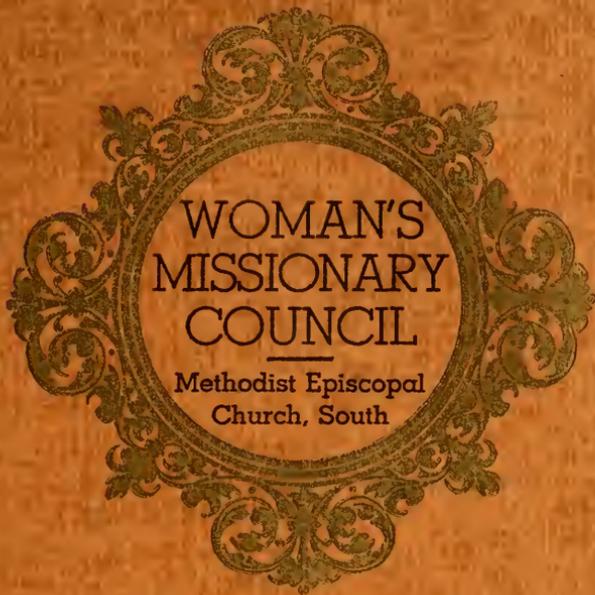


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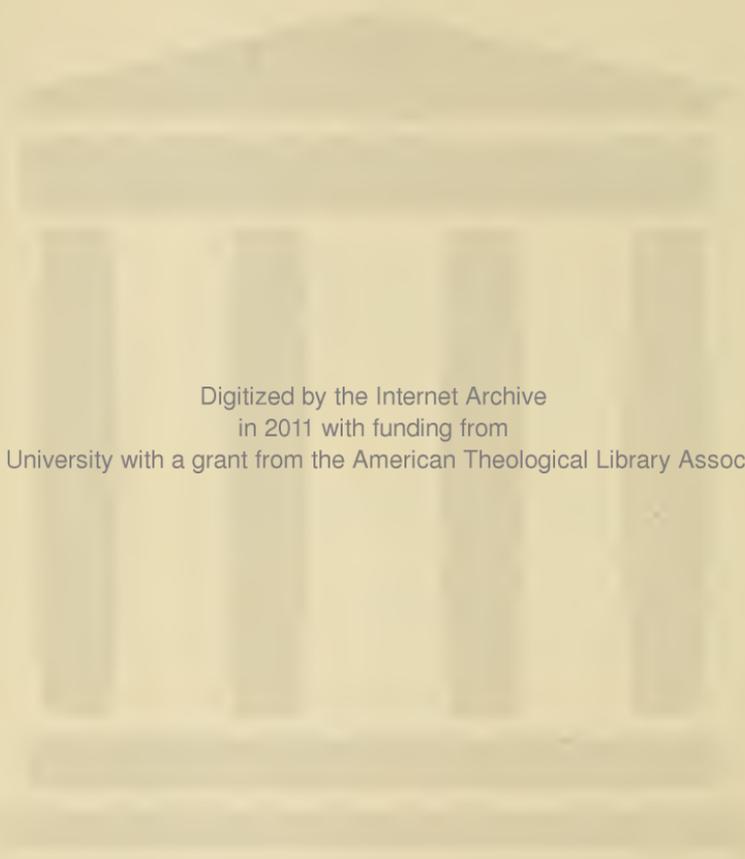
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A LITTLE HISTORY OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY, 1886-1910

BY MARY HELM*

Once upon a time there was a beautiful little girl named Lucinda B. Helm, who loved the Lord Jesus, and whose heart and mind he prepared to do his will, so that when she grew up to be a lovely young lady she said she would rather serve him than do anything else in the world. This she did as a Sunday school teacher and by visiting and helping the poor sick people, by reading the Bible to the prisoners in jail and to the older people in the almshouse, and in many other ways.

PARSONAGE WORK. After many years she heard much about the hard times our preachers and their families had when they were sent into the far West to preach the gospel where there were no churches, and, what was still worse, where in some new towns they could find no house to live in nor even a decent place to board. Sometimes the preacher would be forced to live in a tent until he could build a poor, little shelter. Often only a few of the people in the town were Christians; sometimes none of them. They were generally all poor, and would give but little money, if any, to pay the preacher or to build a church. The money given the preacher by the Mission Board was not enough to buy furniture, clothing, and food necessary for comfort, so of course he and his family suffered.

The thought of their hardships and suffering made Miss Helm's heart ache and kept her awake at night thinking how she might help these faithful servants of God. She talked with Dr. David Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and Bishop Hargrove, who were trying to build churches where they were needed, and asked that the women of the Church be allowed to help by building parsonages also in those needy places. Those gentlemen were pleased with the thought, and the three made a plan which was adopted by the General Conference in 1886 in Richmond, Va. As the Woman's Department of the Board of Church Extension, the Home Mission Society had its first name and did its first work in building parsonages not only in the West but in all the Conferences where the people were too poor to do it. In the twenty-four years that followed there have been 2,768 parsonages built or aided by this Society at a cost of \$283,858.88. This meant better and healthier homes for many preachers' children and has lifted a burden from many a preacher father's and mother's heart.

* Written in 1912 for the children of our Church, this little history covers the twenty-four years of the existence of the Woman's Home Mission Society as a separate organization.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT. Besides building houses for the preachers, their other needs were met by sending them boxes of clothing, bedding, and sometimes provisions, and even furniture. This was done through a Supply Department, which, under the management of Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, sent out to preachers and mission schools supplies valued at \$258,802.

MISSION SCHOOLS. While the women were building parsonages and sending supplies for preachers they learned much about the condition of the children in cabin homes in the mountains and of little foreign children working in factories and of little children living in city slums. They saw their great need of good schools taught by Christian men and women, and they wanted to do this kind of work too. So at their request the General Conference in 1890 made the Woman's Department of Church Extension a separate organization, known as the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society. They then had the right to do *any* kind of home mission work. Eight years later (1898) the word "Parsonage" was dropped from the name, and it was given a Board to govern it instead of a Central Committee.

The women took up this new work with great interest and built three schools in the mountains—one at London, Ky., known as the Sue Bennett Memorial School; one at Brevard, N. C., called the Brevard Institute; and one at Greeneville, Tenn., called the Holston Industrial School. In these schools a large number of mountain boys and girls learned how to read and year after year gained an education. They also had some training in industrial work, and the great majority of them were led to Christ and taught how to live for him.

Three schools for Cuban children were also built: two in Tampa, Fla., called the Wolff Mission School and the West Tampa School; and one in Key West, Fla., named the Ruth Hargrove Institute. Here many hundreds of foreign children were taught not only the English language and textbooks but the Bible and the best things of life. The parents of the children in Tampa came as refugees to this country because of the cruel wars in Cuba, and most of them work in the cigar factories and can give but little care to their children. The Society also established night schools in California for the Chinese, Japanese, and Korean laborers.

CITY MISSIONS. About the same time this school work was begun Miss Helm and the other ladies working with her decided that they must do something for the people living in the slums of the cities. Especially did they grieve over the great number of little children who had in their miserable, unhealthy homes everything to make and keep them sick and bad as well as ignorant. So in one city after another they opened city missions. The most of these are named Wesley House, though there are several large ones with other names, as the Kingdom House, in St. Louis, and St. Mark's Hall, in New Orleans. In these and in the mill settlements and lumber camps even

today there are good, true women known as deaconesses and city missionaries, who live side by side with the poor people as their friends, and, while telling them of Christ's love for them, seek to do for them the things they think Christ would do if he were there.

HOMELESS GIRLS. While doing this work in the cities and elsewhere the missionaries found little girls who had no homes and yet were too old to be received in an orphan asylum. For such as these the Society provided a beautiful place in Thomasville, Ga., called Vashti Home, where they are cared for, clothed, and taught both in school-books and different kinds of work by which they can support themselves when they are grown.

There are older girls than these who have been tempted and fallen into sin, for which they are very sorry and want help to live better lives. For these older girls the Society built another house, in Dallas, Tex., called the Ann Browder Mission Home and School (now named Virginia Johnson Home and School). Many of them had no mother to teach them how to be good. Many of these unfortunate ones have been converted and have lived right ever since.

NEGRO WORK. In 1902 the Woman's Board of Home Missions decided that the time had come when it could no longer refuse to do some kind of definite work for the Negro race; and it built at Paine College, Augusta, Ga., an annex for a dormitory for girls and employed a woman trained at Hampton to teach them all kinds of domestic work. Work was also begun for the Negroes in Nashville, and in some other places local and individual effort was made to better bad conditions.

LOCAL WORK. In addition to all the work described above, which is done by the whole society and called "connectional work," there is much mission work being done by individual Churches for the localities in which they are placed. This is called "local work," and great good is being accomplished by it in many communities.

MEMBERSHIP AND MONEY. How has all this work been done? and where did the money come from? By the women and the children of the Church who have joined the Society paying ten cents and five cents a month as dues, and by freewill offerings. In 1910 there were 3,949 auxiliary societies—adult, young people and brigades—with 91,922 members. In 1903 Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McEachern proposed to give to the Woman's Board of Home Missions \$20,000 in memory of their daughter if the Board would give an equal amount. This offer was accepted. The children were organized into Florine McEachern Brigades, and collected in mite boxes the sum of \$12,548.67 in five years.

During the twenty-four years of its independent life the Woman's Home Mission Society raised and spent for its work \$3,265,164.17. That this sum is so large is due to the fact that the Society has taught from the beginning the Bible doctrine of tithing and has urged on its members the duty of paying a tithe to the Lord's work.

Of course those who gave this money wanted to know how it was being spent and of the good it was doing. They also wanted to know about all other kinds of home mission work, so a paper called *Our Homes* was started by Miss Helm in 1892;* and when it was done away with, in 1910, it was a beautiful magazine with 23,176 subscribers, had met all its expenses, and put \$11,000 into the treasury. Leaflets, pamphlets, bulletins, and reports were also published to give information, and the more the people knew the more they wanted to do for the cause.

Miss Helm died in 1898, happy in the thought that the work she started and loved so much was being wonderfully blessed of God. There have been a number of other noble women who have given beautiful service to God as officers in the Home Mission Society. Mrs. E. E. Wiley was the first President; and Miss Belle H. Bennett, succeeding her, filled the office until 1910. Miss Helm, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, and Mrs. R. W. MacDonell have been the General Secretaries; Mrs. G. P. Kendrick and Mrs. Kirkland, the General Treasurers; Mrs. Frank Siler, the Recording Secretary; and Miss Mabel Head, the Assistant Secretary.

* After Miss Helm's death in 1898, her sister, Mary, became editor.

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Committee to Study Training Rural Teachers Who Will Give Part-Time Service to the Council.—Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. R. P. Neblett, Miss Mabel Howell, Miss Margaret Young, _____.

Joint Committee on Problems of Deaconess Work with Members from Deaconess Conference.—Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. Homer Tatum, Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, Mrs. J. W. Downs.

Joint Committee on Study of Alabama Cajun Work with Members from Alabama Conference.—Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. Wiltz M. Ledbetter, Mrs. H. R. Steele.

Joint Committee on Retreat and School of Religious Life.—Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Mabel Howell, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Miss Louise Young.

Committee to Study Women's Organizations and policies of the M. E. Church and M. P. Church (a nucleus of Committee on General Conference Legislation).—Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. Homer Tatum, Mrs. A. M. Gates.

Committee on Vashti.—President Woman's Missionary Society, Western North Carolina Conference; President Woman's Missionary Society, South Georgia Conference; a Representative from the North Georgia Conference; Superintendent, newly organized school, and Home Administrative Secretary.

Dormitory Committees.—

1. *Austin, Tex.*—Mrs. Seth A. Craig, Mrs. S. L. Batchelor, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. C. T. Schaedel, Mrs. C. M. Randal, Mrs. J. G. Merritt, Mrs. Claude Simpson, Mrs. Virgil R. Walker, Mrs. J. W. Spivey, Mrs. W. G. Guggolz, Mrs. J. W. Downs, and three local members.

2. *Columbia, Mo.*—Mrs. A. R. Walker, Mrs. H. F. Clinger, Mrs. M. W. Burke, Mrs. A. W. Walker, Mrs. E. W. Potter, Mrs. S. O. Brill, Mrs. J. W. Downs, and three local members.

3. *Williamsburg Va.*—Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. N. V. Coleman, Mrs. J. W. Downs, and three local members.

Officers of Committee on Mount Sequoyah Building.—Mrs. J. M. Stinson, President; Mrs. J. W. Mills, Vice-President; Mrs. E. A. Kitchell, Secretary; Mrs. E. F. Ellis, Treasurer.

Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting
of the
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL
of the
Methodist Episcopal Church, South

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held its Twenty-Sixth Annual Session in the beautiful First Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex., March 18 to 24, 1936. The first two days were given to committee meetings; the first business session being held Friday morning at nine o'clock. Every session opened with a season of quiet meditation and prayer.

This year marked the Golden Jubilee of Home Mission Work, and although the work was begun fifty years ago, the first Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions was held in Dallas in 1899. What more fitting than that the Golden Jubilee should be celebrated in this fair city. And what a glorious celebration it was.

From the time we first entered the portals of First Methodist Church, where an atmosphere of welcome, love, and Christian fellowship greeted us, until the time came to say good-bye, we were filled with the joy of that which had been accomplished and of the great opportunity that still awaited us.

The gracious hospitality of the South was evidenced on every hand. Courtesy cars carried us to and from the sessions; a delightful trip over the city, visiting our Mexican work, Miss Dorsey's Home for Little Girls, and Virginia K. Johnson Home was a part of the entertainment provided.

On Sunday cars took the delegates for a drive and to the beautiful Musical Vesper Service at Highland Park Church. A truly worshipful program.

The Council was especially fortunate in the speakers that were present at the meeting.

Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, Dean of the Chapel of Chicago University, a Baptist minister, internationally known, brought us a message each day at ten-thirty in the the morning. The program committee of the Council had tried for several years to secure Doctor Gilkey, and they were not disappointed in what they had expected of him. He said we must "outthink, outwork, outlive, and outlove all other religions if the religion of Christ is to win." His messages caused us to sit quietly and to think soberly.

Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, the outstanding statesman and religious leader of Japan, spoke to us of "The Christian Movement in Japan"

and brought us word of our own work in that country. He spoke particularly of Hiroshima Girls School and the work in Kobe. It was a great privilege to have this man of God in our midst, a humble servant of the Master, filled with His holy spirit.

Dr. J. L. Cuninggim, President of Scarritt College for Christian Workers, closed every afternoon session with a heart to heart devotional message and we left the meeting feeling we had been in a holy place and that the spirit of Christ had been with us.

Dr. W. G. Cram, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, recently returned from Africa, brought us a graphic account of conditions in the Belgian Congo. His message stirred our hearts and our imaginations with a desire to do more and better things for the people of this great continent.

Dr. A. W. Wasson, Secretary Foreign Department, Board of Missions, took us to Brazil, and Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon made us see the Orient through her eyes.

The reports of the officers and secretaries were full of information and inspiration. We rejoiced that the past year had made gains over the one that had preceded it and resolved in our hearts to go forward along all lines the coming year.

Monday was designated as "Home Mission Anniversary Day."

Mrs. J. W. Downs told of the beginnings of Home Mission work and brought us through the early organizations and plans down to the present time. She told of the activities, the objectives, the recognized need, the enthusiasm of the pioneer women. That the plans and methods of work were constructive is borne out by the fact that they are primarily good in 1936.

Miss Mary Mims, Sociological Secretary of the Louisiana State University, told us of "The Essentials in Community Building." She presented her subject in a stimulating and forceful manner, saying "community" and "frontier" are synonymous.

Miss Mabel K. Howell gave us much food for thought in her splendid presentation of "The Awakening to Rural Needs."

Bishop John M. Moore's address, "The Challenge of the City," impressed upon us as never before the power the city possesses for good or evil. We must lay the emphasis where Jesus laid it. We must Christianize the social order; we must regenerate the individual, if Christianity is to take its rightful place in the city.

The Home Mission Jubilee Play, "Lift Up Thine Eyes," written by one of our deaconesses, Miss Dorothy Garrett, was very ably presented in McFarlin Memorial Auditorium on Monday night. A delightful climax to the "Home Mission Anniversary" day.

The Fellowship Dinner on Saturday night was a most enjoyable affair. Preceding the "Home Mission Day" observance, it nevertheless gave us a few brief intimate glimpses out of the past and prepared us for the program on Monday.

The Consecration Service on Sunday night is always the high point

of the Council. As the twelve young women to be consecrated came down the two center aisles, followed by more than a hundred deaconesses and missionaries, all dressed in white, there was a hushed stillness in the great auditorium; it seemed as if Christ himself marched in with this group consecrated to his service. Miss Alice Waters, forty-three years in China, retiring this year and receiving the emeritus relationship, told of the great joy of service for the Master. She received her emeritus certificate. After messages from the candidates and a short program Mrs. Perry presented the candidates to Bishop A. Frank Smith, who gave them the commission "to carry the gospel to all the world in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

The Pledge Service was one of the outstanding features of the Council meeting. It was a very sacred time. The service was beautifully planned and executed. Not only did the Conferences make their pledges for the coming year, but many Life Memberships were taken and individual gifts were made. It was truly a time of thanksgiving and praise.

This being Home Mission Jubilee year, the Council made it possible for all deaconesses who could do so, to attend the Council meeting by assuming a portion of their expense. Over one hundred deaconesses were in attendance, adding greatly to the inspiration of the meeting.

Twenty-nine missionaries brought messages from their fields of labor, giving us a new interest and enthusiasm for their work.

The abundance of lovely flowers that adorned the church, the pulpit, and the dining-room at all times brought a message of love and friendship. The lighted tapers, used in so many ways, also added much to the impressiveness of the different sessions.

The Service of Remembrance, led by Mrs. J. W. Mills, assisted by Miss MacKinnon and Mrs. J. W. Downs, paid a tribute of love and esteem to those who had gone home the past year. The holy communion service which followed closed the twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Visitors attending the meeting were: Mrs. J. N. McEachern, President of the National Council of Federated Church Women; Miss Bettie Brittingham, Associate Secretary Board of Missions, Methodist Protestant Denomination; Mrs. Maria Frausto, President Northern Conference, Mexican Methodist Church; and Miss Mattie Lee Mitchell, Vice-President, Colored Methodist Episcopal Woman's Missionary Council. The fraternal messages brought by these visitors were greatly appreciated.

The Council accepted the invitation of the South Carolina delegates to hold the 1937 session in Columbia, S. C.

We left Dallas with a feeling of regret that the Home Mission Jubilee was over, but with the purpose in our hearts to live closer to Christ, to love and serve him more devotedly than ever before, because we had been present at this celebration.

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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Dallas, Tex., Friday morning, March 20, 1936, Mrs. J. W. Perry, President, presiding.

A period of silent worship and meditation preceeded the opening of the Council.

The hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," was sung.

The President called the meeting to order and stated that she felt "like a bird with broken wings" as she stood on the platform alone. Mrs. F. S. Parker, the Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Nat Rollins, Calendar Clerk, both were detained at home on account of the illness of their husbands. Mrs. J. W. Mills, the Vice-President, was in the city but was detained for a short time.

The Recording Secretary and the Calendar Clerk being absent, Mrs. Fred A. Lamb was elected Recording Secretary pro tem; on her nomination the following Assistant Secretaries were appointed: Mrs. J. P. Harvill, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, and Mrs. A. B. Smith. Mrs. A. M. Gates was elected Calendar Clerk pro tem.

The roll was called and the following delegates responded:

OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

President, Mrs. J. W. Perry.

Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Mills.

Recording Secretary.

Treasurer, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton.

Organization Secretary, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne.

Literature Secretary, Miss Sara Estelle Haskin.

Children's Secretary, Miss Constance Rumbough.

Administrative Secretary of Home Work, Mrs. J. W. Downs.

Administrative Secretary of Foreign Work, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon.

Superintendent of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. W. A. Newell.

Calendar Clerk.

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Miss Daisy Davies

Miss Mabel Howell

Mrs R. L. Hobdy

Mrs. Henry S. Owen

Miss Louise Young

Mrs. A. B. Smith

Mrs. Harwell Wilson

Miss Margaret Young

Mrs. W. B. Landrum

Mrs. Hume R. Steele

CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

<i>Conference</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
Alabama	Mrs. T. H. Tyson	Mrs. R. R. Ellison
Arizona	Mrs. M. E. Mackey	Mrs. F. H. Christ*
Baltimore	Mrs. W. H. Ballengee	Miss Cora M. Board*
Central Texas	Mrs. J. W. Spivey	Mrs. W. C. Guggolz
China	Miss Pearl McCain*	Miss Alice Waters*
Cuba	Miss Mattie Lou Neal	Sra. E. C. deVerdecia*
Florida		Mrs. M. A. Salvo
Holston	Mrs. L. A. Tynes	Mrs. W. H. Wysor
Illinois		
Indian Mission		Mrs. Samuel Miller
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Little Rock	Mrs. J. M. Stinson	Mrs. H. King Wade
Los Angeles	Mrs. R. E. Page	Mrs. Turner McBaine
Louisiana	Mrs. G. S. Sexton, Jr.	Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter
Louisville	Mrs. W. J. Piggott	Mrs. A. C. Johnson
Memphis	Mrs. Homer Tatum	Mrs. Walter D. Taylor
Mississippi	Mrs. T. B. Cottrell	Miss Ella W. Ormond
Missouri	Mrs. M. W. Burke	Mrs. A. W. Walker
New Mexico	Mrs. C. S. Walker	Mrs. D. H. Wilmot
North Alabama	Mrs. I. Morris	Mrs. John R. Turner
North Arkansas	Mrs. E. F. Ellis	Mrs. B. E. Snetser
North Carolina	Mrs. A. M. Gates	Mrs. W. C. Chadwick
North Georgia	Mrs. L. M. Awtrey	Mrs. M. E. Tilly
North Mississippi	Mrs. H. L. Talbert	Mrs. R. P. Neblett
North Texas	Mrs. Claude Simpson	Mrs. V. R. Walker
Northwest		
Northwest Texas	Mrs. C. M. Randall*	Mrs. J. G. Merritt
Oklahoma	Mrs. E. B. Dunlap	Mrs. J. D. Lawhorn
Pacific	Mrs. E. H. Morris	
Poland		
St. Louis	Mrs. A. R. Walker	Mrs. E. A. Kitchell
South Carolina	Mrs. G. E. Edwards	Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood
South Georgia	Mrs. C. C. Sapp*	Mrs. W. H. Ketchum*
Southwest Missouri	Mrs. J. E. McDonald	Mrs. F. H. Naylor
Tennessee	Mrs. J. P. Harvill	Mrs. J. J. Stowe
Texas	Mrs. J. W. Mills	Mrs. C. T. Schaedel
Texas Mexican	Mrs. Frank Ramos	Mrs. Mary J. de Alvarez
Upper South Carolina	Mrs. T. I. Charles	Mrs. J. P. Byars
Virginia	Mrs. R. M. White*	Mrs. N. V. Coleman
Western Mexican	Mrs. J. S. Galindo	Mrs. M. H. Garcia
Western N. Carolina	Mrs. C. C. Weaver	Mrs. W. R. Harris
West Texas	Mrs. Seth A. Craig	Mrs. S. L. Batchelor
Western Virginia	Mrs. Ward M. Downs	Mrs. T. A. Bennington
Deaconess	Miss M. L. Eidson	Miss Willia Duncan

* Alternate.

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- General Secretary of the Board of Missions, Dr. W. G. Cram.
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 Foreign Department, General Section, Dr. A. W. Wasson.
 Foreign Department, Woman's Work, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon.
 Home Department, General Section, _____.
 Home Department, Woman's Work, Mrs. J. W. Downs.
 Secretary Education and Promotion, General Section, Dr. Elmer T. Clark.
 Secretary Education and Promotion, Woman's Work, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne.
 Treasurer, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton.

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- Mrs. J. W. Perry, President Woman's Missionary Council.
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 Mrs. Claude M. Simpson, North Texas Conference.
 _____, Northwest Texas Conference.
 Mrs. E. A. Kitchell, St. Louis Conference.
 Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, South-west Missouri Conference.
 Mrs. J. P. Harvill, Tennessee Conference.
 Mrs. T. I. Charles, Upper South Carolina Conference.
 Mrs. Seth A. Craig, West Texas Conference.

Mrs. W. H. Bradley, Vice-President of the Mississippi Conference, sat with her delegation.

The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held March 19 were read by Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Acting Secretary for the committee. The minutes were placed on record (see Ad-interim Minutes, page 56), and the Special Sessions Committees were listed as follows:

Committee on Public Worship.—Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Mrs. Virgil R. Walker.

Committee on Resolutions.—Mrs. George S. Sexton, Mrs. W. H. Ballengee, Mrs. C. T. Schaedel.

Committee on Publicity.—Mrs. C. W. Turpin, Mrs. W. R. Harris, Mrs. T. W. Preston.

Committee on Courtesies.—Mrs. Walter D. Taylor, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. Virgil R. Walker.

Committee on Announcements.—Miss Margaret Young, Mrs. F. B. Godfrey, Mrs. T. R. Freeman, Mrs. H. B. Geunagle.

Committee to Examine the Minutes.—Mrs. Homer Tatum, Mrs. C. C. Weaver, Mrs. A. C. Johnson.

Committee to Fill Vacancies on Standing Committees.—Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. J. G. Merritt, Miss Louise Young.

Committee to Receive Subscriptions to the Bulletin.—Mrs. Henry S. Owen, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood.

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

The following Sessions Committees which held their meetings in the church Thursday are listed here for record:

Committee on Home Field.—Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Louise Young, Miss Margaret Young, Mrs. T. H. Tyson, Mrs. Samuel Miller, Mrs. R. E. Page, Mrs. W. D. Taylor, Mrs. John R. Turner, Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Mrs. E. B. Dunlap, Mrs. E. H. Morris, Mrs. J. P. Harvill, Mrs. Mary J. de Alvarez, Mrs. M. H. Garcia, Mrs. Ward M. Downs, Miss Pearl McCain, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon.

Committee on Foreign Fields.—Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Miss Elsie Wright, Mrs. J. M. Stinson, Mrs. T. B. Cottrell, Mrs. C. S. Walker, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. W. C. Chadwick, Mrs. Claude Simpson, Mrs. J. G. Merritt, Mrs. G. E. Edwards, Mrs. George Nunn, Mrs. J. E. McDonald, Mrs. C. T. Schaedel, Mrs. Charles C. Weaver, Mrs. Seth A. Craig, Miss Willia Duncan, Miss Alice C. Waters, Miss Ruth Lawrence, Dr. A. W. Wasson.

Committee on Education and Promotion.—Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. R. R. Ellison, Mrs. M. E. Mackey, Mrs. W. C. Guggolz, Mrs. M. A. Salvo, Mrs. W. H. Wysor, Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Mrs. M. W. Burke, Mrs. B. E. Snetser, Mrs. L. M. Awtrey, Mrs. H. L. Talbert, Mrs. J. D. Lawhorn, Mrs. A. R. Walker, Mrs. J. J. Stowe, Mrs. Frank Ramos, Mrs. N. V. Coleman, Mrs. J. S. Galindo, Miss Mattie Lou Neal, Dr. W. G. Cram, Dr. Elmer T. Clark.

Committee on Children's Work.—Miss Constance Rumbough, Mrs. Hume R. Steele, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Miss Cora M. Board, Mrs. J. C. Lewis, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Miss Ella Wayne Ormond, Mrs. A. W. Walker, Mrs. E. F. Ellis, Mrs. R. P. Neblett, Mrs. C. M. Randal, Mrs. F. H. Naylor, Mrs. J. P. Byars, Mrs. R. M. White, Mrs. S. L. Batchelor.

Committee on Literature.—Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. Henry S. Owen, Mrs. W. H. Ballengee, Mrs. H. King Wade, Mrs. I. Morris, Mrs. A. M. Gates, Mrs. E. A. Kitchell, Miss Minnie Lee Eidson, Mrs. R. E. Nelson, Mrs. George S. Sexton, Jr.,* Mrs. Homer Tatum,* Mrs. Virgil R. Walker.*

Committee on Christian Social Relations.—Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. Harwell Wilson, Mrs. J. W. Spivey, Mrs. L. A. Tynes, Mrs. Turner McBaine, Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, Mrs. Dan H. Wilmot, Mrs. R. L.

* Members of Standing Committee, serving also on sessions committee.

Kirkwood, Mrs. W. H. Ketchum, Mrs. T. I. Charles, Mrs. T. A. Bennington, Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, Mrs. F. B. Godfrey

Mrs. A. M. Gates was called to the Chair while the President read her annual message to the Council. This message, related to the "then and now," gave a brief résumé of the fifty years of home missions, paid a tribute to the pioneer women, and urged all to be true to their heritage. (See Message, page 45.)

Mrs. J. N. McEachern, President of the National Council of Federated Church Women, and Miss Bettie Brittingham, Associate Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions, Protestant Methodist Church, were seated on the platform while the Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Mills, gave her report. Mrs. Mills was the fraternal delegate from the Council to these organizations when their annual meetings were held during the summer of 1935.

Mrs. Mills outlined her activities for the year and gave a comprehensive résumé of the meetings of the Boards she had attended as fraternal delegate. (See Report, page 52.)

On motion it was voted to adopt the Calendar Rules. Rules 8 and 9 were suspended in order to follow the procedure planned by the Program Committee.

Mrs. McEachern and Miss Brittingham were presented to the body.

In response to the call for resolutions and reports, the following were placed on the Calendar: Standing Committee Reports, No. 1. Finance and Estimates, No. 1. Spiritual Life and Message, No. 1. Literature, Nos. 1 and 2. Status of Women, No. 1. Scarritt College. Sessions Committee Reports—No. 1. Christian Social Relations, No. 1. Education and Promotion, No. 1. Children's Work, No. 1. Home Fields, Special Committee on Missionary Service.

Report of the Treasurer given by Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton included the following statements:

In 1935 the women made their pledge without taking into consideration the income from the Children's Work. As a result, we have found that we have a gain of more than \$7,000 from the Conferences; or taking the income from the Children's Work into consideration, we have a gain of \$24,274 over 1934. Including gifts, annuities, and bequests, the total income for 1935 was \$948,993.71. We are getting close to the million dollar mark again. One of the interesting sources of our income is Life Memberships. This year they totaled more than \$20,000! The two Conferences leading in Life Members were the North Georgia and the Baltimore. The Conference that had the largest increase in gifts was the Baltimore, with Oklahoma a close second. The Conference making the largest per capita gifts was again the Los Angeles. They have led in per capita giving for four years. The North Georgia Conference made the largest gift, with the Virginia Conference second. Every Texas Conference but one has a

recôrd of overpaying its pledge for 1935, and that one missed it by only one mail, the check arriving one mail too late to be included.

In the bounds of Texas there are two Mexican Conferences, and small though they are, they are keeping their finances up to a high standard. The Report was placed on record. (See Report, page 74.)

At this time a pause came in the business of the session as we listened to Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, Dean of the University of Chicago Chapel, speak to us on "The Missionary Gospel and Our Christian Heritage." Hymn 463 was sung.

After a comparison of the experiences of the Christian missionary enterprise with that of human experiences, in which he indicated that the great issues of the present generation are determined by what is made of its heritage, he said: "We are the beneficiaries of a sense of missionary stewardship that at least three times in Christian history has been the bridge over which Christianity has come down to us today: when the Jews carried the gospel to the Gentiles, the Romans to the Saxons, and the Colonial aristocracy of early America to the more democratic frontier. By all the obligations of such a Christian heritage, our religion must be interracial and international. We have inherited a responsibility for adventure and for sacrifice: a faith that we cannot keep unless we share it with others." "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?"

Business was resumed.

The Report of Education and Promotion was given by Mrs. Helen Bourne, Secretary, evaluating the work to discover its limitations and its successes. (See Report, page 93.)

Miss Estelle Haskins presented her report, speaking of the Jubilee programs, Jubilee *Yearbook*, and the play to be given, "Lift Up Thine Eyes." She spoke of her visit to Mexico where she received a new inspiration from our missionaries. Also told of her visit to the Texas Mexican and West Texas Mexican Conferences. (See Report, page 100.)

Miss Constance Rumbough reported on the work of the children, saying the most urgent need is for the Woman's Missionary Society to realize its great responsibility in this field of work as it is now carried on. She stated we are touching 100,000 more children than women. (See Report, page 105.)

Report No. 1 of Committee on Education and Promotion was taken from the Calendar, read by the Calendar Clerk, considered seriatim, and adopted as a whole. (See Report, page 136.)

Report No. 1 on Literature was taken from the Calendar, read by the Calendar Clerk, considered seriatim, and adopted as a whole. (See Report, page 139.)

At this time Mrs. W. H. Ballengee presented the following privileged resolution concerning the *World Outlook* which was adopted:

We acknowledge with pleasure the continually increasing efficiency of the *World Outlook* as a publication designed to acquaint our adult

church constituency with the various phases of the missionary enterprise which we are endeavoring to maintain, as well as with various problems of social and international significance. Special recognition is due the editors, Miss Estelle Haskin and Dr. E. H. Rawlings, for the high literary quality of the magazine, and for the artistic appearance of the publication as a whole. As business manager Doctor Rawlings is due commendation for the increased subscriptions which have made possible the partial reinstatement of the popular rotogravure section.

In consideration of the increased merit of this magazine which has achieved recognition in many circles outside our church, we wish to express our gratitude to the editors and to all who have made this improvement possible, and pledge ourselves to continue its support.

MRS. S. HOMER TATUM

MRS. W. H. BALLENGEE

Report No. 1 on Children's Work was taken from the Calendar, considered seriatim and adopted as a whole. (See Report, page 139.)

Mrs. W. D. Taylor presented for introduction the following: Mrs. John M. Moore, wife of Bishop Moore, Dr. H. S. C. Burgin, Presiding Elder, Dallas District, Mrs. A. S. Lewis, President, Woman's Missionary Society, First Church, Dallas, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Miss Bettie Brittingham, Miss Mary Skinner, Board of Christian Education, Mrs. E. B. (Williams) Cleveland, Vice-President Woman's Missionary Council, Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. E. N. Wyatt, Annual Conference Missionary President, Dallas-Fort Worth Annual Conference, Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. M. O. Randall, Vice-President, Mrs. M. E. Kirkwood, Annual Conference Superintendent, Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Tressie Starks, Mrs. C. R. Boswell, President of City Federated Missionary, Mrs. J. S. Galindo, President of the Western Mexican Conference, Mrs. Maria H. Garcia, Conference Secretary, Wesley Mexican Conference, Mrs. M. J. deAlvarez, Secretary, Texas-Mexican Conference, Mrs. Maria Frausto, Ciudad Juarez, President, Northern Conference of Mexico Methodist Church.

It was voted to send messages of love and sympathy to Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. Nat Rollins, Mrs. Lee Britt, Miss Emma Peppler, and Mrs. Dan Harris.

Dr. H. S. C. Burgin pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After a period of quiet meditation the President called the Council to order at 2 o'clock.

The report of the Special Home Jubilee Committee was presented and sent to record. (See Report, page 165.)

Mrs. W. A. Newell presented the report of the Bureau of Social Relations emphasizing the Mandate on Peace and the Peace Bonds, also

stressing the pamphlets *Friendship and Neighbors* and *Death by Parties Unknown*. (See Report, page 140.)

Mrs. Newell called on the Chairmen of the Committees of the Bureau to report.

Mrs. Mills, Chairman of Citizenship and Law Observance, spoke of the influence of public opinion and woman's part in it, the program of citizenship of other organizations—P. T. A., League of Women Voters, and W. C. T. U. She said we should co-operate when possible.

Miss Mabel K. Howell, Chairman on Rural Development, said only as the church as a whole undertakes this task can progress be made.

Miss Louise Young, Chairman on Interracial Co-operation, in the three minutes given her asked Mrs. Landrum to tell of our Leadership Schools.

Mrs. I. Morris said the Industrial Committee had held no meeting during the year but the members had done much research work and study. (See Reports: Citizenship and Law Observance, page 147; Rural Development, page 152; Interracial Co-operation, page 149; Industrial Relations, page 151; International Relations and World Peace, page 144.)

The report of the Committee on Christian Social Relations was taken from the Calendar, read, considered section by section, and adopted as a whole. (See Report, page 140.)

The report of the Committee on Finance and Estimates was taken from the Calendar and presented by Miss Daisy Davies. (See Report, page 133.)

Mrs. Bourne was called to interpret the estimates for the Education and Promotion Department. Voted: a total of \$53,513.68 for this department.

Mrs. Downs was asked to interpret the estimates for the Home Work. For the first section, Mountain Work, a total of \$14,519 was voted for Sue Bennett College. The second section, Mexican Work, a total of \$35,391 was voted for the six institutions carrying this work.

The report of the Candidate Committee (see Report, page 161) was given by Mrs. Bourne and the following candidates presented to the Council: For Home Work—Miss Florence Bradley, of the Virginia Conference; Miss Eva Crenshaw, North Carolina Conference; Miss Sara McCracken, North Carolina Conference; Miss Elsie Nesbit, South Georgia Conference; Miss Bertha May White, Los Angeles Conference. Foreign Work—Miss Ruth Cook, Kentucky Conference, Korea; Miss Ruth Hillis, Oklahoma Conference, Brazil; Miss Mildred Hudgins, Virginia Conference, Japan; Miss Mathilde Killingsworth, Mississippi Conference, China; Miss Mary McSwain, Little Rock Conference, Brazil; Miss Helen Scally, Florida Conference, China.

Mrs. Perry accepted the candidates in a most befitting manner, saying that they on the far flung battlefields, we at home, all working

together for the Kingdom of God, should be able by our prayers and service to accomplish much for His cause.

The report of the Spiritual Life and Message Committee was read by Miss Davies. (See Report, page 153.)

Mrs. R. M. White reported the Retreat held at Lynchburg, Va. Mrs. A. C. Johnson told of the Retreat at Cavanaugh, Ky. Mrs. W. C. Guggolz of the Retreat sponsored by the Council at Georgetown, Tex., and Mrs. N. L. Talbot of the one at Granada, Miss.

The sessions report of the Spiritual Life Committee was taken from the Calendar and adopted. (See Report, page 155.)

Hymn 173, "Come, Holy Spirit," was sung and the worship period led by Dr. J. L. Cuninggim closed the afternoon's program. Reminding us of the great responsibility of reflecting in our lives the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, he used for the basis of his Bible lesson—"Ye are the light of the world." He said in the great missionary enterprise organization is necessary, wheels and committees there must be, but behind all the machinery must be "spirit" if it is to produce results for which it was "set up." The one thing most necessary is that the Light must *shine*. God is interested only in this. He told a story of the wreck of a train with fatal results because the switchman had no light in the lantern he waved to stop the train and asked—Has our organization light within it as we use it to point the way to Him who is indeed "The Light of the World"?

"Let your light so shine." "Ye are the light of the world!"

The session closed with prayer. An executive session of the Council was called by the President to meet at 4 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

This executive session of the Council was called to consider the resignation of Miss Constance Rumbough, Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. Perry presiding.

A letter was read from Miss Rumbough relative to her resignation and her desire to see the work promoted, and expressing her willingness to serve until fall in the event it is thought necessary.

A statement was made by Mrs. Perry of the appointment of a Lookout Committee composed of Mrs. A. R. Walker, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, and Miss Mabel Howell, to receive and consider the names of persons who might be considered as Secretary of Children's Work.

