown than in former years. Mrs. Hargrove has also conducted a ladies' Bible study class weekly at the residence of Mrs. J. K. Burnham, a member of our advisory board. This class has been full of interest and profit.

As directed by this Board at the last Annual Meeting, Miss Billingsley continued in charge of the class in Church history with marked success. The bookkeeping class was also taught by her, and, with few exceptions, the grades in this difficult branch of study were unusually high.

As the class in parliamentary practice was suspended last year, seniors and juniors were given the drill together by the Principal.

A course in cooking, designed especially for invalids, was given the seniors of both departments by Miss Mabelle Hazen, graduate of Mme. Borer's school in Philadelphia, and dietitian for some months in Allegheny General Hospital. These lectures were practical and most valuable.

The household work has been done under the direction of the house mother, Mrs. Ritter. This is the most difficult branch in the curriculum, and yet one of the most important in the development of character. It is difficult to require promptness and perfection in household duties when students are preparing analysis, or studying for examinations, or when they show physically the effects of the mental strain. If the results have not always met the inspector's standard, there has always been willingness on the part of the student to remedy the defect when shown.

A most valuable help to the senior class has been their service in turn as assistant matron. This feature was recommended by members of the alumnae, now missionaries in the field.

*The Devotional Meetings.*—The students' prayer meetings, and missionary meetings, both home and foreign, have been full of interest and

profit, mental and spiritual. Dues, thank offerings, and self-denial week resulted in financial gain to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of \$64.65, and to the Woman's Home Mission Society, \$30.90. Total, \$95.55.

The Lecture Course has, as heretofore, brought the students in contact with themes and lecturers that were inspiring mentally and spiritually.

#### LECTURE COURSE FOR 1899-1900.

"Applied Psychology." Miss Margaret Jones.

"The Ideal Christian Womanhood in the Nineteenth Century." Miss Belle H. Bennett.

"Attention." Rev. Matthew S. Hughes.

"Modern Jerusalem." Rev. Charles W. Scarritt.

"Influence as a Determining Force in a Choice of a Vocation." Miss Maud Bonnell.

"The Inspiration of the Bible." Rev. C. B. Wilcox.

"The Connection between the Old and New Testaments." Rev. C. B. Wilcox.

"The Catacombs." Rev. H. D. Jenkins, D.D.

"The Scriptures in the Light of Archaeological Discoveries." Rev. M. B. Chapman.

"The Student Volunteer Movement." Miss Sophia Lyon.

"The Watchword of the Movement and the Responsibility of Young Women toward the Heathen." Miss Sophia Lyon.

"Ancient Jerusalem." Rev. Charles W. Scarritt.

"Work among the Cannibals of the New Hebrides Islands." Rev. John G. Paton, New Hebrides Islands.

"David Livingston, the Missionary Statesman." Rev. C. H. Briggs.

"Christianity in Contrast with Historic Religions of the World." Rev. M. B. Chapman.

"Life and Labors of St. Patrick." Rev. E. P. Ryland.

"Why Missionaries Are Needed in Brazil." Miss Layona Glenn, Brazil.

"Missionary Work in China." Miss Martha Pyle, China.

"My Conversion from Heathenism to Christianity." Rev. H. L. Kimura, Japan.

"Associated Charities." Mr. W. C. Scarritt.

"Missionary Work in Ceylon." Miss Meyers, Ceylon.

"Wisdom Books of the Bible," six lectures. Rev. C. M. Bishop.

"Social Service: In Christ's Stead." Mr. J. N. Hanson.

"School Savings Banks." Mrs. L. O. Middleton.

"Food Values and Dietetics." Miss Mabelle Hazen.

The resignation of Miss Elizabeth Streater and the election of Miss May Lockard as missionary under the Kansas City Board of City Missions transfers the superintendence of our City Mission Department to Miss Lockard. She reports the work of the students as thorough and zealous, with excellent results in many cases. Students have been assigned to work in four districts—Melrose, Garland, Campbell Street, and Troost Avenue Churches.

Two industrial schools have been held. Miss Jennie Gibson directed the school held in Melrose Church through the kindness of the board of stewards, one of whom furnished fuel for heating the lecture room on Saturdays during the winter. Miss Lockard directed the school held at the day nursery, while our students assisted her as teachers.

The house-to-house visitation, and all city mission work, were suspended during the prevalence of the smallpox epidemic, thereby lessening the total results in the city mission report. This precaution, however, was deemed necessary.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF CITY MISSION WORK.

*From November, 1899, to May, 1900.*

Visits made.....	1,811
Prayers offered in homes.....	369
Bible read.....	305
Street conversations.....	351
Literature distributed:	
Papers.....	886
Tracts.....	161
Testaments.....	2
Scripture texts.....	144
Church invitation cards.....	48
Home Department Quarterlies.....	17
Books loaned.....	21
Garments bestowed.....	45
Baskets of food.....	9
Baskets of fruit.....	3
Bouquets of flowers.....	3
Thanksgiving dinners.....	15
Christmas dinners.....	15
Baskets of fruit at Christmas.....	3
Dolls given at Christmas.....	12
Money given.....	\$2 05
Drawing lessons given.....	25
Cottage prayer meetings.....	14
Epworth League meetings conducted.....	4
Junior League meetings conducted.....	48
Number of children taught in League.....	976
Juvenile missionary meetings conducted.....	7
Number of children taught in missionary meeting.....	63
Talks at missionary meetings.....	8
Meetings at Door of Hope.....	6
Visits to Door of Hope.....	6
Sunday school reviews.....	2
Number taught in Sunday school.....	3,016
Number taught in sewing school.....	602

Miss Moffatt, Superintendent of Nurses, thus reports the work of the Nurse-Training Department and Hospital:

## REPORT OF NURSE-TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

The present Superintendent of Nurses entered upon her duties August 1, 1899, but this report dates from April 1, 1899. During this time nine probationers have entered, six becoming regular members of the school. Of the thirteen (including the district nurse) now in training, nine are Methodists, one Presbyterian, one Congregationalist, one Baptist, and one a member of the Christian Church. Four of these are seniors and seven are juniors and two are still on probation.

Our graduating class this year numbers five. One of these has completed the prescribed two years, but will return to graduate. The remaining four finish during the summer.

During December, January, February, and March, while the smallpox was so prevalent throughout the city, we thought it best for the safety of the institution and its occupants to call in the district nurse, which lessened her visits this year to 275. A large number of these calls mean hours and hours of hard work. In one case, taken care of in August, the nurse remained four days and nights without one hour of relief: while in the case of two others, in September and October, the faithfulness and responsibility of the nurse could not be estimated. In all three of these special cases the doctors say the recovery of the patients was due to the persevering efforts of the district nurse. I might also mention the case of a child sick with pneumonia, whom our district nurse was with constantly for five days and nights, and, while she was not able to save the little one's life, yet her work was none the less conscientious, and was highly appreciated both by the family and by the physician in attendance. The amount of work done and the suffering alleviated are not represented in the number of visits here recorded.

With the exception of a few added equipments, the work of the hospital has been the same as reported at the last meeting. The financial gain of \$314.10 over last year is due to the admittance of eight more patients, as shown by the following statistical report :

Patients remaining in the hospital.....	5
Males admitted.....	31
Females admitted.....	179
Total number admitted.....	210
Number of births.....	5
Number of deaths.....	10
Of these admitted moribund.....	6
Number of patients operated on.....	172
Of this number there were capital.....	86
Of those admitted Christians.....	168
Of those admitted Roman Catholics.....	9
Of those admitted Hebrew.....	2
Of those admitted no Church given.....	31
Of those converted while here.....	3
Number of visits made by physicians.....	1,608

## GIFTS.

The largest gift of the year was the legacy of Miss Melissa Baker, of Baltimore, Md., of \$900, for which we are deeply grateful.

The two free beds have received small additions, as shown in the financial report.

Since April 1 forty-five dollars has been added to the Victoria Diamond Jubilee Fund.

Several Conferences have shown interest in the rooms they have furnished by sending gifts for furniture, or for tinting the walls. Eight years' constant use have made manifest the wear and tear, and many of the rooms and halls need repairs, new carpets, and decoration.

A late gift to the Bible class room, a "Frieze of the Prophets," has given inspiration and delight to the students and teacher. The generous donor was Miss Emma Page, Biscoe, N. C.

Repairs on the building, necessary for its preservation, were ordered by the Executive Committee. They were: rebuilding a chimney that was badly cracked, and painting and repairing outside woodwork, which had been damaged by the elements.

## LITERATURE.

In preparation for the Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions 3,500 copies of "A Handbook of Information" were issued; also 5,000 leaflets, "A Handful of Questions Answered." Articles on the Training School for the Secretary of the Board of Education, for Student Volunteer Movement statistics, and numerous letters to persons desiring their use at public meetings have been written.

## VISITS.

Mrs. Hargrove visited the Asheville meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association last June, and made a fine impression. In October the Principal made a three weeks' tour in Texas, visiting Fort Worth, Dallas, Plano, Ennis, Waxahachie, Corsicana, Waco, Georgetown, Weatherford, and Sherman. Twelve addresses were given in churches, four in colleges and institutions of learning, and other public services were held. The Corresponding Secretary of the Northwest Texas Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. J. P. Mussett, made all arrangements for the itinerary, and the welcome and appreciation were so sincere and hearty that the thought of labor was lost in the reward.

With the consent of the Board, the Principal and the Bible teacher attended the Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions in New York April 21 to May 2. The twelve days' absence meant weeks of preparation in advance and increased labors after our return, but all classes were arranged for, and the enthusiasm and uplift of mind and spirit, and the broader view gained, were worth more than we can express.

Miss Billingsley visited the annual session of the Missouri Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, held at Hannibal, Mo., in April, and the Principal attended the annual session of the Southwest Missouri

Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, held in Nevada, Mo., the same month. At each meeting a prominent place on the programme was given to the address on the Searritt Bible and Training School. Seed was sown in all these meetings, we believe, for future harvests.

Our thanks are due the physicians who have given valuable services as lectures to the students and also professional services to the pupils when ill, and physical examinations of missionary candidates applying to the Woman's Board for appointment in the field. Of these physicians, special kindness has been shown by Dr. Avis Smith, Dr. George Mesher, and Dr. R. T. Sloan, and to them our heartfelt gratitude is due.

This year will ever be notable for two events closely connected with our institution. The first death in our alumnæ took place August 10, 1899, when Mary Louise Richardson went to heaven from China. Loving and lovable, symmetrical and beautiful in character, one of the loveliest of our number, and one whose promise of usefulness was rich, the alumnæ, the missionary force, the world, have felt the bereavement.

The return of our first graduate from the mission field reminds us that the school is growing in years. Miss Layona Glenn, after five years of service in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, returned for rest and recuperation, and spent one delightful month with us.

The best test of an institution is shown in its fruit. Representatives like Miss Richardson and Miss Glenn are the best witnesses as to the thoroughness and effectiveness of our work.

In closing this report we commend to your love and care all the interests of the school, and ask for your strong support and coöperation during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted.

M. L. GIBSON, *Principal*.

#### RECEIPTS.

*From April 1, 1899, to April 1, 1900.*

Balance brought forward.....	\$	24	59
Receipts from J. S. Chick, Treasurer: Scholarships.....		1,500	00
To pay outstanding bills.....		1,000	00
From students' board, etc.....		12,104	42—\$14,629 01

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

To expense of school and hospital.....	\$14,476	50
Balance in bank April 1, 1900.....	152	51— 14,629 01

We are deeply grateful for the increased enrollment and enlarged usefulness of the institution, as shown in the above report.

The ladies' Bible study class, taught by Mrs. Hargrove in the city, has been a valuable agent in drawing attention to the worth of our course of study and equipment.

The need for free beds in our hospital is so pressing that we feel grateful for the continued interest in their endowment. The committee in charge of the Victorian Diamond Jubilee Fund was again continued, with permission to call in needed help to prosecute the completion of that fund. The committee pledged itself to raise three hundred dollars during

the year, a pledge which was accepted with thanks. On request of the committee, our Board decided that the interest on the money in hand for the fund be used at the direction of the Principal in caring for charity patients in our hospital. It is most earnestly hoped that donors to the Twentieth Century Fund of our Church will remember the two free beds, the endowment of which has been begun.

We recommend for reëlection the Managers whose terms expire in 1900: Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Mrs. W. E. Hall, Mrs. J. S. Chick.

The officers of the Board were by unanimous vote continued in office.

The next session opens Thursday, September 6, 1900. We are convinced of your increased appreciation of the school, hence, with faith, we look to you for more earnest and active support in disseminating knowledge as to its purpose, and in securing the accomplishment of its high ideals.

On behalf of the Board.

MARIA LAYNG GIBSON, *Rec. Sec.*

The financial report of Miss Billingsley, Secretary of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, was read by Miss Gibson, and, on motion, was accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

*Receipts from April 1, 1899, to April 1, 1900.*

Balance April 1, 1899.....		\$ 316 82
Alabama Conference.....	\$ 12 00	
Arkansas Conference.....	5 70	
Baltimore Conference.....	901 68	
Florida Conference.....	240 97	
Indian Mission Conference.....	33 10	
Kentucky Conference.....	241 80	
Little Rock Conference.....	23 70	
Los Angeles Conference.....	22 30	
Louisiana Conference.....	14 85	
Louisville Conference.....	325 65	
Memphis Conference.....	136 95	
Mississippi Conference.....	71 61	
Missouri Conference.....	123 09	
North Carolina Conference.....	2 10	
North Mississippi Conference.....	154 61	
North Texas Conference.....	199 48	
Northwest Texas Conference.....	134 55	
Pacific Conference ..	78 30	
St. Louis Conference.....	108 51	
South Carolina Conference.....	89 61	
South Georgia Conference.....	49 10	
Southwest Missouri Conference.....	518 20	
Tennessee Conference.....	61 86	
Texas Conference.....	1,259 68	
Virginia Conference.....	19 93	

West Texas Conference .....	\$ 22 25
Western Conference.....	20 83
Western Virginia Conference.....	50 17
White River Conference.....	84 15
Denver Conference.....	12 00
"Christian Womanhood".....	50
Special donations.....	23 85
Victorian Diamond Jubilee Fund.....	40 00
Contribution box for ministers' free bed.....	12 74
Twentieth Century Fund.....	30 00—\$5,125 82

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 \$5,442 14

## DISBURSEMENTS.

To J. S. Click, Treasurer: By J. T. Barney.....	\$ 5 15
By Elizabeth Billingsley, Secretary.....	3,550 00
By Melissa Baker Bequest.....	900 00
To general office expense.....	525 25
To traveling expense.....	47 50
To Furnishing Fund: Four Conference rooms.....	32 25
Cleora Murphy Bookcase .....	17 00
To Students' board from Florida Conference fund....	96 92
Balance on hand April 1, 1900.....	268 07— 5,442 14

## APPROPRIATION OF RECEIPTS.

To Belle H. Bennett Chair: Alabama Conference.....	\$ 12 00
Arkansas Conference.....	3 60
Baltimore Conference.....	1 68
Florida Conference.....	240 97
Indian Mission Conference.....	33 10
Kentucky Conference.....	236 80
Little Rock Conference .....	23 70
Los Angeles Conference.....	22 30
Louisiana Conference.....	14 85
Louisville Conference.....	19 55
Memphis Conference .....	136 95
Mississippi Conference.....	61 61
Missouri Conference.....	40 59
North Carolina Conference .....	2 10
North Mississippi Conference .....	139 61
North Texas Conference.....	199 48
Northwest Texas Conference.....	134 55
Pacific Conference.....	78 30
St. Louis Conference.....	85 76
South Carolina Conference.....	89 61
South Georgia Conference .....	49 10
Southwest Missouri Conference .....	518 20
Tennessee Conference.....	61 86
Virginia Conference.....	19 93

West Texas Conference.....	\$ 22 25	
Western Conference.....	20 83	
Western Virginia Conference.....	50 17	
White River Conference.....	69 15	
Denver Conference.....	2 00	
Special donation.....	5 00	—\$2,395 60
Lectureships: Kavanaugh, Louisville Conference.....		290 00
Scholarships: Memorial Scholarship, St. Louis Conference.....	\$ 21 75	
Memorial Scholarship, Denver Conference.....	10 00	
Texas Scholarship, Texas Conference.....	1,251 43	— 1,284 18

SUNDRIES.

Minnie Blades Room: Kentucky Conference.....	5 00	
Mississippi Room: Mississippi Conference.....	10 00	
Shackelford Memorial Room: Missouri Conference...	19 40	
Florence Malone Room: White River Conference.....	15 00	
Cleora Murphey Library: Louisville Conference.....	16 10	
Ministers' Free Bed: Missouri Conference.....	63 10	
Contribution box.....	12 74	
Students' Loan Fund: North Mississippi Conference..	15 00	
Special donations.....	13 70	
Hallie Stafford Cot: Texas Conference.....	8 25	
Victorian Diamond Jubilee Fund.....	40 00	— 218 29
Undirected: Arkansas Conference.....	\$ 2 10	
Baltimore Conference.....	900 00	
"Christian Womanhood".....	50	
Special donation.....	5 15	
Twentieth Century Fund.....	30 00	— 937 75
		<u>\$5,125 82</u>

Respectfully submitted.

ELIZABETH BILLINGSLEY, *Cor. Sec.*

The following resolution was presented, and, on motion, adopted :

In view of the high estimate placed upon the work of the Scarritt Bible and Training School by this Board, we would offer the following resolution :

That each Conference Secretary arrange for a special hour or session at the annual meeting, to be given to the presentation of the objects and purposes of this very important institution.

MRS. E. A. GRAY, MISS SALLIE SMYLYE,  
 MRS. L. H. POTTS, MRS. F. D. SWINDELL,  
 MRS. L. W. CRAWFORD,

A number of ladies expressed their appreciation of the work, as well as their affection and admiration for the leader. A pleasant feature of the scholarship work is the willingness of those Con-

ference Societies which have established scholarships to lend them to Conference Societies which have candidates. Miss Gibson felt great pleasure at the expression of esteem and approval given by members of the Board. Her effort is to fit these young women for work, to help them to overcome native defects, to train intelligent minds; in so doing acting as a guardian to this Board, preventing applications from young women who could not do this highest service in the noblest way.

Miss Glenn, the first graduate of Scarritt Bible and Training School, begged leave to say she had felt its beneficial influence, and was confident her own character had been highly modified by its effect.

Miss Norville expressed regret that she had not been able to take the course there, seeing clearly how much better prepared she would have been for her work.

The Committee on Memorials presented their report as follows :

Item 1. The memorial from the St. Louis Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society requesting the immediate erection of the memorial tablet in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and that the first name inscribed thereon shall be that of the sainted Irene Toland, M.D., was duly considered, and we recommend concurrence.

Item 2. The memorial from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Georgia Conference, requesting the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to establish a mission station in Japan, has received our careful attention. From all the information that we could get from what we considered the best sources in regard to this matter, we must recommend nonconcurrence.

Item 3. We considered the memorial from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Missouri Conference, requesting the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to prescribe a yearly reading course for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies of suitable missionary books, and other literature, whose cost should be within reach of the weakest auxiliaries, and we recommend concurrence.

Item 4. The memorial from our General Secretary requesting that the date for holding the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions be changed, and that it meet three months earlier, or three months later than the present time, was considered. We recommend concurrence, and suggest that the time for holding the annual meeting be fixed for February.

Item 5. The memorial from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Virginia Conference, requesting that some means be devised for lessening the expenses of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and suggesting that expenses be reduced by placing the salaries of the home workers on a basis not higher

than those of the missionaries in the foreign fields, we have most carefully and prayerfully considered. While we are not prepared to recommend entire concurrence in this, we feel that there is some reason in this complaint; hence we have formulated the following paper, which we present for your consideration and adoption:

Whereas the Committee on Memorials agree with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Virginia Conference, in thinking that the expenses of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, should be decreased, and that the time for retrenchment has come, but do not think it is quite just to those most interested to recommend that their salaries be reduced without notifying them of this purpose prior to this annual meeting; and at the same time feel the necessity of retrenchment beginning at once, having this year had the embarrassment of an empty treasury, and being compelled to reduce the estimates for almost every foreign field during this session of the Board.

*Resolved*, That we do recommend that the expense of the administration of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be reduced.

MRS. F. D. SWINDELL, MISS LIDA G. MOORE,  
MRS. S. N. JONES, LILLIAN W. NEELY.

On motion, Items 1, 2, and 3 were adopted.

In connection with Item 4, the Corresponding Secretary desired that the change be postponed for a year, so that we may be in session shortly after the meeting of the Missionary Conference, to be held probably next May.

Miss Gibson stated that if the change of date from May to February be made, two officers of the Board, who are Principal and Bible teacher at the Training School, would be put to great inconvenience to leave their work; and the Training School candidates for missionary work cannot present their reports before the close of the scholastic year, and so must wait from the period of their graduation until the next February.

Time of the session was extended to allow discussion.

The Corresponding Secretary gave as the reason for not finding October a suitable time the fact that the teachers of the Board are just beginning their year's work.

It was moved that this item be referred back to the committee, but the Chairman begged that it be settled in open session.

It was moved and seconded that this item of the report be laid on the table; not carried.

It was moved that the matter lie over for another year; but it was shown that this settlement meant what was objected to, a change to February, for this year inexpedient. Finally the Sec-

retary moved to amend by substituting "May" for "February;" and this was adopted.

Notices of committees were given; and, on motion, it was decided to hold an afternoon session, and the Society adjourned after devotional exercises led by Mrs. P. A. Sowell.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Society met at half past two o'clock, the First Vice President in the chair. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. C. W. Brandon.

The roll was called. On motion, reading of the minutes was postponed until the morning.

The President took the chair.

Consideration of the remainder of the report of the Committee on Memorials was resumed. On motion, Item 3 was referred to the Committee on Publication.

Item 5 was taken up.

Miss Gibson opened the discussion, thinking that, so far from reducing the cost of administration in the home work, the time had come for enlargement. We need more workers to make our results more effective, even though larger cost be involved. We have planned so largely in our general work, to which we have added the Twentieth Century Movement, that more outlay for increased effort seems imperative.

Mrs. Swindell held that, though a just remuneration for labor should be given, yet faithful Conference Secretaries and Treasurers have none; and as their work must be a labor of love, it seems right that the Board officers and servants should share the economy. The committee have been prayerful, earnest, and impartial. On investigation they found the Corresponding Secretary would only be hampered had she a less competent clerk; and for herself, they realize her value fully.

Mrs. Jones said that the committee desired to make reduction in expenses if possible, but it is their wish that the Board decide at what point retrenchment should begin.

Mrs. H. C. Cheatham, from whose Conference Society the memorial had come, begged to say that the memorial had originated in no combative spirit, but in a sincere desire for the good of the work.

The Secretary gave some account of the office expenses which

are too necessary for alteration, and which may be found in the itemized report of the Treasurer.

General discussion followed, participated in by Mrs. Neely, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Swindell, Mrs. Wilson, and others.

The question being called for, a rising vote of nineteen to nine carried this item.

The Treasurer stated that, as Chairman of the Committee on Finance, she desired instruction as to where the reduction in expenses should begin.

The Committee on Publication brought in their report. (See report, page 144.)

On motion, it was ordered to be considered by items.

Item 1 was adopted without discussion.

Items 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 were adopted after discussion, some Secretaries believing that retrenchment could begin at these points.

Item 7 produced strong argument on both sides, but was finally adopted; and Item 8 was adopted.

On motion, the Society adjourned informally.

#### FIFTH DAY.

The Society met at half past eight o'clock, the President in the chair. The morning devotions were led by Mrs. F. D. Swindell, and prayers were offered by the five young ladies appointed to foreign fields.

The minutes were read and corrected.

The Corresponding Secretary presented to the Board for inspection laces formerly belonging to Mrs. McGavock, who had given them to Miss Haygood to sell for the benefit of mission work.