It was voted to receive the report of the committee at this time. Copies of the report were distributed. Mrs. A. R. Walker read the report.

Statements were made concerning those whose names were on the preferred list.

The report was referred back to the committee with instructions to furnish further information to the body.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Friday evening's session was related to Foreign Missions, with Mrs. J. W. Perry, presiding. "Travel Talks" were made by Dr. W. G. Cram, Dr. A. W. Wasson, and Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon.

After the opening hymn, "Heralds of Christ" prayer led by Bishop Moore, and special music, "This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made," by the choir, Dr. Cram told of his travels through Africa. This richest country in the world in multiplied ways; the richest cornucopia, why should it be called the "Dark Continent," when really it is the country of greatest opportunity? Africa is the most urgent of all missionary fields today; the Kingdom of God must be established there. It is truly God's great continent.

Dr. Cram told of the twenty-three years of missionary work in Tunda and the faithful service of the missionaries. He described the beautiful country around Minga and told of the Christian social service being done in the leper colony. Also of the Girls' Home which has been established there and the need of a new building.

Of the beautiful approach to Wembo Nyama and the hospital and nursery there; of the outdoor clinics where all types of diseases are treated; healing to the bodies and souls of men. Of the churches in the North Country which had been built by the natives themselves and the services held therein. From one of these services he brought a message to the young people of America and from another a plea for a preacher for their church which had none.

Dr. A. W. Wasson, a visitor to the Continent south of us, brought a message revealing the progressive steps in missionary work in Brazil. Dr. Wasson, Administrative Secretary of the Foreign Department of the Board of Missions, spoke in high terms of the Methodist Church in Brazil, one of the autonomous churches for which authorization was given in the First Methodist Church in Dallas, during the General Conference of 1930. Dr. Wasson compared the missionary enterprise to a mountain climbing experience. We rise to a new level which serves as a vantage point from which we view the land. This travel talk gave us new glimpses of Brazil.

The final speaker of the evening, Miss MacKinnon, said she enjoyed her visit to the Orient most because she had been there before. Eighteen years ago she went to the Orient to preach and teach and live. It had been worth while eighteen years ago and it was worth while now to go back and see what had been accomplished. She spoke especially of a six weeks' school being held at Poleon with some special emphasis each week given to health, home, agriculture, and so on. The last week religion was emphasized. There were great crowds to hear Bishop Arthur Moore, and "Bishop" and "Inspector" were the titles the Orientals bestowed upon Bishop Moore and herself.

The session was dismissed with the benediction pronounced by Bishop John M. Moore.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

A period of quietness and meditation preceded the opening of the Council session at 9 o'clock.

Hymn, "Fairest Lord Jesus," No. 111, was sung.

The President took up the order of business and called for a report from the Committee to Examine the Minutes.

Mrs. Tatum reported the Minutes had been examined and found correct.

Telegrams from Mrs. F. S. Parker and Mrs. E. P. Wetterau were announced.

The report of the Special Joint Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council and the Deaconess Council was placed on the Calendar.

Mrs. Perry graciously introduced the Administrative Secretary of Foreign Work, who spoke to the body on her trip to the Orient. The Secretary who had visited four mission fields since our last Council meeting—Mexico, then later China, Japan, Korea—said the conflict in ideas and thinking in the world today was being felt in China. That in Japan the Japanese officials had a high appreciation for our missionaries. That young Koreans were not as antagonistic to Japan as formerly and that there was no way in which to exaggerate the beauty of Ewha College.

The report of the Sessions Committee on Foreign Fields was taken from the Calendar, read, considered seriatim, and adopted as a whole. (See Report, page 132.)

Miss MacKinnon spoke to the first three items concerning Week of Prayer and Hiroshima School.

Miss Anderson spoke concerning Collegio Americano, Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Estimates from Foreign Fields and amount of appropriation for Africa were considered.

The missionaries who were present from Africa were asked to be seated on the platform. Mrs. Ethel Shuler Smith discussed the educational work in this field; Miss Dora Armstrong told of the day nursery work; and Miss Edith Martin told of the village work in Lodja.

It was voted to appropriate \$25,203 for work in Africa.

After singing Hymn No. 562, "The World's Astir," the second mid-morning worship period was led by Dr. Charles W. Gilkey. He chose for his subject "The Missionary Gospel and Our Present Responsibility," using as his Scripture text the last clause of Matthew 13: 52—"things new and old."

"In Chicago in 1872 there was built a new railroad station, which it seemed then would be adequate for an indefinite period of time, but by 1900 it proved to be entirely too small and a larger one had to be built. For the three years of construction and remodeling the great

necessity for keeping the roads open and traffic moving was a serious problem.

"So it is in things religious, during the times of change and transition in every generation we must keep traffic moving between man and God and reconstruct the terminals to meet the changing need. This is the responsibility and privilege of the missionary enterprise. New policies and programs are needed here.

"There must be a change in the attitude of the white man toward other nations and surely a change in the attitudes of other nations, especially those of the Orient toward the white man and his civilization. The success of our enterprise depends upon this.

"Christianity will win only when there is deeper understanding, and to this end we must keep traffic moving and reconstruct our terminals if we would have new victories for Christ and new service for mankind."

Estimates for China were considered. Missionaries who were present from China were called to the platform and introduced: Miss Alice Waters, forty-three years of service in China, Miss Sarah Glenn, Miss Robbie Lee Leggett, Miss Mary Tarrant, thirty-seven years of service in China, Miss Mary Winn, Miss Pearle McCain, Miss Mary Blackford, Miss Lucy Webb, Miss Helen Scally, under appointment, Miss Mathilde Killingworth, under appointment.

A total of \$96,721 was voted for the work in China.

As the time came for the great Christian leader of Japan, Kagawa, to speak, the church was filled beyond capacity and overflow meetings were held in other parts of the building. Hundreds were standing in the church and looking through the open windows. More than 3,000 persons heard his message on "The Christian Movement in Japan."

Dr. Kagawa expressed the gratitude of Japan for our friendship; said the Methodist Church was one of the great forces at work in Japan; and that the message for all was "God, the Creator; Jesus, the Saviour; and repentance from sin."

Dr. W. C. Martin pronounced the benediction.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After a period of silent worship and meditation the Council was called to order by the President.

Mrs. A. R. Walker, St. Louis Conference, presented the following resolution concerning United States appropriations for army and navy for immediate action.

RESOLUTION FROM COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND WORLD PEACE

"Whereas, there are now before Congress bills for appropriations for army and navy sums exceeding all previous amounts and far beyond needs for defense;

"Whereas, our government has taken its stand against waging or participating in any aggressive war; and

"Whereas, this will inevitably both increase the burden of taxation and lessen the amount needed for the promotion of welfare;

"Therefore, we the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, do now protest against these appropriations and request that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the President of the United States.

MRS. A. R. WALKER, *Acting Chairman*;
MRS. T. H. TYSON, *Secretary*."

The resolution was approved.

Report No. 2, Committee on Finance, and Report No. 1, Committee on Candidate Work, were placed on the Calendar.

Mrs. Landrum gave the report of the Special Committee on Public Worship.

Hymn No. 444, "Gentle Jesus, Meek and Mild," was sung.

Mrs. Perry asked that Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton and Norma Lou Kearby, five years old, of Livingston, Tex., come within the chancel rail. Little Norma Lou was made a life member by her two grandmothers, she being a fourth generation of missionary women. Mrs. Perry led in prayer for this young life.

The consideration of estimates for Foreign Fields was continued.

Eight messages from eight foreign fields were given.

Mrs. West and Mrs. Cooke, mothers of two missionaries, were introduced. Miss Dora Armstrong made a plea for nurses, doctors, more medical workers for Africa. Five missionaries from Korea were introduced. Miss Kate Cooper spoke for this field telling what Christianity has done for Korean women.

Six missionaries from Japan were introduced. Miss Althea Cronk, from Hiroshima Girls' School, told of the work in Japan.

Four missionaries from Brazil, and the two under appointment to this field, were introduced. Miss Maude Mathis told of homemaking and the teaching of home economics in that land.

Two missionaries from Poland were introduced. Miss Ruth Lawrence said 200 women in Poland sent greetings. She said that spiritual life in Poland is on a very low plane and Protestant forces need strengthening.

Miss Fredericks, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, student at Scarritt appointed to China, was introduced.

China missionaries had been introduced at previous session. Miss Lucy Jim Webb, from Moore Memorial, told about institutional work in China.

Miss Mattie Lou Neal, from Cuba, told us why our schools are needed in that country.

Eight missionaries from Mexico were introduced. Miss Lillie Fox

said this is a transition period in Mexico, but they had been "transitioning" since 1912. She told of Centro Sociale Roberto, said greatest need is for literature for young people to combat teachings of state institutions.

Miss MacKinnon stated that since her visit to these foreign fields she had a deeper appreciation for the work of the missionaries, although she had been a missionary herself for eleven years before becoming Administrative Secretary for Foreign Department.

Estimates for work in Cuba were considered and a total of \$27,772 voted for this field.

Estimates for Brazil were considered and explained by Miss MacKinnon. Miss Ruth Anderson spoke concerning day schools. Dr. A. W. Wasson spoke about boys' schools. Miss Rachel Jarrett told what "Bem-ti-vi" is. Miss Maud Mathis explained some items.

Voted a total of \$41,995 for Brazil.

Estimates for Japan were considered and explained, and a total of \$79,415 was voted for Japan.

Miss Mabel Whitehead said that Lambuth Training School is the Scarritt of Japan.

Dr. Cuninggim, who conducted the afternoon worship period, reviewed the program of the day, including the wonderful messages of Dr. Gilkey and Dr. Kagawa and the service of the previous evening with the Travel Talks from the foreign fields, and said that he felt sure that "nothing further could hardly be desired."

His Bible message was based upon the word of Jesus—"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. . . . Go ye therefore and teach all nations . . . and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." "Herein is found the Program, the Power, and the Presence of Jesus." These must be combined, not taken separately, to produce results. "Insight into the program is necessary in a world of transition and change, and this program must be religious, educational, and social, related to the world-wide family of God and brotherhood of man."

"Program is insufficient without power. Power is the 'pulling force' in the program without which all efforts for its success will fail, and power is conditioned on God's Presence. 'Behold, I am with you.' His presence depends, in turn, upon the preparation that has been made for it in our hearts. This applies everywhere. Not only in service of missionaries but in lives of members of the church at home as they live from day to day.

"All power is given unto me."

"Go, teach all nations."

"I am with you."

The Program, Power—Presence.

Following the afternoon session the members of the Council were

taken on a trip to see the Mexican Mission, Miss Emily Dorsey's home for girls, and the Virginia K. Johnson Home, where tea was served. An enjoyable and profitable trip.

SATURDAY EVENING

A fellowship dinner was held at the Baker Hotel Saturday evening at 7 P.M. More than eight hundred attended this meeting and social event. The ballroom was beautiful; the speakers' table was decorated with flowers and candalabra; the speakers were clever and entertaining.

Mrs. J. W. Perry, President of the Council, presided.

Mrs. J. N. McEachern, President of the National Council of Federated Church Women, was introduced and spoke briefly. Miss Bettie Brittingham, Secretary of the Protestant Methodist Church, was also introduced and made a short talk.

Dr. Charles W. Gilkey was introduced and made a few remarks. Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa brought us greetings.

At each place was a card with the caption, "Name Ten Deaconesses and their present location." As Mrs. Downs called the roll the names were checked and a large number were 100 per cent.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

The worship service was led by the Rev. William C. Martin, pastor.

"The Holy City" was beautifully rendered by the leader of the choir. The annual sermon was delivered by Dr. Charles Gilkey, who used as texts for his sermon John 8: 12, "I am the light of the world"; Matthew 5: 14, "Ye are the light of the world"—the same figure in both His commission and our commission; in His Christian revelation and our responsibility. It is the same Divine Light in each case. Light defined to scientists remains a paradox; its nature still a mystery but the *experience* of light is real. So the Light which is the gracious presence of God is still a mystery, yet by It we are sustained and kept every day. This experience, too, is real. Life is made up of both darkness and light in its experiences; this, too, is true. It is not always easy to recognize God in these, but it is a part of Christian religion to give something to live by in both. There are three emphases on the function of light in human experience. (1) A means of testing, of discrimination, of judgment. It reveals the character, whether genuine or "off color" and shoddy. "Bring the texture of our lives, which we have thought pretty good, to *Light* for inspection and how shoddy 't appears. There is need of searchlight in civic experiences, in our American life where drink and sex appeal hunt for publicity, passion for easy money, and sudden success plays so large a part. How shoddy does our civilization look in spite of our effort to "doll it up." "*God* looks on the heart." (2) The

Bible reminds us that light is maintained by effort on our part. The current is there always, but we lose the connection. That is what is happening to thousands of American Christians today; the lamp inside their souls is going out. So in the missionary enterprise the missionary lamps must be kept burning in our hearts and church. (3) "Light is seen most clearly when it shines in the lives of people. The greatest thing about the gospel is that it works not only in Japan and America, but the world around. When its light shines people see and answer. Wherever a life can be found kindled by the Life of Christ there it will shine with the light and love of God himself."

SUNDAY EVENING SESSION

One of the most beautiful and impressive services of the Council meeting, the Consecration Service, was held Sunday night. The church was made lovely with flowers and was filled with friends of the candidates and others interested in the great cause of missions. The altar was banked with Easter lilies, a fitting emblem for the twelve young women in white who took their places on the platform. As the great hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal," pealed forth from the organ more than one hundred young women in white marched down the aisles and took their places in the seats reserved for them, the twelve to be consecrated going to the platform.

The hymn, "Praise the Saviour, All Ye Nations," was sung, and Bishop John M. Moore read the Scripture, then led in prayer. Special music was furnished by the choir.

Miss Alice Waters, forty-three years a missionary in China, having reached the retirement age, was given the status of "Missionary Emeritus." Mrs. Perry expressed the gratitude of the Council for this long term of service rendered by one of her daughters and presented Miss Waters with the emeritus certificate. Miss Waters thrilled our hearts as she told of the joy of service, saying, "It always gets better farther on." Miss Mary Floyd and Miss Mary Blackford, young women already at work at home and abroad, spoke on "The Summons to Service."

The hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," was sung.

Miss Eva Crenshaw, Miss Sarah McCracken, and Miss Florence Bradley spoke for the six young women accepted for work in the homeland. Mrs. J. W. Perry presented the young women for consecration to Bishop A. Frank Smith, who conducted the service, giving each candidate the commission "to take the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ into all the world, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

The hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," was sung, and Bishop Smith pronounced the benediction.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

This day was designated "Home Mission Anniversary Day" and was so observed.

After a period of silent worship the hymn, "Awake, Awake to Love and Work," was sung; the President called for Mrs. J. W. Downs's address on "Fifty Years of Home Missions."

The work began with the building of parsonages for preachers who went to the frontier. We started farthest away first, then came close to home. The pioneer women were happy, buoyant women, given to prayer. They gave systematically, not always large sums but such as they had. They were great givers in that they gave constantly. They had programs of activity and periods of study. During this time over seventy Social Settlements have come into being and the Deaconess Order has been established.

It was a message in which we were conscious of our heritage from those brave souls who crossed the threshold in Home Missions; a message in which we were conscious of our present-day opportunities; and our willingness to face the future with courage and confidence.

That the plans and methods of work were constructive is borne out by the fact that they are primarily good in 1936.

The address closed as we sat with bowed heads thanking God for the pioneer women, their faith, vision, and courage.

Telegrams were read from Mrs. Emily Allen Siler and the Board of Hospitals, Homes, and Deaconess Work of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Ten deaconesses then spoke on "Experiencing God in a Life of Service."

Miss Eugenia Smith, Mexican Community House, Houston, Tex., brought a message of "appreciation of all the people as God's children which brought a deeper experience of God as the Father." Deaconess Alpharetta Leeper, Woolf Settlement, Tampa, Fla., "A belief in God brings new meaning to life."

Deaconess Dora Hoover, Arkansas Rural Work, spoke on "A life of service brings a stronger faith in God."

Deaconess Eleanor Grissom, Kingdom House, St. Louis, had for her subject, "Knowing God is supreme satisfaction."

Deaconess Dolores Diaz, Woolf Settlement, Tampa, Fla., spoke of "Trying to show others the new way of life."

Deaconess Annie Alford, Spofford Home, Kansas City, Mo., discussed "An experience of God in this service for little children."

Deaconess Ruth Carryer, Wesley House, Columbia, S. C., told how "Christ is with me as I serve him, He goes too."

Deaconess Joanna Davis, State Bible teacher on furlough, gave a poem, "Why I Teach." She said the cause of righteousness is furthered by teaching.

Deaconess Katherine Arnold, Wesley House, Fort Worth, Tex., spoke on "As problems come there is a help that never fails. 'Lo, I am with you always.'"

Deaconess Lora Lee Pederson, Spofford Home, Kansas City, Mo., discussed "Patience and receptivity are needed by worker."

All the deaconesses were called to the choir loft in order that a picture might be taken.

While this was taking place the following items of business were cared for.

Report of Committee to Examine Minutes. Mrs. Tatum reported the minutes had been examined and found correct.

Report No. 2 on Education and Promotion and Report No. 2 on Christian Social Relations were placed on the Calendar.

After the singing of the hymn, "Fight the Good Fight," Dr. Gilkey led the third mid-morning period of worship. His subject was "The Missionary Gospel and Its Rivals," and the basis for his message the First and Second Commandments—Exodus 20: 3-6. He said, We try to fool ourselves into believing that there is no longer need for these, that this is no age of idolatry. This belongs to the Orient, not to Christendom. The real rivals to the Christian religion in the twentieth century are the new faiths, new religions. Christianity is in for a terrific conflict with these dogmatic atheisms which have the earmarks of religion.

Communism, with its seemingly sacramental devotion, strong internationalism, has less racial consciousness than any other faith in the world. Missionary Christianity should take that warning to heart.

Nationalism—This "golden image" is not set up only across the Atlantic, but its shadow is even across our educational institutions at home.

Racialism—Seems plausible and is very contagious. It is the shadow on politics which can be met only by a missionary Christian faith that stands for the equality of man with God.

Polytheism—This is a modern form of idolatry, a new heathenism. Venus, the god of pleasure of the flesh, easy money, wide publicity, quick success, these are the gods of today. Quoting Gandhi, "The gods of a nation are those that govern its daily life." What will be the gods of America in the next fifty years?

Miss Mattie L. Mitchell, Vice-President, C. M. E. Woman's Council, was introduced. She brought to the body a fraternal message, and greetings from C. M. E. women which closed with poem, "Others." Mrs. Perry responded, sending love and greetings and an assurance of our hearty co-operation.

Miss Mabel K. Howell spoke on "The Awakening to Rural Needs." The title gives the right perspective. We are newly aware of our rural population. The problem is twofold, ours and theirs. We need a conference with our rural women to see what woman can really do.

At this time the deaconesses put on a little skit. Mrs. Downs makes a visit to the rural worker. The skit depicted very vividly some of the problems of the rural community. The needs of the home, the missionary society, the schools for Negroes, the use of the rural library, the benefits from Daily Vacation Bible Schools, camps, and young people's retreats.

Miss Mary Mims, Extension Secretary of Welfare Work for the State University of Louisiana, spoke on "The Essentials in Community Building." She said this is to be a practical talk about community work, that "community" and "frontier" were synonymous. If a balloon is pricked, it is deflated, but the oak tree grows from the inside out and a pin prick cannot hurt it. Our work should begin with the home and community. Frontiers of today are our own communities. Competition used to be the life of trade; now co-operation is the life of trade. Our enemies used to be strange lands, diseases, wild beasts; now our enemies are selfishness, greed, graft. "There is more in the man than in the land." "Strength of the pack is the wolf, but the strength of the wolf is the pack."

Every child should have a well-balanced lunch. Church grounds should be beautiful. Rural parks should be provided. Blue ribbons should be given to boys and girls who excel in righteousness as well as for other accomplishments. Crime is not a parasite; it grows out of the social order, whether the home or community. We should stand with one hand in God's and the other in our brother's.

The following introductions were made: Mrs. W. G. Cram, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCracken, Dr. A. J. Weeks, Mrs. J. L. Cuninggim, Miss Lelia Roberts, Mrs. Abros.

The hymn, "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies," was sung, and Rev. J. J. Morgan pronounced the benediction.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Again Council members came together for a quiet season of meditation and worship.

Hymn No. 4, "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above," was sung, and Dr. W. G. Cram led in prayer.

The report of the Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was placed on the Calendar.

The report of the Sessions Committee on the Home Field was taken from the Calendar, read, and considered *seriatim*. Miss Louise Young interpreted the report. Miss Thelma Stevens spoke on the Negro Rural Work in Alabama. Miss Howell spoke on training and practice in rural work for Scarritt College.

The report was adopted as a whole. (See Report, page 131.)

Bishop John M. Moore addressed the Council, his subject being "The Challenge of the City." He said control of wealth is in the city, social control is in the city. Where there is social control there is

political control. If we wiped out our cities, civilization would be stopped. Human development rests with the power that is here. We should have a high appreciation of the power that is in the city in American life. Aliens politically control many of our cities. The center of political intrigue is in the city: Taxes are subject to exploitation.

Crime infests the city. The city presents the full gamut of human life. All this brings things to light we must consider. Christianity and the church must consider the city as it is. One-half of the people have not been to church in a year. They do not go to church and the church does not go to them. The church finds its greatest support in the city; it also finds its greatest problems and difficulties. Most churches think in terms of self-conservation instead of propagation. We are occupied by our own interests. Social settlements have their place, but they are emergency stations. We need a new positive statement about Jesus Christ. Christianity doesn't need defense; its needs exposition. Lay emphasis where Jesus laid it, Christianize the social order, regenerate the individual.

Deaconess Margaret Young continued the subject. She said folks ride over the city and see the courtyards, fountains, mansions, but do not see behind the doors the squalor, the poverty, the hotbed of vice and iniquity. Miss Young gave us a glimpse beyond the doors.

Deaconess Grace Gatewood said Jesus worked in the cities. There is much to learn of the science of human relationships.

Hymn No. 474, "O Holy City," was sung.

Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton had charge of the pledge service. Four young women in white surplices, two carrying lighted candles and two carrying copper bowls, came down the two center aisles and stood on either side of a table that held a large copper bowl in the center. The cross back of the altar was lighted, the candles and two smaller bowls placed on the table, and Mrs. Fulton asked for Conference and other love gifts. Mrs. Grace Noll Crowell was made a life member by the Dallas District. As the Conferences were called, the two officers came forward, stated their pledge, and dropped it into the large copper bowl, while the organ played softly "Something for Thee." The following pledges were made: Alabama, \$24,000; Arizona, \$2,300; Baltimore, \$35,000; Central Texas, \$22,400; Florida, \$34,500; Holston, \$32,600; Illinois, ———; Indian Woman's Missionary Society, ———; Kentucky, \$16,000; Little Rock, \$17,000; Los Angeles, \$5,450; Louisiana, \$25,000; Louisville, \$18,000; Memphis, \$30,000; Mississippi, \$18,000; Missouri, \$9,000; New Mexico, \$5,500; North Alabama, \$32,000; North Arkansas, \$16,240; North Carolina, \$37,000; North Georgia, \$47,000; North Mississippi, \$20,000; North Texas, \$24,000; Northwest, absent; Northwest Texas, \$20,200; Oklahoma, \$21,000; Pacific, \$4,000; South Carolina, \$23,250; South Georgia, \$43,000; St. Louis, \$11,000; Southwest Missouri, \$7,500; Tennessee, \$25,000;

Texas, \$30,000; Texas Mexican, \$150; Upper South Carolina, \$22,500; Virginia, \$45,250; West Texas, \$22,200; Western North Carolina, \$44,900; West Mexican, \$140; Western Virginia, \$13,500.

Miss MacKinnon made her mother a life member, North Carolina Conference; Mrs. Conatzer's mother was made a life member by the Tennessee Conference; Mrs. Mills made her mother a life member, Texas Conference; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Landrum took a foreign scholarship, Texas Conference; Miss Rumbough made her mother a life member, Virginia Conference; Mrs. Hanson was given a life membership by her mother, Mrs. Wilhoit, West Texas Conference; \$140 from Western Mexican Conference includes life memberships for five babies; Charles Francis French was made life member by his mother, Mrs. George C. French.

Mrs. Perry led in prayer of thanksgiving for these gifts of love for the work of the Master. Miss Elizabeth Claibourne led in prayer for our missionaries everywhere.

The beautiful service closed with our hearts kindled anew with a deep desire to love Him better and serve Him more.

Estimates from Home Fields, concerning Gulf Coast Work, were considered. Miss Julia Sargent, from St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La., spoke of this work. A total of \$17,643 was voted.

At this time Dr. J. L. Cuninggim led the afternoon worship period. In reviewing the program for the day Dr. Cuninggim reminded us of its blessing and privilege in the stories told of the pioneers in the great Home Mission work of our church and of the workers in this field of service as a part of its anniversary program.

For the Bible message he used the story of the blind beggars seeking alms, of Peter and John at the gate of the Temple, with emphasis on the reply of the Apostles—"Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee." In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." He said in substance—There are two ways of dealing with need. One, by distributing relief, which is often fatal, because this method works from without instead of within and does not deal with the person at the point of greatest need. The second is by restoration and redemption of the person. Unlike these Apostles, organizations and individuals often have little to give; there is great need to keep our personalities radiant with divine Power that we may have something to give to those in need and confidently say to them, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

The afternoon session closed with prayer, and the Council was called to meet at once in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, MONDAY

The executive session of the Council was called to order at 4:30 P.M. Monday by the President, Mrs. J. W. Perry.

The meeting had been called to hear a further report from the Look-

out Committee for a successor to Miss Constance Rumbough, Secretary of Children's Work, resigned.

The report of the committee was presented by Mrs. A. R. Walker, Chairman.

Voted, that the vote be taken.

Mrs. E. A. Kitchell was appointed chairman of tellers with Mrs. L. A. Tynes, Mrs. N. V. Coleman, Miss Willia Duncan and Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter assistants. The vote was taken—79 entitled to vote, 40 necessary to elect. Miss Noreen Dunn received 57 votes and was declared elected.

There was a discussion concerning restoring salaries. Voted to approve restoration of \$200 per year for the Secretaries of Woman's Work.

The session was adjourned.

MONDAY EVENING SESSION

Bringing to an appropriate climax Home Missions Anniversary Day, the religious drama, "Lift Up Thine Eyes," on Monday evening, was a brilliant and colorful event of the Council meeting. In its conception and development, "Lift Up Thine Eyes" showed thorough research, sympathetic understanding of the theme, and dramatic ability on the part of the author, Deaconess Dorothy Garrett, who had been selected to prepare the Jubilee Home Mission play. The play unfolded impressively the beginnings, growth, and development of the home mission enterprise by the women of the Southern Methodist Church. It was staged and directed by Miss Mary McCord, of the faculty of Southern Methodist University.

The excellent lighting, the effective staging, and the costuming, reminiscent of fifty years ago, gave interest and zest to the performance. The Negro spirituals, interspersed during intermissions by the Ambassador A-Cappella Choir of Booker T. Washington High School under the direction of A. Stephens Jackson, Jr., were enjoyed and appreciated.

For the occasion beautiful McFarlin Memorial Auditorum was filled to capacity with an appreciative audience. As presented, "Lift Up Thine Eyes" reflected credit upon the author, the director, and the cast of ninety students of Southern Methodist University.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

The quiet session was again observed, and the morning session opened with Hymn No. 382, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken."

The President called upon Mrs. N. V. Coleman, Mrs. G. E. Edwards, and Miss Mabel Howell to offer prayer.

Mrs. Perry thanked the organist and choir for their beautiful music and their faithful service during the entire session of the Council.

The Committee to Examine the Minutes reported the minutes had been examined and found correct.

The report of Scarritt College was given by Dr. J. L. Cuninggim. He introduced the Rev. J. E. Moreland, who has served sixteen years in Brazil and is now with Scarritt College. Mr. Moreland said the central emphasis on Christian service extends throughout the school. It is easy to teach Bible and have chapel service, but difficult to centralize emphasis. This Scarritt has done.

Dr. Cuninggim said this had been an unusually good year. Prospects for enrolment next year are the greatest ever had. There is need for four or five hundred thousand dollars for endowment; need for Chair of Rural Work; Chair for Leisure Time; Chair for Parent Education, and several others; a need for an educational building, a recreation building, dormitory for girls, and a family apartment building. (See Report of Scarritt College, page 127.)

Mrs. Perry asked that we realize this is a new day for Scarritt. She pledged our co-operation in placing those in charge of the program in touch with individuals who may be able to help financially and also a place in our prayers.

Miss Noreen Dunn, newly elected Secretary of Children's Work, taking the place of Miss Constance Rumbough, who resigned, was introduced to the Council. In a few gracious words she accepted the secretaryship.

The report of the Committee on Scarritt College was read by the Calendar Clerk and adopted. (See Report, page 163.)

The report of the Sessions Committee on Candidate Work was taken from the Calendar, read, considered *seriatim*, and adopted. (See Report, page 162.)

Estimates from Home Fields were continued. Cuban Work was considered. Mrs. Walker, Tampa, Fla., Chairman of Board, was asked to speak. A total of \$12,524 was voted for this work.

Negro Work was considered. Mrs. Downs explained this need. A total of \$29,989 was voted for this work.

Mrs. F. S. McPherrin, Memphis, Tenn., President of the Board, spoke of the new work in Memphis.

"Dependent Girls" was the next item considered. Miss Mary Floyd told of the work at Vashti. A total of \$18,536 was voted for this work.

The item "Bible Teachers at State Schools" was considered. Mrs. Downs explained this item. A total of \$4,500 was voted for this purpose. A total of \$1,020 for Young People's Worker at Williamsburg, Va., was voted.

Industrial work was considered. Mrs. Downs made statements concerning this work, and a total of \$10,504 was voted.

Work with Delinquent Girls was considered. Miss Mary Freeman, Superintendent of Virginia K. Johnson Home, spoke of this work. A total of \$11,497.34 was voted,

An appropriation of \$1,800 from the Home Department was voted for Scarritt College.

A total of \$3,544 was voted for City Mission and Conference Work. Mrs. Downs explained the items under Western Work, and a total of \$3,600 was voted.

Mrs. Downs and Mrs. R. R. Ellison told of the Cajun Work in Alabama, and a total of \$4,200 was voted for Rural Work.

Twelve thousand seven hundred forty-five dollars was voted for Miscellaneous Items.

Nine thousand five hundred eighty-three dollars and twenty-four cents was voted for Administration. - A grand total of \$218,266.93 was voted for the Home Department.

Mrs. Maria Frausto, from Mexico, fraternal delegate, was introduced and brought us greetings, not only from our own church, but from the Methodist Episcopal Church, since we are one church in Mexico. She said they had been blessed by the union. She praised God for bringing her to this meeting. She was not going to tell about unpleasant things, the papers tell all of it and more; not going to tell of mistakes, just good things. The Lord has blessed the work greatly. The power of the love of Christ and the joy of those who believe in it has been manifest. Let us be faithful to our Lord, said this "daughter of ours who has grown so large."

Mrs. Perry responded for the Woman's Missionary Council, saying that we are grateful to our daughters for sending Mrs. Frausto; her message has brought us encouragement. Our study of the past years has warmed our hearts to all Latin-American countries, especially Mexico, and we send greetings and love to our daughters.

Hymn No. 476, "Eternal God Whose Power Upholds," was sung, and Dr. Gilkey brought to us his fourth and last great message, "The Missionary Gospel and the Future." His texts were Acts 8: 4 and Luke 13: 18, 19. The first reference shows that Christianity was born from the missionary enterprise. The second likens the Kingdom of God to a grain of mustard seed.

"Before Paul's time nameless men began 'to tell' and so launched Christianity on its great career. There is encouragement in the words of Jesus as to *where* the grain of mustard was planted. In the man's own back yard. Sometimes we think if only we could change positions with others, swap our farm, change our climate, results would be better, but this is impossible; we must plant the mustard seed right *where we live*. The power is in the seed. Back of it, faith in God in times of drought, flood, and sunshine will make the increase *sure*; his spirit in our lives and in our love, planted in our own back yard, will grow. Only as we outthink, outwork, outlive, and outlove other faiths will we win."

Mrs. Perry expressed our grateful appreciation of the messages Dr. Gilkey has given us, saying, "These messages have sobered our think-

ing and encouraged our hearts. It has been a privilege to sit quietly and think soberly. We have not been disappointed. It was worth waiting all these years for these messages. We will best express our appreciation by accepting the missionary challenge for the future."

Estimates from the Foreign Department were continued and Korea considered. Five missionaries from Korea were called to the platform. Miss MacKinnon explained about matters of exchange and its effect on the salaries of the missionaries.

Miss Clara Howard spoke in regard to kindergarten work. She is now "kindergartner at large."

Miss Howell spoke on the Unified Work Budget.

Miss Rose Lowder spoke concerning medical work.

A total of \$94,155 was voted for Korea.

Manchuria-Korean Conference appropriation was considered. Miss Kate Cooper explained the work in this field, and a total of \$1,320 was voted.

The time had now arrived for a very interesting and entertaining part of the program, "Where shall we meet in 1937?" As the question was asked two women tried to get the floor—Mrs. T. I. Charles, of the Upper South Carolina Conference, and Mrs. L. A. Tynes, of the Holston Conference. The Chair recognized Mrs. Charles, and South Carolina, with those who were supporting her, marched to the platform, singing "Come, come, come to Columbia." Mrs. R. L. Kirk, South Carolina Conference Secretary, extended the invitation in a clever manner, and Mrs. G. E. Edwards, President of that Conference, read a letter written to Mrs. Perry (which Mrs. Perry had not seen) from Bishop Kern.

Mrs. L. A. Tynes cordially invited the Council to come to Chattanooga, giving many reasons why it would be advisable. Mrs. W. H. Wysor, Secretary of the Holston Conference, introduced Deaconess Dorothea Reid, from Centenary Church, Chattanooga, who emphasized the need. A letter was read from Dr. J. W. Perry, signed "Jack," urging the Council to come. Mrs. T. I. Charles extended the invitation to Columbia from all the civic and religious organizations.

Before the vote was announced Mrs. Tynes moved to make the acceptance unanimous for Columbia, S. C. It was so voted, and the Council will hold its next annual meeting in Columbia, S. C.

Report No. 1 of Status of Women, given by Mrs. T. I. Charles, was read and placed on record. (See Report, page 156.)

Report No. 2 was read and adopted. (See Report, page 160.)

Mrs. J. W. Perry gave a verbal report of the Committee on Cooperation with Other Agencies and referred us to page 160 of *Council Minutes*.

Report of Committee on Unoccupied Areas was presented by Mrs. C. C. Weaver, given for information, and sent to record. (See Report, page 160.)

Miss Dorothy Garrett, writer of the pageant "Lift Up Thine Eyes," was introduced.

Rev. Walter N. Vernon, Jr., dismissed us with prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After a season of quietude the Lord's Prayer was repeated. Hymn No. 226, "O Jesus, I Have Promised," was sung.

Mrs. Perry took up the order of business.

The reports of estimates continued. Mexico was considered. The missionaries from Mexico were called to the platform and again introduced. Mrs. Perry spoke of the large opportunity we have in Mexico in providing Christian literature and books. Miss Dora L. Ingram spoke of evangelistic work in the homes. Miss Anne Devours' object is to make religion practical in everyday life. Miss Lulu D. Rawls, nurse, trains public health workers.

Voted \$39,207 for Mexico.

Poland was considered, and \$5,745 was voted for work in Poland.

Voted: Total for Miscellaneous Items, \$31,619.

Voted: Total for Administration, \$12,203.52.

Voted: A grand total for Foreign Department, \$503,166.67.

Committee Report No. 2 on Finance and Estimates was taken from the Calendar and considered *seriatim*. The report, which carried additional appropriations for Foreign Work to the amount of \$95,285.55, was adopted.

A privileged motion was presented by Miss Howell asking for a committee to study the Woman's Work of our sister church:

"Inasmuch as plans for the union of our church with the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Protestant Church are under consideration, we recommend that the Woman's Missionary Council appoint a committee of five or seven persons to study the women's organizations and policies of these sister churches, that we may be prepared to make wise contributions to the formulation of needed policies for women's work.

MABEL K. HOWELL."

Voted that the recommendation be adopted and that the Chair appoint the committee. The committee was appointed, as follows: Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. Homer Tatum, and Mrs. A. M. Gates.

Report No. 2 on Education and Promotion was taken from the Calendar, read, considered *seriatim*. Mrs. Steele moved to delete item 5, Section I. Voted.

Mrs. Ballengee moved to amend item 6, Section I, by striking out "select a Secretary of Young Women's Circles" and change "her" to read "the Secretary of Young Women's Circles." Voted.

The report was adopted as amended. (See Report, page 137.)

Report No. 2 on Christian Social Relations was taken from the

Calendar, read by the Calendar Clerk, and adopted. (See Report, page 144.)

The report of the Committee to Fill Vacancies was read and adopted. (See Report, page 166.)

The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, which required no action, was placed on record. (See Report, page 165.)

Reports of the Joint Committee to study Deaconess Work (see Report, page 164) and of the Committee on Home Mission Jubilee were read and placed on record. (See page 165.)

The following message of appreciation from the Deaconess Conference was read:

"Dear Mrs. Perry: The members of the Deaconess Conference wish to take this opportunity to express to the Council body their deep thanks and appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the Council in providing travel expense and for making us your guests at the Fellowship Dinner.

WILLIA DUNCAN, Secretary of Deaconess Conference."

Mrs. J. N. McEachern was given the privilege of the floor and invited a fraternal delegate to attend the meeting of the National Council of Federated Church Women in Dayton, Ohio, May 12-15. On motion the invitation was referred to the Committee on Co-operation with Other Agencies.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. George Sexton and adopted. (See Report, page 166.)

Mrs. J. W. Downs spoke briefly on the work in the homeland. More than we need to build buildings, we need to build Christian character. We are not doing more in social religion than we should, but we are not doing as much along spiritual lines as we should.

Miss Waters brought us a message of greeting and love from the Missionary Society of the China Conference and asked for our prayers.

Mrs. Perry assured her we should be praying for her, for them, for our work in China.

Dr. H. S. C. Burgin, Presiding Elder of the Dallas District, gave a word of felicitation.

Voted that the committee appointed to study women's work of sister Boards be a nucleus for the Committee on General Conference Legislation.

The business of the Council was concluded. Hymn No. 422, "Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above," was sung, and a beautiful "Service of Remembrance" was led by Mrs. J. W. Mills. Words in memory of Mrs. Olive Kirby Brooks and Mrs. Margaret Maupin Peters were read by Mrs. Mills; in memory of Miss Lily A. Stradley and Miss Ida Worth by Miss MacKinnon; in memory of Miss Laura Harris, Mrs. Selden Bryan, Mrs. J. C. Field, and Mrs. Mary Bruce Alexander by

Mrs. Downs. Mrs. Mills made some fitting remarks about life, death, and influence, and the service closed with silent prayer.

Hymn No. 148, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," was sung, and Dr. W. C. Martin conducted the communion service.

Through the silent message of flowers, the presence of the spotless white communion cloths, the table, the singing of "O Jesus, I Have Promised," the repeating of the prayer taught us of old by the Master Missionary, Christ, the partaking of the sacred communion, we felt that we had indeed been in the presence of the Master.