The Secretary asked that she might be allowed to have a good likeness of Miss Haygood on the certificate of stock in the Laura Haygood Home and School, this meaning more expenditure of funds. Without formal action the judgment of the Board was that only a good likeness of our beloved missionary would be of value. These shares go immediately into the Twentieth Century Fund, to hasten the building of the Laura Haygood Home and School in Soochow. A number of the shares were ordered by the Conference Secretaries, which did not indicate what we intend to do for the institution, but were merely a starting point to work on. Some Conference Societies have pledged themselves for special work, their Twentieth Century Thank Offering to go to Cuba, or Korea,

or Mexico, or wherever they have decided. The names of those taking stock in the Laura Haygood Home and School go directly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, who will forward the certificates; the money, ten dollars per share, will go to the Treasurer of the Board through the Conference Treasurer.

Miss Norville asked permission to say that if she could get the Board to promise definite action in her desired purchase in the City of Mexico she felt confident that the citizens would take part and begin to contribute to her plan. It was decided to inquire of the Conference Societies what portion of the Twentieth Century Fund in their societies could be placed at once at command of the Board for this purpose, so as to give Miss Norville a basis to work on. After some calculation it was found that \$5,200 could be secured within a short time, with the hope that a much larger sum would be added with short delay.

Pledges of Conference Societies for the regular work over and above dues were now called for: Alabama, \$600; Arkansas, \$400; Baltimore, \$400; East Texas, \$200; Florida, \$500; Holston, \$1,000; Indian Mission, \$100; Kentucky, \$1,000; Little Rock, \$500; Louisiana, \$200; Louisville, \$800; Memphis, \$800; Missouri, \$1,000; Mississippi, \$300; North Alabama, \$500; North Carolina, \$1,000; North Mississippi, \$450; North Texas, \$500; Northwest Texas, \$500; South Carolina, \$1,500; South Georgia, \$4,000; North Georgia, \$3,000; Southwest Missouri, \$1,800; St. Louis, \$300; Tennessee, \$1,500; Texas, \$500; Virginia, \$1,000; West Texas, \$50; Western North Carolina, \$1,500; Western Virginia, \$400; White River, \$200.

Telegrams of greeting were received by the Board from Miss Bennett and Mrs. Dowdell.

Mrs. C. P. Brown presented to the Board a gold watch to be sold for the Twentieth Century Fund, the proceeds to go to Mrs. J. P. Campbell's work in Seoul, Korea. It is the gift of a Methodist preacher's wife who had nothing else she could give.

It was moved and seconded that the Board should purchase the watch and send it back to the donor, on condition that she keep it as a token of affection from us. Its sale produced \$22.

Mrs. Swindell offered the following, which, on motion, was adopted:

Whereas the meeting of the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, held in Paris, Tex., on Thursday afternoon, May 24, 1900, was both instructive and beneficial, especially so in the interchange of plans and

ideas for the promotion of the foreign missionary work in our several Conference Societies;

*Resolved*, That such questions be continued from year to year as long as needed.

MRS. F. D. SWINDELL,	MRS. V. V. HARLAND,
MRS. E. A. GRAY,	MRS. LA PRADE,
MISS SALLIE SMYLYE,	MRS. J. W. RUSH.

The Committee on Publications presented Item 3 of Report of Committee on Memorials, which was referred to them yesterday. On motion, it was adopted as follows:

We recommend that Mrs. F. A. Butler, Miss Maria Layng Gibson, and Mrs. S. C. Trueheart be appointed to prescribe a course of missionary reading, and publish the same in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

The Committee on Extension presented Report No. 4, which was discussed by items, and, after amendment, was adopted. (See report, page 139.)

The Indian Mission work was taken up. Estimates were presented, and, on motion, adopted. (See report, page 149.)

Miss Glenn was requested to talk of her field, Brazil. She took the map and showed the location of our work. She deeply felt the trial of making an appeal to our Board, fearing refusal from our limited means. Any ardent missionary sees imperative needs, asks for what she cannot do without, and then receives less! In Brazil Romanism is very different from what it is in our land. Priesthood rules in home and society. As in China, babies are cast out. In the convent doors are holy wheels where during the midnight hours are placed the little children of sin and shame. Many see the light first in nuns' cells; many are the children of girls sent to convent schools. The story of sin and shame is too bitter to be told in detail. A foundling house is needed in Brazil, that these little ones may be saved to the religion of our Jesus, who called for little children.

In the school work hindrances are serious. No school furniture when she began, though the prospectus had advertised the school on the American plan; no funds for school purposes, though she paid a large rent. She moved into a smaller house to save rent, expecting to be allowed to use the money thus saved for other needs; but this is contrary to Board rules. Her plea is the plea of all missionaries, not to cut down their estimates. By persistence and energy she rose above her obstacles, and left a good school when she came home for her rest.

In the Church in Rio, she mentioned, there is a good pipe organ,

the gift of the Presbyterian Church there; but as the missionary ladies in Rio are not musicians, she hoped an organist for that Church would be considered in the adjustment of this year's work.

Time for the morning service was extended to allow Miss Glenn to continue.

The ignorance of Brazilians shows the important position the missionaries hold; and women are indispensable workers in the efforts to raise and help them. Persecution still hinders religious freedom.

The First Vice President took the chair.

Mrs. M. D. Wightman presented the following, which, on motion, was adopted:

Whereas the heathen world is ready to have the gospel preached, and the Church is fully able to go and proclaim it; and whereas it is said that sufficient laborers would be forthcoming if only the means for their preparation and maintenance were provided; and whereas the Church lacks enthusiasm in giving, and we believe that it is caused by a lack of information of the condition and needs of heathen peoples, so critically ready for Christ, so awfully destitute of the only remedy for their sin and death;

Therefore we will humble ourselves before God, and covenant to pray daily unto him that he would give us the Holy Spirit to lead us into all his mind in this great matter, and make us willing and obedient; and that he will move our pastors to use their office and opportunity to instruct the people and awaken an intelligent interest in missions; to hold monthly missionary prayer meetings, as in the early days of Methodism, in which recent news from mission fields shall be given, and united supplications be made for the salvation of the world; that we will not refuse any candidate from our Conference Societies who shall be found perfectly competent and desirable, but will accept them and trust God to enable us to send them out; that twelve o'clock noon shall be the hour for concerted prayer for our workers at home, for our fields of labor abroad, and the missionaries who are striving to reap the white harvests.

Mrs. Swindell, Mrs. Cheatham, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. McTyeire, and others, asked for leave of absence. Fearing a quorum would not remain, time of session was extended to conclude business.

Mrs. Neely gave a cordial invitation to the Board to meet in the South Georgia Conference next year.

The Secretary presented items of Brazil work as amended, which were accepted. (See report, page 141.)

The Committee on Finance presented their report, which was

adopted as a whole. By request, the items were read the second time. (See report, page 143.)

The special committee on the Central Publishing Institution presented the following, which, on motion, was adopted:

The special committee appointed to consider the expediency of arranging for a central station, from which can be obtained missionary literature at the smallest cost, and to which material of this kind can be sent for publication, would heartily indorse any wise steps taken in that direction: but inasmuch as this matter will require time for consideration, and some correspondence with reference to the business details that may be involved, we would beg leave to refer the subject to the standing Publishing Committee of this Board, requesting them to act as their best judgment dictates, or, if they prefer, to submit their action to the Board at the next Annual Meeting.

MRS. S. S. PARK,  
MRS. S. N. JONES,  
MRS. E. A. GRAY.

Mrs. L. W. Crawford, of the Western North Carolina Conference Society, presented an invitation for the Board to meet in Asheville, N. C., next year.

An invitation was sent from Trinity Church, Charleston, S. C., to meet there; but since the invitation was written it had been decided to pull down the church. Our President hoped we would use our pleasure, sure of a warm welcome; but she had desired to entertain us in her own church. So we decided to postpone the meeting in Charleston until Trinity Church is rebuilt.

Mrs. Anderson brought an invitation from Laredo, Tex., to meet there; Mrs. Potts gave a standing invitation to come to Texas; Miss Norville invited us to the City of Mexico; Mrs. C. Price Brown invited us to meet in Los Angeles, Cal.

Asheville, N. C., was chosen as the place of our next Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Swindell moved that we make the price of the *Little Worker* twenty-five cents per annum, club rates remaining fifteen cents for ten or more; which was not carried.

Mrs. L. W. Crawford presented the following, which, on motion, was adopted:

Whereas we find that even \$85,000 is not sufficient to purchase the property and erect the school buildings which the urgency of the need and the grandeur of the opportunity in the foreign field demands; and whereas we recognize many providential indications that the Board should make a distinctly forward movement at this meeting; and whereas we believe that God will honor our faith in undertaking great things in his name:

*Resolved*, That each officer and Corresponding Secretary do all in her power to increase the Twentieth Century Offering to \$100,000.

Mrs. L. W. CRAWFORD,    Mrs. W. B. HIGGINBOTHAM,  
Mrs. L. H. POTTS,        Mrs. W. H. LA PRADE.

The following was also presented :

*Resolved*, That the Editor of Leaflets be requested to issue, as early as possible, another leaflet, stressing the importance of the Twentieth Century Thank Offering, and giving all needed information in regard to it. Also that the editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* be requested to keep the Twentieth Century Movement prominently before its readers for the next few months.

Mrs. L. W. CRAWFORD,  
Mrs. P. A. SOWELL,  
Mrs. W. B. HIGGINBOTHAM.

The fifty dollars asked for by the President as a contribution to the Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge was completed.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following :

"To the great One and Three," in whose name we are gathered, "eternal praises be, hence evermore." Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable Gift to the world. Whom they ignorantly worship, Him declare we unto them.

*Resolved*, We feel that our sincerest thanks are due, in large degree, to the chief shepherds of our Church for their many evidences of appreciation of our woman's work: to Bishop Morrison, for his gift of one hundred and fifty dollars to Chihuahua Day School; to Bishop Hendrix, for his interested oversight of our missionaries and their fields in Brazil; to Bishop Candler, for the valuable suggestions as to our Cuban work; to Bishop Duncan, for his great kindness to our missionaries in the City of Mexico; and for the reduction of three hundred dollars in rent of our charity school there.

To Dr. Lambuth, the ever ready and faithful Secretary of the Board of Missions, whose voice and help are always so freely given, we return special thanks, his late visit to our Eastern missions making his suggestions peculiarly valuable at this juncture.

Surely the pillar of fire gleamed and trembled over Paris, Tex., leading hither the feet of our missionary, Rev. C. F. Reid. May the Lord's command, "Go forward!" become our watchword.

Our loving thanks are due our Bishop Key, who, under extreme indisposition, taught us new lessons on real closet prayer.

To Mrs. Julia A. Gaither, in China, whose loving foresight caused her to see the value to our China Mission of the land near the Mary Lambuth School, and to purchase the same, the cordial thanks of this body are given.

The presence in our midst of our missionaries, Rev. J. J. Methvin and

Misses Norville, Gary, and Glenn, has been to us both blessing and inspiration. God's blessings on them!

The thanks of this body are hereby tendered to Mrs. J. D. Hamilton for so signally helping us to "gather up the fragments."

And to Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, for her painstaking and beautiful work in the preparation of the "Cycle of Prayer," our most sincere thanks and appreciation are tendered.

To the great Cotton Belt Road for pleasant accommodations, and to Mr. W. G. Adams, their agent, for great kindness; and to all other roads, for generous reductions, we would express grateful recognition.

That thanks be cordially offered the ladies of the Home Mission Society for the pleasant reception given at the beautiful home of Mrs. James McDonald.

And to the members of the Young Men's Christian Association of Paris, Tex., for their cordial invitation to visit their rooms, and for their generous proffer for use of their desks and stationery, we extend sincere thanks, praying the Father's blessing on their work.

To the choir, the flower committee, the dear little pages, and to "Uncle Robert," the sexton, our special gratitude be given.

For the presence in our midst of Rev. Mr. Mountcastle, presiding elder of the Paris District, and of various brethren in the ministry from over the country, we are especially grateful, as we know on them depends so largely the real missionary awakening we long to see over the land.

Special thanks are due Mrs. A. P. Boyd, representative of the daily press, for her charming welcome, the first the Board has ever had from the press: for her unceasing courtesies to the Board, and for the copies of her husband's paper, the *Morning News*, which contained full and accurate accounts of this session of the Board.

The absence of our beloved Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. L. Hargrove, has been greatly regretted, not only on account of the sad cause which detained her, but because her sweet presence has been so sorely missed. We are glad she spells "disappointment" with an "H," making it "His appointment."

The very especial thanks of the Board are due Rev. D. C. Kelley, D.D., for the beautiful gift to the Board of the valuable "Life" of his mother, Mrs. M. L. Kelley, one of the earliest workers in our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, who, "being dead, yet speaketh."

And now upon Centenary, the mother Church of the sainted Dona Hamilton, who sleeps beneath China's soil, and upon Brother Threadgill, the pastor, we pray a double portion of missionary zeal, feeling that we could leave behind us no greater blessing than answer to this prayer would bring.

*Resolved*, That to the untiring Hospitality Committee our heartiest thanks be tendered for ministries perfect and unceasing. Marthas indeed before our coming and during our stay, may they very soon become restful Marys, sitting at Jesus's feet, seeing no one "save Jesus only."

*Resolved*, That a rising vote of thanks be given to the great-hearted citizens of Paris, Tex., for the noble hospitality extended to the handmaid-

ens gathered in His name. May the loving welcome accorded us be returned a hundredfold, when, this pilgrimage ended, they, with us, enter the many mansions, to go out no more.

MISS TULA C. DANIEL.

MRS. E. C. NICHOLS.

MRS. S. H. BABCOCK.

Mrs. H. C. Cheatham presented the following :

*Resolved*, That Miss Gary be allowed to receive funds for a much needed kindergarten work in China, provided she shall not appeal to any auxiliaries in our work.

MRS. H. C. CHEATHAM.

MRS. E. A. GRAY.

MRS. C. W. BRANDON.

Some discussion followed, as the resolution reversed previous action of the Board. In the hurry to finish and adjourn, no very positive action could be taken; but the President finally decided that the resolution was carried.

The minutes were read and approved; and the Board, on motion, adjourned its twenty-second annual session with the benediction by Rev. C. M. Threadgill.

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN, *President*;

NINA WILSON, *Secretary pro tem.*

# REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

## EXTENSION.

### REPORT NO. 1.

1. That the Board continue the observance of the Week of Thanksgiving and Prayer. That the Editor of Leaflets prepare a special programme for the week, and that it appear in the October number of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, in order to give societies ample time to prepare for its special observance. That the week, as heretofore, include the national Thanksgiving Day. That much prayer ascend to God for a time of refreshing and special endowment of power for better and more successful work.

2. That we prepare to coöperate with the General Board in arranging for a great missionary rally somewhat similar to the New York Ecumenical. That at an early day a committee be appointed to assist in planning for this proposed Conference by bringing the subject clearly before our constituency, spreading information and arousing enthusiasm on the subject.

3. That each Conference Society send out some one to stress the Twentieth Century Thank Offering, collect the same, and multiply auxiliaries, increase membership, and quicken the zeal of the Church on the subject of foreign missions.

4. That when as much as one hundred dollars is given on the Twentieth Century Thank Offering by an individual or a society, an honorary life membership certificate be granted, if desired.

5. That money collected through mite boxes, life membership fees, and thank offerings during the Week of Prayer, which has heretofore been reported separately, all be included, hereafter, with the pledge money.

6. That Lady Managers in charge of the "Buds and Blossoms" keep the card after enrollment, until its subscriptions are filled, then give it to the child, unless the mother of the child prefers to take charge of the card herself; in that case, she is at liberty to do so.

7. That the time of remitting to the General Treasurer be changed from the 13th of the month to the 20th.

8. That steps be taken looking to a change in the time of the Annual Meeting of the Board, fixing the date three months earlier or three months later.

9. That the General Treasurer arrange to sell the shares held by the Board in the Baltimore Waterworks, if possible to sell on favorable terms.

### REPORT NO. 2.

#### *China.*

1. Your committee recommends that in the erection of the school building in Soochow, planned for last year, the name the "Laura Hay-

good Home and School" be given as a monument to our beloved missionary recently deceased, and the chapel of the same be called the "Cunningham Chapel," in honor of one who served God as missionary in China, and advanced the cause of foreign missions at home.

2. That in order to facilitate the erection of the above Home and School in Soochow, the Board constitutes a "Joint Stock Company" to sell three thousand shares, at ten dollars each, the certificates of same having as a vignette the likeness of Miss Laura A. Haygood, and that certificates of same be issued at once.

3. Your committee recommends that the buildings and all school appliances at Nantziang be transferred with the missionaries to Hoochow or Sungkiang, whichever place is preferable in the judgment of the ladies in charge. Miss Rankin and Miss Coffey.

4. That the proposition to consolidate Clopton School and Mary Lambuth by the removal of Clopton to Soochow be not granted.

5. That after more thorough investigation, if it be thought desirable, the Woman's Board may sell to the General Board all our land near the canal in Soochow, which includes Mary Lambuth School and Davidson Memorial Bible College, at a fair price, and move our work to another point in Soochow, where extension will be possible.

6. That after further negotiation, if it be found best, the Board purchase the plant offered by the Northern Presbyterian Board.

7. That Dr. Anne Walter Fearn be requested to assist Dr. Polk in our hospital work in Soochow, and that a fair compensation be made her from the proceeds of the income, not exceeding fifty dollars a month.

8. That in another year arrangements be made to rebuild Clopton School and Trinity Home, which can be done, in the case of Trinity, out of the material of the present building, and that no transfer of the parsonage near McTyeire Home and School take place.

9. That Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Second Vice President of the Board, who will accompany Bishop Wilson to China and Korea, be empowered to carefully look over our missions in those fields, and forward, from time to time, such information on the subject as may be possible, and prepare an exhaustive report of her work for this Board at the next annual session. As this request involves an expenditure of time and strength, as well as of money, half of her traveling expenses be paid from our contingent fund.

10. That in accordance with Miss Haygood's suggestion, the work of the Agent of the China Mission be vested in an Advisory Committee of three for the present year, ending the 1st of June, 1901. That the same committee Miss Haygood named continue to serve.

11. That Miss Helen Richardson continue to act as Treasurer of the China Mission.

12. That McTyeire Home and School continue as the center of our educational work in Shanghai, and Clopton and Trinity the center of our evangelistic work.

## REPORT NO. 3.

*Korea.*

That the Board extends the amount of its thank offering for the Twentieth Century Movement to \$85,000, in order to erect a home and school in Song-do, Korea, and that the North Carolina Conference Society be given the privilege of naming the same.

## REPORT NO. 4.

*Brazil.*

Your committee begs leave to submit the following resolutions in connection with the estimates for Brazil:

*Resolved:* 1. That as soon as the necessary funds are available, and the General Board takes the work in Rio Grande do Sul, this Board follow, accepting the offer of the woman's work already projected.

2. That the Board does not think it advisable to open a boarding school in Ribeirão Preto at this time, but as soon as practicable will take the necessary steps in that direction. That the missionary there in charge of the day school work cannot make appeals to the home Church.

3. That if the missionary in charge at Juiz de Fora finds the necessity great for a charity annex, permission be granted to establish it.

4. That the Principal in charge of the mission schools stress the matter of self-support, especially in our boarding schools. Wherever possible collect some fees, if small, from day pupils also. In the matter of the children of missionaries, the Principal will decide.

5. That in the matter of Church work, and all such work as temperance, our missionaries do what they can in furthering such interests, provided they do not tax their strength or allow such to interfere with the specific duties for which they are sent out by the Woman's Board.

6. That Miss Davis be assigned to Rio, and Miss Pescud take Miss Watts's place as Principal of Petropolis School and Agent of the mission during Miss Watts's home leave.

## REPORT NO. 5.

*Mexico.*

That in the erection of the Mary Keener Institute, the chapel be called the "S. S. Park Chapel," in honor of one who has been most interested in the advancement of our work in Mexico.

## REPORT NO. 6.

*Indian Mission, Anadarko.*

We recommend the discontinuance of the mission of the Board at Fort Sill and Mt. Scott. That the building and all property of the Board at those places be sold at a reasonable rate. If a sale cannot be effected, that the materials be taken to Anadarko, and used in the work there.

## REPORT No. 7.

*Cuba.*

1. We recommend that the Irene Toland School, now located in Santiago, be transferred to Matanzas and put in charge of the missionary teachers there, and one missionary. That all the school furniture (such as seats, desks, maps, books, etc.) go with the transfer. That as soon as possible a home and school building be erected in Matanzas, and all speedily done to put the Irene Toland Home and School on a self-supporting basis.

2. That Miss Nannie E. Holding be requested to go to Havana and organize the work there, as soon as the heat of summer will admit.

3. That the North and East Texas Conference Societies be granted the privilege of naming the home and school "Eliza Bowman," in honor of one whose holy life was a benediction to all with whom she came in contact while she lived.

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**MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.**

Your Committee on Missionary Candidates submits the following:

The application of the five young ladies who have just completed the prescribed course at the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and whose papers have been approved and accepted by the Local Board, and referred to this committee, we find entirely satisfactory.

After having each one of the applicants before the committee, and giving their cases most careful consideration, we recommend that they be accepted and appointed to work as follows: Miss Elizabeth Davis, of the North Carolina Conference Society, to Brazil; Miss Alice Griffith, of the Louisville Conference Society, to China; Miss June Nicholson, of the South Carolina Conference Society, to China; Miss Sue Ford, of the Kentucky Conference Society, to Cuba; Miss Sadie Harbaugh, of the Baltimore Conference Society, to Korea.

Miss Nettie Peabody of the Louisiana Conference Society, has also completed the two years' course at the Scarritt Bible and Training School. She has been before this committee, and her application and testimonials are altogether satisfactory; but as her papers have not been submitted to the Local Board for the required time, we would so refer them; and respectfully ask, if they be accepted, that she be appointed to work in Brazil.

Miss Mollie Cessna, of the North Mississippi Conference Society, whose papers were approved by the Local Board last year, and who was recommended by the Board at that time to work in China, was unable on account of ill health to go to that field. She has sufficiently recovered to be ready for service now, and we recommend her for appointment to Mexico.

The papers of Miss Cornelia Brickhouse, of the Virginia Conference Society, have been considered by this committee. We recommend that she take the regular two year's course at the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

The application of Miss Blanche Howell, of the Western North Carolina Conference Society, has been referred to this committee. We find all her testimonials very satisfactory, and as she has had some years of experience as a teacher and as a Christian worker, we would recommend her for one year at the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

MRS. E. A. GRAY,	MRS. A. W. WILSON,
MRS. J. W. RUSH,	MRS. W. H. LA PRADE,
MRS. V. V. HARLAN,	MISS SALLIE SMYLYE.
MRS. C. L. HOLMES,	

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### FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance recommend the following:

Realizing that this year is to be one of unusual activity, necessitating a larger outlay of work on the part of our officers, we do not deem it expedient to recommend a reduction in the running expenses of the general office.

We recommend that the Corresponding Secretary be paid a salary of \$1,200 per annum, and that \$300 be allowed for office expenses.

That \$600 be appropriated for clerical help for the Corresponding Secretary.

That \$350 be appropriated for the Treasurer, with \$50 allowed for office expenses.

That \$800, with \$50 contingent, be appropriated for publications ordered by the Board, and expense of mailing the same.

That \$500, with \$50 contingent, be appropriated for publishing and mailing leaflets.

That \$50 be appropriated to publish a missionary prayer calendar.

That \$75 be allowed for publishing a book of entertainments for juvenile missionary societies.

That \$10 be appropriated for the next issue of Buds and Blossoms cards.

That \$250 be appropriated for the making and mailing of mite boxes, and mailing of certificates of life membership.

While we estimate most highly the services of the editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and recognize the excellence and value of her work, in view of the fact that the *Advocate* has not for several years been self-sustaining, we recommend that her salary be placed at \$1,000, and that of her assistant at \$450.