After singing "Saviour, Let Me Walk with Thee" Dr. Martin pronounced the benediction which closed the Twenty-sixth Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Council.

The beautiful baskets of flowers on either side of the pulpit were placed there in memory of Mrs. Virginia K. Johnson.

MRS. J. W. PERRY, *President*

MRS. FRED A. LAMB, *Secretary Pro Tem.*

Note: The minutes of Monday's sessions, March 24, 1936, were examined and found to be correct.

MRS. HOMER TATUM

Chairman Committee to Examine Minutes

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MRS. J. W. PERRY

This organization is rich in anniversaries. The semicentennial of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, a half century of organized Home Missions and the Silver Jubilee of the Woman's Missionary Council have fallen within less than a decade. Each of these occasions holds its own distinct and peculiar interest for Southern Methodist women. It is well for us to go back to the beginnings, to live over the experiences of the early days, to catch something of the spirit of the gallant-hearted women who set for themselves hard tasks, and who saw no undertakings too difficult if it meant advancement for the Master's cause. Their amazing courage and their unwavering faith impresses one anew at every remembrance of them.

On this occasion we meet with grateful hearts for the share the women of our church have had in carrying forward the redemptive mission of Jesus Christ in America. The beginnings were small and seemingly insignificant, but the history of these years is a story of ever broadening vision and of constantly widening opportunities.

It was upon a time when Bishop Hargrove returned from the West with his heart burdened because the preachers and their families were bearing unspeakable hardships, living in dugouts, shacks, and tents with none or few of the comforts of life in order to be the bearers of the Christian message to the traders and the early settlers out on the frontiers. The Bishop in charge and the Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, were deeply concerned to find a way to provide better living conditions for the ministers and their families. They turned to a woman with their problem and found in her a ready response. Miss Lucinda Helm saw a large and effectual door opening to the women of the church. Her sister, Mary, was ready to join with her in making an appeal to others to unite with them in this enterprise. The General Conference of 1886 set up a Woman's Department of the Board of Church Extension, with Miss Lucinda Helm as General Secretary of the Department. From the first the women manifested a deep interest in this new undertaking.

Miss Helm had a larger vision for the women of the church than simply to be collectors of funds for parsonage building. Her keen mind and her warm heart made her conscious of other needs and other forms of Home Mission service. In order to enlarge the scope of the work, changes were made in the type of organization at the next General Conference. It became the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society. Mrs. E. E. Wiley was elected President, Miss Lucinda Helm Secretary, and Mrs. George Kendrick Treasurer. Eight years later another change was made. Authorization was given for a separate Woman's Board of Home Missions. Miss Belle H. Bennett

was the first and only President of this Board. In 1910 when the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Board of Home Missions were united she continued to be the greatly beloved and statesman-like leader of the Woman's Missionary Council until the summons came for her to enter into her reward.

The groups of heroic women who pioneered in the organized work of women for Foreign Missions and those who blazed the way for women to make their distinct contribution to the Home Mission enterprise were the "timeless ones whose strength was the strength of dedicated lives"—women who faltered not when opportunities were presented and when duty called. We meet today to give gratitude to our Father for his guiding presence during this half century. We give praise for those intrepid spirits who laid themselves on the altar of service and sacrifice, sure of their cause and confident of their commission.

In these fifty years radical changes have taken place. Forms of organization, types of service, plans and programs have been worked out, then modified, changed, and made all over again in an endeavor to more effectively reach all places and all peoples with the message of salvation and to minister to all forms of human need. It must continue to be so. In each succeeding generation new relationships are created and new issues arise. These fifty years have brought changes of which we are hardly conscious, but which have been almost revolutionary. In the spirit of adventure these new situations must be met. The spread of Christianity has ever been characterized by such endeavor. It is always concerned with the frontiers of life. Dr. Herman N. Morse defines the frontier as "the edge of the beyond, the unconquered fringe between what has been more or less securely subdued and what is yet to be explored." Frontiers are no longer thought of in terms of geographic areas alone, but in terms of the vast areas of unmet human needs and the unoccupied territory of human relationships.

THEN AND NOW

From the far west came a call for aid in providing comfortable houses for the preachers and their families as they were leading the march of Christian civilization toward our western borders. The women heeded that call and set themselves wholeheartedly to aid in making conditions better.

It is the distressing cry from broken and wrecked homes that is reaching our ears today and which we must seek to answer. The lightness with which marriage vows are assumed, the frequency of their dissolution, the indifference and disrespect shown toward family relationships are evils threatening all that is holiest and best in life. Better home life is a crying need today.

It is far easier to build houses than to build homes. It is an easier task to furnish brick and lumber for the erection of parsonages than to

create high ideals and standards of purity and virtue without which Christian homes and a Christian civilization cannot be maintained. This more difficult task is ours. We cannot evade it. We must face it with all the earnestness that the seriousness of the situation demands.

Involved in the call that sent the women to their first Home Mission task was the deplorable moral and spiritual condition that obtained out on the frontiers. Men had gone west seeking wealth and fortune. They were deprived of the influences of home and friends, churches, and schools, and the religious and cultural life in the east. It was easy to drift from the paths of rectitude when these restraining influences were lifted. Many of these people left their religion back home, and it is said of some they did not know the Ten Commandments were binding west of the Mississippi.

It is not necessary today to cross the Mississippi to find localities where the whole Decalogue is being broken. There exist far too many regions of our land, both in the east and the west, akin to the kind that marked the old frontier life at its worst. The call comes to us today in no uncertain sound to give our best endeavor to create high Christian ideals for America and to assist in the effort to reach all people with the Christian gospel.

The call came from the open country. Life out on the plains was developing under new environments. A new world was being created and the church set itself to the task of making religious privileges and Christian standards a vital factor in the new country.

Ours, too, is a call to the vast rural areas where rapid changes are taking place. Life in the open country has been revolutionized by the development in methods of farming, good roads, modes of transportation, means of communication, the financial and economic situation of the country, and many other factors creating new and difficult problems for the church. All too long it has failed to give sufficient attention to a program adequate to meet the needs. There are signs that the question of rural development is gripping the attention of the church and is receiving more serious consideration. Not only in America but around the world time, thought, and prayer are being given to rural missions and to making more adequate provision for the spiritual welfare of the vast multitudes living far removed from the centers of population.

At both the Foreign Missions Conference and the Home Missions Council, holding their annual meetings in January, special emphasis was given to rural development. The entire program of the latter was based on the rural church as a religious agency in the total life of the community. It was made evident at that great interdenominational gathering that the church has a unique opportunity and responsibility as a guiding, serving, and saving agency. At the Foreign Missions Conference, composed of the representatives of sixty-nine Mission Boards, much time was given to a consideration of the needs and the ministries which Christian Missions can make to the rural

population of other lands. The church is challenged with one of its greatest opportunities by the call of the open country. It seems eminently fitting that in naming the goals for the Jubilee of Home Missions this great field of opportunity should have received special consideration.

The women who pioneered in the Home Mission enterprise were young women. Misses Lucinda and Mary Helm, Misses Sue and Belle H. Bennett, and others associated with them were in the morning-time of womanhood when they gave themselves to definite service in the church. They were ever seeking other young women and laying their hands upon them for Christian service.

The call comes to us to enter more definitely upon a similar quest. Young women must be challenged with the opportunity and the satisfaction to be found in the activities which the Missionary Society offers. With the multitude of interest and the many demands constantly bidding for young women, more careful attention should be given to enlisting them in this organization with its varied program and its large opportunities for service. To obtain their viewpoint and to incorporate into the plans and programs of our organization, some of their reactions might be a means of creating a greater interest among younger women. It might reveal some weaknesses in the work of which we are not aware.

It was under the compulsion of an irresistible force, a power that would not let them go, that the women started us in the way. In describing her experience when she gave herself to the Home Mission work, Miss Helm said: "I felt as if some propelling power behind me entered my soul and was wooing me with an irresistible force to throw my life into this work of helping to redeem my country from the enemy of souls and establish the Kingdom of God." Such an experience was never more needed than at this present time. There seems to be the lack of a deep conviction which the leaders in the early days experienced, thrusting them out into unprecedented lines of endeavor. There is lacking evidences in many places of a firm belief that in our Christian religion is to be found the only hope for a disillusioned and doubting world, and that we are commissioned for no other purpose than to make His truth real to men and women everywhere. The church cannot inspire others with confidence in its message it proclaims when there is complacency and indifference to the urgency of the need. It is a significant fact in present trends of missionary endeavor that there is a fresh awareness of this truth and evangelism is receiving a new emphasis as the first and highest task of the church. There are indications of a determination to give it front rank in all religious activity.

"WANTED—A FAITH"

"I need a faith." In these words is heard the heart cry of the world. Happiness has been sought through the acquisition of wealth,

reliance for a security has been placed upon material force. The quest for scientific knowledge has pushed God into the background. All these have failed to provide man with a religious basis for life, and he is saying not only in Latin America as was said to Dr. John Mackay, but around the world men are saying: "I need a faith. Do you think I can get a faith?" The Christian church holds the answer. As a part of the church this organization must bear its responsibility for the answer that is given.

CO-OPERATION

To give an adequate and satisfying answer to that question will require the combined effort and co-operation of all Christian forces. All too long the church has presented a divided front to the world. All too much time has been spent in competition and overlapping. Confusion and misunderstandings have arisen, and men have been constrained to question and misinterpret the motive of the churches. When Christ prayed that his disciples might be one, he gave a reason for this petition: "That the world might believe." There are encouraging signs that a closer fellowship and a better understanding among the churches is being developed. The agencies through which the various denominations are co-operating are seeking to formulate plans whereby a greater efficiency may be realized and a more adequate program may be promoted. The fact that the three great international Christian bodies have agreed to undertake a period of study leading to a conference on a world scale two or three years hence is evidence of the growing spirit of co-operation. Communism, the rising tide of nationalism, race prejudice, war with all its hideous evils, economic injustice and insecurity, and many other evils rampant in the world today present enormous forces to be met by Christianity. Nothing short of the combined forces of the Christian churches of the world endowed with Divine power can bring victory. Denominational differences sink into insignificance when contemplating such a task, and there comes the consciousness of the essential oneness of the gospel—a deep awareness of that personal, social, saving religion which alone can redeem individuals, the church, and the world.

UNIFICATION

The Joint Commission on Unification has formulated a plan which bids fair to receive favorable action by the three branches of Methodism involved. The interest manifested in the proposals is indicative of the earnest desire on the part of Methodist people for this great branch of the Christian church to deliver the full force of its effort and power against the evils that must be overcome if the Kingdom of Righteousness is to be established in the earth.

This Council is vitally concerned in the plan of unification. Its interests are involved, and no doubt it will be called upon to aid in the

formation of future plans for Women's Work if union is consummated. That the Council may be prepared to make its contribution to the framing of new plans and policies for the future, a committee should be named at this time to undertake a study of the various women's organizations now in operation within the several branches of Methodism.

INTENSIVE STUDY PLAN

The plan to restudy our own organization and its various forms of work has met with a hearty response. The several subcommittees appointed by the Executive Committee have undertaken the assignments in all seriousness and are making progress in their study. Such an investigation will no doubt give reassurance to certain phases of the work being promoted and should point the way to modifications and changes necessary for greater efficiency in the tasks which lie ahead.

The record of the past year has much in it to give us satisfaction. There are some things which the report reveals, however, that call for investigation. You will be happy in the increase in membership which is indicative of the fact that we are not losing sight of the goal: "Every woman in the church a member of the Missionary Society." The increase in our income is most gratifying. Recommendations for enlarged appropriations to a number of enterprises will give joy to the Council and rejoicing to the fields receiving the benefit. There is one question that gives us pause. While the income has increased the per capita gifts have decreased. This statement should be taken to every annual meeting and inquiry made into the state of affairs in each respective Conference for the purpose of finding the reasons and the means of correction. The spirit of Christian liberality must not lag, and our offerings should ever be an expression of cheerful giving.

CHILDREN'S WORK

From the early days of woman's activity in missions children have been included in the thinking and planning. The ministry to little children was one of the first incentives of the organization for Foreign Missions. The deprivation and hardships of children in some parsonage homes made an earnest appeal to the women when the Home Mission work was undertaken. The women saw from the first an opportunity to enlist the children of the church in the children of the world. They realized the educational process must begin with children if the church is to become a missionary church in a real sense. From the beginning the Woman's Missionary Society has acted upon this principle. Changes have come in the methods of promoting the work with children, but the principle has not been lost sight of.

A little more than a year ago the new plan of co-operation for the missionary education of children of the church became operative. The close of the first year brings some gratifying results. It also

reveals the importance of further study and more intensive cultivation in the conferences and the auxiliaries in order to promote the plan more effectively.

It is a source of regret to many that Miss Rumbough, our Secretary of Children's Work, is laying down the work at this time. Her contributions to the missionary education of the children is invaluable. Her service on foreign fields cannot be forgotten. She has endeared herself to the Council and the Conferences in ways that are abiding, and she will continue to occupy a large place in their affection. Her interest will abide, and our affections will follow her into whatever field of service she enters.

THE WAY AHEAD

We shall go from here into a world that is far smaller than was the distance from the Atlantic to the Pacific fifty years ago. People in other lands are closer to us than those who went to the far west in early days. These close and intimate contacts bring many reactions. Some are disconcerting and bewildering; others are outstanding evidences of the development of world brotherhood. America has been fortunate recently in having a number of outstanding Christian leaders from other nations to bring messages of encouragement and good cheer. Dr. Kagawa, of Japan, an honored guest of the Council at this time, Mrs. Induk Pak, of Korea, Prof. Baes Camargo, of Mexico, Mr. T. H. Sun, of China, are among the notable representatives of the Christian churches who have come to us. They are themselves unanswerable arguments for the power and the universality of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Their visits should send us on our own way with greater assurance of our mission and greater faith that the kingdoms of this world are to become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Christ. There is a deep regret for many humiliating and un-Christian conditions which exist in our country of which their countries are fully aware. There are in existence within their nations situations which they would have righted. To right the wrongs will require the combined and heroic courage of all—courage and faith akin to that which was manifested by those in the pioneer days. We shall be unworthy of the rich heritage which has been left to us if we falter on the threshold of the future when they refused to falter on the threshold of the past.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MRS. J. W. MILLS

Another busy year filled with opportunities for actively promoting the cause of Missions has passed.

Texas and West Texas Annual Conference meetings, which I attended, demonstrated advancement in Conference objectives, with well-planned programs, deep spiritual searchings, adaptation of Council plans to Conference use, and desire to carry on well-rounded organizations.

The opportunity to attend and help in circle, auxiliary, zone, and district meetings has been larger than could be accepted. The privilege was given me to present Woman's Work in the District Conference to which I was a delegate, and also to speak on the work of this organization at the Texas Conference, presided over by Bishop Smith, at Henderson, Tex.

Two classes in Missions were taught at Southwestern University Pastors' School. These reached a larger number than in former years.

Mount Sequoyah offered new courses for helping teachers, and these have been profitable to me. Dr. Schisler conducted a valuable course on the study of the church and the problem of temperance. Many group meetings are held during these Leadership Schools with auxiliary and Conference women. The Young People's Conference at Mount Sequoyah was an excellent series of institutes on social problems, lectures, forum discussions, and demonstrations on World Peace, Race, Industry, Temperance, the Christian Home and Marriage, and many such questions which face the Christian youth of today.

Believing with Professor Bower that "the power to *think* is the educational Kingdom of Heaven," we have featured the educational work of the Missionary Society for some years. The visit to many districts with enthusiastic mission study superintendents, presidents, and spiritual life leaders has resulted in better work along these lines.

Another experiment which I have been conducting for several years is worthy to be commended to you for trial—Normal classes for Auxiliary Superintendents of Study. Our class last fall brought together for six weekly sessions twenty-eight teachers from eight churches, representing three denominations and coming from five towns. The study was on "That Other America," but included "How to Teach," "How to Study," and the goal of a higher type of work in Mission Study classes.

The mid-year Executive Committee meeting in November and the Estimates Committee in February took me to Nashville. On both occasions meetings of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations were

attended and also numerous other committee meetings, which were held while groups were together.

The Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching met in Atlanta, Ga., in January, 1936. Two days were spent in planning the work for the year. From there I went to Washington, D. C., where the Conference for Rural workers was being held under the direction of the Home Missions Council. The study of these problems in this year of Home Mission Jubilee was most interesting.

Attendance upon the Eleventh Conference on the Cause and Cure of War met a long-felt desire and provided many lines for study and work. The participating women's organizations have given me many opportunities to make reports on this conference and spread the enthusiasm gained and secure the use of valuable peace literature.

At our last Council you elected me Fraternal Visitor to the Methodist Protestant Woman's Missionary Convention, which met in Indianapolis, Ind., in May. They received me most cordially and invited me to speak at an evening session. In this message I presented our program of Christian Social Relations, which was so heartily approved that they recommended the adoption of a Department of Christian Citizenship, which proposed to include work on peace, race, industry, temperance, etc., similar to that done by our Bureau Committees.

The Council Executive Committee, which met at the time the Board of Missions meeting was held, asked me to go from Indiana to Rochester, N. Y., if I could, to attend the annual meeting of the National Federation of Church Women, which immediately followed the Protestant Woman's Convention. Since they were planning to elect as their new President one of our own most beloved and valued members, this opportunity to see the attraction and power of the new organization could not be resisted.

This was the seventh annual meeting of an organization which has the vision to see the beauty and strength of "unifying the work of all Protestant church women." Eighteen states were represented by women from fourteen denominations. If the program had not been marked "National Council of Federated Church Women," you could well have thought that our Bureau of Christian Social Relations was holding an institute. The theme was "Frontiers in a Christian Social Order," with our Mrs. J. N. McEachern Chairman of the Program Committee. For the sake of brevity, I shall make this report under four points:

(1) Purpose; (2) Program; (3) Progress; (4) Plans.

1. The Purpose as stated, "To unify the efforts of church women in the task of establishing a Christian social order in which all areas of life shall be brought into harmony with the life and teachings of Jesus Christ." As their most capable President said, success must depend upon two things: (1) Purpose, which is certainly most worthy;

(2) Organization methods, which are yet to be tested and perfected in working detail.

2. Program of work is planned under eleven departments or committees: (1) Spiritual Life; (2) Missionary and Religious Education; (3) Finance; (4) International Relations; (5) Legislation and Law Observance; (6) Marriage and the Home; (7) Motion Picture and Drama; (8) Publicity; (9) Race Relations; (10) Social Service; (11) Christian Citizenship. The program was built logically and on Christian foundations. Spiritual life and power came first; Mission Study as the source of accurate knowledge followed. Rochester is probably our leading city in its program of planned social work. Being the hostess, they gave a complete report, demonstrated by pageant and poem. The leader read a rhyme telling the story and work of each department as it appeared on the stage. The work of each was presented by tableau, picture, story, dialogue, pageant, etc., giving a complete story.

3. Progress. The Findings Committee reported many items of progress: The largest attendance at any annual meeting (90 delegates from out of town); increase in state and local councils; better understanding of national problems and how to meet them through united effort; better program and materials being sent out; plans for a world federation instead of a national organization, as Honolulu has registered and inquiries have come from India; increased recognition by other organizations. This year a salaried executive worker was employed.

4. Plans for the future include making the purpose of the organization better known; definite accurate knowledge of conditions and needs; a constructive program and plans for action.

Church societies have wondered whether the breadth and largeness of such an organization would prove more attractive than missionary societies to women with a desire to participate in civic and social activities but who have no special missionary passion. This is yet to be seen. After eight or ten years there are only 241 local Councils. Many gifted women have become interested, for they see the need for united Christian forces. All these departments—Civic, Racial, Social, Industrial, International—depend upon co-operation, the massed strength of all Christians, for success. As I studied this organization, it appeared somewhat like a Woman's Section to such an organization as the Federal Council of Churches. Idealism, strong and pioneering in a plan that must eventually emerge to make it possible for the full force of Christian activities and influence to be delivered. As yet weak in finances, no strong basis of support, because denominational programs and organizations must claim first place, no strong overhead body which claims loyalty and takes responsibility. Idealistic, in claiming strength of many denominations when, in reality, women of many of our sister churches are restricted in their work by strict

separation of church and political activities. If, however, this desire for Christian social betterment can be created in a federated church group, its activities can well be carried out through civic and other women's organizations.

“He who has but a vision is a dreamer,
He who has but a program is a worker,
He who has both a vision and a program is a conqueror.”

I thank you for asking me to attend these meetings. It gives a larger view of woman's work and a deeper appreciation for the values of our own organization, which so ideally combines the goal of Christian Missions, far and near, and in every relationship of life.

CONDENSED REPORT OF AD-INTERIM MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1935-1936

CALLED MEETING, MAY 6, 1935.

THE Executive Committee met in called session at dinner, at the Andrew Jackson Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee, May 6, 1935, Mrs. J. W. Perry, presiding.

This meeting was held between sessions of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions, having been called to consider several matters left over from the Annual Meeting of the Council. The following members of the Committee and of the Board of Missions were present: Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Parker, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Constance Rumbough, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Miss Mabel Howell, Miss Margaret Young, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. Homer Tatum, Mrs. J. P. Harvill, Mrs. F. B. Godfrey, Mrs. Wiltz M. Ledbetter, Mrs. E. F. Ellis, Mrs. Claude M. Simpson, Mrs. E. A. Kitchell, Mrs. Fred A. Lamb Mrs. T. I. Charles, Mrs. Seth A. Craig.

1. Since the additional member granted the Committee on Status of Women had not been appointed at the Council Meeting, and since two other vacancies had occurred on the same committee due to changes in personnel of Council Membership; Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, and Mrs. Nat G. Rollins were appointed members to fill these vacancies.

2. The Committee to serve with three members appointed by the Alabama Conference to Study the needs of the Cajun work in Alabama were appointed as follows: Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. Wiltz M. Ledbetter, Mrs. H. R. Steele.

3. Mrs. Homer Tatum was appointed on the Joint Committee to study Deaconess Work, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mrs. J. N. McEachern.

Miss Estelle Haskin presented a letter from Mr. B. A. Whitmore, Publishing Agent, concerning *World Friends*, the children's magazine, which, beginning as *The Little Worker* more than forty years ago, had continued until 1934 to carry promotional and program material for the Children's Work. The effort to continue its publication as a strictly literary magazine had proved a financial failure.

4. After discussion it was voted that the Committee concur in the recommendation from the Publishing House, that *World Friends* be discontinued with the September issue, and that the subscribers for a period beyond that date be cared for as outlined in Mr. Whitmore's letter.

5. The Chair called attention to the request that the Council send

a representative to the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Federated Church Women to be held in Rochester, N. Y., May 21-23, 1935, which request had been made by Mrs. J. L. Ferguson, President of that body, when she had been presented to the Council in Annual Session in St. Louis. Subsequently the invitation had been repeated by letter. Appreciation of this invitation was expressed, and it was voted that since Mrs. J. W. Mills is to attend the meeting of the Woman's National Council of the Methodist Protestant Church, May 16-19, as fraternal delegate from the Woman's Missionary Council, that she be appointed to represent the Council in the same capacity at the meeting of the National Council of Federated Church Women, provided it is convenient for her to do so.

Note was made of the death since the meeting of the Council in March, of Mrs. F. N. Peters, President of the Los Angeles Conference; of Mrs. Selden Bryan, Deaconess, serving at Vashti; and of Mrs. J. C. Field, Deaconess (Inactive) of Americus, Ga.

6. Miss MacKinnon was granted approval for a proportionate division of the foreign share of the Week of Prayer offering for 1934 which was to be divided between Brazil and Africa as follows: (1) ~~X~~ That \$3,000.00 of this Week of Prayer offering be reserved for the Institutional Church at Porto Alegre, Brazil, if and when the General Section of the Board of Missions is able to enter into a joint work there on an adequate scale. (2) That the amount remaining, \$20,522.45, be divided equally between Brazil and the Congo.

7. The following appropriations from the "Old Gold Fund" was made: \$1,500.00 to the Rural Fund, and \$2,000.00 to the Negro Work.

Miss MacKinnon spoke of Secretarial plans for visits to the Orient, in the autumn of 1935 and to Africa in 1936. She told of her recent visit to Mexico where she was encouraged by prospects of successful carrying on of social work. Mission schools were never more needed than at this time by the Christians who desire to lease the buildings for co-operative schools. Further encouragement came from the fact that the Mexicans think there is a new day ahead for them.

The following small committee was appointed to think through the work and plan the agenda for the Mid-Year Meeting of the Executive Committee: Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, and Miss Mabel Howell.

MID-YEAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 19-20, 1935.

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council met in mid-year session in the Committee Room of the Board of Missions, Nashville, Tennessee, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 19 and 20, 1935, Mrs. J. W. Perry, President, presiding.

After a devotional service led by Mrs. Perry the following members answered to roll call: Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, Miss Estelle

** Reminded Item 6 (1) Nov. 11th, 1936 - action
of Executive Committee in mid-year session.
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Haskin, Miss Constance Rumbough, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. Henry S. Owen, Miss Louise Young, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. Harwell Wilson, Miss Margaret Young, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. Homer Tatum, Mrs. J. P. Harvill.

Messages were presented from absent members, and from Mrs. Lee Britt. Mrs. C. W. Turpin and several out-of-town Council members present in Nashville to attend meetings of other committees, sat with the Committee: Mrs. F. B. Godfrey, member of the Board of Missions; Mrs. W. C. Guggolz, Central Texas Conference Secretary; Mrs. J. J. Stowe, Tennessee Conference Secretary, and Mrs. T. I. Charles, President of the Upper South Carolina Conference.

The Secretary was requested to send suitable messages to the absent members, and the motion prevailed that flowers be sent to Miss Daisy Davies, who, that morning, had been bereaved of her sister.

8. The report of the Special Committee on Agenda for Executive Committee was read by Mr. H. B. Bourne, Secretary of the Committee, amended, and adopted as amended as follows:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The sub-committee of the Executive Committee, appointed in June, 1935, to prepare an agenda for the mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee in November and to consider lines of study which might be undertaken, met October 14 in the Committee Room of the Board of Missions. We submit the following report:

Inasmuch as the work of the Revaluation Commission which was a part of the Jubilee celebration of our Foreign Work resulted in outstanding developments in the Woman's Missionary Council, and we believe is largely responsible for carrying the Society through the dark days of depression with a degree of prosperity beyond that attending many other like organizations, and since we are now in a world situation vastly different from that of 1928, it seems a propitious time to have a committee which will be restudying constantly our organization and the various phases of its work.

Because of the preparation, interest, and experience of the Executive Committee, and because it represents in its personnel all groups within our Council—Conference women, deaconesses, women without official responsibility, Officers of the Council and Secretaries—we believe it is the logical group to undertake such a study.

We recommend:

1. That for the rest of this quadrennium the Executive Committee assume the function of a study group to evaluate every phase of the work we are now doing and to point the way to new lines of activity and service in keeping with trends of the new day.

2. That each year certain subjects for study be selected and as-

signed to committees, which shall report to the full committee at such times as are agreed upon.

The following tentative suggestions are made regarding possible lines of study to be pursued during the quadrennium:

1. The Negro in the Proposed Plan for Unification of Methodism.
2. Woman's Work and the Proposed Plan for Unification of Methodism.
3. Ambassadors.
4. Lectureships.
5. Finances.
6. Objectives to be Realized in Annual Meetings.
7. The Study Program.
8. The Woman's Missionary Society Bidding for Young Women.
9. Spiritual Life and Message Department.
10. Supplies.
11. Christian Social Relations.
12. Family Life.
13. A Conference or Seminar for Rural Women.
14. City Mission Boards and Their Work.
15. Restudy of Home and Foreign Missions Program.
16. Restudy of Literature.
17. Restudy of Co-operative Plan (Children's Work).
18. Study of Relation of Church to Community—both rural and urban.
19. Study of Organization (Woman's Missionary Society).
20. Study of Relation of Organization to other Boards.

The Negro in the Proposed Plan for Unification of Methodism

Inasmuch as the proposed plan for the union of the Protestant Methodist Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the M. E. Church, South, has been released and is available therefore for study, it would seem wise that the Executive Committee examine the plan carefully, especially with reference to its proposal regarding the Negro to see if in its judgment the best has been done that would be possible. Does the plan meet the test of Christian principles?

Woman's Work and the Proposed Plan for the Unification of Methodism

Inasmuch as there will undoubtedly in time be formed some kind of joint committee to consider the set-up for woman's work in the new proposed plan for the Methodisms, would it not be desirable that a committee be appointed to study anew the missionary organization and activities of the Protestant Methodist Church and the M. E. Church to discover relative values in their plans and ours to give opportunity for full discussion as to what our organization would like to see take place? Do we not need to formulate our own ideals before the time for united consideration occurs?

Ambassadors

Just before Mrs. J. C. Handy left us she proposed that we institute a system of ambassadors. A committee consisting of Miss Howell, Mrs. Neblett, and Miss Haskin were appointed to work out plans for such a line of activity. It has not been clear to this committee just what the possibilities of such service might be. Would it be wise to have an enlarged committee to study it more fully, possibly after some consultation with Mrs. Handy, whose thought it seems to have been?

Lectureships

Inasmuch as there was a vision in the mind and heart of our great leader, Miss Bennett, that seemed prophetic when she outlined the plan for Lectureships, and inasmuch as there is a small nucleus in the lectureship fund, shall we not give careful study to plans for lectureships, to the ends which may be served by such means, and to the consideration of plans whereby the funds may be increased?

Finances

Inasmuch as the financial resources of our organization have been inadequate to meet the needs of the expanding program, and inasmuch as there are constant demands being made by outside interests for financial aid, it would seem wise to give careful study to the sources of our income, the obligations which are primarily resting upon the Society and the attitude to be taken toward all funds handled by the auxiliaries.

Objectives to Be Realized in Annual Meetings

Inasmuch as Council representatives who attend Annual Meetings are now receiving requests from Conference leaders for help on their programs, our attention is called to the need for a study of annual meeting objectives and programs. The following questions have been raised: What is the purpose of annual meetings? What should the Council visitor do in these meetings? Can annual meeting programs be planned so as to give more definite training to leaders of various departments of work and with a more vital ethical basis? How can Conference Officers interpret and carry out adequately in the Conference the plans which come from the Council?

The Study Program

Inasmuch as the findings of group discussion held at Mt. Sequoyah and Lake Junaluska to evaluate our total study program revealed the need for a more extensive course of study and a wider opportunity for training study leaders, it becomes necessary for us to discuss policies which may determine our procedure in planning an enlarged study program. Shall we include topics other than the regular home and foreign topics for study, such as group interest studies, adult education, the American home, etc.? Shall we assume that for

every activity of our organization there should be a corresponding study. The following recommendation was made at both Leadership Schools: That the course Leadership of Mission Study Groups be separated into two courses—one a course on Principles of Creative Teaching, and the other a course on the Current Home or Foreign Mission Topic.

The Woman's Missionary Society Bidding for Young Women

More and more we are conscious of the host of organizations and activities bidding for the interest and loyalty of young women, and inasmuch as the future success of the Woman's Missionary Society depends upon the enlistment of them in this the most inclusive organization which can engage their efforts and their interest, the question arises: Are we devoting sufficient thought to them? Are we sharing the responsibilities of our organization with them? Are we seeking to gain an insight into their viewpoint when outlining our programs?

Spiritual Life and Message Department

Inasmuch as the Spiritual Life and Message Department was one of the developments from the Evaluation Commission and has had an opportunity in the years since to develop a tentative program of activity, would it not be desirable to evaluate what has been done in the light of the present very great need to plan for its further development in some larger way? Do we not need to reevaluate this work in the light of today and in the light of our experience? Such a study should include how we can bring a deeper spiritual emphasis into every department of our work.

Supply Department

Inasmuch as our Woman's Missionary Societies are being exploited by many agencies and are responding to many appeals, and since no recent study has been made of our policies for this department, the question of our responsibility should be considered and our present system evaluated.

Christian Social Relations

Inasmuch as the last Evaluation Committee of the Council was the medium which brought into existence the plan for a Bureau of Christian Social Relations, would it not now be advisable that a committee be appointed to restudy the work that has been accomplished to propose plans for its further development or adjustment? Are there new fields of study such as the home that should be added to the departments in the Bureau? Do the departments now existing overlap? To what extent are the women down in the auxiliaries functioning in this department? Are there needs of adjustments, etc.?

Family Life

In the rapidly changing conditions in all phases of life, we are painfully conscious that many of the fundamental principles upon which our Christian civilization has been built are being undermined. The home life of our nation is undergoing drastic tests. Family relationships are being discounted. Marriage vows are lightly assumed to be broken on seemingly slight provocations. Woman is inextricably involved in this state of affairs and upon her rests a large responsibility for the correction of these evils. The Woman's Missionary Council has faced with courage many of the injustices and evils of our civilization and has wielded no inconsiderable influence against them. We raise the question: "Have we given sufficient study to the causes which have produced the present situation in family life? Are we giving adequate consideration to corrective and constructive measures which may be incorporated in our program?"

A Conference or Seminar for Rural Women

Inasmuch as the last General Conference appointed a separate commission for the study of the rural work of the church, would it not be a most desirable thing if some plan could be made in the very near future that would bring together in sections of the church or in some one central place, picked rural women, that there may be had a thorough discussion of the rural situation bringing up such questions as the possible ways of relating the church to the community need and evaluating the Council plans in relation to the rural situation? A committee of some kind would have to be set up to plan for such a conference if it were deemed desirable. It should come some time within the quadrennium.

City Mission Boards and Their Work

Inasmuch as rapidly changing conditions are creating many new and difficult questions which must be faced by Settlement Workers and City Mission Boards, and because some are keenly aware of the need of guidance in a study that will bring them to a better understanding of their own organization and the changing community needs confronting them, the question presents itself: "Shall we undertake the preparation of a Guide for Self-Study for City Mission Boards, or a Seminar on Settlement Work?"

Restudy of Home and Foreign Missions Program

Inasmuch as we shall celebrate our Home Mission Jubilee in 1936, and inasmuch as new fields of service are opening in our own land and in other lands, and in the light of radical changes taking place in all countries where we are laboring, making imperative the reconstruction of our plans and policies, should we not face together and study together our Home and Foreign Mission enterprise that we may better understand and more intelligently share with our ad-

ministrative secretaries the heavy responsibilities that have been committed to them?

In raising the above questions as a part of the study to which the Executive Committee could profitably give itself your committee is mindful of the fact that there are committees already in existence to which much of the work will logically fall. It is likely that few extra committees will become necessary, but the presentations of the study of the several committees to the full Executive Committee will contribute largely to keeping in mind the full scope of the work, to evaluating the program of the organization as a whole, and to making recommendations from time to time concerning future plans and policies.

The Committee recommends that items *six* and *seven* be considered and discussed first, so that in so far as plans for the spring and summer are involved, action may be taken at this meeting.

MRS. J. W. PERRY, *Chairman*,

MISS MABEL K. HOWELL,

MRS. HELEN B. BOURNE, *Secretary*.

9. The subjects listed for study by the Special Committee on Agenda were assigned to committees as follows:

Item 1. The Negro in the proposed plan for Unification of Methodism, to the Committee on Interracial Relations.

Item 2. Woman's Work and the proposed plan of Unification of Methodism, to the Committee on General Conference Legislation.

Item 8. The Woman's Missionary Society bidding for Young Women, to a special committee composed of the Council President, the Promotion Secretary, and Mrs. Piggott.

Item 9. Spiritual Life and Message Committee, to the Committee on Spiritual Life and Message with certain co-opted members.

Item 10. See Item 19.

Item 11. Christian Social Relation, to the Bureau of Christian Social Relations with certain co-opted members whom they may deem necessary.

Item 12. Family Life, to Bureau of Christian Social Relations.

Item 17. Co-operative Plan (Children), to Council Members of subcommittee of Joint Committee on Children's Work.

Items 19 and 10—Organization and Supplies, to Special Committee composed of Mrs. Homer Tatum, Mrs. Nat Rollins, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. J. P. Harvill.

The report of Mrs. J. W. Perry, President, included accounts of visits to annual sessions of Conferences and attendance upon numerous committee and interboard meetings.

Mrs. J. W. Mills included in her report as Vice-President visits to Conferences and Institutes and her visits as fraternal delegate to the two organizations to which she had been appointed by the Council: The Woman's National Council of the Methodist Protestant Church

meeting in Indianapolis, and the National Council of Federated Church Women meeting in Rochester.

The report of the Recording Secretary was that of Minutes recorded, edited and published, of those mimeographed and mailed, and of a miscellaneous correspondence.

Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Treasurer, presented an optimistic report of increased receipts for the three quarters of the year over the same period of 1934, 63½% of the total amount pledged having been received. Two bequests had been received, \$20,000 directed to the Home Department and \$1,740 to be divided between the two departments.

The report of the Department of Literature made by the Secretary, Miss Haskin, was prefaced by the distribution to each person present of the program literature for the first quarter, and the beautiful Yearbook for 1936. The later designed to celebrate the completion of fifty years of Woman's Home Mission Work in the Southern Methodist Church.

Miss Constance Rumbough brought an interesting report of the first year's experience in Co-operative Work with Children. She stated that some projects of her work in previous years are being carried over, and that there is ground for encouragement on a number of points.

Since Miss Rumbough's report revealed a small deficit in her office expense due to the cost of handling "interest articles" for the children, provision for the same was made by the following action in three items:

2. "(1) *Voted*: That the Executive Committee request the Subcommittee on Co-operation and Council to ask the Board of Christian Education to share with the Council in creating a revolving fund for the purchase of Interest Articles for the Children's missionary work.

"(2) *Voted*: That Miss Rumbough, in setting up her askings for the Committee on Finance and Estimates, include an amount to cover the Council's share of the proposed Revolving Fund for Interest Articles.

"(3) *Voted*: That in the event this plan be approved, request be made that the Council's share of this Revolving Fund be taken from the Contingent Fund.

The report of Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, Secretary of the Department of Education and Promotion, emphasized the following facts: There have been 466 new societies organized during three quarters of the year, but a net gain of only 280; 25,616 new members have been reported, but a net gain of only 4,636. The total are as follows: 7,963 societies, 249,696 members, of these 812 Young Women's Circles have 12,147 members, with six Conferences not reporting. 738 societies report the cultivation of Baby Specials with sixteen Conferences not reporting. In Mission and Bible Study classes, there are approximately 31,000 members, and nearly 10,000 Latin-American books have been used in the fall study classes.

Mrs. Bourne called attention to the inconvenient size of Life Membership Certificates.

10. *Voted*: Inasmuch as, by reason of its size, the Life Membership Certificate is sometimes marred in transit, a recommendation that the Life Membership Pin be substituted for the Certificate, be referred to the Sessions Committee on Education and Promotion.

Mrs. J. W. Downs' report on Home Mission Work included many items of interest related to that Department, an account of her visit as fraternal delegate to the meeting of the Woman's Connectional Council of the C. M. E. Church held in Jackson, Tenn., in August, and the report of the Candidate Committee.

The Candidate Committee has held one full committee meeting, and nine meetings of the resident committee. Six seniors and seven juniors were granted scholarships at Scarritt College for 1935 and 1936. A cultivation leaflet has been prepared and is ready for distribution. Two items for information concerning proposed changes in regulations were brought before the Executive Committee.

11. Home Mission items listed in Mrs. Down's report were acted upon as follows:

"(1) Concerning the Moore Community House in Biloxi, Miss., originally a gift to the Woman's Work and free of debt—Upon this property a claim of \$400.00 is now made by local authorities, the same to be applied upon a mortgage on the parsonage in this neighborhood. Recognizing that there is no legal basis for this claim, but that probably an ethical problem is involved, the Committee voted that the request for \$400.00 to help to meet the indebtedness on the parsonage be granted, provided the cash for the remaining portion of the mortgage is in hand before the \$400 is turned over.

"(2) Concerning the offer from the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church to sell property in Pasadena, California, for a workers retirement home—

Voted: That the matter of the purchase of property in Pasadena, California, for a workers' retirement home be referred to a committee composed of Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, and Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, with power to act.

"(3) *Voted*: That the item concerning the offer made by Dr. F. N. Peters, of Rosemead, Calif., to donate his home for use as a Workers' Home be referred to the committee appointed to consider the Pasadena Home.

"(4) *Voted*: That the item concerning a request from the C. M. E. women for assistance in the employment of an Executive Secretary be referred to a subcommittee composed of Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Miss Louise Young.

"(5) *Voted*: That Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton be appointed treasurer for the "Brevard Funds," succeeding Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, who after many years of faithful service in this capacity has asked to be relieved.

"(6) *Voted*: That it is the sense of the Body that a study of the situation at Wesley Hall, San Francisco, California, be continued in an effort to determine what contribution can be made in San Francisco by the Woman's Missionary Council."

12. *Voted*: In view of the great need all about us that the suggestion of a plan for selling bundles of clothing as a commercial project be rejected.

13. *Voted*: To indorse the recommendation made at both Leadership Schools that the course "Leadership of Mission Study Groups" be separated into two courses: one a course on "Principles of Creative Teaching," and the other a course on the current home or foreign mission topic (the last sentence of item seven of the Report on Agenda).

14. In the absence of Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon (Miss MacKinnon was in China on official duty), items of Foreign Work were presented by her secretary, Mrs. Dixie Gillentine, as follows:

"(1) Miss MacKinnon had wired a request that the four missionaries now on furlough from Mexico, but whose furlough expires before the Council meeting in 1936, be brought from Mexico to the Council meeting in Dallas. The secretary stated that the furlough period of missionaries in Mexico is only six months, and therefore these workers had come from Mexico after the 1935 annual meeting of the Council and must return before that of 1936. *Voted*: That this request be granted.

"(2) *Voted*: That the eight delegates to the Foreign Missions Conference in January, to which the Council is entitled, be chosen from among those who will attend the General Missionary Council in Washington, January 7-9. The following delegates were thus named: Mrs. J. W. Perry, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. J. P. Harvill, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Mrs. T. I. Charles, Mrs. F. B. Godfrey, Mrs. W. J. Piggott.

"(3) *Voted*: That if any of these delegates find it impossible to attend the Foreign Missions Council, notice of this fact be given to the President or Secretary in time for the appointment of an alternate.

"(4) *Voted*: That Mrs. J. W. Perry be appointed as the second member of the Ginling College Committee."

The Committee was fortunate in having as their guest Mrs. Miriam Levering, a representative of the National Council for the Prevention of War. Her mission was the presentation of *Peace Bonds*, the latest project of the National Council for Prevention of War, which she stated "is an investment in World Peace," also that it is an educational project since the sale of a Peace Bond places Peace Action, the organ of the National Council for Prevention of War, in the hands of the purchaser, thereby furthering the extension of accurate information on Peace and War, and also that a percentage of receipts of sale may be held to apply to local peace work.

15. It was voted that the Executive Committee approve the Peace Bond Project of the National Council for the Prevention of War, and recommend that the Bureau of Christian Social Relations be authorized to proceed at once with publicity for this project through the usual channels of Quarterly Letter, News Bulletin, and correspondence with conference officers so that conference and auxiliary superintendents may further the method of peace education as soon as possible.

The report of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations as a whole, was made by the Superintendent, Mrs. W. A. Newell, who touched briefly on each of the five branches of the Bureau. She spoke of the importance of co-operating in the Peace Bond Project; of the new Project Book she has completed to aid conferences and auxiliaries in carrying on Christian Social Relations activities; of progress being made in Rural Sections where the women of these communities are being reached in a fine way; of the Negro Leadership Training Schools which were attended in the summer by three hundred or more women; and of much that is being done to protect communities against threats of the liquor traffic.

Mrs. F. S. Parker spoke of the desire to cultivate interest in International Relations through books, periodicals, and pamphlets that increase one's knowledge and sympathy with peoples of other nations.

16. At her request, it was voted that the Committee request the College of Bishops to hold a plebiscite on Peace in the Church similar to that held this autumn by the Congregational and Disciples Churches. This being a request for an expression of conviction by vote on several alternative questions.

It was further voted that the Board of Lay Activities be requested to unite with the Council in this plea to the Bishops.

Mrs. Mills spoke of pageants for Peace and Citizenship used in Beaumont, and advocated co-operation with the W. C. T. U. in their educational program.

Miss Haskin spoke of the Retreats held during the summer and autumn, especially of the one held in the Central Texas Conference, and of the interest and development of those who have participated in these meetings. Miss Howell gave similar testimony of gracious results of the Retreat held in Grenada, Miss. Mrs. Guggolz, Secretary of the Central Texas Conference, told of results in auxiliaries from Retreats held in her Conference.

The President gave a message from Miss Davies and requested a continuance of prayer for her.

17. *Voted:* That a telegram of greeting be sent to Dr. W. G. Cram, General Secretary, who was landing this day on his return from a visit to the Orient.

18. The report of the Program Committee for the 1936 Council meeting including these excerpts was presented by the Chairman, Miss Estelle Haskin, and accepted as read.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

At the last meeting of the Council the Jubilee Committee asked the Program Committee to secure Dr. Charles Gilkey of Chicago, if possible, for the 1936 Council meeting. In line with this the Committee met on March 29, 1935, and the chairman was instructed to extend once more an invitation to Dr. Gilkey. Dr. Gilkey in his response said that if the Council could ever place its meeting one week later in March, he would comply with the request which we have tendered him so often. Mrs. Perry submitted the matter to the Executive Committee, and it was *voted* that the meeting should be postponed from the second to the third week in March. The date of the meeting was set for March 20-24, closing Tuesday instead of Monday. Provision will be made by the hotel for the entertainment of the committees on the 18th and 19th.

Saturday morning, March 21, time is to be given to Dr. Kagawa for an address, to be followed by discussion. Saturday night, 7:30 P.M., there will be a Fellowship Dinner. Sunday, March 22, the sermon by Dr. Charles Gilkey, who will conduct the worship and meditation each day at 10:30 A.M. Dr. J. L. Cuninggim will close each day with a short worship period. Monday, March 23, is Home Mission Jubilee Day; that evening a Home Mission play, written by Miss Dorothy Garrett, will be put on by Miss McCord at S. M. U. Auditorium.

19. *Voted*: That Mrs. C. W. Turpin be elected Editor of the Council Bulletin.

The report of the Committee on Home Mission Jubilee was outlined briefly by Mrs. Nat Rollins.

20. *Voted*: That an invitation to attend the 1936 Council meeting at Council expense be extended to Miss Dorothy Garrett, author of the Home Mission play to be presented at the meeting.

In the absence of Dr. J. L. Cuninggim from the city, the report for Scarritt College was made by Miss Mabel Howell, who stated that the total enrollment is 119, one-third larger than last year, that it is a wonderful school with a wonderful spirit. That since the last meeting it had been the recipient of a bequest from Mrs. L. P. Smith, valued at \$20,000, and consisting of Mrs. Smith's home place in Dallas and another small place.

The report on Scarritt College property in Kansas City, Mo., was made by Mrs. Henry S. Owen, who stated there was a possibility of a sale.

21. The report of the Committee on Missionary Service, read by Mrs. W. J. Piggott, was accepted and placed on record.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY SERVICE

The Committee on Missionary Service was raised from the need felt by the Administrative Secretaries to share heavy responsibilities

relating to the furloughs, study, health, and family conditions of the furlough missionaries.

The Committee met in Nashville October 10 with all members present. Careful consideration was given to twenty-eight foreign and thirteen home missionaries on furlough. Dr. Cate was present and brought information concerning the health of the workers.

Recommendations were made covering continuance in service and extension of furlough for health or other reasons. Action was deferred in some instances pending further medical reports. The large majority were to be returned to their posts to render further excellent service.

MRS. W. J. PIGGOTT.

22. The report of the Committee on Unoccupied Areas received by letter from Mrs. Lee Britt was read by the chair. The Committee had been studying migrant groups. In response to their request for suggestions from the Executive Committee for further study, the Executive Committee suggested that the subject of study might be enlarged to cover the transients, the vast number of homeless people who live on the road.

23. Concerning certain items from the report of the Candidate Committee, it was the sense of the group that advanced training of nurse students is advisable, and the judgment of the Committee concurred in that of the Candidate Committee in dealing with the question of the candidates' experience.

24. *Voted:* That the Secretary in charge of Literature be instructed to prepare twelve short simple leaflets in Spanish to be used by Mexican women.

Mrs. T. I. Charles, Chairman of the Committee on Status of Women, spoke of what is being done by that Committee, including research regarding women who are on connectional, conference, and local church boards.

Mrs. Fulton presented the Irene Toland School's need for the 1936 Week of Prayer offering.

25. Concerning Miss Belle H. Bennett's gold watch bequeathed by her to Miss Estelle Haskin and given by the latter to the "Work" from which it was purchased by certain Conferences and presented by them to the Council as a precious gift. It was voted that a case be provided for the watch and placed at Scarritt College. Also, that a committee composed of Miss Haskin, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, and Miss Mary Ora Durham be appointed to select the case and to consult with Scarritt as to its placing.

26. *Voted,* to accept from Mrs. J. L. Cuninggim, and place with Miss Bennett's watch, a gold cross given by Mrs. Cuninggim to Miss Belle Bennett, which, being returned to the donor shortly before Miss Bennett's death, thereby became a sacred treasure.

27. *Voted:* That the jade bracelet presented to the Council in 1924 by Miss Dorothy Wong be placed in the treasure case.

28. *Voted:* On the recommendation of Mrs. Fulton concerning a repository for Miss Bennett's watch and other precious gifts, that a cabinet be prepared for the precious gifts in the possession of the Council, the funds for the same to be taken from the Bennett Funds in hand.

29. *Voted:* That financial provision be made for Miss Mabel Howell, member of the Shanghai Medical Board, to attend the meeting of that Board, the necessary amount to be taken from the surplus of the President's office expense account.

30. The following amendments to the Calendar Rules proposed by the Calendar Clerk, Mrs. Nat Rollins, were adopted as read:

"(1) That Calendar Rules 8 and 9 be stricken out, and the following new rules be written in as 8 and 9:

"(2) 8. Reports of Standing and Sessions Committees shall be acted upon immediately following the consideration of the work to which they are related.

9. Other business requiring action shall be considered in the order in which it is placed on the Calendar.

31. *Voted:* That an invitation to attend the Council meeting in Dallas be sent to Mrs. J. N. McEachern, former member Woman's Board of Home Missions and of Woman's Missionary Council, now President of the National Council of Federated Church Women.

In view of plans for holding a Joint Retreat of Spiritual Life and Christian Social Relations groups in 1936, and the necessity for finding additional funds to finance it,

32. It was voted: That request be made for permission to hold over surpluses in appropriations for 1935 for Committee and Bureau expenses.

33. The motion that honorariums for women teachers in Training Schools be raised to the level of those paid to men for similar service was lost.

34. On motion of Mrs. Nat Rollins—In view of the fact that the Treasurer's Report seemed to show that the income of the Council is on the increase, and that it may soon reach the level of former years, it was *Voted:* That if there should be a surplus of receipts over appropriations that have been made, that the Executive Committee recommend to the Committee on Finance and Estimates, that such funds be used for repairs of buildings and institutions which sorely need such expenditures, and for gradually restoring the financial basis of the work to standards which prevailed before drastic reductions were made.

35. *Voted:* That Mrs. Newell be authorized to get out a letter in quantity concerning the Costigan-Wagner Bill.

Miss Constance Rumbough and Mrs. Helen B. Bourne were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes for Wednesday's session.

The Committee adjourned for a brief period to hold a meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

36. The Woman's Board of Home Missions was called to order by the President, Mrs. J. W. Perry.

Mrs. J. W. Downs, General Secretary, presented the business—the proposed sale of two tracts of land 60 and 40 acres respectively in Florida.

A Committee composed of Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. F. B. Godfrey, and Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton was appointed to investigate the value of the land and the offer made for it.

On motion the Board of Home Missions adjourned *sine die*.

The Executive Committee of the Council resumed its sitting, and after prayer offered by Mrs. Fulton, stood adjourned.

MRS. FITZGERALD S. PARKER, *Secretary*.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 19, 1936

The Executive Committee met in the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Tex., March 19, 1936, at 8:30 P.M., Mrs. J. W. Perry in the chair.

In the absence of Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. W. B. Landrum was elected Secretary pro tem.

All members were present except Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, both detained at home by the illness of their respective husbands.

Presentation of certain features of the program for the Council meeting were made by Miss Estelle Haskin, chairman of the Program Committee.

The Special Committees for the Council Meeting were appointed, and the Committee on Public Worship was given the privilege of co-opting Dr. S. H. C. Burgin, Presiding Elder of the Dallas District. (These committees are listed in the Annual Report for 1936, page 19.)

It was voted that a small committee be appointed to bring in a nomination for Calendar Clerk for this session of the Council. The members named on the committee were Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. J. W. Downs.

Mrs. Fulton read correspondence relative to the request of the Virginia Conference that funds bequeathed to the Council for certain purposes should now be transferred to the Virginia Conference Scarritt Scholarship fund.

A committee was appointed to confer with the Virginia women attending the Council, Mrs. R. M. White and Mrs. N. V. Coleman, and to bring in recommendations concerning the matter, to the Executive Committee. The committee was appointed as follows: Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, and Mrs. Hume R. Steele.

Mrs. Henry S. Owen presented the report on the Scarritt property in Kansas City, Mo., including the following financial statement:

REPORT OF THE SCARRITT PROPERTY, KANSAS CITY, MO., MARCH 1, 1936

Balance on hand March 1, 1935.....	\$ 88 06
Received from Mrs. Fulton June 7, 1935.....	139 00
Total	\$227 06

Disbursements:

City Taxes, paid June 26, 1935.....	\$53 12	
State, County, and School Taxes, paid July 23....	69 97	
August 1, 1935, Safety Box.....	22 50	
August 1, 1935, Federal Tax for above.....	25	124 84
Balance on hand March 1, 1936.....	\$101 22	

Total taxes for 1935, \$123.09.

Think should have for taxes 1936, \$100.

(Signed) MRS. HENRY S. OWEN, *Agent*

It was voted that Mrs. Owen be authorized to pay taxes when due.

Special sub-committees, appointed at the Mid-Year Meeting of the Executive Committee, made reports:

The report of the Committee to Study the Work of the Young People was made by Mrs. W. J. Piggott. (See Exhibit A in Record Book, Executive Committee.) This report was referred to the Sessions Committee on Education and Promotion.

The Sub-Committee for the Study of the Organization Department of Supplies made its report through Mrs. J. P. Harvill. (See Report, Exhibit B, Record Book, Executive Committee.)

The Report was referred to the Sessions Committee on Education and Promotion.

Miss Rumbough requested the addition of two members for the Committee Studying Children's Work. It was voted that the committee make the selection and the President confirm the appointments.

The Committee on Retired Missionaries and Deaconesses was named as follows: Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, and a deaconess and a missionary to be selected by them to work on the committee.

Mrs. J. W. Perry was appointed chairman of a committee of three, whom she should appoint, to study the plan prepared by Evelyn Riley Nicholson (Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church) on a co-operative movement for "A Sisterhood of Service."

It was voted that an emergency committee be appointed to provide a program of speakers to accommodate a possible overflow of visitors to the Council sessions. The following were named on this committee: Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Mrs. George W. Moore.

It was voted that a letter from a committee of the Local Board of the Emily Dorsey Home, Dallas, Tex., asking that this institution become Council owned and operated, be referred to a special com-

mittee composed of Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Louise Young, and Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon.

It was voted that the letter from the Rebecca Sparks Inn, Waco, Tex., offering this property to be used as a home for retired missionaries and deaconesses, be referred to the committee appointed on the Home for Retired Missionaries and Deaconesses.

The report of the Joint Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council and the Alabama Conference on Cajun Work in Alabama was presented. It was voted that the committee be continued.

On motion the Executive Committee stood adjourned.

MRS. W. B. LANDRUM, *Secretary pro tem.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 22, 1936

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council met in the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Tex., at 10 P.M. Sunday, March 22, 1936, Mrs. J. W. Perry presiding.

A recommendation from the Committee on Scarritt College was presented for consideration as follows:

RECOMMENDATION

The Standing Committee on Scarritt College recommend that the Executive Committee of the Council grant the suggestion of the President of the College: that he be allowed to seek \$10,000 for the organ fund with the understanding that when this is accomplished the Council will direct the \$7,000 already invested in the organ to the Gibson Memorial Building Fund.

(Signed) MRS. R. L. HOBODY, *Chairman*

MRS. WALTER D. TAYLOR, *Secretary*

The following motion was taken: Inasmuch as the investment in the organ came from the Belle Bennett Memorial funds, that this is the only memorial to Miss Maria L. Gibson within our Belle Bennett Memorial building, and that the organ has been solemnly dedicated for this purpose, we prefer to keep it as our memorial to Miss Gibson.

A motion that the organ be completed prevailed.

It was voted to ask the committee first appointed to purchase the organ to arrange for its completion from the Belle Bennett Memorial Funds.

MRS. FRED A. LAMB, *Secretary pro tem.*

FINANCIAL REPORT

MRS. INA DAVIS FULTON, TREASURER

RECEIPTS BY DEPARTMENTS

CONFERENCE	Adult	Baby	Total	8% Fourth Sun- day Offering Children's Dept.	Grand Total
Alabama	\$ 23,222 20	\$ 316 60	\$ 23,538 80	\$ 461 20	\$ 24,000 00
Arizona	2,206 95	18 05	2,225 00	81 94	2,306 94
Baltimore	34,746 98	303 56	35,050 54	385 06	35,435 60
Central Texas	21,290 88	734 12	22,025 00	420 00	22,445 00
China Mission	115 12		115 12		115 12
Cuba	120 84		120 84	7 34	128 18
Florida	34,259 20	240 80	34,500 00	1,078 52	35,578 52
Holston	32,447 45	85 55	32,533 00	688 33	33,221 33
Illinois	636 85	1 95	638 80	50 97	689 77
Indian Woman's Missionary Society	117 70	.02	117 72		117 72
Kentucky	15,441 21	23 49	15,464 70	400 45	15,865 15
Little Rock	16,294 75	5 25	16,300 00	403 35	16,703 35
Los Angeles	5,480 06	19 94	5,500 00	120 16	5,620 16
Louisiana	24,803 85	250 65	25,054 50	448 63	25,503 13
Louisville	18,505 51	85 51	18,591 02	358 41	18,949 43
Memphis	30,525 96	316 76	30,842 72	668 36	31,511 08
Mississippi	16,649 84	30 28	16,680 12	542 75	17,222 87
Missouri	7,919 76	4 75	7,924 51	145 17	8,069 68
New Mexico	6,147 45	13 09	6,160 54	235 74	6,396 28
North Alabama	29,915 10	587 15	30,502 25	737 79	31,240 04
North Arkansas	15,703 37	61 64	15,765 01	434 99	16,200 00
North Carolina	38,942 47	503 41	39,445 88	608 04	40,053 92
North Georgia	45,697 77	1,304 23	47,002 00	671 68	47,673 68
North Mississippi	19,839 67	131 40	19,971 07	328 93	20,300 00
North Texas	23,448 09	157 82	23,605 91	419 09	24,025 00
Northwest	836 19	3 87	840 06	35 78	875 84
Northwest Texas	20,092 42	107 58	20,200 00	398 51	20,598 51
Oklahoma	19,650 99	105 10	19,756 09	374 96	20,131 05
Pacific	3,639 82		3,639 82	186 44	3,826 26
South Carolina	23,627 91	272 09	23,900 00	488 62	24,388 62
South Georgia	41,521 81	243 19	41,765 00	654 71	42,419 71
St. Louis	10,989 95	36 05	11,026 00	117 67	11,143 67
Southwest Missouri	6,963 25	36 75	7,000 00	154 60	7,154 60
Tennessee	22,798 97	81 72	22,880 69	494 38	23,375 07
Texas	28,191 89	380 30	28,572 19	371 67	28,943 86
Texas Mexican	69 11		69 11		69 11
Upper South Carolina	22,147 22	147 44	22,294 66	582 51	22,877 17
Virginia	46,170 46	218 18	46,388 64	2,012 00	48,400 64
West Texas	21,307 37	236 30	21,543 67	428 05	21,971 72
Western North Carolina	43,865 84	134 16	44,000 00	744 05	44,744 05
Western Mexican	77 73		77 73	11 68	89 41
Western Virginia	12,216 50	192 40	*12,408 90	414 62	12,823 52
Totals	\$788,646 46	\$ 7,391 15	\$796,037 61	\$ 17,167 15	\$813,204 76
Totals, 1934	766,885 57	5,569 22		\$ 16,475 85	788,930 64
Increase	\$ 21,760 89	\$ 1,821 93		\$ 691 30	\$ 24,274 12

*Western Virginia Conference should have been credited with \$35.00 more in our 1934 report.

RECEIPTS FOR 1935

CONFERENCE	Foreign	Home	Scarritt	Totals
Alabama.....	\$ 14,601 34	\$ 8,239 06	\$ 698 40	\$ 23,538 80
Arizona.....	1,475 27	717 73	32 00	2,225 00
Baltimore.....	22,592 97	11,849 95	607 62	35,050 54
Central Texas.....	13,451 00	8,071 80	502 20	22,025 00
China Mission.....	115 12			115 12
Cuba Mission.....	63 53	57 31		120 84
Florida.....	21,970 46	12,122 04	407 50	34,500 00
Holston.....	20,347 99	11,172 35	1,012 66	32,533 00
Illinois.....	407 85	226 95	4 00	638 80
Indian Woman's Missionary Society.....	76 02	41 70		117 72
Kentucky.....	9,305 98	5,915 58	243 14	15,464 70
Little Rock.....	10,801 65	5,328 17	170 18	16,300 00
Los Angeles.....	3,986 84	1,484 16	49 00	5,500 00
Louisiana.....	12,398 37	11,630 00	1,028 13	25,054 50
Louisville.....	11,338 54	7,005 92	246 56	18,591 02
Memphis.....	20,163 50	9,543 22	1,136 00	30,842 72
Mississippi.....	10,548 83	5,779 79	351 50	16,680 12
Missouri.....	5,035 86	2,642 65	246 00	7,924 51
New Mexico.....	3,850 65	2,064 89	245 00	6,160 54
North Alabama.....	19,830 55	9,866 48	805 22	30,502 25
North Arkansas.....	9,360 97	5,864 32	539 72	15,765 01
North Carolina.....	25,638 17	13,307 71	500 00	39,445 88
North Georgia.....	27,832 23	16,607 77	2,502 00	47,002 00
North Mississippi.....	12,400 06	6,861 16	709 85	19,971 07
North Texas.....	14,127 02	8,778 89	700 00	23,605 91
Northwest.....	525 33	302 48	12 25	840 06
Northwest Texas.....	13,037 57	6,529 68	632 75	20,200 00
Oklahoma.....	11,792 73	7,053 91	909 45	19,756 09
Pacific.....	2,414 63	1,081 67	143 52	3,639 82
South Carolina.....	14,910 30	7,339 70	1,650 00	23,900 00
South Georgia.....	23,813 54	17,129 63	821 83	41,765 00
St. Louis.....	7,210 41	3,586 71	228 88	11,026 00
Southwest Missouri.....	4,599 86	2,216 64	183 50	7,000 00
Tennessee.....	14,485 40	7,643 54	751 75	22,880 69
Texas.....	18,371 52	9,739 15	461 52	28,572 19
Texas Mexican.....	45 95	23 16		69 11
Upper South Carolina.....	14,726 87	7,416 39	151 40	22,294 66
Virginia.....	30,378 86	15,431 81	577 97	46,388 64
West Texas.....	12,976 00	8,101 47	466 20	21,543 67
Western North Carolina.....	28,162 64	15,468 01	369 35	44,000 00
Western Mexican.....	51 72	26 01		77 73
Western Virginia.....	7,294 26	4,845 64	269 00	12,408 90
Total.....	\$406,558 36	\$279,115 20	\$ 20,364 05	\$796,037 61
Other Sources.....	51,782 73	74,328 07	399 13	126,509 93
School Funds.....	17,810 06	17,810 06		17,810 06
Education and Promotion.....	4,318 06	4,318 05		8,636 11
	\$552,659 15	\$375,571 38	\$ 20,763 18	\$948,993 71

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

Regular Work:

Cash Balance close 1934.....\$ 97,876 40

Receipts:

Bible Women	\$ 27,262 87		
Day Schools	2,626 96		
Life Members	13,479 65		
Pledge	419,086 13		
Scholarships	9,233 03		
Specials	1,855 00		
Refrigeration	1,075 09		
Gift for Severance Hos- pital—Korea	400 00		
Old Gold Collections...	9 06		
Scholarship — Scarritt College	100 00	475,127 79	
			\$573,004 19

Transfers:

Old Gold to Regular Account	\$ 6,190 92		
From Restricted Funds for adjust- ments	5,965 20		
Income from Doctors' Building for regu- lar work used for rent, etc.	1,809 08	13,965 20	
			\$586,969 39

Disbursements\$338,077 79

Transfers for adjust- ments between Re- stricted and Regular Funds	16,895 20	354,972 99	
			\$231,996 40

One-half Receipts Education and Promotion:

Income from Mission Building—Junaluska \$	86 65		
Gift	1 60		
Publications	70 00		
Literature Sales	4,159 81	\$ 4,318 06	

Transfer:

Income from Doctors' Building for rent		2,138 90	
			\$ 6,456 96

Disbursements\$ 29,213 83

Transferred to 1936 Appropriations	659 76	29,873 59*	23,416 63*

Cash Balance \$208,579 77

Restricted Funds:

Cash Balance close 1934.....\$ 7,320 05

Receipts:

Bequest—Mrs. Mary M.
Bright\$ 870 10
(Bonds \$2,000 00
Cash .. 870 10)
Dulin-Henry-Way .. 3,765 66
Mrs. Ada Bishop
Ramsey 250 00

\$ 4,885 76

Annuities 2,650 00
Income on Investments. 21,813 52
Endowment Fund—The-
odosia Wales Glenn.. 5 00
Profit on bonds sold ... 7,472 08
Maria L. Gibson Fund
for Retirement and
Relief 6,875 21
Week of Prayer..... 29,444 61
Special 54 12

73,200 30

Equity of income from Doctors' Build-
ing 5,208 33

Transfers from Regular Account to
make adjustments 20,804 63

Funds Collected:

Notes\$ 33,100 00
Bonds 82,981 41

116,081 41 \$222,614 72

Disbursements: Spent \$ 31,144 08

Invested\$112,924 75

Transfers 5,889 43

Savings Account 28,620 00

147,434 18 178,578 26

Cash Balance \$ 44,036 46

Centenary:

Cash Balance close 1934.....\$ 37,990 11

Receipts:

Interest 891 53

Total Cash \$ 38,881 64

HOME DEPARTMENT

Regular Work:

Cash Balance close 1934.....\$ 67,110 20

Receipts:

Life Members\$ 6,748 00

Pledge 209,426 63

Old Gold Collections ... 9 06

Scholarships 15,584 43

Tuition Fees 17,810 06

Home Mission Specials. 18,217 78

Worker's Cottage 97 85

267,893 81

Refund—1934 taxes 132 91

\$335,136 92

<i>Transfers:</i>			
Old Gold to Regular Account	\$ 6,190 91		
From Restricted Funds for adjustments	5,179 12		
Income from Doctors' Building for Regular Work	1,339 48	12,709 51	
		<u>\$347,846 43</u>	
<i>Disbursements</i>	\$246,720 24		
Transfers	3,647 93	250,368 17	\$ 97,478 26
<i>One-half Receipts Education and Promotion:</i>			
Income from Mission Building, Junaluska	\$ 86 65		
Gifts	1 60		
Publications	70 00		
Literature Sales	4,159 80	\$ 4,318 05	
<i>Transfers:</i>			
Income from Doctors' Building ..		2,138 90	
		<u>\$ 6,456 95</u>	
<i>Disbursements</i>	\$ 29,213 80		
Transferred to 1936 Appropriations	659 77	29,873 57*	23,416 62*
Cash Balance			<u>\$ 74,061 64</u>
<i>Restricted Funds:</i>			
Cash Balance close 1934	\$ 54,612 73		
<i>Receipts:</i>			
<i>Bequests:</i>			
Mrs. Mary M. Bright	\$ 870 10		
(Bonds .. \$2,000 00 Cash .. 870 10)			
Mrs. Ella Knox Keener	20,000 00		
Mrs. Ada Bishop Ramsey	250 00		
	<u>\$ 26,567 50</u>		
Annuities	200 00		
Dormitory Funds	3,809 84		
St. Mark's Repair Fund	436 81		
Vashti Funds	1,186 55		
Collection under Group Policy	1,150 00		
San Francisco Expense Fund	47 50		
On Sale of Old Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga.	800 00		
Income from Investments	26,723 00		
Profits on Bonds Sold ..	5,800 97		
The MacDonell Jubilee Fund for Retirement and Relief	6,875 49		

Week of Prayer—1935	29,237 75	
Week of Prayer—1934	206 80	
Refunds	304 81	103,347 02

Equity of Income from Doctors' Building		5,208 33
Transfers from Regular Account for adjustments		8,638 20

Funds Collected:

Notes	\$ 68,742 00	
Bonds Sold	95,218 82	163,960 82
		<u>\$335,767 10</u>

Disbursements:

Spent		\$ 41,812 80
Invested	\$166,785 57	

Transfers:

For adjustments	12,634 18	
Savings Account (Week of Prayer)	26,250 00	205,669 75
		<u>247,482 55</u>

Cash Balance		<u>\$ 88,284 55</u>
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Centenary:

Cash Balance close 1934	\$ 27,376 49	
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Receipts:

Interest		665 52
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Cash Balance		<u>\$ 28,042 01</u>
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SCARRITT COLLEGE

Cash Balance close 1934—Regular	\$ 9,585 56	
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Cash Balance close 1934—Christian Education		442 97
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Receipts:

Scholarships	\$ 3,993 99	
Maintenance	16,370 06	
Interest	399 13	20,763 18
		<u>\$ 30,791 71</u>

<i>Disbursements</i>		<u>20,503 05</u>
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Cash Balance		<u>\$ 10,288 66</u>
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BENNETT MEMORIAL

Cash Balance close 1934	\$ 1,247 81	
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Receipts:

From Conference for Book of Remembrance	\$ 575 00	
Interest	350 78	925 78

Funds Collected:

Bonds Sold		1,650 00
		<u>\$ 3,823 59</u>

<i>Disbursements</i>	\$ 810 00	
Invested	1,650 00	2,460 00

Cash Balance		<u>\$ 1,363 59</u>
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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

BELLE H. BENNETT WATCH FUND

Cash Balance close 1934	\$	359 47
Receipts		46 76

Cash Balance		<u>\$</u>	<u>406 23</u>
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SUMMARY OF CASH BALANCES AND BANKS

*Regular Account:**Cash:*

Foreign Department	\$208,579 77
Home Department	74,061 64
Scarritt College	10,288 66
Bennett Memorial	1,363 59
Belle Bennett Watch Account	406 23
Education and Promotion (*Overdraft)	2,225 41*

	<u>\$292,474 48</u>
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Banks:

American National Checking Account	\$221,351 03
Broadway National Savings	15,000 00
Third National Savings	15,241 50
Commerce Union Savings	40,881 95

	<u>\$292,474 48</u>
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*Restricted Account:**Cash:*

Foreign Department Checking Account	\$ 44,036 46
Home Department Checking Account	88,284 55
1934 Week of Prayer Savings, Foreign	15,439 18
1935 Week of Prayer Savings, Foreign	28,620 00
Centenary Savings, Foreign	38,881 64
1934 Week of Prayer Savings, Home	22,329 17
1935 Week of Prayer Savings, Home	26,250 00
Miscellaneous Savings, Home	19,120 00
Centenary Savings, Home	28,042 01

	<u>\$311,003 01</u>
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Banks:

American National Checking Account	\$132,321 01
American National Savings, Centenary	28,042 01
Broadway National Savings, Centenary	38,881 64
Broadway National Savings, 1934 Week of Prayer	15,439 18
Broadway National Savings, 1934 Week of Prayer	22,329 17
Broadway National Savings, Miscella- neous	19,120 00
Broadway National Savings, 1935 Week of Prayer	26,250 00
Commerce Union Savings, 1935 Week of Prayer	28,620 00

	<u>\$311,003 01</u>
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DIVISION OF DISBURSEMENTS
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

Regular Work:

Foreign Fields:

Brazil: Maintenance, Salaries, and Scholarships	\$ 38,250	48
China: Maintenance, Salaries, and Scholarships	84,586	47
Congo: Maintenance, Salaries, and Scholarships	18,029	81
Cuba: Maintenance, Salaries, and Scholarships	23,866	82
Japan: Maintenance, Salaries, and Scholarships	47,531	40
Korea: Maintenance, Salaries, and Scholarships	59,614	55
Siberia: Maintenance: Salaries, and Scholarships	945	99
Mexico: Maintenance, Salaries, and Scholarships	31,212	22
Poland: Maintenance, Salaries, and Scholarships	5,238	32
Medical Fees	1,369	33
	<u> </u>	<u>\$310,645 39</u>

Inter-Board Work		1,600 00
Furlough Study		4,065 50
Scarritt College		17,000 04
Contingent (\$1,000.00 was carried over)		1,095 14
Miscellaneous		1,232 57
		<u>\$335,638 64</u>

Administration:

Salary and Clerical Help, General Secretary	\$ 891	72
Travel of Bishops	1,390	93
Salaries of Secretaries and one-third Treasurer	3,723	33
Clerical Help, Office Expense, and Travel	5,668	39
Board Meetings	428	43
	<u> </u>	<u>\$ 12,102 80</u>
Rent—Transferred from Fund	1,461	04
		<u>13,563 84</u>

Advances on 1936 Appropriation		\$349,202 48
		<u>80,374 19</u>
		<u>\$429,576 67</u>

Less amount advanced in 1934 on 1935	\$ 58,628	95
Less drafts outstanding on 1936	28,592	55
Less drafts outstanding on 1935	4,277	38
	<u> </u>	<u>91,498 88</u>
		<u>\$338,077 79</u>

Restricted Funds:

Annuities	\$ 2,296	60
Scarritt College:		
Interest, Belle H. Bennett Bequest	131	34
Interest, Gatlin Bequest	50	00
Interest, Hayes Bequest	300	00
Congo Furniture Refund	100	00
Jubilee Fund, Interest	254	25

Retirement and Relief	17,054	58	
Week of Prayer:			
Expenses on 1935	614	26	
For Brazil, Repairs	8,020	82	
For Korea, Repairs	1,274	40	
For Cuba	1	08	
Expenses on Real Estate	797	46	
Miscellaneous (Interest on bonds purchased and taxes)	249	29	
			\$ 31,144 08
<i>Investments:</i>			
Notes	\$ 47,650	00	
Bonds	65,274	75	112,924 75
			<u>\$144,068 83</u>

HOME DEPARTMENT

<i>Regular Work:</i>			
<i>Bible Teachers</i>	\$ 4,501	28	
<i>City Mission and Conference Appropriation</i>	\$ 3,193	15	
Birmingham City Mission Board	300	00	
Fort Worth	199	92	
San Francisco	40	00	3,733 07
<i>Cuban:</i>			
Ruth Hargrove	\$ 2,368	74	
Rosa Valdez	4,165	62	
Wolff Settlement	5,460	20	11,994 56
<i>Delinquent Girls</i>			8,879 00
<i>Dependent Girls:</i>			
Appropriations	\$ 14,993	02	
Tuition Fees	6,556	81	21,549 83
<i>Home Mission Specials:</i>			
Sunny Acres	\$ 774	40	
Winston-Salem Bethlehem House	975	00	
Kentucky Conference	900	00	
Louisville Conference	900	00	
Oklahoma Conference	920	00	
Virginia Conference	1,065	00	
West Texas Conference	900	00	
North Mississippi Conference	999	96	
Louisiana Conference	1,140	00	
West Virginia Conference	900	00	
North Georgia Conference	1,200	00	
South Georgia Conference	1,525	00	
North Texas Conference	1,200	00	
Texas Conference	120	00	
Central Texas Conference	1,200	00	
Florida Conference	1,200	00	
North Arkansas Conference	1,200	00	
Alabama Conference	300	00	17,419 36
<i>Gulf Coast:</i>			
Houma	\$ 11,277	95	
New Orleans	5,380	44	16,658 39

Mexican:

Holding Institute	\$ 13,993 67	
Homer Toberman	2,464 90	
San Antonio	3,360 00	
Valley Institute	5,340 00	
Community Center, El Paso, Tex.	4,960 00	
Laredo Church	880 00	30,998 57

Industrial Work:

Picher, Okla.	\$ 900 00	
Bluefield, W. Va.	3,999 96	
Wesley Community House, Biloxi, Miss.	2,028 75	
Moore Community House, Biloxi, Miss..	2,010 96	8,939 67

Miscellaneous:

Deaconess Expense and Travel	\$ 2,099 05	
Furloughs	8,150 00	
Council of Women	345 00	
Rural Work	2,513 75	
Cajun Work	580 00	13,687 80

Mountain Work:

Sue Bennett Appropriation	\$ 14,249 00	
Tuition Fees	11,253 25	25,502 25

Negro Work:

Bethlehem House, Augusta	\$ 7,462 36	
Chattanooga Bethlehem House	300 00	
Memphis Bethlehem House	156 00	
Nashville Bethlehem Center	8,308 71	
Paine Annex	10,071 60	
Winston-Salem	800 00	
Committee on Interracial Work	1,000 00	28,098 67

Western Work:

Walsenburg, Colo.	\$ 900 00	
San Francisco	1,857 85	
Tucson, Ariz.	600 00	
Spofford Home	2,400 00	5,757 85

Scarritt College		18,000 00
Contingent		2,269 99
Furloughs		2,400 00
Repairs on St. Mark's		399 90
Miscellaneous		68 43
Scholarships		15,584 43

Administration:

Salary and Clerical Help of General Secretary	\$ 891 64	
Salary of Home Secretary and one-third of Treasurer	3,733 25	
Clerical Help	2,577 10	
Office Expense and Travel	1,387 30	
Board Meetings	512 87	

	\$ 9,102 16	
Rent (from fund)	1,339 48	10,441 64

	\$246,884 69
Less Advances made in 1934 on 1935 Appropriations	17,909 56

	\$228,975 13
Advanced on 1936	17,745 11
	<u>\$246,720 24</u>

Restricted Funds:

Annuities	\$ 889 73	
Scarritt College:		
Interest, Belle H. Bennett Bequest (for Library)	105 00	
Burton Bequest: For Cleo Barber	100 00	
Virginia K. Johnson Home:		
Neil Bequest—furnishings for Neil Room	38 70	
Dormitory Funds	2,580 65	
McKenzie Endowment Scholarship Interest:		
Scarritt tuition for three	900 00	
South Georgia Endowment Scholarship Interest:		
Scarritt tuition for one	300 00	
Houma Building Fund	139 42	
Jubilee Interest	3,795 69	
Ruth Hargrove Repair Fund (for Electric Refrigerator at Wolf Settlement)	289 59	
Expenses on Real Estate	448 46	
Bethlehem House Property Account (Augusta, Ga.):		
Insurance and repairs	483 00	
Retirement and Relief	15,286 42	
Scholarships	200 00	
Vashti Funds	2,426 71	
Brevard Library Fund (Magazines)	43 30	
Valley Institute Building Fund—repairs	290 00	
Week of Prayer: Expenses on 1935 and repairs at Houma and Virginia K. Johnson Home	2,985 48	
Repairs and Equipment for Holding and Sue Bennett—1934 Account	1,643 47	
Paine College—1933 Account	6,000 00	
MacDonell Institute—1932 Account	1,793 68	
West Virginia Coal Fields Week of Prayer	71 46	
Wolf Settlement Week of Prayer	43 55	
Nashville Bethlehem Center Week of Prayer	424 60	
Miscellaneous—Interest on Bonds Purchased	533 89	\$ 41,812 80
<i>Investments:</i>		
Notes	\$ 30,200 00	
Bonds	136,585 57	166,785 57
		<u>\$208,598 37</u>

EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

President of Council, Office Expense and Travel	\$ 1,000 00
Vice-President, Office Expense and Travel ..	200 00
Recording Secretary, Office Expense and Travel	150 00
Superintendent of Social Service	1,870 00
Salaries: Secretaries and one-third Treasurer	7,133 35
Clerical Help	7,598 53

Office Expense and Travel of Secretaries and Treasurer	3,230 08	
Committee Meetings	1,525 42	
Publications	16,230 15	
Service Department	7,623 67	
Council Meeting	3,905 59	
Schools of Missions	1,517 06	
Missionary Education Movement	400 00	
Federation of Literature and Women's Foreign Missions	200 00	
Rent (from fund)	3,894 32	
Operating Expense—Junaluska (from fund)	557 78	
Secular Press Bureau	500 00	
General Secretary and Clerical Help	891 68	
	<u>\$ 58,427 63</u>	
Balances carried over into 1936	1,319 53	\$ 59,747 16

Advances on 1936 Appropriation

		<u>\$ 3,397 64</u>
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Scarritt College:

Scholarships	\$ 3,993 99	
Maintenance	16,370 06	
Taxes on Kansas City Property	139 00	<u>\$ 20,503 05</u>

Bennett Memorial:

Miscellaneous expenses	\$ 10 00	
Eight names on Book of Remembrance	800 00	\$ 810 00

Investments:

Bonds	1,650 00	<u>\$ 2,460 00</u>
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SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1935

	Foreign	Home	Education and Promotion	United	Totals
Regular Work	\$349,202 48	\$246,884 69	\$58,427 63		\$654,514 80
Restricted Funds	31,144 08	41,812 80			72,956 88
Scarritt College				20,503 05	20,503 05
Bennett Memorial				810 00	810 00
	<u>\$380,346 56</u>	<u>\$288,697 49</u>	<u>\$58,427 63</u>	<u>\$21,313 05</u>	<u>\$748,484 73</u>

Restricted Funds:

Disbursed for Investments	<u>\$112,924 75</u>	<u>\$166,785 57</u>	<u>\$ 1,650 00</u>	<u>\$281,360 32</u>
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Board of Missions,
Methodist Episcopal Church, South,
Nashville, Tenn.