That the editor of the *Little Worker* be paid \$750 out of receipts of the paper, if possible; if not, out of the contingent fund; and that \$150 be allowed her for office expenses.

That the Agent of the *Little Worker* be paid \$150 out of the receipts of the paper, if possible; if not, out of the contingent fund.

That the Editor of Leaflets be paid \$150, and \$50 be allowed for office expenses.

That \$1,500 be appropriated to pay the amount due the Publishing House for the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and *Little Worker*.

That \$300 be appropriated for the traveling expenses of Mrs. A. W. Wilson in the interest of our work in China.

Mrs. H. N. MCTYEIRE,	Mrs. P. A. SOWELL,
Mrs. J. E. BENTLEY,	Mrs. L. W. CRAWFORD,
Mrs. W. M. MCINTOSH,	Mrs. BLANCHE ALEXANDER.

### PUBLICATION.

*Resolved*, That the sketches and booklets published by the Board have given general satisfaction, and we urge Conference Secretaries to encourage and assist in the sale of the same.

We recommend that six thousand five hundred copies of the Twenty-Second Annual Report, including Minutes, be issued for distribution: also that thirteen thousand Summarized Reports be published.

We recommend the following supplies; How to Organize, 2,000; Adult Constitutions and By-Laws, 3,000; Young People's and Juvenile Constitutions and By-Laws, 2,000; Blanks for Reporting Adult Organizations, 2,000; Blanks for Reporting Young People's and Juvenile Organizations, 1,000; Duties of Officers and Members, 5,000; Leaflets, 23,000; mite boxes, 1,000; Buds and Blossoms cards, 1,000.

We also recommend that the Publishing Committee arrange with Miss Barnes to prepare the "Book of Programmes and Suggestions for Juvenile Entertainments" ordered last year, and that five hundred copies of the same be published as early as possible, to be sold at a price not exceeding twenty-five cents per copy.

We recommend that the Cycle of Prayer prepared by Mrs. Trueheart, and published in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, be published in calendar form for daily use, not to exceed fifteen cents a copy.

We recommend the publication of an auxiliary Corresponding Secretary's book, to be sold at a price sufficient to cover the cost of publication.

We heartily indorse the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and recommend that the fifteen thousand subscribers necessary to make the organ self-supporting be apportioned by the General Secretary among the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

Believing that the best interests of our work will be subserved by making the *Little Worker* self-supporting, we recommend that the price of the same be fixed at twenty cents a copy, or fifteen cents to clubs of ten or more.

In view of the fact that we are unable to meet the demands made for carrying on our work in foreign fields, we would discourage all needless expense at home: therefore we do not recommend any change in the certificates for honorary life membership.

Mrs. C. W. BRANDON, <i>Chairman</i> ;	
Mrs. C. PRICE BROWN,	Mrs. J. P. MUSSETT,
Miss L. P. LANE,	Mrs. JAMES THOMAS,
Mrs. W. B. HIGGINBOTHAM,	

# APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1900-01.

## CHINA MISSION CONFERENCE.

### *Shanghai District.*

Miss Hughes's salary.....	\$ 750 00
Miss Richardson's salary.....	750 00
Miss Martin's salary.....	750 00
Miss Bomar's salary (contingent).....	750 00
Miss Gary's salary and travel home.....	1,050 00
Miss Sanders's salary.....	750 00
Miss Waters's salary.....	750 00
Miss Tarrant's salary.....	750 00
Miss Rankin's salary.....	750 00
Miss Coffey's salary.....	750 00
Clopton School.....	600 00
Day schools.....	800 00
McTyeire Home and School.....	200 00
Woman's work.....	150 00
Shanghai, repairs, incidentals, and taxes.....	200 00
Treasurer and Agent's office and itineration.....	50 00
Nantziang and Käding: Schools.....	400 00
Day schools.....	400 00
Woman's work.....	50 00
Taxes and repairs.....	50 00
Rents, incidentals, and repairs.....	200 00
Contingent for Shanghai District.....	150 00
Sending out one missionary, and salary.....	900 00

### *Sungkiang.*

School work.....	200 00
Miss E. Hughes's salary.....	750 00
Miss E. Leveritt's salary.....	750 00
Woman's work.....	100 00
Hayes-Wilkins Memorial.....	300 00

Total for Shanghai District.....\$14,050 00

### *Soochow District.*

Miss Atkinson's salary.....	\$ 750 00
Miss Susie Williams's salary.....	750 00
Miss Pyle's salary and travel.....	1,050 00
Mrs. Gaither's salary.....	750 00
Dr. M. Polk's salary.....	750 00
Miss Steger's salary.....	750 00

Hospital.....	\$ 400 00
Mary Black Memorial.....	400 00
Mary Lambuth School.....	600 00
Day schools.....	800 00
Taxes, repairs, and rents.....	200 00
Davidson Bible School.....	300 00
Sending out one missionary, and salary.....	900 00
Total.....	\$ 8,400 00

*Korea.*

Mrs. Campbell's salary.....	\$ 750 00
Miss Hinds's salary.....	750 00
Miss Carroll's salary.....	750 00
Day schools.....	250 00
Boarding school.....	250 00
Day school fund.....	50 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Printing.....	50 00
Sending out new missionary and salary.....	1,050 00
Total.....	\$ 4,050 00

## MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.

*Laredo and Saltillo.*

Miss N. E. Holding's salary.....	\$ 750 00
Miss Delia Holding's salary.....	750 00
Miss Park's salary.....	750 00
Mrs. McClendon's salary.....	750 00
Miss L. Roberts's salary.....	750 00
Miss McNemar's salary.....	500 00
Teachers' salaries at seminary.....	4,000 00
Matron's salary at seminary.....	300 00
Native teachers' salaries.....	200 00
Current expenses.....	2,000 00
Expenses for agent and travel.....	250 00
Repairs.....	500 00
Insurance.....	366 00
Nuevo Laredo and rent.....	300 00
Woman's work.....	150 00
Rent for school (West End).....	25 00
West End School's native teachers' salaries.....	150 00
Laredo day school and rent.....	400 00
Native teachers' salaries.....	350 00
Saltillo: Teachers' salaries.....	1,200 00
Native teacher.....	150 00
Charity school.....	150 00

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Woman's work.....	\$ 150 00
Repairs.....	200 00
Current expenses.....	200 00
To enlarge (contingent).....	950 00
Total .....	<u>\$16,241 00</u>

NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

*Chihuahua and Durango.*

Chihuahua: Miss Lizzie Wilson's salary.....	\$ 750 00
Miss Harper's salary .....	750 00
Teachers' salaries .....	1,200 00
Native teacher's salary.....	150 00
Current expenses.....	400 00
Charity school .....	150 00
Woman's work.....	150 00
Taxes, repairs, etc.....	200 00
Durango: Miss McFarren's salary .....	750 00
Miss Tydings's salary .....	750 00
Charity school .....	150 00
Woman's work.....	150 00
Teachers' salaries .....	1,200 00
Taxes, repairs, etc .....	200 00
Native teacher's salary.....	150 00
Current expenses .....	400 00
Total .....	<u>\$ 7,500 00</u>

CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.

*San Luis Potosi and Guadalajara.*

San Luis: Miss Toland's salary.....	\$ 750 00
Miss Blackburn's salary .....	750 00
Guadalajara: Miss Esther Case's salary.....	750 00
Miss Laura Wright's salary.....	750 00
San Luis: Teachers' salaries.....	1,400 00
Native teacher's salary .....	150 00
Charity school and rent .....	300 00
Woman's work .....	150 00
Taxes and repairs .....	150 00
Addition to mission school (contingent).....	500 00
Guadalajara: Current expenses .....	500 00
Teachers' salaries .....	500 00
Native teacher's salary.....	150 00
Woman's work .....	100 00
Charity school.....	150 00
Taxes and repairs.....	200 00
Total .....	<u>\$ 7,250 00</u>

*City of Mexico.*

Rent .....	\$ 1,500 00
Teachers' salaries .....	1,500 00
Salary of Mexican teacher .....	150 00
Salary of Miss Norville .....	750 00
Salary of Miss Churchill .....	750 00
Salary of Miss Moling .....	500 00
Charity work .....	150 00
Woman's work .....	150 00
Current expenses .....	600 00
Sending out new missionary .....	700 00
Total .....	\$ 6,750 00

## BRAZIL MISSION CONFERENCE.

*Petropolis.*

Miss Watts's half salary and travel home .....	\$ 585 00
Miss Umberger's salary .....	750 00
Miss Madie Smith's salary .....	500 00
Teacher's salary .....	500 00
Itineration of agent .....	150 00
Expense in moving missionaries .....	150 00
Incidentals .....	200 00
Kindergarten teacher .....	500 00
Total .....	\$ 3,335 00

*Piracicaba.*

Miss Stradley's salary .....	\$ 750 00
Incidentals .....	200 00
Teacher's salary .....	500 00
Total .....	\$ 1,450 00

*Juiz de Fora.*

Miss Perkinson's half salary and travel home .....	\$ 585 00
Miss Fullerton's salary .....	500 00
House rent .....	1,300 00
Teacher's salary .....	400 00
Miss Shaffer's salary .....	750 00
Incidentals .....	200 00
Total .....	\$ 3,735 00

*Rio de Janeiro.*

Miss Pescud's salary .....	\$ 750 00
Miss Bowman's salary .....	750 00
Miss Glenn's salary and travel home .....	950 00
Woman's work .....	300 00
House rent for day school .....	1,200 00
Incidentals .....	200 00
Teacher's salary .....	400 00
New missionary .....	820 00
Total .....	\$ 5,870 00

*São Paulo.*

Miss Elerding's salary .....	\$ 750 00
Woman's work and room rent .....	150 00
Total .....	\$ 900 00

*Ribeirao Preto.*

Miss Smith's salary .....	\$ 750 00
House rent .....	150 00
Total .....	\$ 900 00

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

*Anadarko and Fort Sill.*

Teachers' salaries.....	\$ 800 00
Matron.....	300 00
Assistant matron and seamstress .....	150 00
Laundry and cook.....	350 00
Indian help.....	100 00
Industrial teacher and interpreter.....	300 00
Food .....	650 00
Clothing.....	600 00
Fuel.....	200 00
Repairs and incidentals .....	150 00
Rev. J. J. Methvin's salary.....	700 00
Total .....	\$ 4,300 00

CUBA MISSION.

*Santiago.*

Miss Carson's salary (contingent).....	\$ 750 00
Teacher's salary.....	500 00
Rent .....	300 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Total .....	\$ 1,700 00

*Matanzas.*

Salaries of teachers.....	\$ 1,000 00
Rent .....	400 00
Total .....	\$ 1,400 00

SUMMARY.

China .....	\$22,450 00
Korea .....	4,050 00
Mexico.....	37,741 00
Brazil.....	15,690 00
Indian Territory.....	4,300 00
Cuba .....	3,100 00
Contingent.....	6,000 00
Total .....	\$93,331 00

## Missionaries Employed by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, M. E. Church, South, Since It Was Organized.