WOMAN'S WORK

GENTLEMEN:

According to engagement, we have examined the books of account and records of the Treasurer, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, of the Woman's Work of the Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the year 1935 ended as of January 31, 1936, and submit herewith Balance Sheets showing the financial condition of the Woman's Work at the close of January 31, 1936, and a statement of Income and Appropriations for the year.

All recorded cash, as shown by the Cash Receipts Books, was traced into the respective depository banks and bank balances verified. All cancelled checks paid for the period were compared with Cash Disbursements Book entries.

Investments in Stocks, Bonds, and Notes Receivable were verified by inspection of the securities or receipts therefor. Deeds to Real Estate were inspected.

Advances to Funds and Institutions, and Advances on 1936 Appropriations, together with Funds Held for Restricted Uses, Missions Special Funds and Transient Funds, are as shown by the books.

Drafts Outstanding are as shown by the Draft Register.

The foregoing statements are from our audit report, which presents schedules and supporting exhibits in detail of the assets and liabilities of both Regular and Restricted Funds, including funds of Scarritt College, Bennett Memorial, and Watch Funds handled through the office of the above Treasurer. No discrepancies were disclosed.

Respectfully submitted.

HOMER K. JONES & COMPANY,
BY THOMAS PICKENS,
Certified Public Accountant.

NASHVILLE, TENN.,
FEBRUARY 24, 1936.

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

BALANCE SHEET, REGULAR FUNDS, JANUARY 31, 1936

Assets

	Total	Foreign	Home	Education and Promotion
<i>Current</i>				
Cash in Banks (Overdraft*).....	\$280,416 00	\$208,579 77	\$74,061 64	\$2,225 41*
<i>Advances</i>				
On 1936 Appropriations.....	100,744 36	80,374 19	16,972 53	3,397 64
Total Assets	\$381,160 36	\$288,953 96	\$91,034 17	\$1,172 23

Liabilities and Surplus

<i>Current</i>				
Drafts Outstanding	\$ 33,220 43	\$ 33,204 93		\$ 15 50
Transient Funds	2,815 16	122 75	\$ 2,692 41	
Missions Specials	15,726 32	7,072 50	8,653 82	
	\$ 51,761 91	\$ 40,400 18	\$11,346 23	\$ 15 50
<i>Funds for Restricted Uses</i>				
1935 Appropriations Unspent	2,156 73	1,000 00		1,156 73
Total Liabilities	\$ 53,918 64	\$ 41,400 18	\$11,346 23	\$1,172 23
<i>Surplus</i>				
Balance January 31, 1935 (Credit)	\$234,807 57	\$155,707 60	\$79,099 97	
Adjustments (Debit)	6,106 36	3,439 37	2,666 99	
	\$228,701 21	\$152,268 23	\$76,432 98	
Excess Income over Appropriations, year 1935	98,540 51	95,285 55	3,254 96	
Surplus January 31, 1936 (Credit)	\$327,241 72	\$247,553 78	\$79,687 94	
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$381,160 36	\$288,953 96	\$91,034 17	\$1,172 23

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

BALANCE SHEET, RESTRICTED FUNDS, REGULAR WORK
JANUARY 31, 1936

Assets

	Total	Foreign	Home
<i>Current</i>			
Cash in Bank—Checking Account	\$ 132,321 01	\$ 44,036 46	\$ 88,284 55
Cash in Banks—Savings Accounts	178,682 00	82,940 82	95,741 18
	\$ 311,003 01	\$126,977 28	\$184,025 73
<i>Investments</i>			
Stocks and Bonds	\$ 465,439 82	\$202,366 21	\$263,073 61
Notes Receivable	319,406 32	141,645 24	177,761 08
Real Estate	8,791 40		8,791 40
	\$ 793,637 54	\$344,011 45	\$449,626 09
<i>Advances to Funds and Institutions</i>	\$ 54,246 32	\$ 54,246 32	
<i>Due from Scarritt Funds</i>			
Intra-Departmental Funds.\$	38 50		\$ 38 50
Total Assets	\$1,158,925 37	\$525,235 05	\$633,690 32

*Liabilities**Current*

Drafts Outstanding	\$	425 00	\$	425 00
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Funds for Restricted Uses

Annuities	\$	45,856 47	\$	33,570 52	\$	12,285 95
Bequests		153,727 18		64,589 49		89,137 69
Undirected Bequests		1,337 77		1,337 77		
Permanent Endowments		70,504 53		18,011 41		52,493 12
Revolving Funds		145,047 01		90,597 90		54,449 11
Restricted Contributions and Credits, Sundry		739,777 41		316,102 96		423,674 45
		<u>\$1,156,250 37</u>		<u>\$524,210 05</u>		<u>\$632,040 32</u>

Due—Scarritt and Bennett

Funds—Intra-Departmental Funds	\$	2,250 00	\$	600 00	\$	1,650 00
Total Liabilities		<u>\$1,158,925 37</u>		<u>\$525,235 05</u>		<u>\$633,690 32</u>

BALANCE SHEET, OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS, JANUARY 31, 1936

	Total	Scarritt	Bennett Memorial	Watch
<i>Current</i>				
Cash in Bank	\$12,058 48	\$10,288 66	\$1,363 59	\$406 23
<i>Investments</i>				
Bonds	\$ 2,971 88	\$ 2,971 88		
Notes Receivable	9,250 00	4,750 00	\$4,500 00	
	<u>\$12,221 88</u>	<u>\$ 7,721 88</u>	<u>\$4,500 00</u>	
<i>Due from Foreign and Home Regular Re- stricted Funds</i>				
Intra-Departmental Funds	\$ 2,250 00	\$ 600 00	\$1,650 00	
Total Assets	<u>\$26,530 36</u>	<u>\$18,610 54</u>	<u>\$7,513 59</u>	<u>\$406 23</u>

*Liabilities**Funds for Restricted
Uses*

Restricted Contributions and Credits, Sundry	\$26,491 86	\$18,572 04	\$7,513 59	\$406 23
<i>Due Home Regular Re- stricted Funds</i>				
Intra-Departmental Funds	38 50	38 50		
Total Liabilities	<u>\$26,530 36</u>	<u>\$18,610 54</u>	<u>\$7,513 59</u>	<u>\$406 23</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND APPROPRIATIONS, REGULAR
WORK, YEAR 1935

WOMAN'S WORK, BOARD OF MISSIONS

Income

	Total	Foreign	Home
Pledges	\$628,512 76	\$419,086 13	\$209,426 63
Bible Women	27,262 87	27,262 87	
Life Members	20,227 65	13,479 65	6,748 00
Scholarships	9,233 03	9,233 03	
Day Schools	2,626 96	2,626 96	
Specials	1,160 00	1,160 00	
Interest	6,988 20	1,809 08	5,179 12
Total Income	\$696,011 47	\$474,657 72	\$221,353 75

Appropriations

Field Work	\$490,067 58	\$324,757 56	\$165,310 02
Education and Promotion ..	46,833 25	23,416 63	23,416 62
Training School—Scarritt ..	35,000 04	17,000 04	18,000 00
Administrative	21,204 96	12,102 80	9,102 16
Contingent	4,365 13	2,095 14	2,269 99
Total Appropriations ...	\$597,470 96	\$379,372 17	\$218,098 79

Excess Income over Approp-			
riations for Year	\$ 98,540 51	\$ 95,285 55	\$ 3,254 96

RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION

	Foreign Work	Home Work	City Missions
1878-79	\$ 4,014 27		
1879-80	13,775 97		
1880-81	19,362 10		
1881-82	25,609 44		
1882-83	29,647 31		
1883-84	38,873 52		
1884-85	52,652 12		
1885-86	51,588 76		
1886-87	50,092 63	\$ 261 55	
1887-88	69,729 65	3,837 51	
1888-89	68,165 34	4,258 40	
1889-90	75,476 54	2,954 88	
1890-91	85,969 44	3,046 83	
1891-92	66,448 59	3,727 51	
1892-93	71,199 12	4,628 20	
1893-94	66,377 90	4,995 37	
1894-95	63,951 98	8,457 87	
1895-96	74,403 16	17,553 79	
1896-97	82,880 47	15,346 11	
1897-98	86,418 76	18,896 43	
1898-99	83,587 07	31,566 82	
			Cash
1899-1900	94,638 55	33,914 04	\$ 5,400 92
Twentieth-century offering	2,426 39		
1900-01	82,674 22	48,249 17	6,237 76
Twentieth-century offering	2,426 39		
1901-02	104,017 97	46,197 27	4,186 12
1902-03	112,458 78	51,799 56	6,105 50
1903-04	132,143 37	59,414 98	11,110 23
1904-05	146,151 51	74,574 31	19,585 64
1905-06	155,951 10	79,975 74	21,587 57
1906-07	174,597 82	100,996 65	22,985 27
1907-08	226,192 88	118,044 64	29,864 98
1908-09	235,440 97	127,093 97	40,724 53
Sale of Property	23,737 31		
1909-10	254,554 75	139,799 19	42,770 68
Sale of Property	10,007 71		
1910-11	274,355 17	151,209 39	54,303 06
Sale of Property	5,797 90		
1911	244,952 44	141,587 41	46,851 33
1912	292,206 14	181,461 42	59,677 45
Sale of Property	1,617 81		
1913	282,684 75	198,277 11	69,596 19
1914	277,569 09	186,747 68	81,160 91
1915	292,629 61	199,384 26	76,584 95
1916	318,395 94	212,314 75	69,540 54
1917	350,545 95	225,581 62	76,687 12
1918	410,277 42	264,205 25	81,418 77
1919	481,114 52	386,052 13	88,906 92
1920	556,342 56	400,292 31	98,420 67
1921	544,738 16	402,749 68	135,500 76
1922	529,547 08	397,029 80	105,448 00
1923	544,225 66	412,762 28	64,093 66

1924	562,656 01	451,654 16	59,258 89
1925	629,672 80	455,857 57	
1926	631,590 77	464,313 50	
1927	678,404 19	409,851 11	
1928	640,703 26	481,314 68	
1929	686,654 10	535,602 68	
1930	644,272 03	496,852 66	
1931	655,823 66	413,442 90	
1932	565,074 94	367,123 76	
1933	502,848 00	321,663 22	
1934	533,793 58	351,302 19	
1935	557,867 48	380,779 71	
Jubilee, 1927	100 00		
Jubilee, 1928	52,198 31	52,198 30	
Jubilee, 1929	1,247 41	1,247 40	
Centenary, 1920	498,511 35	174,583 12	
Centenary, 1921	479,490 31	164,501 94	
Centenary, 1922	152,311 70	27,594 34	
Centenary, 1923	285,678 84	106,430 29	
Centenary, 1924	78,683 48	3,152 25	
Centenary, 1925	81,348 26	24,348 26	
Centenary, 1926	39,184 18	18,986 81	
Centenary, 1927	7,448 74	2,746 03	
Centenary, 1928	5,392 40	1,331 64	
Centenary, 1929	7,109 85	1,137 05	
Centenary, 1930	3,631 44	1,025 54	
Centenary, 1931	1,844 44	765 80	
Centenary, 1932	1,121 64	705 04	
Centenary, 1933	988 32	221 38	
Centenary, 1934	1,766 50	672 59	
Centenary, 1935	891 53	665 52	

\$17,366,776 11
\$10,550,759 80
\$1,378,008 42

SCARRITT FUNDS

Balance on hand from 1915	\$ 2,025 40
Amount received in 1916	7,028 12
1917	7,256 53
1918	6,206 98
1919	12,992 45
1920	16,791 38
1921	27,095 55
1922	25,228 50
1923	22,078 42
1924	32,757 15
1924 Centenary	331 32
1925	22,284 16
1926	24,424 92
1927	27,862 26
1928	34,540 14
1929	30,618 38
1930	34,881 00
1931	34,222 92
1932	26,837 06
1933	22,380 17
1934	21,817 07
1935	20,763 18

\$ 460,424 06

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FUNDS

1921: Home Schools	\$ 6,101 82
1922: Home Schools	12,102 80
1923: Home Schools	9,131 95
1924: Home Schools	7,512 20
1925: Home Schools	7,720 81
1926: Home Schools	6,074 69
1927: Home Schools	1,899 36
1928: Home Schools	1,013 16
1930: Home Schools	793 67
1921: Scarritt	2,806 00
1922: Scarritt	9,279 90
1923: Scarritt	7,096 45
1924: Scarritt	6,527 26
1925: Scarritt	4,596 04
1926: Scarritt	4,399 80
1927: Scarritt	578 00
1928: Scarritt	50 00
1929: Scarritt	760 34
1930: Scarritt	442 97
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	\$ 88,887 22

BENNETT MEMORIAL FUNDS

1923: Bennett Memorial	\$ 46,325 07
1924: Bennett Memorial	80,228 92
1925: Bennett Memorial	124,673 57
1926: Bennett Memorial	388,356 99
1927: Bennett Memorial	9,725 11
1928: Bennett Memorial	3,901 11
1929: Bennett Memorial	1,308 27
1930: Bennett Memorial	446 00
1931: Bennett Memorial	424 25
1932: Bennett Memorial	215 91
1933: Bennett Memorial	579 44
1934: Bennett Memorial	344 75
1935: Bennett Memorial	925 78
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	\$ 657,455 17
Belle Bennett Watch Fund, 1934	380 97
Belle Bennett Watch Fund 1935	46 76
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	\$ 427 73
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Grand Total	<u>\$29,580,583 29</u>

EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

MRS. HELEN B. BOURNE, SECRETARY

During the past year, it has not been possible to give a thoroughgoing study to the entire work of our organization, but gradually I have been able to give some definite thought to every phase of it, trying to discover for myself its present status and to learn what specifically has contributed to its development. I have tried to determine in what direction next steps should be taken and along what lines immediate emphasis is necessary.

REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES

The yearly reports from conferences showed a good steady growth and development within the organization and a healthy expansion into the unorganized areas, with some very gratifying increases in several departments. Grouping the Conferences as to numerical strength has furnished an interesting study and has helped me to evaluate certain features of promotion. I shall be glad if the Conference leaders in their comparisons have sensed certain weaknesses which prevail here and there. Surely they have made some very heartening discoveries, also. I have not intended to stimulate rivalry, but such discoveries should engender a determination to go beyond last year's best. During the fourth quarter of 1935, several of the conferences stepped up from one group into another or changed their positions in their group. Memphis Conference went forward into the ten-thousand-member group, Upper South Carolina to the seven-thousand-member group, Little Rock to the six-thousand-member group, and Louisville stepped up two places within her group from the four-thousand- to the five-thousand-member place. Los Angeles, Illinois, and Indian Mission each went up one place. Only two conferences reported a decrease in societies, but eight had decreases in members. Nevertheless, the totals are much in advance of 1934. There are 8,062 auxiliaries, 257,981 members, with a net increase of 379 auxiliaries and 12,921 members, although reports show 580 new societies and 27,196 new members. One is tempted to wish that this discrepancy between net gains and new members were due to inaccurate reports, but that would admit an obvious weakness. Rather should we hope that we may seek more diligently to develop our present membership while we attempt to reach and gather in the unenlisted women.

Our gains among the younger women are much more gratifying, although four conferences made no report on that item. Thirty-five conferences report 1,188 young women's circles with 15,334 members. Of course these are included in the totals, but 446 more groups have

been cultivated in 1935 than in 1934. This is our most fruitful field and should yield rich results.

Some of the conferences have been most diligent in promoting "Baby Specials," Central Texas, Memphis, Mississippi, North and South Georgia showing the largest field of cultivation, but the report of the treasurer gauges the interest in this. Many baby life-members have been made this year, and the funds secured are nearly \$2,000 in advance of the amount raised by the Baby Organizations in 1934. In this, as in our Children's Work, we have lost nothing financially by the change in plans. I regret that I received no report from seven conferences on this part of our work.

Although some feared the change from the "Standard of Excellence" to the "Efficiency Aim" without credit points, we have learned that it has won great favor. The number of auxiliaries reported as having achieved this "Aim" is comparatively small, but it takes some time to get away from the habit of external rewards. Again, eleven conferences did not report on this. Without doubt this "Aim" is a fair test of a society's efficiency.

THE STUDY PROGRAM

The real foundation of our educational work in the missionary society is our study program. Genuine progress is constantly evidenced in the reports from our conference superintendents of study. In no department of our work has more interest been shown than by those conference women who are endeavoring to learn and apply the principles of growth and development, to expand our vision, to increase efficiency, to insure fruitful, rich living by a thoroughgoing study of missions in this modern world and of the world mission of Christianity and of our personal relationship to Christ's world-purpose. We conducted special conferences with these leaders last summer, in which we faced the problems involved, evaluated our present program, and set future goals. Nearly every conference has cultivated intensively in the interest of higher standards of work, and reports have shown genuine enthusiasm. Large numbers of missionary societies regularly have two mission classes and one Bible study class each year, and 177,224 members of mission study classes and 158,487 members of Bible study classes were reported in 1935. Of the 9,606 mission study classes held last year, 2,833 were classes which will receive special Council recognition. All but five conferences have succeeded in having these Council classes, ranging in number from one class out in the Northwest Conference to 361, the largest number, in the Texas Conference, with North Georgia and Central Texas each having over 200. Some of the other conferences which had fewer classes show marked progress and all deserve commendation.

There has been some uncertainty about the Bible study because the plans adopted at Council in 1935 could not be carried to comple-

tion as rapidly as we had expected. But there has been no lack of splendid material available and no need for any slowing down of this part of the work. We are constantly endeavoring to carry out the purposes agreed upon and set forth in the leaflet provided by Council. Other studies will be added at this meeting to those already recommended for use.

LEADERSHIP AND PASTORS' SCHOOLS

The fine attendance and splendid work done at the Leadership Schools at Mount Sequoyah and Lake Junaluska and in eleven Pastors' or Conference-wide Schools are largely responsible for this good report. Thirty-one of the thirty-nine conferences were represented at the two Leadership Schools by forty-six conference or district officers. Seventy-three women attended the classes and forty-three took the courses with credit.

In the eleven Pastors' Schools there were 356 in classes, 216 received credit, and 58 conference or district officers were present. Such work as this represents real training of leaders, and every word I have had from these schools has been most encouraging.

Already plans are being made for the Leadership Schools this summer and for leadership classes in fourteen conferences.

SUPPLIES

Through the Department of Supplies the societies have done a gracious thing for some of the schools in foreign fields by raising \$1,267.76 for refrigeration. This represents cash given for a specific purpose, while their total gifts of goods and cash to home and foreign institutions and to ministers during the year amount to \$79,306.74.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Interest in the Week of Prayer never abates but increases with each new project undertaken, and this year it was expressed by grateful words of commendation of the program materials and by the tangible gift of \$58,475.52.

CONFERENCE VISITATION

The time spent away from the office this past year was almost equal to that spent in it. During March and April I had the great privilege of attending the annual meetings of the St. Louis, the Mississippi, the Memphis, the Holston, and the Baltimore Conferences. This furnished a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with many fine workers and to learn something of the work in these conferences. It was a liberal education for this secretary. In June I taught the Leadership course in the North Alabama Conference-wide School. This was a very happy week. I hope every teacher of our Leadership Courses may have a similar experience of fellowship and service such as I enjoyed with those North Alabama women. Two weeks in

July were spent at Mount Sequoyah, where I touched shoulders and hearts with leaders from twelve conferences. The month of August was spent at Lake Junaluska, two weeks of which were used for discussions with leaders from twenty-one conferences.

The first two weeks in September were spent at Georgetown, Texas, and at Grenada, Mississippi, in two wonderful Retreats. No recent experience has been of more permanent value to me than the deepened spiritual experience of God and the strength and beauty of spirit I caught from these with whom I had marvelous fellowship those two weeks.

OTHER MEETINGS

Following the Retreats, I went to New York for the fall meeting of the Missionary Education Movement. I hope my work for days to come will give evidence of the benefits received from my membership in this group. Again in January of this year I was in New York for a meeting of the Board of Managers.

Another meeting I attended was the Young People's Conference at Memphis, as one of a Committee of Counselors for vocational religious guidance. We had a number of interviews with promising young people, and we believe lives committed to Christian service will result from that Conference.

Meetings of great profit to those present were the General Missionary Council and the Home Missions Council held in Washington in January of this year.

OFFICE WORK

The account of the above visitation may give the impression that there is little time for the work of the office, but my secretary and I spend days and weeks answering letters that come from auxiliary, district, and conference women. It is our business and our pleasure thus to serve you. But not all of the time spent in the office can be given to correspondence, for membership on various committees requires other days and weeks, while participation in Coaching Days, Officers' Training Days, auxiliary, zone, and district meetings demands its share of interest and effort.

RE STUDY OF THE ORGANIZATION

At a meeting of the Executive Committee in November, plans were begun for a study of our entire organization. Following my own limited study, I had asked that certain departments of work receive immediate consideration. Two subcommittees of the Executive Committee were appointed then, one to reevaluate our plans for Young Women's Circles, the other, our Department of Supplies, and we are expecting some progressive recommendations to result very soon from the work of these committees. Other elements of the organization

will be considered as soon as the subcommittees can conduct investigations and make reports. This cannot be done hurriedly, but the Executive Committee has undertaken a thoroughgoing reevaluation program, and the results will be of far-reaching importance to the development of Methodist women and our great missionary enterprise.

CONCLUSION

This report is made possible by that host of women, 258,000 strong, in our Southern Methodist Church who so faithfully and lovingly have served in woman's missionary societies to full capacity during the year 1935.

We are committed to a great and worthy task, we are stimulated by a powerful and enduring motive, we have an unerring and understanding Leader. The outcomes devoutly sought and prayed for are divinely inspired, and we give ourselves with loyal abandon to Him who gives the victory. Lead On, O King Eternal!

CONFERENCES	STATISTICS FROM CONFERENCES FOR 1935										MISSIONS AND BIBLE STUDY CLASSES AND MEMBERS, 1935							REPORT OF SUPPLIES FOR 1935		
	Adult Auxiliaries	Adult Members	Young Women's Circles	Member Young Women's Circles	Auxiliaries Promoting Baby Specials	Auxiliaries Observing Prayer Week of Prayer	Auxiliaries Achieving Efficiency Aim	Mission Study Classes	Members Mission Study Classes	Classes Applying for Council Certificate	Bible Study Classes	Members Bible Study Classes	Donations to Home Inst-tutions	Donations to Foreign Inst-tutions	Donations to Ministers	Total Numbers of Donations	Value of Donations			
Alabama.....	253	6,436	29	328	55	50	348	5,721	123	202	4,162	303	.....	51	354	\$ 2,417.57			
Arizona.....	23	3,588	15	32	13	3	342	10	10	35	731	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,963.78
Baltimore.....	255	8,135	41	627	41	910	13	2,642	23	140	2,625	164	11	50	225	3,368.67				
Central Texas.....	221	7,335	16	266	107	192	73	6,670	203	291	5,761	360	.....	243	603	5,112.99			
Florida.....	252	10,800	80	984	28	219	422	302	63	326	13,423	123	2	4	129	1,737.43				
Holston.....	272	10,184	69	660	63	206	33	7,118	69	463	7,704	148	7	23	178	1,835.90				
Illinois.....	20	421	1	2	12	.....	6	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Indian Mission.....	35	390	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	21	116	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky.....	171	4,673	32	300	19	136	13	1,690	14	55	1,168	141	.....	5	146	1,636.75			
Little Rock.....	170	6,420	31	586	8	202	12	4,575	85	104	2,514	103	6	53	162	1,826.16				
Los Angeles.....	20	1,120	14	161	8	1,334	2	1,334	2	28	1,025	85	3	6	94	882.80				
Louisiana.....	215	6,637	45	800	146	35	218	4,697	69	159	4,063	737	.....	737	3,964.22				
Louisville.....	205	5,272	32	700	124	217	3	2,172	8	59	1,335	38	1	75	114	3,967.00				
Memphis.....	298	10,107	37	700	124	217	387	7,567	53	363	7,828	222	.....	60	282	2,751.17			
Mississippi.....	229	5,026	21	385	135	.....	212	4,941	106	165	3,685	183	.....	3	186	2,226.32		
Missouri.....	133	3,341	16	248	1	47	3	2,071	29	67	1,129	92	.....	.....	43	795.67		
New Mexico.....	85	2,155	16	248	1	47	5	1,585	2	54	1,212	.....	.....	.....	.....	323.01
North Alabama.....	377	11,997	.....	.....	.....	.....	591	7,874	184	314	6,636	148	.....	1	177	2,796.53
North Arkansas.....	218	6,713	30	336	8	143	30	2,222	3,583	112	3,644	27	.....	3	65	4,902.76			
North Carolina.....	383	11,387	71	1,302	68	263	60	416	3,765	188	5,176	57	12	160	229	881.63				
North Georgia.....	415	16,800	89	1,706	124	338	74	729	11,860	233	698	10,700	241	76	48	2,968.37				
North Mississippi.....	210	5,016	39	538	156	.....	355	44	729	7,636	125	.....	.....	1	16	1,550.91	
North Texas.....	197	7,552	13	322	9	140	283	5,039	100	187	3,895	499	99	43	641	7,685.55				
Northwest.....	32	272	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	85	1	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northwest Texas.....	240	5,970	13	192	32	175	67	252	4,356	69	183	3,177	249	110	115	2,889.16				
Oklahoma.....	265	9,761	15	263	8	189	57	258	5,925	27	146	3,775	144	37	181	4,064.20				
Pacific.....	39	988	5	60	.....	.....	51	840	.....	28	380	.....	.....	12	18	99.00
St. Louis.....	124	4,043	27	446	42	150	9	180	3,291	45	91	2,211	125	59	23	1,979.49				
South Carolina.....	235	6,893	47	832	48	209	446	7,283	101	566	10,560	289	14	90	196	1,941.46				
South Georgia.....	321	11,131	55	832	92	167	13	139	2,051	86	83	1,379	152	5	158	2,720.22				
Southwest Missouri.....	133	3,884	6	216	3	107	13	1,546	22	159	4,206	61	.....	1	41	2,242.32			
Tennessee.....	236	7,320	30	575	21	161	16	201	4,546	22	159	4,206	61	1	41	2,242.32				
Texas.....	260	8,686	59	516	42	183	34	8,468	361	299	4,336	248	65	23	336	2,923.95				
Texas Mexican (No report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Upper South Carolina.....	247	7,469	34	379	30	56	21	357	5,630	88	279	5,010	207	48	14	2,431.31				
Virginia.....	486	17,185	85	1,384	37	259	9	682	11,756	68	628	11,453	.....	.....	.....	122.08	
Western.....	29	157	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Western Mexican.....	427	15,719	44	.....	227	55	426	8,695	87	415	9,213	250	13	1	264	1,010.46			
Western North Carolina.....	205	6,731	27	390	26	154	324	4,794	116	207	3,666	123	.....	8	131	2,886.57			
West Texas.....	116	3,657	18	353	11	75	84	1,265	78	39	673	35	.....	15	50	1,111.71			
Western Virginia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	8,062	257,981	1,188	15,334	1,284	5,338	787	9,606	177,224	2,833	7,717	158,487	5,828	580	1,324	7,780,879,306.74				

PUBLICATIONS

SARA ESTELLE HASKIN

The high point of the year 1935 for the secretary in charge of publications was a trip into Mexico. The fund from the sale of *Women and Missions* which was set apart a number of years ago for the improvement of the work of this office still contained enough balance to finance this visit. The editor needed a new outlook and some word concerning the work in Mexico needed to be featured in the *World Outlook*. This visit proved profitable and inspiring. The thin line of missionaries I found carrying on heroically, and much more was being done than I dreamed possible under the conditions which I knew prevailed. I remained in the country only one month, but long enough for a new and thrilling interest in our neighbor country to the south.

The primary reason for the journey was an appointment to visit the Mexican conferences on this side of the border. The meeting of the Texas Mexican Conference came too early for me to be absent from my office, but I had conference with individuals and made plans for the provision of some necessary help for this conference. On the way out of Mexico I visited the West Texas Mexican Annual Conference, at which time the Woman's Conference Missionary Society held its sessions. This was a great experience because of the enthusiasm and competence of the American-Mexican women with whom I had a delightful fellowship. With the approval of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council we are going forward in the preparation of monthly leaflets to be translated into Spanish for these two conferences. They have very little missionary material, and our help is essential to their growth. Portions of our handbook are also being translated for the use of these societies.

The merging of our children's work brought changes in the duties of our office. It was voted by the Executive Committee of the Council to continue the *World Friends*, which has had such a notable history, as a magazine for the children of the Church. The Publishing House agreed to continue its responsibility for the printing and mailing. However, within a few months it was found that a considerable deficit was being accumulated and the Agents felt they could no longer continue to issue the magazine. Since we have no definite constituency among the children, there seemed no way out of the discontinuance of this periodical. The last number was issued in September, 1935.

While Miss Noreen Dunn still has some responsibility in editing the joint missionary courses for the junior children, much of her time

was left free to be given to other work for which she was much needed. Her first assignment was the production of a Jubilee piece of literature for which the Jubilee Committee had asked this department to become responsible; namely, a short history of our home mission work. Miss Dunn has completed a careful piece of research work and has written an eighty-page book under the title, *Women and Home Missions*, which is to be used in connection with our spring study course. Aside from its immediate use, our constituency will find in this book most valuable material for some time to come. In addition, Miss Dunn has written the junior Mexican unit for the joint subcommittee on children's work. From her experience as a teacher, her training, and her knowledge of Mexico, she was able to do a most excellent piece of work. With Miss Dunn's time released we hope for the accomplishment of many things which the pressure of immediate duties have made impossible formerly.

The Jubilee Committee also committed to the Department the production of an historical Jubilee play. This was a task requiring someone who had dramatic training and ability. Deaconess Dorothy Garrett was chosen as the one best suited for the task. She read volumes, including every home mission report, American histories, and the latest plays. She was especially adept in finding colorful incidents in our history which she was able to dramatize. Her production of the play, "Lift Up Thine Eyes," is to my mind the work of an artist. It was written particularly for our home mission jubilee meeting in Dallas and for those conferences who may wish to use it.

The 1936 yearbook of programs has been made a Jubilee issue, honoring Mrs. L. P. Smith and Mrs. Frank Siler, two of our outstanding pioneers in home missions.

The topics used in the yearbook are: Serving Human Needs through Community Centers and Meeting Human Need Co-operatively, which is a study of our union work. An innovation in the set-up of the 1936 yearbook is found in the printing of a worship service for each meeting. The meditation appears in the *World Outlook* as usual. An effort has been made also to feature our new hymnal by listing hymns in the programs and reproducing four of the new hymns in the back of the yearbook. We hope to promote the use of this splendid new book of hymns which can be secured for the nominal price of one dollar each.

The types of leaflets and pamphlets published are listed in the table of costs found below. The yearbooks as usual have paid for themselves even after liberal free distribution. The program material is published at an ever increasing cost because of the higher printing prices and because of the requests for the use of an increasing number of circles. The item under costs listed as organization material includes record and report book, handbooks, pledge cards, and many promotional leaflets.

Our Woman's Work stands alone in the sending out of so large a quantity of literature free of charge. This may account in part for our success, but we are certain it is true in this case, as in all others where charges are not attached, large amounts of this material are wasted. Therefore we urge that the greatest care be used in the conferences and auxiliaries to conserve the literature. There is no method by which we in the offices can check duplications.

The reports of the Conference Publicity Superintendents are scanned with the keenest interest, especially with reference to the suitability of the literature. Some inferences are very clear: The plays are generally much liked because the given topics are made more clear by the dramatic method. However, they cannot be used by small rural societies. If possible, more than one type of material should be provided, so that a choice may be made. This, however, will involve more funds. Still another problem lies in the fact that some societies want ample material, so that the speaker may have a background knowledge for her talk, while others wish short leaflets written in simple words to be read. This is because of the varied degrees of educational opportunities among our membership.

The Week of Prayer materials have elicited general satisfaction, particularly the all-day retreat suggestions, the manuscript of which was furnished by Dr. Lavens Thomas, who used much of the same material used in his worship programs and talks in the 1934 retreat held at Scarritt College. Two other sets of material were furnished presenting the home and foreign specials, of which there were four. A special effort was made through this literature and the *World Outlook* to meet the financial needs presented from the fields.

The cost of the literature published in 1935 is as follows:

Council Minutes	\$ 2,325 43
Council Bulletins	402 50
Monthly Bulletins	1,110 54
Yearbooks	1,855 00
Program material	2,753 63
Organization material	4,679 32
Estimates, Council Programs, Secretaries' Reports, etc. (Paid from Council Meeting Fund)	622 84
Children's material	797 35
Week of Prayer Programs, Envelopes, etc. (Paid from Week of Prayer Fund)	1,233 01
Material purchased from other agencies	559 71
Literature for new societies	315 81
Incidentals	44 70
	\$16,699 84

Too much cannot be said in praise of the Service Department and its efficient director, Mrs. H. C. Conatser. The work involves a multitude of details and an important and diversified service which is always rendered with dispatch and accuracy.

The receipts for sales of literature are given below, the full amount of which is collected for the most part in nickels, dimes, and quarters:

Record Books	\$ 2,436 91
Yearbooks	2,475 40
Council Bulletin	511 75
Plays and Pageants	214 57
Social Service Packet	83 30
Life Membership Pins	416 00
World Day of Prayer	160 84
Council Minutes and postage on same	305 35
Miscellaneous	1,715 49
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	\$ 8,319 61

The work of the Service Department has been rendered at the following cost:

Pay Roll	\$ 4,342 60
Postage	2,225 00
Hauling, wrapping supplies, phone, incidentals	627 27
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	\$ 7,195 27

The *World Outlook* has held its own financially due to the untiring efforts of the business manager and the publicity women in the conferences and auxiliaries. This has made it possible to restore the rotogravure section in part, the first of which was in the October number when one of the Week of Prayer specials was featured. The December number carried a reproduction of the painting, "Hus Before the Council of Constance," which hangs in the assembly room of the Board of Missions. This is a gift from our church in Czechoslovakia. By this means it was made available to the whole church. Even with this additional expense for 1935, the editors are free to continue these special features from time to time.

The selection of the front covers continues to interest and thrill this editor. Her trip to Mexico yielded some results in this line, to which the March number of 1936 will testify. An analysis of the articles published by the woman editor shows a predominance of articles on woman's work and on peace, ten on peace having been carried in 1935. It was felt that we should speak as loudly as possible on peace while it is still possible to take a firm stand against

war, praying that our government may never again plunge us into the iniquitous sin of wholesale slaughter of human life.

We regret to report that the answer to the question, How many members in the church at large are subscribers to the *World Outlook*? does not indicate that its missionary messages are reaching those who most need it. The first quarter 445 were reported and the last quarter 389. Of course, we can always fall back on the fact that reports are incomplete and thus comfort ourselves.

The uses to which the auxiliaries are putting the *World Outlook* are interesting and varied: supplementary material for programs, posters, programs for circles, basis for discussion in auxiliaries, extra programs and source material for writing papers. This indicates that our missionary magazine is invaluable to missionary women.

CHILDREN'S WORK

CONSTANCE RUMBOUGH, SECRETARY

The new plan of the church for the missionary education of children involving co-operation between the General Board of Christian Education and the Woman's Missionary Council has now been in effect a full year. It is interesting and worth-while to pause and take stock of results to see wherein the new plan has met with success and if there are any weak points, to discover them that they may be clarified and strengthened before starting a new year of work.

More important than anything else, of course, has been the actual study undertaken with the children. They are having this spring their third set of co-operative world friendship units. According to the literature sold we estimate that about 350,000 children entered into each of these units of work. This is about four times as many as were formerly enrolled in our separate organizations. Reports received from secretaries of children's work have not been full but the information given in them has been valuable. They show that more than two-thirds of the groups that reported had in addition to Sunday morning classes extra sessions to develop the units. This is encouraging. It is also encouraging that the large majority of these sessions were held on weekdays, or in extended Sunday morning sessions and that only a few met on Sunday evenings. A greater variety of activities can be entered into on weekdays than on Sundays, and usually Sunday evening sessions take on the nature of programs unsuited to junior age children. Reports show also that about half the children enrolled in the church school returned for extra sessions. This is not a high percentage and we hope that it will be increased another year, yet considering the newness of the plan and the number of activities demanding children's time, it is encouraging to have even half to return for extra sessions. Then we remember that we used to have only these few who could come on weekdays and missed altogether the large numbers we now reach on Sunday mornings. Reports further show that a third of the teachers come back for extra sessions, and that a number of additional workers take the places of regular teachers who are unable to return on weekdays.