MISSIONARY.	Former Residence.	Conference Society.	Post Office Address.	Appointed.
Miss Lochie Rankin.....	Milan, Tenn.....	Memphis.....	Shanghai, China, Box 143.....	1878
Miss Dora Rankin <sup>2</sup> .....	Milan, Tenn.....	Louisville, Ky.....	Pracicaoa, State de Sio Paulo, Brazil, S. A.....	1879
Miss Mattie H. Watts.....	Chapel Hill, Tex.....	North Texas.....	San Luis Potosi, Mexico.....	1881
Miss Annie Williams.....	Chapel Hill, Tex.....	North Texas.....	San Luis Potosi, Mexico.....	1881
Miss Rebecca Toland.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Baltimore.....	1882
Miss Anna J. Muse.....	Roanoke, Va.....	Baltimore.....	Baltimore.....	1882
Miss Blanche Gilbert.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	Northwest Texas.....	Baltimore.....	1882
Miss Sarah Buford.....	China.....	China.....	.....	1882
Mrs. J. W. Lambuth.....	China.....	China.....	.....	.....
Mrs. Nora Lambuth.....	China.....	China.....	.....	.....
Mrs. A. P. Parker.....	China.....	China.....	.....	.....
Mrs. Mattie B. Jones.....	Norcross, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	.....	1883
Mrs. Nannie E. Holding.....	Somersel, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Laredo, Tex.....	1883
Miss Jennie C. Wolf.....	Fensacola, Fla.....	Alabama.....	.....	1883
Miss Laura A. Haygood.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Shanghai, China.....	1884
Miss Dona Hamilton.....	Faris, Tex.....	North Texas.....	.....	1884
Miss Jennie M. Atkinson.....	Rock Mills, Ala.....	North Alabama.....	Soochow, China.....	1884
Miss Mildred M. Phillips, M. D.†.....	California, Mo.....	Southwest Missouri.....	.....	1884
Miss Lou E. Phillips.....	Plattsburg, Mo.....	Missouri.....	.....	1884
Miss Mary W. Bruce.....	Brownsville, Tenn.....	Memphis.....	.....	1884
Mrs. Emma E. Kerr.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Los Angeles.....	Seoul, Korea.....	1887
Mrs. J. P. Campbell.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee.....	.....	1887
Miss Kate E. Roberts.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	North Mississippi.....	.....	1887
Miss Addie F. Gordon.....	Meridian, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	Shanghai, China.....	1887
Miss Bettie Hughes.....	Columbus, Miss.....	North Mississippi.....	.....	1887
Miss Lula H. Lipscomb.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee.....	.....	1887
Miss Ada Reagan.....	Palo Pinto, Tex.....	North Texas.....	.....	1887
Miss Lelia Roberts.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	Salttillo, Mexico.....	1887
Miss Marcia Marvin.....	Brookhaven, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	.....	1887
Miss Mary McClellan.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	.....	1887
Miss Augusta V. Wilson.....	Charlestown, W. Va.....	Baltimore.....	Guadalajara, Mexico.....	1888
Miss Ella Granbery.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	.....	1888
Miss A. Clara Chrisman.....	Beauregard, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	.....	1889
Miss Ella Yarell.....	Emporia, Va.....	Virginia.....	.....	1889
Miss Lida Howell.....	Duluth, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	.....	1889
Miss Lizzie Wilson.....	Newport, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Chihuahua, Mexico.....	1889
Mrs. A. E. McClellan.....	West Point, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Laredo, Tex.....	1889
Mrs. Elsie B. Tydings.....	Anthony, Fla.....	Florida.....	Durango, Mexico.....	1889
Miss Flora Baker.....	West Point, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	.....	1889
Miss Lulla Ross.....	Greensboro, Ala.....	Alabama.....	.....	1889
Miss Sallie M. Phillips.....	Homer, La.....	Louisiana.....	.....	1889
Mrs. Mattie Dorsey.....	Charlestown, W. Va.....	Baltimore.....	Guadalajara, Mexico.....	1890
Mrs. E. F. Breisford.....	Princeton, Ky.....	Louisville.....	.....	1890
Miss May Littleton Smithley.....	Jetersville, Va.....	Virginia.....	.....	1890
Miss Helen L. Richardson.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	Soochow, China.....	1890

## MISSIONARIES EMPLOYED.

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Miss Mary Turner†	Sharpsburg, Ky.	Kentucky	Durango, Mexico.	1890
Miss Lucy Harper	Georgetown, Tex.	Northwest Texas	Chihuahua, Mexico.	1890
Miss Kate P. Fanning	Blountstown, Fla.	Florida		1890
Miss Mollie F. Brown†	Austin, Tex.	Texas		1891
Miss Alice G. McFarren	Durango, Mexico.	Memphis	Durango, Mexico.	1891
Miss Kate C. McFarren	Murray, Ky.	Southwest Missouri	Shanghai, China.	1892
Miss Alice G. Waters	Roscoe, Mo.	East Texas	Shanghai, China.	1892
Miss Martha Pyles	Marshall, Tex.	Florida		1892
Miss Minnie Bomar	Micosukee, Fla.	North Georgia	Shanghai, China.	1892
Miss Sue P. Blaket	Oxford, Ga.	North Georgia	Soochow, China.	1892
Miss Julia Gaither	Royston, Ga.	South Carolina		1892
Miss Emma Gary	Columbia, S. C.	South Carolina		1892
Miss Sallie B. Reynolds†	Oxford, Ga.	South Carolina		1892
Miss Alice Moore†	Pacolet, S. C.	South Carolina		1892
Miss Susan Littlejohn†	Napierville, Ill.	Kentucky	São Paulo, Brazil, S. A.	1892
Miss Amelia Elerding	Somersett, Ky.	Tennessee	Laredo, Tex.	1892
Miss Della Holding	Savannah, Tenn.	North Mississippi		1893
Miss Bessie Moore†	Holly Springs, Miss.	North Georgia	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.	1893
Miss Anne Walker, M. D.	Conyers, Ga.	White River	Guadalajara, Mexico.	1894
Miss Esther Case	Batesville, Ark.	Southwest Missouri	Shanghai, China.	1894
Miss Clara Steger	Mountain Grove, Mo.	Virginia	Shanghai, China.	1894
Miss Ella Coffey	Long Mountain, Va.	Missouri	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.	1895
Miss Willie Bowman	St. Louis, Mo.	Missouri	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.	1895
Miss Eliza Perkinson	Salisbury, Mo.	Holston	Petropolis, Brazil, S. A.	1895
Miss May Umbarger	Wytheville, Va.	Alabama	City of Mexico, Mexico.	1895
Miss Hardynia Norville	Livingston, Ala.	South Georgia	Santiago, Cuba.	1895
Miss Hattie Carson	Savannah, Ga.	North Mississippi	San Luis Potosi, Mexico.	1895
Miss Viola Blackburn	Holly Springs, Miss.	North Carolina	Soochow, China.	1896
Miss Lizzie Martin	Chapel Hill, N. C.	South Carolina	Shanghai, China.	1896
Miss E. D. Levert†	Union, S. C.	North Carolina	Sungkiang, China.	1896
Miss Margaret Folk, M. D.	High Shoals, Ga.	Kentucky	Soochow, China.	1896
Miss Lily A. Stradley	Perryville, Ky.	Northwest Texas	Piracleaba, Brazil	1896
Miss Ida Shaffer	Granbury, Tex.	Missouri	Juiz de Fora, Brazil, S. A.	1896
Miss Edith Park	Carrollton, Mo.	Texas	Laredo, Tex.	1896
Miss Susie E. Williams	Galveston, Tex.	Pacific	Soochow, China	1897
Miss L. V. Wright	San Francisco, Cal.	St. Louis	Mexico.	1897
Miss Mary L. Richardson*	Baltimore, Md.	Alabama	Piracleaba, Brazil, S. A.	1897
Miss Leonora D. Smith	St. Louis, Mo.	Alabama	Mexico.	1897
Miss Annie Churchill	Eclectic, Ala.	North Carolina	Seoul, Korea.	1898
Miss Fannie Hinds	Mt. Sterling, Ky.	North Carolina	Juiz de Fora, Brazil, S. A.	1898
Miss Mary Pescud	Raleigh, N. C.	Missouri	City of Mexico, Mexico.	1899
Miss Fannie B. Molling	McCall, Mo.	Mississippi	Saltito, Mexico.	1899
Miss Lela McNeamar	Edwards, Miss.	Louisville	Brazil	1899
Miss Clara E. Fullerton	Louisville, Ky.	Baltimore	Korea	1899
Miss Arrena Carroll	Mt. Crawford, Va.	Baltimore	Korea	1900
Miss Sadie Harbaugh	Washington, D. C.	Louisville	China	1900
Miss Alice Griffith	Marion, Ky.	South Carolina	China	1900
Miss June Nicholson	Edgefield, S. C.	North Carolina	Brazil	1900
Miss E. Davis	Purhan, N. C.	Kentucky	Cuba.	1900
Miss Sue Ford	Paris, Ky.			

\* Deceased. † Not now employed. ‡ Married.

# CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, ETC.

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## CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This society shall be called the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. II. The objects of this Society shall be to enlist and to unite the efforts of women and children in the gospel to women and children in foreign lands, on our border and among the Indian tribes of our own country, through the agency of female missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible readers. The missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible readers employed by the Woman's Board shall be subject to the appointing power of the bishop having charge of the mission field in which they labor.

ART. III. The work shall be accomplished by organizing societies in each charge, and Conference Societies in each Conference, and shall be controlled by an executive body to be known as the "Woman's Board of Foreign Missions."

ART. IV. The Board shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, one or more Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, and six managers (to be elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board at the annual meeting next succeeding the session of the General Conference), and the Corresponding Secretaries, or alternates, of the Conference Societies. The Secretaries of the Board of Missions shall be honorary members of the Woman's Board.

ART. V. The operations of this Woman's Board shall be conducted in connection with the Board of Missions and subject to its advice and approval. When appropriations are made, the funds shall be sent in such manner and to meet such purposes as the Woman's Board shall direct.

ART. VI. The Woman's Board shall meet annually to determine what fields shall be occupied, the number of persons to be employed in each, and to estimate and appropriate the amount necessary for the support of the missions under its charge. A majority shall constitute a quorum to transact business at the annual meetings; five shall be a quorum for monthly or called meetings. The transactions of the monthly or called meetings shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the ensuing annual meeting. The Woman's Board shall, within thirty days after its annual session, send to the General Board a full account of its operations and plans, to be considered and, so far as necessary, acted upon by the General Board; and a sufficient summary of such report of the Woman's Board shall be published as a part of the annual report of the General Board, in order to present to the Church a complete statement of what we are doing in missions.

ART. VII. The Woman's Board shall have authority to establish and

maintain a Bible and training school under its auspices, control, and management, for the education of missionaries and other Christian workers, provided that the collections of this society shall not be used for said school except such as may be specially given for that purpose.

ART. VIII. The funds of this Board shall be derived from private efforts, from membership, life and honorary membership fees, from devises and bequests, and from public collections only at meetings appointed in behalf of the Society.

ART. IX. The President shall preside at all the meetings, and countersign all orders on the treasury. In her absence a Vice President shall preside, and in the absence of the Vice Presidents a chairman shall be appointed *pro tem*.

ART. X. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and attend to the legal business of the Board, prepare the annual report, publish quarterly statements of the condition of the work, both at home and in the foreign field, and give all orders on the Treasurer. The Corresponding Secretary shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. XI. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Board in safe deposit, which deposit shall be made by her as Treasurer, subject to authenticated drafts. She shall furnish annual and quarterly reports, to be published with those of the Corresponding Secretary, and her accounts shall be audited by the Treasurer of the Board of Missions. The Treasurer shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. XII. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all the meetings in a permanent record, and obtain the signature of the President as approved.

ART. XIII. An auditor shall be elected to audit the accounts of the society.

ART. XIV. When vacancies occur in the interval of the annual meetings, the Board shall fill said vacancies until the next annual meeting.

ART. XV. Three of the six managers shall be members of any one of the auxiliary societies at the place where the Board of Missions is located, and the remaining three shall represent severally the eastern, the southern, and western sections of the Church.

ART. XVI. Every school or hospital established by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions shall send reports (such as are made to the Woman's Board) to the District and Annual Conferences within whose bounds such school or hospital may be situated. The auxiliaries may send reports to the Quarterly Conferences of the charges with which they are associated.

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#### BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society in whose precincts the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions is to be held, after consulting with the executive officers of said Board, shall fix the date of meeting and arrange for anniversary exercises. If for any cause it should become necessary, in the interim of the

annual meetings of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, to change the place selected to hold the next annual meeting, it can be done by consent of the executive officers and managers of the Board.

2. The traveling expenses of officers and managers and returned missionaries to and from the meetings of the Board shall be paid from the treasury.

3. The opening exercises of each annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions shall be held the evening before the regular business meeting commences.

4. The officers and managers of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions shall nominate the standing committees.

5. Whenever the interest of the work demands it, the Corresponding Secretary shall call a meeting of the Board to provide for emergencies that may arise during the intervals of the annual meetings. A secretary shall be elected, and in the absence of the President and Vice President the members shall appoint a chairman at each meeting.