A new plan has not meant that we have changed our educational methods. As formerly a unit of study is still our basis of work; as before, interest articles, costumes, and slides are made available to enrich the units and we still give our boys and girls an opportunity to express their friendship to children in other lands through gifts. Last year as a result of the Japanese unit about four hundred groups participated in sending five hundred gifts including dolls with their wardrobes of clothes, doll furniture, knife, fork, and spoon sets, pictures, and scrapbooks to the children of Japan. One of the thank-

you letters received says, in part, "We are grateful to you for such lovely things, and for showing us how to be friends though far away. We have never seen you but as we look into the doll's face we seem to see yours. We take turns holding her. When she first came we gave her a welcome party and many of our own dolls were brought in to see her. Your heart is reflected in her face and we seem to be talking to you as we talk to her each day. We want to be your friends always and want you to be ours. Thank you again and come to Japan." It was signed "Japanese Friends."

An important part of our plan for the missionary education of children is training in stewardship. Funds which the Woman's Missionary Council receives through the provision of the Co-operative Plan does not represent the children's actual giving. All gifts which the boys and girls make to missions are added to the fourth Sunday missionary offering and the Woman's Missionary Council receives eight per cent of the total Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise Fund. Mrs. Fulton reports that our income from Children's Work in 1935 was \$17,167.15. In 1934 the income was \$16,475.85. This shows an increase in 1935 of \$691.30. Though these funds are received through the General Treasurer of the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise Fund, they are reported by conferences and at the close of the year Mrs. Fulton credits on the budget of each Conference Woman's Missionary Society the amount received from its conference. The actual gain in 1935 was more than \$691.30 for there is a saving in children's literature. World friendship units are now ordered and paid for by the groups using them whereas formerly they were distributed free. Though we are encouraged that we have an increase we know that many church schools either do not participate in the fourth Sunday offering at all or do not send in the full amount for missions. We urge missionary women and all others in the church interested in missions to use their influence to have the full amount of these offerings reported and sent to the Conference Treasurers of the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

As I see it the most urgent need at present in the children's work is that the Woman's Missionary Society should have a greater sense of its responsibility. Perhaps in many churches they have felt that since the units are developed in the church school the teachers had the responsibility and they were relieved of all work. The burden, however, is a heavy one and teachers should not bear it alone. Actual experience as superintendent of a junior department in a church school has clearly shown me the urgent need of the teachers for help that the missionary society can give. For instance, in one of the churches in which I work the matter of whether or not the co-operative units would be developed this spring was brought before the local board of Christian Education. They decided that they should not be taught, that only the Bible should be studied in that church school. The Woman's Missionary Society had not elected, as is its privilege and

duty, a representative to serve on the board of Christian Education. If it had and she had been present at the meeting she might have educated the board on the co-operative plan of which it had never heard. Later a special meeting of the board was called, world friendship units were explained and a motion to have them was passed. I would like to urge every missionary society to elect a woman to serve as its representative on the local board of Christian Education. She will be particularly needed on the board this year in view of the fact that our next world friendship units will be on the American Negro. It may be that many schools will be inclined not to have this unit. A missionary woman as an official member of the local board of Christian Education can help the others see the value and need of this study and make it possible for the teachers to use the unit. Children's workers are calling on the missionary societies to stand back of them in this undertaking as never before.

The woman's missionary society, however, should feel its responsibility not only in this unit but in every world friendship study. It is not easy to teach children. It takes a great deal of time and preparation to develop regular courses of study; even more time and preparation are required for world friendship units as extra sessions are expected. Many teachers unless their attention is especially called to them or they are particularly interested will not feel that they can make the effort to have them. In many places if the woman's missionary society does not promote the co-operative units they will not be promoted at all. Then a large majority of teachers are employed. Sometimes only one in a department can come back for a weekday session. It would be a tremendous help to her if the missionary society could furnish even one assistant. Once when working on the peace unit last fall I had only one helper with fifty-two children and eleven visitors. Then usually after an afternoon teaching the children it would be necessary to take from seven to twelve of them to their homes. One member of the missionary society with her car would have been a welcome relief. Secretaries of children's work and church school teachers need all the help and encouragement they can get. We are asking the woman's missionary society, therefore, to stand back of them and to share with them the responsibility and burden of the missionary education of the children of their church.

As we are urging local missionary societies to co-operate with their children's workers so we would like also to urge conference societies to co-operate more fully with conference secretaries of children's work. It is important that this officer be encouraged to go to one or the other of the summer leadership schools that she may more adequately prepare herself for the specialized work for which she was elected. It has come to be the usual thing to send the superintendent of mission study to leadership schools, should we not give an equal opportunity for training to our children's secretary and let it be the usual thing to send her also to a leadership school? If we are to have a missionary

church we must teach missions to children. If they are to be adequately taught they must have trained leaders.

Teaching the course Missionary Education of Children in standard training schools was one of the valuable opportunities of the year. During 1935 I taught in nine schools. Other duties prevented the acceptance of a number of requests. As each school runs a week, nine totaled a full two months, which was probably as much time as should have been afforded out of the office for this one type of work. Expenses to these schools are cared for on the same basis as for secretaries of the General Board of Christian Education, that is, the school pays \$15.00 on the travel and furnishes entertainment; my office cares for the rest of the traveling expense.

Much of my time this year, probably too much of it, I have spent in preparing the junior unit on the American Negro. The preparation has involved much study and research as well as many interesting contacts with Negro leaders. In addition, because of it, I directed a two-weeks' vacation school for Negro girls and boys at the Bethlehem Center in Nashville and tried out the unit in the junior department of my own church school.

Since our world friendship units have been taken into the church school it seemed to me that it would be a valuable experience to teach regularly in one of the departments of the children's division. As superintendent of the junior department I have learned much that has helped me to understand the problems of children's workers and to know better how to give them help. The contacts with the children themselves have been a privilege and joy.

A number of new items of expense due to a new plan of work have caused us to watch our office funds anxiously during the year. Besides travel to training schools, which was an expense never incurred before, interest articles from the countries studied in the units were bought in four times the quantity as formerly. Then because of a greater demand, five sets of slides were made instead of the one which we used to have. An unexpected expense was the high duty we had to pay on the gift carp banners from Japan. Once or twice even early in the year we found we had used all the funds appropriated to our office for the year. As interest articles were sold, however, and fees on slides paid, our funds slowly rose again, and at the end of the year when the books were finally balanced we came out victorious with not a cent in the hole! Plans are now being made for taking care of interest articles with a revolving fund to which both boards will contribute. This will not only relieve the office of the children's secretary of anxiety about making its budget balance but may enable us to have articles in larger quantities and so more adequately supply the demand for them.

The matter of getting local secretaries to report has been a tremendous burden on conference secretaries of children's work. Though

they have known that large numbers of schools have had world friendship units, they have received a discouragingly small number of reports. There are two reasons for this. First, numbers of churches do not have a secretary of children's work, therefore there is no one to report. We urge every missionary society not already having done so to elect this officer in order that if she does nothing else she may report. Another reason most probably for the small number of reports is that the forms are quite long. The information gained from them has been necessary and valuable that we might know the success and failures of a new plan. Beginning with 1937, however, we expect to have a report form which will call for only three or four items.

During the year the free leaflet on the co-operative plan was revised, and enlarged, and has had a wide circulation. It was re-written in the light of a year's work which revealed confused points where emphasis was needed. It is our chief current promotional material and we hope that it will continue to be used to good advantage.

The committee on children's work which is a subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Co-operation and Counsel and which is made up of members of the staff of the two boards has held thirteen meetings during the year, and has planned a curriculum of world friendship studies for the rest of the quadrennium.

Through the efforts of the past year the new plan of the missionary education of children has become as well established as we could have expected in this time. Our purpose in the new year is to extend it even more widely and at the same time to hold on to that fine spirit of harmony and co-operation shown everywhere by workers representing both boards and most of all to keep alive through a second year of work the interest and enthusiasm displayed in the first.

HOME WORK

MRS. J. W. DOWNS, SECRETARY

The official forces of the missionary organization of Southern Methodist women give humble gratitude to Almighty God for his guiding presence through the years and express reverent appreciation for the pioneers who led the way along this road. To the spirit of those early groups who officered the little band of organized women and the courageous early missionaries who pioneered in a new field, conscious of inadequate preparation and facilities for meeting the needs of the hungry multitudes, we, who have inherited the responsibility handed from woman to woman through fifty years of service, salute you today—brave pilgrims on an untried road. You dreamed a dream and saw a vision which has become a reality, and the women of the missionary societies of 1936 give you loving praise. Your successors of the present time are striving to face life today in its attitudes, its currents of thought, its creative influences, hoping that all of these may be interpreted with the same degree of courage manifested by you in facing conditions fifty years ago. We realize that the final test of religion is found in character, and we are asking ourselves the question, What are we doing to mold character and transform life? We are conscious that more is expected of Christianity today than ever before, and we will not be satisfied with fashioning individual Christians only. We believe that Christians should fashion new conditions of life and create new social values. We realize there can be no individualistic self-centered gospel today but that the gospel of Christ is for all men in all relations of life. He must be Lord and Master of a man when he is alone, when he is at home, in the market, on the job, in the great city with its prejudices and injustices, in the hall of legislation when national issues are raised, in the council chambers of the nations when the peace of the world is at stake. As Christians we are striving to adjust ourselves to our work and our pleasures, our companionship, our money, our social obligations, recognizing that as yet we have not rightly done so. To this end the organized work of the missionary women has sought through many methods to right wrongs and to prevent the recurrence of them with all age groups in different communities, with numerous nationalities, and under nearly all the circumstances of life.

The numbers of your institutions and workers do not change materially from year to year. The types of work remain largely the same, though we hope and pray that the quality improves with the earnest effort that is being made for advancement. Figures today would not be satisfying. Numbering the people with whom contacts are made does not seem as essential as in the past. To know that communities are changing, that dangers for the lowering of moral and Christian standards in communities have been lessened, that attitudes toward

the great needs of the day have been made more nearly in keeping with the life and teachings of the Master are the matters in which you are most vitally concerned. With but few exceptions, I can report that, so far as we are able to judge, progress has been made along this way, and with God's help through the leadership of the Holy Spirit we are trusting and praying that the next fifty years of the history of this organization may have the same qualities of purpose as the fifty years that have just closed have had.

The home mission program as conducted under the leadership of trained workers and through institutions is astounding in its scope. The reach of it is not easy to place within bounds; it cannot be expressed in numbers or figures or dollars or institutions or programs, although it includes all of these. The program includes evangelism, education, co-operation with government schools, work in many and varied institutions; viz., hospitals and jails and sanatoriums and homes, week-day religious instruction, vacation Bible schools, the undergirding of weak churches, the conduct of Sunday schools, and the establishment of the beginnings of new churches in needy areas. It calls for the support of evangelistic workers, traveling missionaries, teachers, doctors, nurses, community workers, directors of religious education, industrial experts and supervisors.

Not only the church but the majority of the peoples of our country realize that the church is matched against one of the epochal hours of change and world reconstruction, and upon the way it acquits itself in this hour will swing large issues for the future of mankind as to government, individual, and world responsibility. It is a moment in which we should stand humbly but expectant. It is not a time to boast or congratulate ourselves on past successes. It is a time in which a great continent is given opportunity to recognize the sacredness of its trusteeship instead of economic exploitations or nationalistic exaltations; and if this is to be done, the church must be quickened in its interest, expanded in its horizon, consolidated in its forces, make anew its program, and find a way through the leadership of God and the Holy Spirit to refire the enthusiasm and the zeal of its people in an hour of sore temptation.

Complacency and self-satisfaction have no place in this day. There must be a challenge that will reach the coming generation of young men and women in the missionary task of the church as the challenge of reality. That social ideals must be transformed is generally accepted. That this will not take place by magic we are sure. The good seed of the kingdom must be sown by hand; the City of God must be built stone upon stone, recognizing always that Jesus Christ himself is the chief cornerstone. There is enough to challenge the millions of thoughtful young men and young women in only a casual walk down the streets of city or town or a drive over the country highways.

FOREIGN WORK

SALLIE LOU MACKINNON

LAST YEAR my report to the Woman's Missionary Council was largely descriptive of our work in the Latin American countries of Mexico and Brazil, which I had recently visited. This year has brought the extraordinary privilege and responsibility of visits to our work in four countries.

Mexico:

Because of increasingly strict enforcement of government regulations in regard to religious work in Mexico Dr. Wasson and I went shortly after the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council to Mexico to meet with the Council on Co-operation of the Methodist Church in Mexico to confer concerning the problems confronting the church there. We met for two days in Torreon. A joint report was made to the Board of Missions at its meeting in May and is printed on page thirty-three of the Yearbook of the Board of Missions for 1935. After the meeting of the Board of Missions conditions arose in Durango which caused the missionaries and Mexican workers to decide that it was necessary to close McDonell Institute. The school was closed, and the Social Center moved into the property formerly occupied by the school as the property was better suited to the needs of the Social Center, and the old Center property will probably rent or sell to better advantage than the school property.

China:

The months from October through February have been spent in visiting our work in the three Oriental countries: China, Japan, and Korea. Because of a delay in the sailing of my steamer I reached China in time only for the last three days of the great Jubilee Meeting of the China Conference celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. For me these were days of great joy and the greatest significance of the conference came from the sense of the strong solidarity of our church in China. In Moore Memorial Church in Shanghai were gathered in large numbers pastors, missionaries, deaconesses, and Bible Women, principals and teachers from all the schools, doctors and nurses from every hospital, officers of the Woman's Missionary Society, and other members of the church from the smallest rural church to the strongest city one.

Sunday morning Bishop Moore preached with Dr. Z. T. Kaung as interpreter, and so much is the bishop a part of the church there, and so in tune were the preacher and the interpreter that the audience listened with slight consciousness that the sermon was being interpreted. The choir was composed of the choirs from village and city churches throughout the China Conference.

In the afternoon the Woman's Missionary Society of the China

Conference held a meeting celebrating the seventeenth year of its organization. The reports showed marvelous growth in numbers and in contributions and an even more marvelous development in the lives of the members and in the range of interests of the society. The sense of the solidarity of the church work was strengthened by the fact that at this meeting men, women, and children of the church were present. Again on Saturday at the dedication of the beautiful new administration building of McTyeire School representatives from all the churches were present. I would not report that always in every procedure in the church in China there is unity, but for me the actual and potential solidarity of the forces as shown at this Jubilee Conference is a cause for encouragement and a lead for future development.

Chinese leadership in the church in China has proved an untold blessing. In 1927 when public sentiment and government regulations made necessary the placing of Chinese in positions of leadership in church institutions we rejoiced that a beginning had already been made and that our church had potential leaders. In 1929 when I left China we pointed with great pride to these leaders. Now they are simply accepted without wonder, and we rejoice in the progress of the work under able, national Christian leaders. At the same time there seems little consciousness of differences of race or nation. Chinese Christians and missionaries work together for the building of the kingdom, doing the task for which the individual is best suited.

The development in the schools has been gratifying in many respects. Each rejoices in improvements in buildings and equipment. The new administration and classroom building at McTyeire is beautiful in design and convenient in arrangement and detail. This building has released space in the former building for the music department, for a real social hall, and for additional dormitory space. McTyeire School has never before had such physical equipment and never greater opportunities.

Virginia School has just completed a building for the teaching of Home Economics. It has not only laboratories for teaching the science of home making, but rooms where groups of students will live for several weeks during the term, practicing the art of home making.

Both Davidson School and Laura Haygood Normal School in Soochow have new gymnasiums which serve also as auditoriums. Most enthusiastic are Miss Kiang, the principal of Laura Haygood, and the teachers and pupils about plans for the new administration and classroom building to be erected with money from the 1935 Week of Prayer and from funds raised in China. More than \$10,000 (Chinese currency) has been raised and there is confident expectation of bringing the fund in China to \$15,000.

Susan B. Wilson School has a new primary school building and will this autumn further expand by moving either the primary depart-

ment or the junior middle school into the building formerly occupied by the Hayes-Wilkins Bible School.

Since 1934 Atkinson Academy has been self-supporting. In addition to carrying the regular budget for maintenance the school has bought land and added to its buildings.

Adult Education is receiving an increasing emphasis in China. In nearly every boarding school classes for the servants are conducted by the pupils of the school. In connection with all the institutional churches and in some of the other churches there are educational features for adults. The Short-Term Bible Schools in large part developed by the women evangelistic workers have increased in number and size until in faculty and student body they are decidedly co-educational, and their influence is felt throughout the church.

One of the most interesting days of my visit was a January day of sleet and snow when Bishop Moore and I, with members of the Adult Education Committee, went to the village of Poliang where four weeks of intensive work was being done. The Adult Education Committee held its meeting in the row boat as we traveled to Poliang. In the village we found Miss Stallings and Mr. Berckman, the pastor of the circuit, the teacher, who is a young college graduate, a doctor and technician from the Soochow Hospital, a nurse from Stephenson Memorial Hospital, a deaconess, and other workers. Simultaneously with the village project, an institute for Christian workers was being held and a number of young Christian workers from over the conference were spending ten days in training. For four weeks classes are conducted every evening and visiting done throughout the day. In as many villages as possible these schools will be conducted and emphasis will be placed on literacy, health, homes, farms, and churches.

The department of Woman's Work aids in the three general hospitals in China by supporting the missionary nursing staff. In each of these hospitals a nurse training school is conducted. Recent government regulations require registration of the schools and certain equipment and courses which increase their cost. I believe that the Department of Woman's Work should as soon as possible make an appropriation for this useful type of education of women in China. Additional money will greatly increase the effectiveness of our missionary nurses.

In Stephenson Memorial Hospital our department not only supplies the missionary nurses, but makes an annual contribution to the maintenance budget. The equipment for the hospital made possible by the 1933 Week of Prayer is a joy to all who enter the place.

Our missionary nurses believe that in the very near future a school of nursing should be established with higher educational standards than those now prevailing, and a committee is studying plans and possibilities.

Our contribution to higher education in China is made by co-oper-

ation with other groups. In Soochow University we have Miss Lelia Tuttle as head of the history department. For a number of years we have had no faculty representative in Ginling College, in Nanking Bible Teachers' Training School, nor in the Woman's Union Medical College, though we make an annual contribution to the budget. Each of these institutions is making a distinctive contribution and each urges that we place representatives on the faculty.

The buildings at Ginling College are among the most beautiful in China. The student body is increasing in numbers, but is not losing the sense of mission and responsibility which characterized Ginling students in the early days of the college. There are each year many more positions calling for Ginling graduates than there are women in the graduating class. The school greatly needs an increased annual appropriation.

A commission appointed to study theological education during Dr. Luther Weigle's visit to China recommends that in the work of its senior department the Bible Teachers' Training School at Nanking co-operate with the Nanking Theological Seminary.

The Board of Trustees and the contributing Mission Boards should give this recommendation serious consideration.

The Woman's Union Christian Medical College in Shanghai established in 1924 has a small student body, but does excellent professional work, and sends out doctors with high ideals of service. Co-operation between the school and the medical school of St. John's University is close and mutually helpful. With the establishment of a large government medical school in Shanghai and with the present popularity of co-education in China careful planning must be done to conserve the unique values of this institution and at the same time to meet the new situation in medical education for women. The Margaret Williamson Hospital associated with the Woman's Union Medical College continues to serve thousands of women and children in the hospital and also in their homes through the excellent public health work. The school of nursing is of high standard.

Korea:

Since the union of the Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Korea and the establishment of the autonomous Methodist Church of Korea, the church and mission have naturally passed through a difficult period of adjustment. Not all the difficulties have been solved, but progress is being made, and the goal is right. We hailed it as a great day when women were granted the privilege of ordination in the Korean Methodist Church, but in reality no Korean woman has been ordained or appointed pastor of any church. In the Union Theological Seminary the courses for women and men have been identical, and they have not fitted the actual situation. One of the greatest problems the Korean Church is now fac-

ing is the problem of the training of men and women for definite Christian service.

A larger proportion of our women missionaries are in so-called evangelistic work in Korea than in any other country in which we have work. They are appointed as district workers and are doing excellent, creative work, and hard work. I asked one missionary how many miles she and her Korean co-worker walked a day between villages, and she answered, "Sometimes twenty miles, usually about eight." And that is only in order to get to her work, not the work itself. Each evangelistic missionary seems to have some individual social project which she carries on with her work. One helps to improve living conditions by giving seed and teaching gardening. Another has gathered boys together to teach them to do something that will add a little to the meager income of the farm family. One of the most interesting pieces of work is that done by Miss Laura Edwards and her Korean co-workers in a small village outside Seoul. They live in one of the village houses and make of their home a neighborhood house. Every afternoon and evening some of the neighbors come for clubs or classes and one or two of the family of three meet with them while the others are working with other groups in churches of the circuit.

Perhaps the plans of the district workers would be more effective if they were unified or standardized, but certainly there are distinctive values in the methods of each worker. In June, 1935, a new plan for the Woman's Work Section of the Department of Evangelization of the Korean Methodist Church was approved. The work is divided into five divisions as follows:

Division of Evangelization.

Division of Religious Education.

Division of Kindergarten Supervision.

Division of Public Health.

Division of Home Economics and Club Work.

In each division there is a woman missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a Korean woman, and certain ex-officio members. The plan has fine possibilities in it of strengthening and unifying the work of the women and of the church as a whole.

Each of our three high schools in Korea has a large student body and stands high in its community. Each is making a valiant effort for a larger degree of self-support and for an endowment fund. In these efforts the strong parent-teachers' associations are of great help.

In 1934 when cuts were being made in all directions, it was decided in Korea and in China to cease mission support of primary schools and kindergartens, as primary school education was becoming increasingly a function of the government. Certain of the schools closed, others became self-supporting. It now seems that

some of these are so vital to the Christian communities that they should be continued and a small appropriation will make possible improvements which will greatly increase their usefulness.

One of the times of great privilege in Korea came when I drove with President Appenzeller to Ewha College and saw for the first time the beautiful college plant, especially Case Hall. We may all rejoice in this unusually beautiful memorial building. I sat in Emerson Chapel in Case Hall and listened with great joy to a recital given for me by the students of the only college for women in Korea.

It is probable that in the future our greatest avenue of service in the cities of Korea will be the social centers. In five cities we have established these centers. None too soon did we decide to give the Week of Prayer offering to the Center at Seoul, for the buildings are literally falling to pieces. The workers are eagerly making plans for the new building. I marveled at the work now being done there and rejoiced in the possibilities of enlarged service made possible by the 1935 Week of Prayer offering.

In Korea, as in China, the Department of Woman's Work furnishes the missionary nurses for the general hospitals and makes an annual contribution to the nurse training schools. We make a similar contribution to the Severance Hospital, a union institution. Some public health work is being done in the social centers, and in rural places, and more should be done as soon as possible.

Japan:

In Japan the Department of Woman's Work conducts three schools, each of a distinct type, and one social center. It also supports a number of kindergartens and Bible Women. Educational work is expensive in Japan, and the policy of concentration on a few institutions is a wise one.

In 1936 the Japan Mission plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Mission in Japan, and Hiroshima School and College plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its life and work. It is significant that in the midst of planning for a celebration of fifty years of work in Japan the missionaries and national leaders look not so much toward the past as toward the future. The 1935 Mission Meeting was a time of large planning for advance.

At this Mission Meeting in December a committee was appointed to study the educational program of the Department of Woman's Work and to make recommendations for the future. A committee of men and women made a most thorough study and presented recommendations to a full Mission Meeting in early February. These recommendations include the closing of the primary and kindergarten departments at Hiroshima School and the strengthening of the high school and college departments, and the purchasing of land in the suburbs in order to take advantage of increasing opportunities. Hiroshima Woman's College is in one of the most important cities of

west Japan. While Japan has forty-eight colleges for women, only four of them are west of Kobe. This location and the fine history of the school makes Hiroshima Woman's College a strategic center for Christian work. If the school is to go forward, or indeed to hold its own in the educational field in Japan, it must have new buildings and equipment.

Last year I reported that the workers at Lambuth Bible Training School had held a series of conferences with workers of other training schools for Bible Women and kindergartners in the Osaka region with the view of uniting Lambuth with some of these. These conversations were in line with the recommendation made by the Educational Commission which studied Christian education in Japan several years ago. The most significant of the recommendations made for Lambuth at the recent meeting of the Japan Mission is that a committee "be empowered to invite and meet with representatives of other interested missions and to work out plans and policies for a union Methodist training school for women, the plans to be submitted to the next meeting of the Mission for final adoption and recommendation to the Board of Missions." Since there is one Methodist Church in Japan, it seems highly desirable that the comparatively small number of women evangelistic workers and kindergartners for the church be trained in one school. We shall await with prayerful interest the further recommendations concerning such a union school. Lambuth Training School trains both Bible Women and kindergarten teachers. The enrolment is small, but the type of work done is excellent. I have not seen a better example of progressive education than that shown in the training of kindergartners there. In a country where much of the education is formal and conducted by the lecture method, it is difficult to overestimate the value of the type of work done in the kindergarten training school. Lambuth will bring into any union school an excellent history and fine ideals of Christian education.

Palmore Woman's English Institute was a most gratifying surprise to me. Possibly because we make only a small appropriation to it, I had underestimated the size of the school and the extent of its influence. In the port city of Kobe, this school is training Japanese women to take their place in the business world of that city. The school is crowded and the graduates are in great demand. The interest of the students in religion and in a larger, freer life for Japanese women gives the school a rare opportunity in the present day in Japan. The Mission is asking that the buildings be enlarged to meet the needs of the constantly growing student group. A large opportunity awaits the sending to Japan of a missionary for follow-up work with the students and former students of Palmore.

The Japanese people are awake to the possibilities of social work, and there seems to be a realization of the value of the Christian social worker in any social program. Our church which has led in

many countries in this type of service should take larger advantage of the desire of the Japanese for help in social work.

For years our missionaries have talked of a larger rural program, but the limited number of missionaries and the need of the established institutions for workers and money has seemed to prevent advance into rural areas.

Brazil:

Last year I wrote at length about Brazil, so I shall report this year only a few items of interest.

The new social center at Ribeirao Preto has made a gratifying beginning. A home for students, with special clubs and programs for them, a kindergarten, a playground, and classes for adults are the features of the first year of social work there.

A part of the land at the old site of Isabella Hendrix School has been sold, and with the proceeds from this sale a beginning toward the building of a new plant on the beautiful site bought in 1929 can be made.

Cuba:

Tornadoes again swept over Cuba in the summer of 1935 and brought great damage to Colegio Eliza Bowman in Cienfuegos. Fortunately the school carried storm insurance, and the property was soon repaired with little break in the school program. The schools again report an increase in enrolment and enlarging opportunities for work.

The Woman's Missionary Council made an appropriation for 1936 for rural work in Cuba. The missionaries have not yet been able to complete plans for this work, though there is a keen interest on the part of some and a committee is at work on plans.

Poland:

Last year I reported that our missionary staff in Poland had been reduced to three. Today we have only one missionary in Poland, for one of the three is at home on furlough and one at home for health reasons. The organizational work for women and children throughout the conference is reported by Dr. Cram and Bishop Moore to be of great value to the whole life of the church in Poland.

Africa:

The Mission in Africa has been encouraged this year by a visit from Dr. W. G. Cram, the General Secretary of the Board of Missions. While Dr. Cram was in the Congo a new plan of mission organization was adopted. A significant result of his visit was the opening of new work in Lodja. This will give us four stations in the Belgian Congo. The difference between the Lodja station and our other three stations is that little work will be conducted in Lodja itself, but the

missionaries will use it as a center from which to travel and work in the villages of a large area. Missionaries of the General Section are already at work in this area and as soon as missionaries of the Department of Woman's Work are available we plan to participate in the work there, making it a joint enterprise of the two departments of the Board of Missions.

To me, as your foreign secretary, the year has brought many opportunities for broadened vision through fellowship with missionary folk of our own church and country and of other churches and countries. Outstanding were the ten days spent in Northfield, Massachusetts as a member of the International Missionary Council. Here were gathered some sixty persons representing between thirty and forty countries. Much time was given in sharing the deepest concerns on the hearts of these Christian leaders, concerns for the ongoing and strengthening of the Christian community throughout the world. This meeting, my visits to the fields, correspondence and conference with our missionaries have deepened the conviction that ancient and modern paganism are pressing hard against the forces of Christ in every part of the world. One would be overwhelmed with the burdens except for the sense of strength coming from divine leadership and from unity with the followers of Jesus throughout the world.

I cannot close this report without again calling attention to the need for new missionaries in many fields. The opportunities and difficulties of the present world situation call for the most able and devoted young women of our church to dedicate themselves to the building of the Christian community throughout the world.

BUREAU OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

MRS. W. A. NEWELL, SUPERINTENDENT

In reviewing the work of the auxiliaries, as it comes to us through the medium of reports from Conference Superintendents, we see that we are beginning to reap the results of six years of work under the present plan of Bureau organization. For a time we were baffled by the very bigness of our task. It seemed that, greatly needed as was the plan, complications arose from the breadth of areas to be covered and the variety of social issues appearing in each area. Your Council Superintendent confesses to a degree of perplexity at times, when she has tried to carry out plans that called for thought and preparation such as would enlist the energies and interest of trained minds. From the outset, at Zone, District, and Annual meetings, leaders in this department of work were called on to explain, illustrate, and demonstrate in each of the five areas. They wrestled with problems of giving their colleagues of the missionary societies in general, and the social relations superintendents in particular, the backgrounds and significances of these fields of human living: International Relations and World Peace, Christian Citizenship and Law Observance, Interracial Co-operation, Industrial Relations, and Rural Development.

Now after six years, we are glad that we had the faith to set before us great aims and courage to struggle with the difficulties involved. Here lay our salvation: each time we prepare an article, a quarterly letter, a program leaflet, or address a body of missionary women on any moral issue in these great phases of life, we are creating familiarity with the subject. Under variety that at first seems complicated, we sense an underlying unity and simplicity that is at one with the essence of Christ's teaching. We gain also a body of ideas and an acquaintance with the terms in which they are expressed in current discussions. Our women are grasping certain fundamental concepts through repetition.

One of these basic concepts is that of the value of *making public opinion*. The next is that each one of us *has her share in making public opinion*. A third fundamental is that every public issue with a moral content *has a direct bearing on our personal lives*. Out of these grows the fourth, that each woman who sees this series of fundamentals as it works out in any human relation has a responsibility to do her best, as well as her bit, in "spreading the news," which is another way of saying, "Whoso heareth this gospel and doeth it not . . ."

One of the by-products is the building in women of a new body of interests. Foreign missions furnish a great broadening power in the lives of altruistic people; home missions do likewise. Delving into the causes and cures of war, the effects of legalized alcoholic bever-

ages, the neglect of dependent children, of collective and deliberate violation of the Bill of Rights, the degenerate effect of indecent pictures on young personalities, facing the plight of the share-cropper—all these and many more conditions are becoming topics of interest to women, who find exchange of ideas on these subjects quite as absorbing as the swapping of recipes or the newest crochet patterns.

Another by-product almost as important is the appreciation of the force of collective action. We have been greatly helped in all these aims and concepts by the constant aid of those organizations with which we have kept close association. With their staff of experts in international relations, the National Council for the Prevention of War and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom have furnished us with light and leading. They have given us free material in lots of 8,000 pieces which have been sent out in the forms of petitions and informal leaflets to every auxiliary in the connection. The National Child Labor Committee has pursued the same generous policy. In the past summer a sheet of facts and policies upon the status of child labor in the nation was sent to each auxiliary. We are also offered practically at no cost leaflets by the National Consumer's League and the Commission on Interracial Co-operation gives us the annual bulletins on Women's Activities at a price far below the cost of publication.

We give, for our part, a wider distribution of promotional and inspirational material, put out by these organizations, than could be secured from most sources of help. They are assured that much of it will go into the hands of women already awakened to the ills for which remedies are sought. Our aims are akin; it is a mutually beneficial association.

With these helps we have been enabled to do something which is most important, to give our members something definite to do that *every* woman *could* do to help on such issues as those of peace, child labor, justice to the Negro, law observance, motion-picture decency, a fair wage, social security, right attitudes and helpful services toward Negro life. The quarterly letters, which embody plans and methods of collective action on these questions, may have seemed to be iterations and reiterations, repeated calls to perform services. This has been necessary in order to secure the familiarity with conditions demanding action and the sense of need for that action.

As a result, we are gradually building up an understood policy in most of the matters reviewed above. Time was when it was a dreaded task, that of writing to a Senator when one's faith or disbelief in a bill before Congress required it. We used to suggest a form, in order to make the task as painless as possible. Now our Conference Superintendents are leading in this and securing a considerable feeling in the auxiliaries. Letters couched in the simple, original terms of the writers mean vastly more than those expressed in phrases evidently copied from a form. Congressmen appreciate these genuine, sincere

messages from constituents back home. That is another fundamental in policy that we are emphasizing; there is a possible technique in all these matters that we are learning.

Perhaps nowhere is growth more evident in appreciations and methods than in the rural auxiliaries. This was one of the surprises in the summaries of auxiliaries in Rural Development. From simple exchanging of study books, programs, and visits, they have evolved a splendid amount and extent of co-operation among themselves and with the city groups, an astonishing interest in the promotion of community—rather than individual—welfare.

Since the last Council meeting your Council Superintendent has had an opportunity of making the rounds of District Conferences in two Conferences. In May she went to South Carolina, in September to Louisville. Nowhere were the District meetings so well attended as in the open country. Visits to Annual meetings of the North Georgia, Holston, and Western North Carolina Conferences revealed keen interest in this department of work, and a willingness to undertake its projects. District and Zone meetings in the home Conference have required some time and attention. This is where we get close to the people and find out their difficulties, their own solutions of problems. We learn from them more than we teach. April, May, and a part of June were taken up with these and other sessions. In May your Superintendent attended the White House Conference on Social Education.

In June came a call to a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council of Southern Methodists for a Christian Social Order, for the purpose of planning a larger meeting at Lake Junaluska in the summer. After that came the regular annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Scarritt College, and the fulfillment of an engagement to speak at the Biennial Meeting of the Women's Organizations of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. at Asheville. "Industrial and Social Relations" was our topic. It was most interesting to see this fine group of women in our sister denomination, gathered from every state in the Union, dealing with problems similar to ours, with excellent leadership.

The usual summer lighening of correspondence and writing did not occur last year, yet we can point to no very tangible evidence of busy days save the booklet, *Auxiliary Activities in Christian Social Relations*, and three "Letters to Auxiliaries." The pamphlet's size is no indication of the amount of work necessary to its preparation: the reading of individual reports from auxiliaries, solicitation of fuller stories upon promising leads found in the body of Conference reports or upon inclosed letters or pieces of paper, selection from an embarrassment of riches of these stories which would serve as types of many which could be found equally meaningful. We believe that the lists of projects contained in this booklet with the stories of the ways

in which auxiliaries have worked them out will be helpful and stimulating to others. With the stories of activities based on given Council projects are others, some very original and full of significance, as they speak of the fine zeal of women in their direct attack upon unhappy or unsocial situations.

Our Leadership Schools for Colored Women are doing more than any other factor save the Bethlehem Houses to create a spirit of mutual helpfulness between Southern Methodist women and women of colored churches. The white women who work in them are almost overwhelmed with the warm-hearted expressions of appreciation from their students, who find deep satisfaction in the opportunities for study, for creating things of use and beauty, and for learning how to share these new experiences with their fellows. We who have merely promoted the schools have mixed feelings of joy, that we have had a part in something so needed and embarrassment that we were so slow to cultivate this ground of interracial activity.

Co-operation with our own Board of Christian Education through the Extension Secretary has been most advantageous. The newly appointed Secretaries of Christian Education of the C. M. E. Church and Dr. Coleman and other officers of the Women's Connectional Council of that church have met us more than halfway in the initiation of two new centers at Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., and Miles College, Birmingham. Mrs. K. W. Warden, Superintendent of Christian Social Relations for the Memphis Conference, with the support of her colleagues in the Conference Society, gave skilful and devoted service at Lane College for the week and during the weeks of preparation at Lane College.

At Miles College Mrs. Neblett's experience at Holly Springs, and her especial study of race relations at Swarthmore, made her a valuable aid in organization and teaching. Both these schools have been adopted as Conference projects by the Memphis and North Alabama Conference societies for the coming summer.

The Western North Carolina Conference, with the authorization of their Executive Committee, have projected a Leadership School at Winston-Salem with Bethlehem as center for classes during one week in the coming summer. Three C. M. E. churches in Winston-Salem and the Board of Bethlehem House are delighted to co-operate together with the A. M. E. Zion churches. Women delegates from out of town will be accommodated in homes of colored Methodists. The Board of Bethlehem House feel that this event will strengthen the interest of white as well as colored Methodists in this institution.

Another School will probably be held at Little Rock, where it was hoped one could have been held last summer. The two Arkansas Conference Societies are already set to take their part in publicity when other arrangements may have been made. Mrs. Reaves, the Conference Superintendent, a warm advocate of interracial co-operation, has plans for aiding in certain courses in missions.

As the colored women return to their homes the work has gone on in community service in which it is our policy to continue interracial activity; as women of the white churches enter sympathetically into the plans of the other race, for whatever work they may undertake for the uplift of their community life. This has been systematically cultivated in the North Georgia Conference in a follow-up by correspondence which Mrs. Tilly, dean of the women's work at Paine College Leadership Week, has initiated. Both races participate under the leadership of the colored women in Daily Vacation Bible School day nurseries, young people's meetings, Mothers' Clubs and Welfare Clubs.

Upward of 400 women attended these schools last summer. Teaching staffs were interracial. Two fine teachers accredited for courses in religious education made their beginning as students in Texas College Leadership School and are now prepared to work and working. Other prepared colored women from state schools, colleges, and home demonstration services, are giving their time or with merely nominal financial recognition as a contribution to their race.

The latest publication from the department of Women's Activities of the Interracial Commission, *Friends and Neighbors*, by Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, gives the best and probably the only full account of these ventures in interracial co-operation together with the "conferences" of the Presbyterian women's organizations and our own Welfare Clubs, Bible classes, and school surveys. All taken together, we are beginning a new period in neighborly good will between women of the two races in the South.

The Church women are the main dependence for awakening the women of the South on the menace of lynching. Conference Superintendents and other of our officers make up a large proportion of active workers in the Central and State Councils of the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching. Despite an ominous rise in the number of lynchings during 1935 our work has not been in vain, as attested by the number of prevented lynchings in which we have positive proof that both women and men who had signed the pledge against lynching were the factors that protected the accused from mobs and insisted that the law should not be hindered.

Mrs. Tilly, of North Georgia, and Mrs. Warden, of Memphis, with the assistance of auxiliary superintendents, have secured the signatures of all the sheriffs of counties within the boundaries of their conferences save one or two with whom they will probably have won by the time this report comes to you. A letter went out from the Superintendent to all auxiliaries in November urging them to see their respective members of Congress in behalf of the Costigan-Wagner Bill before their return to Washington.

Through Council quarterly messages and through those from Con-

ference Superintendents auxiliary women were urged repeatedly to work for ratification of the Child Labor Amendment in all states having legislative sessions.

Women used their influence last spring for the entrance of the United States to the World Court, against enlarged appropriations for Army and Navy. At the instigation of the Commission on Interracial Co-operation appeals were made to Miss Josephine Roche to see that the Federal Youth Commission, of which she was appointed secretary, should secure the advice of a colored member and that there should be at least one colored member on state or district Commissions set up by the National Youth Administration. The Conference Superintendents wrote promptly to Miss Roche and received gracious replies assuring them that the advice would receive due attention. Mrs. Mary McCloud Bethune was appointed a member of the Federal Commission.

The People's Mandates sent to every auxiliary are going forward with signatures to the office of the Women's International League for Peace. Already some conference officers are promoting the sale of Peace Bonds authorized at the Council Executive Committee meeting in November. This will be a main project in international relations through the spring, summer, and fall of 1936.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS, ANNUAL SUMMARY

CONFERENCES	Auxiliaries Reporting	Sending Four Reports	Committees	Studying Social Relations	Promoting Peace	Christian Citizenship	Interracial Co-operation	Industrial Relations	On Rural Charges
Alabama.....	133	133	133	125	115	100	125	100	75
Arizona.....	18	6	12	17	9	6	7	5	.....
Baltimore.....	127	44	109	94	101	98	72	31	60
Central Texas.....	193	.....	140	131	89	45	80	16	137
Florida.....	156	65	127	106	93	96	74	57	85
Holston.....	135	64	100	95	90	75	60	25	.....
Illinois.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indian Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky.....	72	20	48	51	24	33	26	7	21
Little Rock.....	150	50	100	125	100	150	150	100	50
Los Angeles.....	20	.....	16	16	19	18	18	5	1
Louisiana.....	117	56	117	47	34	47	60	14	27
Louisville.....	96	.....	96	96	38	44	36	5	34
Memphis.....	195	106	177	150	141	112	151	44	82
Mississippi.....	96	56	69	69	58	31	77	13	78
Missouri.....	92	48	75	30	45	35	50	15	18
New Mexico.....	40	9	33	40	20	12	10	4	8
North Alabama.....	311	187	275	250	275	227	174	81	277
North Arkansas.....	102	73	85	97	34	26	49	8	.....
North Carolina.....	209	53	169	138	77	119	95	39	114
North Georgia.....	180	38	148	108	110	122	131	20	56
North Mississippi.....	132	50	65	45	32	29	31	4	22
Northwest.....	11	7	11	5	6	5	4	.....	1
Northwest Texas.....	150	.....	115	84	87	70	40	39	55
North Texas.....	127	57	104	.....	84	78	65	.....	.....
Oklahoma.....	142	96	124	21	62	58	35	25	31
Pacific.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Saint Louis.....	74	38	64	.....	52	35	30	25	.....
South Carolina.....	88	23	46	53	42	48	22	19	185
South Georgia.....	222	93	130	147	150	79	150	25	175
Southwest Missouri.....	51	50	46	41	51	41	30	33	32
Tennessee.....	117	.....	98	90	88	79	77	20	104
Texas.....	190	95	165	100	100	58	62	25	60
Upper South Carolina.....	126	60	126	95	70	76	77	20	52
Virginia.....	240	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Western North Carolina.....	238	114	167	168	131	102	104	34	84
West Texas.....	139	116	120	85	88	115	31	17	18
Western Virginia.....	47	15	41	30	26	24	23	1	20
Total.....	4,536	1,816	3,451	2,749	2,541	2,293	2,226	876	1,962

SCARRITT COLLEGE FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

J. L. CUNINGGIM

It is with deep gratitude that I report to you that during the present year Scarritt College has made very definite progress. This is my fifteenth report to the Woman's Missionary Council, and I rejoice to say that at no time during these years have I been more gratified at the work the school is doing or more confident of its great mission in the days to come.

In the number of students enrolled there has been a notable increase. For the three quarters, Summer, Fall, and Winter, the students registered number 135.

Graduate Students	69
Senior College Students	51
Special Students	15
Total	135
Students from affiliated institutions	87
Total	222
States and Foreign Countries represented in Student Body	28

Distributed as follows:

Alabama	6	Oklahoma	2
Arkansas	7	South Carolina	4
California	7	Tennessee	22
Florida	3	Texas	6
Georgia	15	Virginia	7
Indiana	1	West Virginia	3
Kansas	1	Brazil	4
Kentucky	3	China	7
Louisiana	4	Cuba	1
Mississippi	6	Congo Belge	1
Missouri	5	Japan	3
Maryland	1	Korea	5
New York	1	Mexico	3
North Carolina	7	Poland	1

Number of men enrolled at Scarritt	14
Number of married couples studying at Scarritt	5

This is the largest enrollment that we have ever had at this time of the year, the largest number from affiliated institutions, the largest number of states and foreign countries represented, the largest number of men enrolled, and the largest number of married couples. Happy as we are over the increased enrollment, we are faced with the problem of securing adequate dormitory space to care for those who wish training at Scarritt.

Worthy of special note is the growing co-operation between Scarritt College and the neighboring institutions. Already during the year

more than 75 students of Peabody College have taken at least one Scarritt course, and the indications are that some 35 or 40 more will be working with us during the Spring Quarter. I am particularly pleased to report also that this year an arrangement has been made between Scarritt and the Vanderbilt School of Nursing whereby all the Vanderbilt nurses in training will take courses in Social Case Work at Scarritt, while the Scarritt students specializing in Social Work will have the opportunity of courses in medical information and psychiatry at the Vanderbilt School of Nursing. This arrangement will bring a good number of Vanderbilt students to Scarritt during the Spring Quarter.

Quite significant, I think, are the plans being made for a new program of rural work under the leadership of Miss Howell. With the co-operation of Mrs. J. W. Downs and various leaders of the Tennessee Conference, Scarritt students will be offered the opportunity of rural work under the supervision of a trained worker. This will be a most important step in developing and enriching our educational program in answer to a rapidly growing demand for rural workers at home and abroad. It is now most urgent that we add to our faculty at the earliest possible date a highly qualified specialist who can carry forward this most important undertaking, and this will be done as soon as the necessary funds are available.

On the financial side there has been no notable development, but numerous reasons for encouragement. (1) Mention might be made of several small donations and bequests during the year. (2) There has been a gratifying growth in the number of Scarritt Associates and a corresponding increase in the Leadership Training Fund with which we assist worthy students who are not on conference scholarships. (3) A renewed effort has been made by the Alumni Association to raise the remainder of their pledge for the Gibson Memorial. This fund now amounts to approximately \$39,000, and they are hoping at an early date to have \$50,000 in hand with which to honor that great woman who made such a notable contribution to Scarritt Bible and Training School and to the missionary work of the Church.

You will be interested to know of the larger place Scarritt College is steadily coming to have beyond the borders of our own Church. I mention certain facts that are as straws showing the blowing of the wind. The Parent-Teachers' Association of our city and county, representing some 8,000 women, are glad to use the facilities of Scarritt College for an Annual School of Parent Education, and are most appreciative of the contribution Scarritt is making to that field. Only recently the American Committee on the Ethiopian Crisis has sought the co-operation of Scarritt College in inaugurating an institute in Nashville for the study of Africa in its relation to present world problems. The project was considered quite successful and will be used as a type of similar meetings in other centers throughout

the country. Dr. Emory Ross and other members of the American Commission have expressed the greatest appreciation of Scarritt's services in this undertaking. It is significant also, I think, that Dr. John R. Mott, who is to visit Nashville in a few days, has arranged to speak twice at Scarritt College, once to missionary and other religious leaders, and once to young people in training for Christian service. He is thus using Scarritt College as the channel through which to make his contribution to our community. Mention may be made furthermore of a request from the International Service Committee of the Friends for the co-operation of Scarritt College in the inauguration of an Institute of International Relationships for the central South, similar to institutes being conducted in other sections of our country. Thus there are many indications that Scarritt College is increasingly attracting the attention of the country at large.

At the last meeting of the Council special emphasis was given to the importance of getting Scarritt College in the mind and heart of the entire Church, and the indispensable part the missionary women have in helping us to realize this goal. In response, the Council provided for the appointment of a special Scarritt Representative in each Annual Conference Missionary Society to co-operate with the College in this undertaking. These Representatives have been appointed in nearly all the conferences, and they have been most interested and co-operative. Through their assistance, plans are being gradually inaugurated that will, I believe, bring large results in the end.

Your attention has already been called to the fact that the General Conference at its last session authorized Scarritt College to make a special effort throughout the Church to raise at least one million dollars. Until recently the general financial conditions were not such as to justify the beginning of such an effort, but now the conditions seem to be improved, and a program has been launched to that end. It is not our purpose to develop an elaborate organization for a church-wide campaign, but to discover through Scarritt alumni, missionary women, and other friends, pastors and laymen, those who desire to have a part in the work that Scarritt College is doing for the Kingdom of God. We have in mind two types of friends: First, those who are not able to make large contributions, but who are able to make a small annual donation from \$1 to \$1,000 and who wish, therefore, to become a Scarritt Associate. Second, those who have more ample means and who wish to honor the Lord by making a large contribution, annuity, or bequest to Scarritt College for the endowment of a chair, the erection of a building, or some other worthy object.

The most significant fact to be reported at this time is the recent addition to our staff of Mr. J. Earl Moreland, formerly President of Porto Alegre College, Brazil. This has been made possible by the

willingness of Dr. Cram, Dr. Wasson, and Bishop John M. Moore to lend Mr. Moreland to Scarritt for the year. We count ourselves fortunate in making this arrangement, and believe that Mr. Moreland will not only render real service to Scarritt College in making it better known to the Church and in helping to place it on a more adequate financial foundation, but also will make a great contribution to the missionary life of the constituency. Mr. Moreland came to Scarritt on February 1 and has already inaugurated a splendid program.

In conclusion, I wish to express my deepest appreciation to you and to the missionary women throughout the Church for the splendid co-operation given Scarritt College from year to year. During the coming year, with the assistance of Mr. Moreland and with the co-operation of the Council members and the Scarritt Representatives in the Annual Conferences, we expect to make great progress in getting our beloved institution into the mind and heart of the Church throughout its borders.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON HOME FIELD

We, the Committee on Home Field, present the following recommendations:

- I. That, inasmuch as the funds of the Week of Prayer are to be used for Rural Development, the offering be directed toward the following:
 - (1) Indian Rural Work at Dulac, La.
 - (2) Negro Rural Work in Georgia.
 - (3) Cajun Rural Work in Alabama.
 - (4) Coal mining section of Kentucky.
 - (5) Development of rural work among Mexicans in this country.
 - (6) Training and practice in rural work for Scarritt Candidates.
 - (7) Co-operating with General Section, Board of Missions.
 - (8) A rural community project in co-operation with a Negro school teacher.
- II. That from funds available a Little Girls' Cottage be built at Vashti School, Thomasville, Ga., as needed.

LOUISE YOUNG, *Chairman*

MRS. T. H. TYSON, *Secretary*

REPORT FROM DEACONESS CONFERENCE

During the deaconess conference in 1935, recommendations were passed which provided (1) for an intensive annual study of deaconess work according to types: settlement, church, school, homes, rural, and (2) that the results of such a study might be presented to the Committee on Home Field annually—with its consent. The following very brief report from the deaconess conference is, therefore, incorporated into the report of the Committee on Home Field in order that the whole Council may share in some measure the inspiration and information of the deaconess conference.

SETTLEMENT

It is discovered that the deaconess contributes an element to the leadership she gives that is generally lacking among leaders supplied by government agencies to direct welfare work and leisure-time activities. This is due in part to the fact that (1) she lives among the people to whom she gives guidance and follows up her work in groups with personal contacts; (2) she has a high standard for personal living which makes her influence greater; (3) she is interested in the spiritual growth of her people, to whom they are not just "cases."

It is the opinion of settlement workers that a more effective personnel would be secured if certain privileges during the period of

training could be secured for Scarritt students, candidates for services at home in settlement work: (1) a definite preference for foreign, Negro, or native white work might be expressed, and permission given to take certain studies which might not be provided in the suggested course; (2) a three months' period of intensive training in a settlement before appointment to work.

CHURCHES

A wider use of the church deaconess is considered desirable and possible. Suggestions for accomplishing this include: some way by which the pastor may have a personal interview with a proposed helper before appointments are made; a promotional secretary to help the church at large to see the advantages of having such assistance in the local group; for the deaconess to be willing to accept the leadership of the pastor; use of deaconesses as speakers before theological departments of church universities; before ministerial alliances, and preachers' conferences.

SCHOOLS

Deaconesses in our schools have a heavy schedule which sometimes extends over quite an interest territory. One who teaches sociology, for instance, also teaches spelling and Bible.

This study included only teachers in Council-directed schools.

RURAL

Rural work, the area most recently entered by deaconesses in our church, is still in a fluid state, each deaconess working according to her own ideas of the need. The larger parish plan—or the plan of giving leadership to a number of small communities—is more generally followed.

A project was undertaken in this type of work this year as a result of the question which is continually being asked of the rural worker: What is a rural deaconess and what does she do? In the attempt to answer this question, a leaflet has been compiled by the deaconesses at work in rural areas. Material was secured from each one, and this was interpreted and edited by one of the group. The plan is to have it available through literature headquarters for the information of conference women desiring to undertake such work in their own state.

MINNIE LEE EIDSON, *President*

WILLIA DUNCAN, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN FIELDS

A report from the Japan Mission with conclusions and recommendations regarding Woman's Educational Work in Japan was read by the Committee of Foreign Fields for their information and consideration. The committee approved the general plans.

The committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the present property of Hiroshima Girls' School be sold and that the school be moved to the suburbs of Hiroshima.
2. That, whereas the rural work in foreign fields is developing gradually and requires an annual budget for maintenance rather than a larger sum for initial expense, we recommend
 - a. That action taken by the Woman's Missionary Council in 1933 (page 119 of Minutes) directing the Week of Prayer offering in the foreign department to rural work be rescinded, and
 - b. That this offering be given to Hiroshima Girls' School for building.
3. That the department of Woman's Work co-operate in the school of education at Granbery College, Juiz de Fora, Brazil, by making a contribution in money and missionary personnel as soon as possible.
4. That adequate provision be made for the remodeling of present property, or the purchase of other for Collegio Americano, Porto Alegre, Brazil.

MRS. C. C. WEAVER, *Chairman*

MRS. A. B. SMITH, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ESTIMATES

REPORT No. 1

APPROPRIATIONS

BASIS OF APPROPRIATION

Bible Women	\$ 27,262 87
Day Schools	2,626 96
Interest	6,988 20
Life Memberships	20,227 65
Literature Sales	8,319 61
Pledge	628,512 76
Scholarships	24,922 46
Budget Specials	1,160 00
Gain on Exchange	24,250 00
1935 Week of Prayer (Home)	3,820 79
	\$748,090 44

APPROPRIATIONS

Foreign	\$476,309 83
Home	218,266 93
Education and Promotion	53,513 68
	\$748,090 44

FOREIGN

Foreign Fields:

Africa, \$25,203; Brazil, \$41,995; China, \$96,721; Cuba, \$27,772;

Japan, \$79,415; Korea, \$94,155; Mexico, \$39,207; Poland, \$5,745; Manchuria-Korea, \$1,320. Total, \$411,533.

Foreign Miscellaneous:

Furlough Study, \$4,500; Medical Fees (four per cent of all missionary salaries), \$6,819; Scarritt College, Belle Bennett Chair, \$1,000; Scarritt College, \$17,000; Committee on Co-operation in Latin America, \$1,000; *La Nueva Democracia*, \$300; Foreign Mission Conference, \$1,000. Total, \$31,619.

Foreign Administration:

Salaries, \$4,688.92; Clerical Help, \$4,314.60; Office and Travel, \$1,700; Board and Committee Meetings, \$600; Bishop's Travel, \$900. Total, \$12,203.52.

Contingent:

\$20,954.31.

Total Foreign Appropriations, \$476,309.83.

HOME

Home Institutions and Lines of Work:

Mountain Work, \$14,519; Mexican Work, \$35,391; Gulf Coast Work, \$17,643; Cuban Work, \$12,524; Negro Work, \$29,989; Dependent Girls, \$18,536; Bible Teachers in State Schools, \$4,500; Young People's Church Worker, \$1,020; Industrial Work, \$10,504; Delinquent Girls, \$11,497.34; Scarritt College, \$18,000; City Mission and Conference Appropriations, \$3,544; Western Work, \$3,600; Rural Work, \$4,200. Total, \$185,467.34.

Miscellaneous:

Deaconess Travel, Expense, Outfit, \$2,500; Furlough Allowance, \$9,900; Membership Dues, Council of Women, \$345. Total, \$12,745.

Administration:

Salaries, \$4,688.58; Clerical Help, \$2,894.66; Office and Travel, \$1,400; Board and Committee Meetings, \$600. Total, \$9,583.24.

Contingent:

\$10,471.35.

Total Home Appropriations, \$218,266.93.

EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

Administration:

Salaries, \$8,288.92; Clerical Help, \$8,054.76; Office and Travel, \$3,650. Total, \$19,993.68.

Education and Promotion:

Travel and Office Expense of Council Officers, \$3,270; Service De-

partment, \$7,400; Publications, \$8,775; Co-operative Plan, \$500; Committees, \$10,275; Interdenominational Work, \$600; School of Missions, \$2,200; Inter-Board Work, \$500. Total, \$33,520.

Total Education and Promotion Appropriations, \$53,513.68.

Grand Total, \$748,090.44.

REPORT No. 2

The Committee on Finance and Estimates had under consideration *all* the funds of Council and were rejoiced to find the financial condition encouraging, with no debts, and the Revolving Fund intact and no necessity to draw on this fund.

A subcommittee was appointed to make a study of every phase of finances from the individual to Council:

1. While the membership increases, the per capita gifts have decreased for several years.

2. The growing demands on the Retirement and Relief Fund make it necessary to increase this fund very materially.

3. Appreciation was expressed for the large number of Life Memberships received and desire to continue this method of honoring the workers and supporting the work.

Readjustment on Salaries:

The Committee recommends:

1. That there be an increase of \$200 in the salary of the Secretary of the Home Department, the Secretary of the Foreign Department, the Secretary of Education and Promotion, the Secretary of Literature, and the Treasurer. Since the funds permit, that this change begin in 1936 instead of 1937.

2. That we approve the recommendation of the Japan Mission that the chapel building at Palmore Woman's English Institute be remodeled and that Yen 16,502.29 remaining from the sale of the Kure property be applied to the cost of remodeling the building.

3. That from the balance in the Foreign Department accruing largely from unused contingent and from a greater increase in exchange that was estimated in the bases of appropriation in 1934 and 1935 the following appropriations be made:

a. \$1,500 to complete the amount necessary for remodeling the chapel at Palmore Woman's English Institute.

b. \$5,000 for the erection of a home for missionaries at Laura Haygood Normal School, as the old building is in a dangerous condition.

c. \$15,000 for the purchase of adjacent property and remodeling of the building for Collegio Americano, Porto Alegre, Brazil.

d. \$4,568.27 for Stephenson Memorial Hospital, Changchow, China. This amount, added to the \$20,431.73, the Week of Prayer Fund for 1933, will equal the amount given by Mrs. Stephenson through the General Section to the hospital, and will fulfil the original agree-

ment that the Woman's Department provide "one-half share in the hospital building and equipment when feasible to build."

e. \$1,000 for a home for missionary workers at Lodja.

f. \$4,000 for four automobiles for Africa—Tunda, Minga, Wembo Nyama, and Lodja—these to be supplied as needed.

g. \$16,376.49 to be added to the foreign share of the Week of Prayer Fund for 1935 (\$28,623.51), making the sum \$45,000, the total sum to be divided equally between Laura Haygood Normal School, Soochow, China, and the Social Evangelistic Center, Seoul, Korea. \$6,192.41 of the \$16,619.41 is the foreign share of the Old Gold Campaign.

h. \$2,656.61 to be added to the Retirement and Relief income to cover the deficit existing in that fund at the end of 1935.

i. \$10,000, Retirement and Relief Fund.

j. \$4,000, ungranted supplementary askings, as needed.

k. \$10,000, repairs on all fields.

l. \$7,000 for the development of social center and evangelistic work in Wusih, China.

m. \$1,500 for a home economics building for Lucy Cuninggim School, Wonsan, Korea.

n. \$1,000 additional for the Woman's Christian Medical College, Shanghai, China.

o. \$1,000 grant to the educational school at Granbery College, Juiz de Fora, Brazil.

p. \$1,000 refund toward salary of supervisor of building at Ewha College, Seoul, Korea.

q. \$1,000 toward deficit of 1935 budget of Ginling College, Nanking.

r. \$700 share for 1936 and 1937 in project for training in rural work for students of Scarritt College.

≠ s. \$14,176.39 to pay appropriations in 1936 on the 1937 basis where necessary.

Total, \$95,285.55.

That 1936 appropriations be paid on 1937 basis where necessary.

MISS DAISY DAVIES, *Chairman*

MRS. J. W. MILLS, *Secretary*

EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

REPORT NO. 1

The Committee recommends:

I. Bible Study.

1. That the following studies, which have appeared in the *Adult Student*, be added to the Christian Living Series, Group I:

a. Achieving a Christian Home.

b. Jesus' Use of Scripture.

c. Toward the Christian Ideal of Brotherhood.

*Amended May 4, 1936, by Executive Committee
\$1000.00 was taken from this amount and
appropriated to the hospital in Soochow, China*

2. That the following stewardship studies be added to the Christian Living Series:

- a. The Message of Stewardship by Ralph S. Cushman.
- b. Stewardship for All of Life by Luther E. Lovejoy.

3. That the following books be added to the Advanced Studies:

- a. The Teacher and the Book by Phifer.
- b. The Life of Christ by Lee.
- c. The Story of the Old Testament by Goodspeed.
- d. The Story of the New Testament by Goodspeed.

II. Mission Study.

1. That the following topics for 1936-37 be accepted:

- a. Christianizing America (Home Missions).
- b. Africa (Foreign Missions).

2. That the following books appear in the 1936-37 approved list:

- a. Toward a Christian America by Morse (current for entire year 1936).
- b. Women and Home Missions by Noreen Dunn.
- c. A Preface toward Racial Understanding by Charles S. Johnson (not to be studied till fall, 1936).
- d. Out of Africa by Emory Ross (spring, 1937).
- e. Congo Crosses by Kellersburger.

III. That the Conference Superintendents of Study try to secure more Missions and Stewardship courses in standard training schools.

IV. 1. That Conference Superintendents of Study, and as many District Secretaries as possible, be sent by their Conferences to the Leadership Schools at Mount Sequoyah, July 14-28, or at Lake Junaluska, August 4-18.

2. That as many study leaders as possible be sent to Pastors' Schools.

V. 1. That the Second Quarterly Event be a special celebration of the Home Missions Jubilee, featuring the enlistment of new members, especially the younger women.

2. That the Conferences make provision for recognition of Home Mission Jubilee members.

VI. That the life membership pin be substituted for the life membership certificate, and that the \$25 given for life membership include the cost of the pin.

VII. That each Annual Conference make a restudy of financial policies and of funds, such as regular pledges, specials, local work, and miscellaneous funds.

REPORT NO. 2

The Committee considered two reports of subcommittees referred to it by the Executive Committee of the Council. One was the report of the subcommittee which had given study to the Young Women's Circles, and the other was a report on the Department of Supplies.

In the light of these reports we recommend the following:

I. 1. That in connection with the second quarterly event for enlistment of new members, societies use the Chairman of Young Women's Circles in making plans.

2. That they stimulate an interest among the younger women by showing the possibilities of program material.

3. That where needed they co-operate in setting up home circles with nursery features.

4. That they be alert in cultivating younger leaders by selecting officers from young women's circles as from other members of the society; by committing to them worthy tasks, and wherever possible by including them in all activities.

5. That the Conferences appoint a committee of fine young women to advise with the Secretary of Young Women's Circles about the development of the work.

6. That where finances permit the Conference designate a young woman to attend the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council in 1937, and that plans for the best use of such opportunities be worked out with the organization secretary.

7. That the subcommittee of the Executive Committee study the possibilities of some form of co-operation in missionary education of young women that will bridge the gap between the co-operative plan for children and the young women's circles.

II. In order not to dissipate our missionary funds and that our Woman's Missionary Society keep within the law, we recommend:

1. The following interpretation of the by law governing supplies: (1) Boxes of necessary supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, may include cash and supplies sent to needy ministers, but they must be recommended by their presiding elders. The law does not include donations to ministerial students, but may include needy widows of preachers.

(2) "Boxes of supplies sent to institutions in home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council" may also include cash, provided this is to be sent for supplies needed in the work of institutions; but (a) not for building enterprises; (b) not to pay off debts; (c) not for personal gifts to missionaries, deaconesses, and Scarritt scholarship students; (d) not for college education of prospective candidates.

III. Finances. We recommend:

1. That continued efforts to secure adult and baby life memberships be stressed.

2. That honorary life memberships (the payment of \$100) be sought as a means of honoring friends and loved ones.

3. That the Woman's Missionary Society realize the great importance of increasing per capita giving while attempting to increase the membership.

MRS. J. W. MILLS, *Chairman*

MRS. A. R. WALKER, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S WORK

The Committee on Children's Work recommends:

1. That a special effort be made to secure the election of a Secretary of Children's Work in every auxiliary, and that this officer carry out to the best of her ability the duties listed for her in the leaflet, *Co-operative Plan for Missionary Education in the Children's Division*.

2. Whenever possible the Secretary of Children's Work be a teacher, or some other worker in the primary or junior department of the church school.

3. That the Secretary of Children's Work take advantage of every opportunity for study and training presented in the mission study classes in the Woman's Missionary Society and in the various types of training schools for Christian workers offered by the General Board of Christian Education and especially that she enrol in the class on "Missionary Education of Children."

4. That the representative elected by the Woman's Missionary Society to serve on the Church Board of Christian Education keep this Board informed on the co-operative plan in order that it may provide for the study of co-operative world friendship units regularly in the church school.

5. That members of the Missionary Society co-operate with church school teachers in securing the attendance of the children at extra sessions for world friendship units, and that they give any other assistance possible which may be needed for these sessions.

6. That an invitation to attend its mission study classes be extended by the Missionary Society to all teachers in the church school, especially to those in the primary and junior departments.

7. Since the study this year is to be on the American Negro, that wherever needed and wherever possible the Secretary of Children's Work assist leaders in Negro churches and churches of other races in supervising and conducting vacation schools for the children of their churches this summer.

8. That the Conference Secretary of Children's Work be encouraged to attend one of the summer Leadership Training Schools and that she study one of the courses offered for children's workers.

MRS. W. B. LANDRUM, *Chairman*

ELLA WAYNE ORMOND, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE

Your Committee on Literature recommends the following:

1. Program Topic for 1937: "Christian Missions on the March."

2. Week of Prayer Programs: That the set-up of the Week of Prayer material be continued as in the past few years.

3. Research and Study of the Status of Women: That publication of two leaflets be granted, one answering the arguments advanced against

the ordination of women; the other, a symposium of the opinions of Council women, missionaries, and deaconesses, favoring the ordination of women.

4. Additional Leaflets:

(1) That new leaflets on the mission fields be published as early as they can be produced.

(2) That a short leaflet, with suggestions for Circle meetings, be published.

5 World Outlook Index: That extra copies to the Index to the *World Outlook* be made available for individuals who keep files of the magazine.

6. Materials for Mexican Societies: That the publication of material in Spanish, for the women of the Mexican Conferences, be authorized and continued from year to year.

MRS. HOMER TATUM, *Chairman*

MRS. W. R. HARRIS, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

I. GENERAL

We recommend:

1. That wherever practical the Conference Committee on Christian Social Relations meet sometime during the year.

2. That every auxiliary superintendent be provided with the booklet, *Auxiliary Activities in Christian Social Relations*, which was specially prepared to assist in the promotion of this work. (Secure from Literature Headquarters, 706 Church Street, Nashville, Tenn.; price, 10 cents.)

3. That each Conference, individually or in connection with other denominations, secure space in Sunday editions of secular newspapers for presenting phases of our work.

II. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND WORLD PEACE

We recommend:

1. That Peace Action Pivots and International Mind Alcoves and Library Nooks, listed in the booklet, *Auxiliary Activities in Christian Social Relations*, as Project No. 5 and No. 6, respectively, be made major projects of auxiliary activity.

2. That conference and auxiliary superintendents continue to press the sale of Peace Bonds.

3. That we further peace education through press publicity:

a. Articles making for peace-mindedness continue to appear in the *World Outlook*.

b. Paragraphs on peace be printed in *Bulletin*.

c. That a list of books recommended by the Woman's Missionary Council for individual and group reading be printed from time to time in the *World Outlook* and the *Bulletin*.

d. That each Conference, individually or in connection with other denominations, secure space in Sunday newspapers for publishing articles on peace.

III. CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP AND LAW OBSERVANCE

Recognizing the value of collective thinking and concerted action on all matters that vitally affect our common welfare, we recommend:

1. a. An intelligent use of the ballot in this important election year.
- b. An intensive study of governmental functions that we may serve more effectually in this period of great social change.
2. That we study the Disney Bill, providing for the establishment of a National Academy of Public Affairs, on a parity with West Point and Annapolis.
3. That we inaugurate a study of family life in the home, using as reference *The Home in a Changing Culture*, by Grace Sloan Overton; Revell, publisher; price, \$1.
4. That we co-operate in the Five-Year, Five-Point Program of the W. C. T. U. Order materials from W. C. T. U. headquarters, Evanston, Ill.
5. That we continue to emphasize all educational measures pertaining to anti-lynching.

For Conference and Auxiliary Societies

1. The use of the *Movie Bulletin*, issued by the National Council for the Prevention of War, containing suggestions for Citizenship Activities, as well as Peace Programs, 532 Seventeenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., no cost.
2. That we recognize the work of every organized agency in the community for Christian betterment, and work with them through a co-ordinated program.
 - a. Y. W. and Y. M. C. A.'s in classes for aliens.
 - b. Civic clubs in sponsoring essay contests.
 - c. Mothers' Clubs, P. T. A.'s, and Federated Clubs in "Citizenship Days," Welfare Measures, etc.
 - d. To cultivate in schools and colleges an attitude toward Good Citizenship; such cultivation to be carried on through dramatic presentations, forums, and debates. Suggested plays: "Judge Lynch," "The Unknown Soldier Speaks," "Who Is My Neighbor?" The Home in drama (thirty plays outlined). Secure from the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.
4. That the new packets for study contain *A New Leaf*, by Rhoda E. McCullough.

New Packets Provided:

- "Alcohol Education in the Local Church"—Dr. J. Q. Schisler.
 "Syllabus on Alcohol Education."

"Think-a-Minute Series."

"Studies in Citizenship."

"Anti-Lynching," No. 6. (Order from Literature Headquarters.)

Periodicals:

Literature from Board of Christian Education.

The Adult Student.

Workers' Council.

The Christian Herald.

The Christian Century.

Woman's Home Companion.

Union Signal.

W. C. T. U. Leaflets.

The Federal Council Bulletin.

New Books Recommended for Reading:

We Are Builders of a New World—*Moore*.

Civics through Problems—*Edmondson-Dondineau*.

Christianizing Community Life—*Ward-Edwards*.

Geography and the Higher Citizenship—*J. Russell Smith*.

Political Ethics—*Daniel C. Robinson*.

Making a Better Neighborhood—*Birdick and Gifford*.

IV. INTERRACIAL CO-OPERATION

We recommend:

1. That auxiliary women seek to secure for Negro children a full term school and for Negro teachers a salary scale commensurate with their training and ability and wherever possible to secure better buildings through the use of public work funds.

2. That Superintendents of Christian Social Relations lend assistance in every way possible in the holding of Vacation Church Schools for Negro children.

3. That missionary women continue their campaign of education against lynching by:

a. Explaining to groups the meaning of the anti-lynching pledge;

b. Securing signatures of both men and women, especially of sheriffs and other officers; and

c. Working in every way possible to create a public opinion which respects the rights and personalities of all.

4. That since the number of lynchings have increased from 14 in 1934 to 20 in 1935, we indorse the Costigan-Wagner Anti-Lynching Bill, and urge missionary women to continue their efforts in behalf of this bill.

5. That auxiliaries continue to assist Negro women in attending the Leadership Training Schools in which the Council co-operates: Paine College, Mississippi Industrial College, Texas College, Tyler,

Tex.; Lincoln Institute, Miles College, Lane College, and Jackson, Miss., where a school is held under Presbyterian auspices.

6. That auxiliary committees study the pamphlet, *Friends and Neighbors*. (Price, 5 cents; Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, 710 Standard Building, Atlanta, Ga.)

V. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

We recommend:

1. For Council and Conferences: That each member on both the Conference and Council Industrial Committees be influential in promoting community group study of co-operatives.

2. For auxiliaries: That the auxiliary Department of Christian Social Relations study the two pamphlets, *Handbook on the Federal Child Labor Amendment* and *Introducing Kagawa*, and report on same to the auxiliary sometime during the year, preferably on a Social Relations program.

V. RURAL DEVELOPMENT

1. *a.* That at district and zone meetings discussions be held upon the importance of the use of the guides for community study and reports on the study be given by the societies who have used these guides.

b. That auxiliaries making these community studies report the results to their Quarterly Conferences and to the Conference Superintendent of Christian Social Relations under the heading "Community Welfare" on the quarterly report blank.

2. That at least once a quarter the women on circuit charges seek to use an open Sunday to present to the entire congregation some phase of the Christian Social Relations program and the result of their community study, reporting this service to the Conference Superintendent of Christian Social Relations, under the heading of community welfare on the quarterly report blanks.

3. That we continue the practice of assigning a rural missionary society to each town or city society that through the Superintendents of Christian Social Relations a program of mutual helpfulness may be worked out. That the larger society aid the rural society in forming a circulating library by providing books and magazines.

4. That each district endeavor to develop a circulating library on Rural Life.

5. That the Conference Superintendent of Christian Social Relations or someone elected by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Superintendent of Christian Social Relations be the representative from the missionary society on the Conference Rural Work Commission.

6. That we urge Conference and auxiliary women to secure and study copies of Report No. 1 of the Rural Work Commission and

endeavor to co-operate in the recommendations in this report by aiding:

- a. In cultivating a spirit of worship in the rural church.
 - b. In making the rural church a Christian Social Center.
 - c. In encouraging the observance of Rural Life Sunday.
7. That we urge our women to attend the District Rural Life Conference and to take the study courses on Rural Life offered in Pastors' Schools wherever practical.
8. That representatives of the Woman's Missionary Society use their influence to correlate the rural programs of the different agencies of the church working within the Conference.
9. That the Council Committee on Rural Development prepare a packet on co-operatives for use in auxiliary study and that one zone meeting be devoted to the discussion of co-operatives, using the packet as source material.

REPORT No. 2

As statistics prove that more than three million women and children attend the moving pictures each week, and realizing the tremendous influence resulting therefrom, we recommend:

That our women diligently continue their work for better films.

We further recommend:

That our organization indorse the efforts of the National Previewing Group of the National Council of Federated Church Women whose monthly ratings appraise the constructive, entertaining, and educational features of films and protest those which portray degradation and make a travesty of Christianity and the missionary enterprise.

MRS. WILTZ LEDBETTER, *Chairman*

MRS. T. I. CHARLES, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND WORLD PEACE

The Committee on International Relations and World Peace held its first meeting for the quadrennium September 25 and 26, 1936. This was a worth-while and much-needed meeting resulting in a strengthening of the unity of the committee and in an increase in its enthusiasm as it faced the development of the plans made at this time.

The year has been a hard one for those who have had the peace of the world at heart. Restlessness of the nations, uncertainties of international trends, conflicts between nations, and an insistent rumor of the "next war" are all contradictions of the goal sought. Can it be a fact that the stumbling block in the way of building a Christian world, and the greatest impediment to the realization of world peace is "our lack of intelligence and our lack of fidelity to the teachings of Jesus"?

An international armaments race cannot bring peace, neither can selfish nationalism, but Dr. Raymond C. Brooks seems to have found the key to the solution. He says peace cannot come without preparedness: "The preparation of the peace mind; . . . of an economic order; . . . of a political order; . . . of a social and spiritual order. . . . For peace is not the abolition of war; it is energy of action based on understanding and charged with the spirit of good will as revealed by Christ."

This goes much deeper than our former goal of moral disarmament.

For the attainment of this ideal some of the old methods must still serve—beginning with study.

The committee has profitably continued its reading circle, with its library increased by loans from committee members and from the superintendent of the bureau, who has been most generous.

We note that peace has become *news*. Daily papers and magazines carry a sufficient number of interesting articles dealing with international relations and of the political and the economic order to catch even the casual eye. This suggests a plan whereby attention may be called to some of the best of this material.

Copies of the *Christian Century* carrying Paul Hutchinson's digest of the "Munitions Inquiry" were distributed. In North Carolina means were provided for the distribution of two hundred and fifty copies. A peace number of the *Epworth Highroad* was also distributed.

The committee wishes to express here its appreciation of the contribution made to the cause of peace by the *World Outlook*, which has been most generous in its presentation of attractive articles dealing with international relations. We would also thank the Board of Christian Education for the peace material found in its publications.

The peace packet has been brought up-to-date, with all new leaflets, and the par excellent perennial packet, "World Problems," has again been made new by the author, Mrs. Florence Brewer Boeckle.

Once more the committee was indebted to the Secretary in charge of Literature for the privilege of sharing in the preparation of a supplementary program for November, preferably for Armistice Day.

Plans for "International Mind Alcoves" and "Liberty Peace Nooks" and for "Peace Action Pivots" were sent to the Project Book for auxiliary activities in Christian Social Relations. The former lends itself to the cultivation of peace mindedness and may be easily prepared by a conference or auxiliary. The latter is a project of the National Council for the Prevention of War designed to promote peace through the movies.

The International Mandate against War sponsored by the Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom having been approved by the Superintendent of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations

was indorsed by the committee. In response to a request from the W. I. L. three committee members agreed to serve as congressional district chairmen in their respective districts in furthering this project. A fourth member secured a substitute for the same service in her district.

"Peace Bonds" from the National Council for the Prevention of War have been indorsed in principle, and sales by individuals have been encouraged.

Peace has been promoted by correspondence, by talks and programs at church services, conference, zone, and district meetings, in church school classes, in "Marathon Round Tables," and in other peace study classes. World Trade maps and poster displays have given a silent but effective message.

Special note should be made of outstanding activities in North Georgia, which has sponsored Marathon Round Tables in eight districts. This includes, in addition to groups in auxiliaries, those in church and town groups, and others in Paine College, Gammon and Morehouse, Emory, the Georgia State College for Women, and four other colleges.

During the summer of 1935 International Institutes sponsored by the Friends' Committee and other agencies were repeated in the cities in which they had been held in 1933 and 1934; and others were set up west of the Mississippi River. Efforts were made to bring our constituency within the influence of these exceptional opportunities. Though no formal report of attendance was available, it was gratifying to observe a longer number of women from auxiliaries in attendance than previously. In some instances an auxiliary paid the fees of its representative. The summer of 1936 will afford similar privileges though it is understood that institutes will not be held in Tennessee* and Georgia.