6. No new work shall be projected and no money outside of the contingent fund shall be appropriated at these meetings.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall present to the called meetings of the Board all applications received by her from missionary candidates.

8. The minutes of these sessions shall be presented by the Corresponding Secretary to the Board in annual session.

9. The Editors of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and *Little Worker* and the Treasurer of the Memorial Fund shall be elected quadrennially.

10. The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote.

#### RULES OF ORDER.

- (a) Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
- (b) All resolutions shall be presented in writing.
- (c) Ladies shall rise when they address the Chair.
- (d) No member shall leave the room without the permission of the Chair.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

##### *For Opening Business Sessions of Annual Meetings of Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.*

1. Roll call.
2. Reading minutes of opening session.
3. Report of Local Board.
4. Announcement of standing committees.
5. Presentation of plans and estimates for foreign work, and papers to be referred to committee.
6. Miscellaneous business.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

##### *For Regular Daily Sessions.*

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of minutes.
3. Reports from standing committees.
4. Reports of special committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.

**CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.**

A Conference Society should be formed by the election of a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and a Secretary for each district.

These shall be appointed in the first instance by the Annual Conference, or a convention called for the purpose of organizing, and elected thereafter at the annual meetings by ballot. After organization a Conference Society shall consist of the officers named above and a delegate from each society.

**BY-LAWS.**

**SECTION 1.** The executive officers shall constitute a committee to transact business in the intervals of the annual meetings. Three shall constitute a quorum. A reserve shall be elected at the annual session of the Conference Society to attend the meetings of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary. In all cases care must be taken to send the reserve properly accredited. The duties of the reserve shall cease upon the adjournment of the Board. If neither the Corresponding Secretary nor the reserve elect can attend, some one may be appointed by the President and Corresponding Secretary.

**SEC. 2.** The President (or Vice President) shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee. The President shall countersign all drafts on the treasury for necessary Conference expenses.

**SEC. 3.** The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society with the auxiliaries, and shall herself (or through the District Secretary, as she may direct) supply them with such missionary matter as she may obtain for gratuitous distribution. It shall be her duty to use all practicable means for the organization of auxiliaries, and forward promptly reports of organization and number of members to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board. She must send promptly quarterly reports to the Secretary on the 20th of June, September, December, and March; also an annual report, giving all statistics in full the last quarter preceding the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. She shall sign all drafts on the treasury.

**SEC. 4.** The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee, and keep the minutes of the same on record.

**SEC. 5.** The Treasurer shall receive and keep on deposit all funds of the society, keeping an account with each auxiliary, and submitting the same annually to the auditor. She must send reports promptly on the 20th of June, September, December, and March, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, therewith transmitting all the funds in the treasury. She must keep an account of the expenses of the Conference Society, and send the same with her quarterly report to the Treasurer. An itemized copy of said reports must be furnished the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

**SEC. 6.** The District Secretary shall organize auxiliaries, and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Foreign

Missionary Society in her district. She (or a representative appointed by her) shall present a report of the work at the District Conference, and shall hold an annual meeting in the district (composed of delegates from auxiliaries), and an all-day meeting whenever practicable. If the Conference Corresponding Secretary so direct, the District Secretary shall conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries, and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society. It shall be her duty to do all in her power to obtain subscribers to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and see to the collection of the contingent fund for Conference expenses.

SEC. 7. Conference and Auxiliary Societies shall not project new work in the mission fields.

SEC. 8. Conference Societies shall provide a contingent fund for defraying necessary expenses, which, if insufficient, may be supplemented from the treasury.

SEC. 9. The regular dues of the auxiliary societies, adult and juvenile, also funds contributed to make life members, honorary members, and life patrons, shall not be devoted to specific work.

SEC. 10. The funds, outside of dues collected within the auxiliaries to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, adult or juvenile, shall not be directed to any specific work, without obtaining the consent of the Woman's Board, and with the understanding that such work is in accordance with the plans of this Board.

SEC. 11. The sum paid for a life membership (\$20) shall go into the general fund to send out missionaries, to sustain the work already projected, and to extend it. Such money cannot be used for Bible women, scholarships, or any special. Mite box collections and thank offerings may be used to make life members, provided they are not reported twice—that is, as life membership and thank offering.

SEC. 12. Mite box collections and thank offerings during the Week of Prayer are in all cases to be used to increase the general fund unless permission be granted by the Board to apply such funds to special work.

SEC. 13. Pledges taken by Conference Corresponding Secretaries at annual sessions of the Woman's Board must be devoted to the general fund, and cannot include Bible women, scholarships, or any other special, unless allowed by the Board.

SEC. 14. That the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions accord to the Conference Societies the privilege and right to manage their internal affairs as may best suit the needs of each Conference Society, always acting with reference to and in harmony with the constitution and by-laws given them.

SEC. 15. Credit shall not be given nor vouchers accepted by the Treasurer of the Woman's Board for funds that have not been paid into the treasury of the same.

SEC. 16. If during the year an office becomes vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy.

SEC. 17. In those Conference Societies where the number of delegates to the annual meeting is so large that their entertainment has become

burdensome and expensive, the society is accorded the privilege of arranging its own basis of representation.

### AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women may form an auxiliary to the Conference Society in any charge or circuit, by appointing a President, two or more Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer; these constituting a Local Executive Committee. Auxiliary Societies shall report to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board until Conference Societies may be formed in the Annual Conference where they are located.

#### HOW TO ORGANIZE AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Whenever any number of ladies can be convened for the purpose, let the work be brought before them by the pastor or some lady, urging the claims of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; then organize by appointing a chairman and secretary *pro tem*.

Let one or more ladies pass around with slips of paper to secure members. The chairman shall then call for a nominating committee, preliminary to the election of officers. When the report of the nominating committee is adopted the officers are elected.

The constitution and by-laws provided for auxiliaries should then be read and adopted. The time for holding the monthly meetings may be determined, and subscribers obtained for the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

As soon as organized the Corresponding Secretary of the auxiliary shall fill a blank report of organization, and forward to the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

#### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

*Printed for Information and Use in the Organization of Auxiliaries.*

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of —, auxiliary to the — Conference Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to aid Christian women and children in the evangelization of women and children in our mission fields, and to raise the funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of ten cents a month may become a member of this society; and any person contributing \$5 per quarter for one year, or \$20 at one time, may be a life member.

ART. 4. Meetings of the society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held once a month. The anniversary of each society shall, if practicable, be held in March, at which time the reports of the Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers shall be read, and officers of the ensuing year be elected by ballot. The delegate and the reserve to the annual meeting of the Conference Society shall be elected by ballot at the same time.

#### BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the society, and to advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the

President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, or the District Secretary, as the Conference Secretary may direct. She (or the appointed agent) shall bring up the claims of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* at every monthly meeting, and try to obtain subscribers.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of the meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members and to hold in trust the funds of the society, keeping a book account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March; also at the same time to furnish the auxiliary Corresponding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

6. There shall be a committee of three to provide missionary reading for monthly and quarterly meetings.

7. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, when reports of the work shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase general missionary intelligence and zeal, as well as earnestness in the special work of the society.

8. Each member of the society shall try to induce others to become members, and do what she can to add to the interest, remembering in prayer her society, its workers, its missionaries, schools, etc., connected with the general work.

9. If an office becomes vacant by death, resignation, or removal, such vacancy must be filled as soon as possible.

10. Order of exercises for monthly meetings: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) reading and approval of minutes; (3) report of Corresponding Secretary; (4) report of Treasurer; (5) report of Literary Committee; (6) miscellaneous business; (7) report of what each member has done for the society during the month; (8) adjournment.

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## YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

### CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called ———.

ART. 2. Its objects shall be to aid the operations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; to increase contributions; to cultivate piety and systematic giving; and to increase missionary intelligence.

ART. 3. Its officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

ART. 4. The society shall be under the superintendence of a Lady Manager, who shall be elected by the adult auxiliary where the two societies

exist; otherwise by the juvenile society. It shall be the duty of the Lady Manager to assist and encourage the society to advance the cause of missions in accordance with the general rules governing the auxiliary societies, and in no case advocating any action independent of the Conference Society.

ART. 5. Every member of the society must be pledged to contribute five cents monthly.

ART. 6. Any one may become an honorary member of the society by the payment of \$5, or a life member by the payment of \$10.

#### BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the society, and advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports, not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, giving the *status* of the society. A copy of this report shall be sent to the District Secretary.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of the meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of the members, and to hold in trust the funds of the society, keeping a book account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March; also at the same time to furnish the auxiliary Corresponding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

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#### INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

1. All missionaries in the employ of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions must work under the advice and approval of this Board, and conform to the general plan of work in the mission to which she is appointed. "Every school or hospital established by the Board shall send reports (such as are made to the Woman's Board) to the District and Annual Conferences within whose bounds such school or hospital may be situated."

2. To secure organization and unity in the mission field every missionary of the Woman's Board is expected to work under the advice and in harmonious relation with the agent appointed over that part of the field to which she has been assigned, through whom she will receive all instructions and all funds, and send quarterly and annual reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board.

3. Every missionary is authorized to conduct the internal affairs of her department as she thinks best suited to the surroundings, to secure good results; provided always that her plans are in harmony with the general

plans of the agent in charge of her district, and meet the approval of the Woman's Board.

4. Before sending their annual reports the missionaries of the Woman's Board, and the wives of missionaries engaged in work for this Board, must hold an annual meeting to consider plans and estimates; and these, with the annual reports of the work, must be forwarded promptly by the agent to the Corresponding Secretary. All the representatives must, if possible, attend this meeting to consider and compare methods of work in their several departments.

5. That ample time be allotted missionaries for the study of the language the first year of their stay in the field—certainly not less than three hours a day. Should circumstances prevent sufficient study the first year, that the missionaries continue the second year with salary and work of the first year.

6. That the missionaries shall not turn aside from the work assigned them by the Board, through the agent, without permission of the Board; and that as much as possible, in addition to school work, house-to-house visiting among the natives, either by the Bible women under the supervision of the missionary or by the missionary herself, be kept up.

7. That missionaries present their needs to the Board, and not to the Church at large through its periodicals, nor to societies privately without permission of the Board.

8. That our mission schools be used solely for the objects had in view in their erection. Any pupils who complete the course of study in our schools, and wish to take a normal training in the government school, may continue to live in the mission for two years longer for the purpose, paying a reasonable board.

9. All donations received for the work must be mentioned in the annual reports.

10. The action of the Woman's Board will be communicated to the agents officially by the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

11. Missionaries must not involve the Society in any expense the estimate of which has not been submitted to and approved by the Board in annual session.

12. Under no circumstances shall new work be opened without the consent of the Woman's Board. Missionaries are not permitted to make public or private appeals for funds to aid in support of their work without the knowledge and approval of the Board, and such appeals must be made through the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

13. Medical missionaries must keep itemized accounts of receipts and disbursements, sending quarterly and annual reports of the same to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board. Such receipts may be used by them for needful expenses in their work. If there is any surplus, it must be placed in the treasury in the field, and accredited as receipts arising from the practice of medical missionaries. The medical outfit is the property of the Board.

14. That any surplus accruing from exchange or other causes be reported quarterly, but held in the treasury in the field until the close of the fiscal year, unless in case of an emergency the Board authorizes its use for any

purpose, other than that mentioned in the estimates, or accorded in the appropriations.

15. If a missionary in the employ of the Woman's Board, or an accepted candidate, evinces any unfitness for the work, the agreement may be canceled, and, after giving her three months' notice, she may be recalled by the Board. Her expenses home will be paid, provided she returns within the time specified.

16. In order to conserve health and strength every missionary is advised to so arrange her work as to allow every year at least one month of vacation, in which there shall be a cessation of regular work, and which shall be spent, if possible, away from her station.

17. Should a missionary desire her expenses paid to return home for any other cause than that of ill health, she must in every case give her reasons, and obtain leave of absence from the Woman's Board through the agent in charge of her field.

18. Missionaries must give their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as ample salary to meet their temporal necessities is paid them by the Board.

19. A missionary who is at home to rest and to recover health will not be expected to take up any special work for three months after reaching the home land, and for three months before returning to the mission field, but she will be expected to be present at the first annual meeting of the Board after her arrival home. Her expenses to and from the place of meeting will be paid by the Board.

20. The duties of our missionaries for the first year in the field must be so arranged that the greater part of their time may be given to the study of the language, and their salaries for that year shall be \$500. Medical missionaries are not included in this provision.

21. Every missionary employed by the Woman's Board is required to comply with the above conditions, and to remember always her promise given under the head of "Questions to Missionary Candidates," No. 16.

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## MANUAL FOR MISSIONARY CANDIDATES AND FOR MISSIONARIES.

This manual is intended for those who desire to engage in missionary work under the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It is intended to serve instead of so many written and verbal inquiries, and it is presumed that candidates and missionaries will carefully read its contents.

### QUALIFICATIONS.

The same general qualifications are requisite which are considered conditions of success at home: a sound physical constitution; intellectual ability; practical experience; adaptation to all circumstances and to persons of all classes; a cheerful, hopeful spirit; persistent energy in carrying out the plans of the Board—all controlled by a singleness of purpose and devotion to the cause of Christ. Facility in acquiring a foreign tongue is a valuable qualification, also a practical knowledge of domestic work is almost a necessity.

## REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. The papers of a missionary candidate must be presented first to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society in which she resides, in time to be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board *not less than three months before the annual meeting* of the Woman's Board. The Conference Executive Committee must seek a personal acquaintance with the candidate, and know something of her character and history, before her papers are forwarded to the Secretary of the Board.

2. The papers must be references from the pastor and Sunday school superintendent of the Church in which the candidate holds her membership; from the president of the college where she was educated, and where she has taught; also from persons who have had good opportunities for knowing the candidate, her acquirements, capabilities, and Christian character. The candidate herself must write her application to the Board, giving a brief history of her life; telling her age, place of residence, where educated, for whom and where she has taught, her religious experience and motives for wishing to enter missionary service. She should state particularly whether she has a sound constitution, and the condition of her health at the time; also any facts about herself which might prevent her acceptance.

3. She must furnish a health certificate from a competent physician, and answer satisfactorily the questions under that head. It is important that she be examined by a specialist for the ear, eye, throat, and lungs; and also secure a certificate from him of the soundness of these organs.

4. In the case of a medical missionary, in addition to the usual testimonials, she must secure certificates from the professors of the medical college in which she has taken the course.

5. Whereas the value of our training school has been demonstrated in testing as well as training candidates for foreign missionary work; therefore, *Resolved*, That hereafter all missionary candidates, unless they be exceptionally qualified by practical experience as Christian workers or teachers, be required to take the course of study prescribed in the Scarritt Bible and Training School before acceptance by the Board.

6. The age of the candidate must not be less than twenty-five years nor more than thirty-five. Superior qualifications and circumstances may justify a deviation from this rule.

7. The testimonials of a missionary candidate may be summed up as follows: "Health, education, capabilities for teaching, executive and financial ability, with a general fitness for the work, and a consecrated purpose. These are essential qualities in mission work.

8. No candidate will be accepted unless she will promise to give five years of service to the Woman's Board from the time she reaches the field, unless her health should fail. She must sign an agreement to this effect: "If I voluntarily leave the service of the Board for any other cause than ill health before the expiration of five years, I promise to refund to the Board the amount paid for my outfit and traveling expenses." This does not imply that her obligation for service ceases at the end of five years, but that she is bound for this length of time to refund the amount of outfit and travel if she leave the work before the time expires. She must give six months' no-

tice to the Board of her intention to leave the work, or forfeit her salary for that length of time.

9. Her preferences for a field will be considered, but it is expected that she will acquiesce in the decision and judgment of the Board.

10. Every candidate is required to come before either the committee in Nashville or before the Woman's Board in annual session.

11. If a candidate has been accepted or recommended for acceptance by the committee in Nashville, it is not necessary for her papers to come before the Committee on Missionary Candidates at the annual meeting.

12. After her acceptance the candidate must consider herself under the guidance of the Board in the interim of her departure for her appointed field.

13. The traveling expenses of a candidate are paid from her home to the mission field. A sufficient sum is granted for her personal outfit. Her salary does not begin until she reaches her field of labor. The salary of a missionary is not to be regarded in any sense as *compensation* for labor performed, nor is it graded to suit the different abilities of the individuals, as in the ordinary business occupations of life. The amount received by the missionary is supposed to be what is necessary for her support while in the field. Compensation for this service will be found in the privilege of teaching the truth as it is in Christ to the Gentiles.

#### QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES.

(Questions to be copied and answers to be written opposite.)

1. Do you feel that your heart is moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary?

2. (a) Are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South?

(b) How long have you been a member?

3. Do you subscribe to the doctrines of this Church?

4. Is it your desire and intention to make the work of foreign missions your life work?

5. Are you willing to go to any field?

6. Have you had experience in Christian work?

7. Have you a good English education?

8. (a) Have you studied any ancient or modern language?

(b) Do you acquire such with ease?

9. Have you taught school; where, and with what success?

10. Can you teach music, vocal or instrumental?

11. (a) What is the condition of your health?

(b) Are you predisposed to any physical weakness?

12. What is your age?

13. (a) Have you ever applied to other Mission Boards or Societies?

(b) Were you refused, and for what cause?

14. Have you ever married? If so, is your husband living?

15. Will you promise to keep the following conditions: "If you labor with us in the Lord's vineyard, it is needful that you do that part of the work which we advise, at those times and places which we judge most for his glory?"

16. Do you agree to conform to all the requirements of the Woman's Board while in its service?

CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH.

(Questions to be copied, and answers to be written opposite by the examining physician.)

1. How long have you known this person?
2. Has your acquaintance been such as to enable you to know particularly of her health and physical tendencies?
3. Are her habits active or sedentary?
4. (a) Has she had the usual diseases of childhood?  
(b) Have they affected her constitution in any way?
5. Has she had any serious illness, local disease, or personal injury? If so, of what nature, how long since, and has she entirely recovered from it?
6. Has she been successfully vaccinated?
7. Have her grandparents, parents, brothers, or sisters ever had mental derangement, nervous disease, pulmonary complaint, heart difficulties, scrofula, or any serious disease tending to shorten life?
8. Is she subject to any physical weakness, or diseases peculiar to women?
9. Are her eyes in a healthful condition?
10. Has she any tendency to deafness?
11. Is her health strong and vigorous at this time?

ABSTRACT FROM BISHOPS' ADDRESS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE,  
MAY, 1898.

It would be unjust to our Church not to mention in this connection the admirable service our godly women are rendering. They are not men, and do not seek to be, but are what God intended them: helpmeets for men—just as meet in the Church as in the family, and just as valuable, not to say indispensable. The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions is now just twenty years old. Already they have fifty missionaries in the foreign field, and one hundred and thirty-two native helpers and teachers, and thirty-seven Bible women, making a total force of two hundred and nineteen; while the General Board has one hundred and four missionaries, eighty-nine native traveling preachers, and one hundred and two native helpers, a total of two hundred and ninety-five workers—a force eighty-four more in numbers than theirs, a comparative result most favorable to the women, both in industry and financial skill, when the time of operation and available resources are considered. Within twenty years they have raised \$1,214,321.75, of which \$307,800.01 has been secured this quadrennium. Mrs. D. H. McGavock, the faithful and efficient General Secretary of this Society from its organization, passed to her reward December 23, 1896.

THE SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

As a part of their work should be mentioned the Scarritt Bible and Training School for Missionaries and Other Christian Workers, which has demonstrated the need and wisdom of its creation, to train for both the foreign and home fields the young women of our Church. Its graduates and representatives are now in our several mission fields, and the demand for

such trained workers is constantly increasing. The trained nurses from its wards, after two years' instruction and clinical experience, take with them the needed skill in ministering at the bedside, while the Christian atmosphere of the institution prepares them to become Christian workers no less than trained nurses. There has been a gratifying increase both in the endowment and attendance of students.

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#### FROM MINUTES OF GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS, MAY, 1899.

The report of the Committee on the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society gratefully recognize the admirable work which is being done by the representatives of this Society. We express our sympathy with them in our plans of enlargement. We rejoice in their success, and recommend the reception of the report as presented by Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary, and its engrossment upon our minutes.

J. C. GRANBERY,  
 JAMES ATKINS,  
 W. R. LAMBUTH.

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#### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ADVOCATE.

The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* is the official organ of the Society. The editor is elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. This paper is published monthly. The address of the Editor and Agent is: Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn. Terms, 50 cents per annum, in advance.

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#### LITTLE WORKER.

The *Little Worker* is the juvenile paper issued by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Editor, Miss Annie Maria Barnes, Duluth, Ga. Terms, 20 cents per annum; in clubs of 10 to one address, 15 cents.

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#### LEAFLETS.

Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Editor and Publisher, 2408 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Md. Leaflets can be obtained from Miss Lena Freeman, Agent of *Little Worker* and Leaflets, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.; also from the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

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#### PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Chairman; Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyningham, Mrs. I. G. John, Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, Mrs. P. A. Sowell.

### MEMBERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS TO THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The payment of ten cents a month for adults, and five cents a month for juveniles, constitutes a member for one year. Twenty dollars constitutes a *life member*; ten dollars, a juvenile life member. One hundred dollars will make an honorary life member. Three hundred dollars will make an honorary life patron.

Forty dollars supports a scholarship in the foreign field. Sixty dollars supports a Bible woman.

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#### FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, \$—, or —, to be paid or conveyed to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions (the executive body of the Society), whose receipt therefor shall be acquittance to my executors.

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#### FORM OF DEVISE.

I hereby give and devise absolutely and in fee simple to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, the following real estate: [adding such description as shall fully identify the particular real estate intended.]

NOTE.—Prompt notice of bequests and devises should be given to Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Corresponding Secretary, Woman's Board.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was incorporated in January, 1879, in the city of Nashville, according to the laws of the State of Tennessee. The five incorporators were: Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Mrs. Amelia T. McTyeire, Mrs. Martha Whitworth, Mrs. Ella Lupton, Mrs. S. R. Manier.

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#### PERIODICALS RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE AND USE IN SOCIETIES.

*Review of Missions*, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

*Missionary Review of the World*, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York.

*Woman's Work for Women and Our Mission Fields*, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York.

*Life and Light for Women*, Congregational House, Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

*Heathen Woman's Friend*, Miss P. J. Walden, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass.

*Missionary Herald*, American Board.

*Missionary Link*, W. U. M. S.

*Spirit of Missions*, Episcopal.

*Lutheran Missionary Journal*.

*Helping Hand*, Baptist.

*Woman's Missionary Advocate*, Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

*Little Worker*, Miss Annie Maria Barnes, Duluth, Ga.

*Woman's Work in the Far East*, published quarterly, Shanghai, China.

Report of the Missionary Conference, London, 1888.

Maps of China, Brazil, and Mexico, prepared by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, are for sale at the office of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*. Price on paper, \$1.10; mounted on cloth, \$2.10. Address Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

"Mission Studies." A Brief Sketch of Missions in Many Lands. By Mrs. F. A. Butler. 12mo. Price, \$1; postage, 10 cents.

"A Circuit of the Globe." By Bishop C. B. Galloway. Price, \$1; postage, 10 cents.

"Dawn on the Hills of T'ang." By Harlan P. Beach. Price, 50 cents.

"Matouchan: A Story of Indian Child Life." By Miss A. M. Barnes. Price, \$1; postage, 10 cents.

The above publications may be had by sending orders to Barbee & Smith, Agents, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

"Memorial of Dora Rankin." By Mrs. E. D. Fielder. Price, 30 cents.

"Oak Street Missionary Society." By Mrs. S. Leech. Price, 15 cents.

"Missionary Cameos," or "Brief Sketches of Missionaries" sent out by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Compiled by Mrs. I. G. John. Price, 20 cents.

Large map of China. Price, \$1.

Send to Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Box 405, Nashville, Tenn., for these publications.

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