Evidence of unity in the program of the American Peace Movement is seen in the organization of a National Peace Conference composed of "twenty-eight national organizations having as their primary or secondary aim the promotion of better international relations. The conference hopes to initiate a nation-wide radio program of peace education. It is hoped in this way to challenge the demagogic appeals to national isolationism which are frequently heard on the air and which have previously hindered the progress of the American peace movement."

That peace education is becoming more effective may be illustrated by the statement that in England the failure of the Hoare-Laval plan to end the Italo-Ethiopian War by favoring Italy was credited to the prompt expression of public opinion opposed to it. While in the U. S. A. the value of expression of opinion through letters and telegrams

* As this goes to print plans are maturing for an Institute to be held in Nashville, Tenn., July 3-7, 1936.

to senators and representatives finds its answer in the statement that a "bushel of telegrams" secured the appropriation necessary for the completion of the Nye munitions investigation.

Acknowledging prayer as the greatest force within our reach for the making of a warless world, we requested the Council last year to pray daily for peace. This year as an aid in this daily petition there has been placed in the Council envelopes Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick's "Prayer for the Spiritual Union of Mankind."

MRS. FITZGERALD PARKER, *Chairman*

MRS. T. H. TYSON, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND LAW OBSERVANCE

No general meeting of the committee was held during the year, but an informal meeting of five members who were in Nashville in November, 1935, was called when studies, activities, and various useful materials were discussed.

This report is by no means exhaustive, but is compiled of selected information furnished by members of the committee. It reflects a growing recognition of ideal attitudes of Citizenship and reaffirms an increased interest and effort in the establishment of these fundamental standards in home, church, and school.

The recommendations of the Committee, as adopted by the Council in 1935, have been made the basis of an earnest attempt to advance this department of the Christian Social Relations Program, which has resulted in new areas of activity and an enlarged vision of the task ahead.

Activities

All members of the committee have been actively at work in their own conferences in every type of church meeting. Many have affiliated with other organized groups who are working at the same task. Several members report having attended lectures, forums, and conferences on topics vitally related to citizenship responsibilities. One member made no less than fifty talks to various groups, including a C. M. E. Conference, on Citizenship and related subjects. Another member, who is Editor of the Woman's Page, has contributed many articles on War, Peace, Prohibition, Temperance, and Citizenship to her Conference Advocate.

A planned program on citizenship and law observance was sent to zone leaders in several conferences and was presented by every zone at some time during the year.

Programs of co-operating agencies have been studied and material adapted to the needs of the situation. Articles from Press and Periodicals have been read and filed. Letters and telegrams have been sent to State and National Representatives on proposed legislation in which the Council is interested.

In one city the daily papers have been helpful in the furtherance of good citizenship by publishing, from time to time, editorials on pertinent questions, such as Youth and the Vote, Neutrality, Taxation, National Defense, and Law Observance, with particular emphasis on traffic regulations.

Continued study of the state laws, requiring that the deleterious effects of alcohol be taught in the public schools, has been a part of the work of the committee.

Women everywhere have joined forces with the National Safety Council to reduce the number of accidents by drunken and careless drivers, and to demand regulation of hours for truck drivers, who are required to drive long distances without the necessary rest.

The Chairman represented the Woman's Missionary Council at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Federal Church Women, whose program at this meeting was devoted entirely to Christian Social Relations. A spectacular demonstration was given on citizenship, featuring the work done to make certain churches 100 per cent in voting and other citizenship activities. She was present at a called meeting of the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching, in Atlanta, Ga., and was privileged to attend the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War. While in Washington she interviewed senators from her state as to their stand on Neutrality and Appropriations for National Defense. Preparation of a digest of seven proposed amendments to be voted in her state, and the distribution 350 copies, with accompanying letters to auxiliary presidents and leaders of other women's organizations, was a voluntary labor in the interest of better government.

A letter was sent early in January to every conference president of our Woman's Missionary Council, urging co-operation with superintendents of Christian Social Relations in an effort to enlist prompt qualification for voting in this important election year. In addition, one hundred copies of this letter were mailed to other leaders or organized groups of women.

Better Movies

The organized demands from enlightened and aroused patrons have resulted in some measure of "reform" in the *Motion Picture Industry*. Discrimination in choosing and enjoying motion pictures is becoming more and more apparent.

Finally, we are glad to report once again: "The leaven of interest and intelligent understanding of the privileges and duties of citizens is slowly permeating our constituency."

MRS. J. W. MILLS, *Chairman*
MRS. W. M. LEDBETTER, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON INTERRACIAL CO-OPERATION

The Committee on Interracial co-operation is more and more becoming a study committee; each member being especially responsible for leadership in some one phase of study. We have been able this year for the first time to include in our study the interracial problems and opportunities in communities of the foreign born. Mrs. Morris, through her contacts with Orientals and Mexicans finds that race prejudice is almost absent among very young children, but that by high school age young foreigners are made to feel that certain limitations surround them because of their race. She urges us as missionary women to work in our communities for interracial friendship and equal opportunities for all. A study of our own communities makes us aware that we are far from feeling a responsibility for providing adequate public school opportunities for all the children. Cuts in school budgets usually mean shortened school terms and lower salaries for all teachers, with Negro children and Negro teachers bearing even more than their proportionate share of the cut. In some communities alert Christian women have corrected such instances, modern school buildings for Negroes have been provided through the use of Public Works funds.

One of the major activities of the committee has to do with the Leadership Training Schools for Negro women. At the meeting of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations in November, the superintendent asked our committee to assume responsibility for working out more definitely the co-operative relationships between the various groups participating in the schools. Under the able leadership of Mrs. Landrum a conference was called in February to discuss matters of curriculum standards, co-operation, and scholarship aid for colored women attending the Leadership Schools. The conference included representatives from the Council Committee on Interracial Co-operation, Conference women active in the Leadership Schools, representatives from our Board of Christian Education, and representatives from the C. M. E. Woman's Connectional Council and from the C. M. E. General Board of Religious Education. We were greatly interested in the enlarged program of religious education which the C. M. E. Church is undertaking under its two secretaries in its General Board. We find that by action of the General Conference of the C. M. E. Church, the woman's Connectional Council is closely related to the General Board of Religious Education of that church. As the C. M. E. Church advances in its church-wide program of Standard Training Schools, we shall need to relate ourselves and our work with the C. M. E. Women in a constructive way to the program of the C. M. E. Board of Religious Education. The problem is complicated by the fact that while C. M. E. women have been in majority in the leadership schools, other denominations of Negro Women have also been represented. We shall doubtless wish to continue our wide contacts with

many Negro church groups but we shall also want to render the largest possible aid to the C. M. E. church in its educational program for woman's work. The committee agreed that for the coming summer we would continue our usual program at the Leadership Schools at Paine College, Mississippi Industrial College, Texas College, Lincoln Institute, Miles College, Lane College, and at the Jackson Mississippi Presbyterian School, making such minor adjustments as might be helpful in the new C. M. E. Program. A smaller committee was authorized to continue conferences with the view to working out permanent lines of co-operation because of the complexity of the situation. It was agreed that the Council would not undertake any new schools this summer, concentrating its efforts on strengthening in every way possible the schools already launched. A fine testimony was given of the value of the Leadership schools both for interracial friendship and for leadership training of colored women.

The Anti-Lynching campaign has been continued in co-operation with the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching. We especially recommend for auxiliary study the pamphlet on lynching: "Death by Parties Unknown." In addition the committee greatly values the Costigan-Wagner Bill as representative of the nation's responsibility in the protection of citizens and in the maintenance of peace and order.

The Committee is also making a study of the Scottsboro Case and of the light it throws on court procedure when charges of a serious nature are made against Negroes.

The committee is continuing its study of standards of household employment and hopes that this matter may soon be presented in a program for auxiliaries. Another interesting interracial study is the effect of the proposed plan of Methodist unification on the Negro membership in the Northern Methodist Church. A study has been made of the Negro reaction as voiced in the Negro press and of the reaction of the general public as revealed in the church press. The study was undertaken at the request of the Council Executive Committee.

Your committee looks forward with keen anticipation to the School of Christian Living to be held at Scarritt College in September. This school will be held especially for conference representatives of Spiritual Life Committees and of Conference Committees of Christian Social Relations. We believe that this united emphasis on the spiritual and social will bring new strength to our whole organization and new insights to every individual who participates in the school. We wish to bear testimony to the religious values which have come to us as followers of Jesus as we work and study in this realm of interracial co-operation.

MISS LOUISE YOUNG, *Chairman*
MRS. R. P. NEBLETT, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

The Industrial Committee held no mid-year meeting in 1935. Reading and research work have been carried on by the members who feel that in the face of new conditions and circumstances which present new problems there is a greater need than ever before to be simply prepared and equipped. A new book list has been compiled, and we are looking forward to our new studies. The manifold changes and complexities of the industrial world make difficult any set routine, and the Committee has felt somewhat handicapped. Nevertheless, the report of the year's work is encouraging in the fact that in spite of the problems in this field of human relations our women are bravely trying to grasp the situation and to understand some of the implications of modern industrial development. Major emphasis has been placed on work toward ratification of the Federal Child Labor Amendment. The course on Child Labor has been studied in many Conferences, and petitions, letters, and personal contacts with legislators were employed. We are told that no doubt the fate of the amendment will be decided by the state legislatures in 1936 and 1937. Favorable action by these states depends upon a clear understanding of present child labor conditions and of the history and purpose of the proposed amendment and the scope of power it grants to Congress. We need to continue to educate along this line and to work for ratification.

One cause for rejoicing is the enactment of the Social Security Act, though no provision was made for financing. Last month, however, Congress made the necessary appropriations.

This report does not provide for a record of all the activities carried forward by Conference Committees. A few might be mentioned. Studies of local labor conditions in laundries and factories; domestic service wage investigated; sewing classes for cotton mill workers; assistance in solving boy problems in Juvenile Court; establishing rest rooms for workers; one auxiliary conducts noon-hour devotionals in a factory for girls and is planning a Sunday school class for the group.

A government nursery school for the underprivileged was placed in one of the industrial centers through the efforts of auxiliary women. Study causes in Industrial Problems.

In a recent conference on current problems President Roosevelt spoke of the desirability of continuing education: "That a man's education is a continuing thing throughout his life. Especially is this true of education in public affairs. As these great and significant questions face us in our field of endeavor we are striving to make the discovery so beautifully told us by our honored guest, Dr. Kagawa, in his poem, "Discovery of God's plan in our hand of the things he will do for the world" and in making this discovery learn how to work with God to build a new social order.

MRS. I. MORRIS, *Chairman*

MRS. T. A. BENNINGTON, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Rural Development has been less active as a committee this year than in any previous year, yet as individual members we have probably never been more active. We have not attempted to hold a committee meeting this year, not alone because of expense, but also because the chairman has had a conviction that the women of the church cannot move forward intelligently in a real rural program until the entire church formulates a rural policy. For this reason we have rejoiced in the Rural Commission appointed by the General Conference and have welcomed the first report of the Commission, which gives an array of facts about the rural situation which are basic for our task. The Committee members are carefully studying this report to discover its significance for the Committee's work.

The Superintendent of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations has shared with the Chairman of the Committee the reports that have come from the auxiliaries, so that she might check to see the extent to which the recommendations of the Committee for last year have been carried out. There is nothing in these reports that would indicate the extent that the Guide for Community Study was used; there is nothing to aid us in knowing whether the recommendation that an effort be made to use the unused church hours for the program of Christian Social Relations has been carried out. Members of the Committee, however, stated these projects were being carried out in their Conferences during this quarter of the new year.

There is abundance of evidence that their recommendations regarding "sister societies" have been followed on a very wide scale. There is evidence that the recommendation regarding rural libraries is becoming popular. We are not able to detect whether women are serving on the Conference Rural Commissions. Because we are not able to report regarding these activities in line with the Committee's recommendations does not mean that progress is not being made in rural work. In fact, the persistent stimulus given to the rural societies through Mrs. Newell's quarterly letters is bearing fruit.

There is marked progress along lines of interdenominational cooperation; there is a definite increase in interest and activities along community lines; there seems to be a development in the number of circuit-wide activities; recreation for young people seems to have been stressed in many places; the reports show a very great deal of relief work with particular emphasis on provisions for undernourished school children; there is frequent mention of concern and activities for farm tenants; peace and citizenship are being stressed by rural women; there would seem to be no limit to the creativeness of women in finding ways and means by which sister societies may help each other. There seems to be a new joy in these relationships and a new understanding of the values in co-operative effort.

The Chairman of the Committee has had some special opportunities during the year to study along rural lines. She and Mrs. Tilly attended the Seminar on Rural Work conducted by the Board of Christian Education for their Extension Secretaries at Lake Junaluska; later in the summer she and Mrs. Tilly had the rare opportunity to visit rural churches in western North Carolina and north Georgia; at the Christmas season she attended the Seminar on Co-operatives held in Indianapolis under the auspices of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, at which time Kagawa led the discussion on co-operatives.

Other members of the Committee have promoted discussions on the program of the rural church at zone and district meetings, have attended county and state rural conferences, served with the Rural Work Commission in Annual Conferences, and have spent much of the year in study of rural life in general.

MABEL K. HOWELL, *Chairman*
MRS. M. E. TILLY, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON SPIRITUAL LIFE AND MESSAGE

REPORT No. 1

Another year has passed, and the report of work accomplished through this department is here recorded.

It is with gratitude that we note the influence of this movement throughout the program of the church.

In the report from every Conference Chairman there are these suggestive influences—a deepened sense of need, a response to the quiet, silent meditation, a new interest in sharing helpful experiences of our fellowship with God and of our service.

In every report there is a record of progress. This has been impossible to tabulate accurately, as we have no regulation form of reporting. There are several thousand of these definite groups in the churches and many thousands are pledged to keep the "quiet hour." Through zone and district leaders the conference chairmen are able to note progress and growth. The same general methods have been used for promoting the work. There are key women in every district, and the work is presented at annual, district, zone, and local meetings. In some Conferences one zone meeting each year is devoted to promotion of spiritual life work. Demonstration groups in these meetings have helped to a better understanding of how to conduct a meeting of the spiritual life group.

A stronger emphasis is being placed on using a definite message or theme for meditation and discussion.

All-day spiritual life meetings have been held in many districts, zones, and auxiliaries, and these have been times of creative power and enriching spiritual experience.

The retreat features of the Week of Prayer are being used and

are proving a great blessing. Many are observing an entire week instead of one day. The work is being developed among the young women in increasing numbers. Many of the Conferences report the organization of groups among Negroes.

Many and varied are plans for the work. There are circulating libraries of devotional books. Some are using bulletins and newspapers, giving in them suggestive themes and incidents. Groups are studying the hymns and using the Social Creed of the Churches for discussion and meditation. The spiritual life page in the *Outlook* is being used widely.

Groups in several Conferences are making scrapbooks, one calling them "Paths That Lead to God." These books contain poems, pictures, paragraphs, prayers that are helpful. In one Conference these scrapbooks were kept in the prayer room during the Conference session, and people might go for a few quiet moments, and these helped in their meditation. In some churches prayer boxes are kept where requests for prayer may be placed, and the groups have intercessory periods for these requests.

Posters suggesting reverence and silence in the church services are placed in the vestibules of many churches.

The use of *The Upper Room* is growing, and thousands of them have been distributed through the groups. They are used in many ways, both in private devotions and for a quiet moment in circle meetings. Emphasis is being placed on family worship, and through the groups many family altars have been begun.

Shut-ins, both white and colored, have had the ministry of the spiritual life groups.

These are just a few of the many ways the groups are serving.

The report of achievements in spiritual development of individuals and definite results along many lines of creative service are heartening. Indifferent members and unreached people have been awakened. Problems of organization and finance have been solved. One Conference leader feels that the growth in interest and work of spiritual life in her Conference is doubtless responsible for the fact that her pledge was overpaid.

I believe we will find that as this work develops every line of work will feel an impact that will mean progress. That is the goal and objective for which we pray and work.

There are many difficulties to be overcome—lack of leaders, complaint of multiplied meetings, failure to grasp possibilities of such groups. Our belief is that if auxiliaries could realize the dynamic, creative influence of these groups, there would be an earnestness in forming them that would overcome the difficulties.

The retreats and spiritual life meetings that are increasing in number every year are a great influence and power. I do not believe we can estimate the far reach of the retreat features in the Week of

Prayer programs. Not only do they bring a deep spiritual enrichment, but they are suggestive as to methods and program for similar meetings and for group meetings.

This year, instead of a central retreat, the Council Committee sponsored Conference retreats in two Conferences, Central Texas, at Georgetown, North Mississippi, in Grenada, Miss. These proved most helpful, bringing the message of content and method to women of local churches. There is where the deepest need lies at the present time—to get groups to function effectively in the local church.

The burden of planning and carrying forward these retreats fell upon Misses Howell and Haskin, as your Council Chairman was detained at home on account of illness in her family. They had able helpers and leaders—Dr. Lester Rumble, of North Georgia, Mrs. Bourne, Mrs. Lipscomb, and the officers and spiritual life leaders in the entertaining Conferences.

Most gratifying reports have come as a result of these meetings. A new impetus was given the work in these sections.

Fine reports have come of helpful retreats held by Conference leaders who submitted programs and plans to the Council Committees—the Kentucky and Louisville Conferences at Camp Kavanaugh and by the Virginia Conferences at Williamsburg. Other Conferences have held retreats for the Executive Committees which have been a great blessing. There is no way to estimate the power and influence of these retreats; only eternity will reveal the victories in individual lives and in power generated in all activities of the church.

It is a growing conviction that if our civilization is to be saved, if the ideals of Jesus Christ are to permeate all the areas of life, if peace is to be achieved, if economic justice is to prevail, if the level of life for the underprivileged is to be lifted, it must be achieved through a superhuman power channeling through believing groups.

These are to be the pilot flames, the leaven, the salt that will change and enlarge and purify our civilization. More and more we must realize the power of a minority who have a dominant passion for God and righteousness and an enthusiasm and daring based upon their faith in God—a daring that laughs at impossibilities.

If we are to have a new world, we must have men with new hearts.

Through prayer and work we are to win men and women one by one to a new allegiance to Jesus Christ, to a vital fellowship with him that changes them.

This is our task as spiritual life groups. May we have wisdom, power, and faith to move the mountains of difficulties and make the kingdoms of this world the kingdom of our Lord and Christ.

REPORT No. 2

Your Committee on Spiritual Life and Message submit the following recommendations:

1. That during 1937 the Spiritual Life and Message Committee hold

retreats in two or more Conferences, which shall be open to leaders of spiritual life groups in the auxiliaries, and that the Chairman of the Council Committee be responsible for working out details and plans.

2. In order that retreats in Conferences may be held to the high standard that is the ideal of the Committee, we recommend that where Conference retreats are planned that the proposed program and leadership be submitted first to the Executive Committee of the Conference and then to the Council Committee on Spiritual Life and Message, through its Chairman, for suggestions and approval.

3. In accordance with instructions in the Council By-Laws governing this Committee, "to keep in touch with spiritual movements of the time," we recommend that the Committee keep contacts through its membership in retreats, or movements having the same motivation, under other auspices.

4. That the use of *The Fellowship of Prayer*, a leaflet published annually by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and *The Upper Room*, issued quarterly by the General Committee on Evangelism, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, be promoted by the spiritual life groups.

DAISY DAVIES, *Chairman*

MRS. A. R. WALKER, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND STUDY OF STATUS OF WOMEN

REPORT No. 1

Your Committee on Research and Study of Status of Women submit the following report:

After laity rights were secured in 1918 the next step was to interest the women themselves in the election of women to the various boards and conferences of the church. Securing laity rights by no means assured equal opportunities of women with men. Then began the long, slow process of changing customs and habits of thinking added to the equally slow educational evolution necessary to fit women for their new duties and privileges. To that end the Status Committee is seeking to arouse the women to an acceptance of their responsibilities.

At present there are 22 women on the General Boards of our church: Missions, 17; Christian Education, 3; Ecumenical Methodist Council, 1; Federated Council of Churches, 1; and there are five women alternates on the Federal Council of Churches.

Three hundred women serve on the various Conference Boards: Bible Society, 22; Christian Education, 64; Christian Literature, 69; Missions, 113 (this includes the Presidents of the Conference Woman's Missionary Societies who are ex-officio members); Church Extension, 10; Finance, 13; Budget, 4; Lay Activities, 1. Forty-three

women are trustees of Methodist orphanages, and twenty-nine are trustees of schools and colleges.

Data compiled from the questionnaires sent to the presiding elders and Council members is of great value to the Committee. The tabulation shows that there is one woman trustee of church property to every thirty men and one woman superintendent of church school and one steward to every nine men. The number of women elected to the Conferences was pitifully small, but two-thirds of those elected to the District Conferences attended and more than half of those elected to the Annual Conference in 1934 attended.

There is much unused power in the church which the Status Committee would conserve for the church; but unless women are given larger places of responsibility, many women of leadership qualities will find their place of service outside the church in civic and other organizations. There are boards—General, Conference, and in the local church—that have never had a woman member. Women can change this situation and should bestir themselves to work for adequate membership on every board.

In the promotion of the work of the Status Committee, last year a report blank was prepared for the Chairman of the Conference Status Committees, and reports indicate that Status of Women was widely presented at annual, district, and zone meetings. The playlet "Her Heritage" proved very popular and was used in several hundred meetings. Through the courtesy of the presiding Bishops a large number of the Presidents of the Conference Missionary Societies presented the Woman's Work at the Annual Conference.

PUBLICITY

The program material for June provided a leaflet, *The Witness of Methodist Women*, written by Mrs. Anna Onstott and Mrs. J. C. Handy, former Chairman of this Committee. This reached all auxiliaries in Southern Methodism. A packet of leaflets has been prepared which includes all leaflets on this subject issued by our Literature Department and may be secured from Literature Headquarters, 706 Church Street, Nashville, Tenn; price, 15 cents. Short, pertinent articles have appeared in the *Bulletin of Missionary News* and the various Conference *Advocates*. The following articles in the *World Outlook* in 1935 were of general interest: "Loosing the Bonds," by the Rev. Elizabeth Wilson (January); "A Quarter-Century of American Womanhood," by Lena Madesin Phillips (May); "Susanna Wesley, Mother and Preacher of Righteousness," by Mrs. Anna Onstott (May); "Making Connections," by Dr. Helen K. Kim (June); "Lucinda Helm, Pioneer," by Mrs. E. F. Goodson (February, 1936).

Three articles on "Ordination of Women" were printed in the *Nashville Christian Advocate*—"Ordination of Women," by Mrs. T. I. Charles (August 16, 1935), contained the opinions of eleven women—members of the Woman's Missionary Council, who favor ordination.

A second article by Mrs. Charles (printed September 6, 1935) gave the opinions of three men—a judge, a lawyer, and a minister—who favor ordination for women. Dr. S. Stephen McKenny wrote an excellent article on Ordination of Women (September 13, 1935); "Woman in New China," by Enmei Yui (January 31, 1936), was her speech given at the General Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Washington, D. C.; "Women on Boards: A Parable," by Maud M. Turpin (February 7, 1936). Mrs. W. J. Piggott's article, "Women and the Ministry," was printed in several of the Conference *Advocates*.

The name of this Committee is significant, a Committee on Research and Study of the Status of Women. Research that has been begun and which will be continued through this year is a comparison of salaries paid men and women workers in our church. The scope of the study will include the secretaries and stenographers of the church boards, Bible teachers appointed by the church to state schools, teachers in some of our men's and women's colleges, teachers and superintendents of our orphanages, and home and foreign missionaries.

Women are still faced with the most vital of inequalities—that of the pocket-book. A study was made of the wages of men and women in business and the professions. Some of the reasons for the inequality of salaries between men and women in some trades and professions are: (1) The operation of the "law of supply and demand"—that is, there are, or seem to be, plenty of women ready to accept lower salaries and do good work. (2) The second reason usually given is the necessity for the men to support a family. To many persons this appeal is a valid reason, but we might well pause to ask what proportion of women workers are supporting aged or invalided relatives and other dependents. (3) A third reason given is that women are looked on more or less as temporary workers, that they will work until they can get married. The argument is sometimes raised that women school-teachers should not be paid as highly as men, since they are only transient workers, using the school as a sort of "hope chest."

A COMPARISON OF THE WAGES OF WOMEN WITH WAGES OF MEN IN BUSINESS AND THE PROFESSIONS

There is abundant testimony to the belief that the wages of women are usually much below those of men. Fact-finding as to these comparisons is difficult.

The Women's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor is the only agency of the United States Government that publishes material on earnings applying solely to women. The Bureau of Census and Labor Statistics, also the State Departments of Labor, furnish some information. The Women's Bureau, which was organized as a war service, became permanent in 1920, and with these aims:

To secure for the working woman an adequate wage based on occupation, not sex; time for recreation, self-development, leisure; not more than an eight-hour day; not less than one and one-half days off in each week; no night work; no industrial home work.

The last census lists almost forty-one million people gainfully employed in the United States, and of this number eleven million are women. It is significant that only thirty out of 534 classifications occupational in the census showed no women engaged. It is true the "occupational pattern" has changed, yet statistics show that the greatest percentage of women are engaged in work that is feminine in type.

Our concern is in regard to discrimination as to salary rather than occupation. Reports given by the Women's Bureau through surveys in thirteen states during the years 1920 to 1925 indicate that women's wages were about 50 per cent of men's wages, when working in plants for manufacturing ice-cream and confectionery, cigars and cigarettes, shirts and men's clothing, cotton and knit goods, and electrical supplies.

In 1926 the National Industrial Conference Board published the results of a study of weekly earnings in 25 manufacturing plants. This showed the average weekly earnings of women were below those of unskilled male laborers and was affirmed by the Women's Bureau. In 1926 Dr. Paul H. Douglas made an analysis of the statistics of these same agencies, finding the lowest average weekly earnings of unskilled male laborers was \$24.90. This was 22 per cent above the highest median of the earnings of women—\$19.90, a figure representative of the post-war peak in earnings.

In 1931 a survey was made as to salaries of office workers—both men and women—in one of the largest commercial centers. The median monthly salary of men ranged from \$103 in mail-order houses to \$158 in public utilities; for women, \$75 in mail-order houses to \$127 in investment houses.

The home offices of insurance companies are among the largest clerical field, and to learn more of women's salaries in this field, two centers, Hartford and Des Moines, were surveyed in 1931 and 1932. Office hours were much shorter than in mercantile or manufacturing plants; salaries for the first year were higher for women than for men; promotions in salary were much more rapid for men than for women.

Comparisons in the professional groups are not obtainable in the Bulletins of the Women's Bureau, yet it is interesting to know that the maximum earnings of women in this group vary from \$3,000 per year for a saleswoman, a railroad passenger representative, a college house matron to \$25,000 per year for a physician in private practice and an official for an insurance company. The maximum return for a social or welfare worker is \$5,800.

The median earnings for teachers vary according to locality with

little discrimination as to salaries for women doing the same type of work as men.

The Status of Women in Government service offers much of interest to women because of the law established in 1924—"equal compensation for equal work irrespective of sex."

From all available data the NRA coles brought more substantial benefits to women than to men during the two-year period following its passages in June, 1933. Increased employment, higher wages, shorter hours, less night work, decreased industrial home work were some of the benefits derived for women workers. Evaluation of the full extent of decline in standards that followed the abandonment of NRA codes is almost impossible. The security of the lives and welfare of working women will depend upon the various states for passage and enforcement of labor legislation. Notable progress has been made during 1935 by states adopting the minimum wage law. Representatives from nine states participated in the Fifth Conference on Administration of Minimum Wage Laws which was held in November.

A challenging need is the abolition of a double wage standard that countenances one set of rates for men and a lower level of pay for women doing practically the same quantity and quality of work.

REPORT No. 2

Your Committee submits the following recommendations:

* 1. That the mimeographed "Study on the Status of Women," prepared by Mrs. T. I. Charles, be used in district, zone, and auxiliary meetings.

† 2. That auxiliaries provide their Chairman of Status Committee with the packet of leaflets on Status of Women.

3. That auxiliaries make use of articles to be released during the year in the *Christian Advocate*, *World Outlook*, *Bulletin*, and *Conference Advocates*.

4. That a study be made by auxiliaries of the comparison of wages of men and women in business and the professions as found in the Committee Report, *Council Minutes*, 1936.

5. That the Executive Committee of the Conference Woman's Missionary Society request the presiding Bishop to allow time on the program of the preachers' Annual Conferences for the presentation of Woman's Work.

MRS. T. I. CHARLES, *Chairman*

MRS. E. A. KITCHELL, *Secretary*

COMMISSION ON UNOCCUPIED AREAS

The subject that has been given to this commission for this year is migrants and transients.

* Free from Literature Headquarters, 706 Church Street, Nashville, Tenn.

† Price, 15 cents. Literature Headquarters, 706 Church Street, Nashville, Tenn.

Material has been gathered from the government and other sources, and the facts collected have revealed a serious situation from the standpoint of the people themselves, and from the standpoint of the community, and of our national life.

From the government statistics we are led to believe that there are fully five million migrant and transient people without permanent homes, without jobs, going from place to place with the hope of earning a little here and there, with no permanent basis in their lives, and no provision for the education and care of their children.

Contrary to the expectation of many casual observers, some of these transients are fairly well educated—two-thirds of certain groups which were studied had graduated from grammar school, and one-sixth from high school. Measured in terms of school years completed, the transient population is a fairly well educated group.

These facts reveal the seriousness of a situation which is a challenge to the Christian Church.

These studies will be continued by the Commission during the year.

MRS. LEE BRITT, *Chairman*

MRS. C. C. WEAVER, *Secretary*

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATE WORK

The Council Committee on Candidate Work is composed of the Secretary of Education and Promotion, the Secretaries of Home and Foreign Missions, the Professors of Home and Foreign Missions at Scarritt College, and three members who are conference representatives in the Council. Two meetings of the full committee and eleven meetings of the resident committee have been held since the meeting of the Council in 1935. Full minutes of these meetings have been sent to the three conference representatives.

The chairman and secretary of the Committee were re-elected. Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., of the Louisiana Woman's Missionary Conference, was elected as publicity chairman, and Miss Barbara Lewis was chosen as office secretary.

The Committee has corresponded with these young women who were referred by the Conference Committees on Candidate Work and with several who were interviewed at the Methodist Young People's Conference. Applications for scholarships from a number of young women have been received from which eight were recommended who are now in the junior year and five who are in the senior year at Scarritt College. One other scholarship was granted to a senior who for health reasons was compelled to leave school.

Six senior students at Scarritt College were recommended for consecration, two of whom are on an independent basis. Seven former graduates were also recommended for consecration.

Scholarships were provided by Doctor Cuninggim for several young women who were not eligible for Council scholarships.

The cultivation work has been provided for through the church periodicals and in the various colleges. One cultivation leaflet entitled, *Do You Want to Be a Missionary?* has been printed and is being distributed.

Official representatives from the Committee on Candidate Work attended the conference for young people which was held in Memphis during the Christmas holidays, and the Student Volunteer Convention held in Indianapolis at the same time.

The Committee presents for consecration twelve young women who have been recommended by the Candidate Committees of the Council and the Board of Missions for service in the home and foreign fields.

CANDIDATES FOR CONSECRATION

Home:

Florence Bradley, of the Virginia Conference.
 Eva Crenshaw, of the North Georgia Conference.
 Sarah McCracken, of the North Carolina Conference.
 Elsie Nesbit, of the South Georgia Conference.
 Julia Southard, of the Virginia Conference.
 Bertha May White, of the Pacific Conference.

Foreign:

Ruth Cook, of the Kentucky Conference, Korea.
 Ruth Hillis, of the Oklahoma Conference, Brazil.
 Mildred Hudgins, of the Virginia Conference, Japan.
 Mathilde Killingsworth, of the Mississippi Conference, China.
 Mary McSwain, of the Little Rock Conference, Brazil.
 Helen Scally, of the Florida Conference, China.

MRS. J. W. DOWNS, *Chairman*

MRS. HELEN B. BOURNE, *Secretary*

SESSIONS COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATE WORK

The sessions Committee on Candidate Work met and elected for the remainder of the quadrennium Mrs. W. H. Ballengee, Chairman, and Mrs. C. T. Schaedel, Secretary. The discussions were along the following lines:

1. Functions of the Conference Candidate Committee: Since the candidate work has been transferred recently to Council and conference committees, a discussion of the function of the conference committee was called for, and found to be the discovery of prospective candidates and of their general adaptability for missionary service. A cultivation leaflet, *Do You Want to Be a Missionary?* giving the needs of the church for workers and the requisite qualifications of candidates, has recently been prepared, and is available from the office of the Council Chairman, Mrs. J. W. Downs. It was suggested that the Administrative Secretaries make available to the conference committees an up-to-date list of their specific needs in the various fields.

2. Volunteer Scholarships: The Committee feels that there is a real need for the training of volunteer workers for the definite service of leadership and the attention of the conferences is called to the authorization given them to grant such scholarships.

3. Co-operation: In the promotion of candidate work constant and close co-operation between the committees of the Council and conferences is necessary. The channel for such co-operation is through the office of the Chairman of the Candidate Committee, Mrs. J. W. Downs.

4. Recommendation on Requirements for Nurse Candidates: Since, with one exception (Africa), the need today on the foreign fields is for missionary nurses equipped for teaching rather than for practical nursing, the following recommendation from the Council Candidate Committee was indorsed, and is presented to this body for action:

It is recommended that in the leaflet on the Minimum Educational Standards and Regulations for Missionary Candidates for the Home and Foreign Fields, under item III, section 1, this be added, "must have completed two years of standard college work," so that it will read, "1. A candidate must be a graduate of an accredited high school, or its equivalent, must have completed two years of standard college work, and be a diploma graduate of a standard nurse training school."

MRS. W. H. BALLENGEE, *Chairman*

MRS. C. T. SCHAEDEL, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY SERVICE

The Committee on Missionary Service ordered by the Council in 1935 met in Nashville, October 10, 1935, with all members present. This committee arose from the need felt by the Administrative Secretaries to share heavy responsibilities relating to the furloughs, study, health, and family conditions of the furlough missionaries.

Careful consideration was given to twenty-eight foreign and thirteen home missionaries on furlough. Doctor Cate, examining physician of the Board of Missions, was present and brought information concerning the health of the workers. Recommendations were made covering continuance in service and extension of furlough for health and other reasons. Action was deferred in some instances pending further medical reports.

The large majority were to be returned to their posts to render further excellent service.

MRS. W. J. PIGGOTT, *Chairman*

MRS. I. MORRIS, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON SCARRITT COLLEGE

The report of Doctor Cuninggim, President of Scarritt College, which was read to the Committee was most interesting. Particularly do we express our deep gratitude over the enlarged enrolment of students and the increased number of men students and married

couples who are availing themselves of the advantages of Scarritt. Spendid progress has been made in the department of sociology and social work.

We recommend:

1. That efforts be continued to secure recognition of the department of social work by the Association of Schools of Social Work.

2. That we continue the request that a specially qualified woman be appointed by each conference president to co-operate with the college in a publicity program, inviting interested people to become "Scarritt Associates" and seeking the co-operation of other agencies within her conference, working under the supervision of the Executive Committee of the Conference Society.

3. That the Department of Missionary Training be strengthened and that efforts be made to acquaint other Boards of Missions with the excellent facilities Scarritt College offers for the training of home and foreign missionaries.

MRS. R. L. HOBODY, *Chairman*

MRS. W. D. TAYLOR, *Secretary*

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE STUDY OF THE DEACONESS WORK

To the Woman's Missionary Council.

The Joint Committee on the Study of the Deaconess Work has held three meetings this year. The first one was a brief meeting for organization which was held during Council in St. Louis. The next meeting was held in Nashville on June 28, and the general policies and objectives of the Committee were discussed. It was decided that the first undertaking would be a study of the fields and methods of the deaconess work. The Committee was then divided into subcommittees, to each of which was delegated a subdivision of the above topic.

The third meeting was held in Nashville on November 22. An entire day spent in conference regarding the reports of the subcommittees showed that the problem had only been begun rather than completed, so the subcommittees were instructed to continue their research until the next meeting. Reports of eight studies previously made by a committee of the Deaconess Conference are being used by the Committee.

While no completed study has been made as yet and so no recommendations are being presented at this time, the Committee feels that this study of the deaconess work in the light of the combined viewpoints of the Council, the Administration, and the Deaconess is going to prove helpful in getting a clearer view of the problems involved and also in obtaining a new vision of the possibilities for extended growth and more effective service.

MRS. FRED A. LAMB, *Chairman*

CLARA MAE SELLS, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

A memorial came to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws from the North Carolina Conference requesting "that changes made in Council requirements shall not become effective before January 1 of the year following the session of the Council at which said plans are adopted."

The Committee has given careful consideration to this Memorial and have decided that it is not material for the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

MISS EMMA V. PEPLER, *Chairman*
 MRS. J. P. HARVILL, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND FORMULATE PLANS FOR THE
 CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTIETH YEAR OF HOME
 MISSION WORK

At its first meeting the Committee discussed the large rural fields in Southern Methodist territory. The facts presented led the Committee to make as its first recommendation to the Council that the main objective be the study and development of rural work; information obtained from recent surveys in rural sections has caused the Committee to feel that no mistake was made in the selection in its recommendation.

The Committee also recommended that the celebration, beginning at the 1936 Council meeting, center around one day of that session.

That a special study book be prepared under the supervision of the Secretary in charge of Literature; later it was found that the Interdenominational study book for 1936 would meet the need, if a pamphlet were published, which would vitally link the study up with our own work; this has been done and the pamphlet is being used by the auxiliaries; the Committee is indebted to Miss Dunn for giving much valuable information and historical data in this concise form.

The second study book for the year will also deal with some phase of Home Missions.

The play portraying Fifty Years of Home Mission Work was written by Deaconess Dorothy Garrett under the title, "Lift Up Thine Eyes." It will be presented under the direction of Miss McCord, who is the Director of the Theatrical Club of Southern Methodist University. All this is being fulfilled in your midst today and tonight.

A Roll Call of Home Mission Workers, who laid sure and strong foundations, upon which we are building, would be appropriate, but as the Home Mission Pioneers were honored when the Foreign Jubilee was observed in 1928, it has been decided to omit the list. These honored names are engraved on the hearts of all missionary women and "their works do follow them."

The Committee had surveys made in several conferences under the supervision of the Administrative Secretary of Home Field; also at places where government projects were being carried on, but it has

made no recommendations concerning definite projects to be undertaken for the development of rural work; the Committee felt that such recommendations should come from the Home and Foreign Session Committees of the Council. The fact remains, however, the need in the rural areas is imperative, and the opportunities in that field almost limitless, as about sixty-five per cent of the constituency of Southern Methodism lives in rural sections.

The Home Mission celebration will close with the observance of the Week of Prayer in November. Under the direction of the secretary in charge of literature program material will be prepared. It is hoped that the offering will surpass that of any previous year, which will be used when and as the Council shall direct.

MRS. NAT G. ROLLINS, *Chairman*

MRS. C. C. WEAVER, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE TO FILL VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES

Committee on Industrial Relations:

Mrs. Ramos, of Florida Conference; Mrs. W. H. Wysor, Holston Conference.

Committee on International Relations and World Peace:

Mrs. L. M. Autrey.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws:

Mrs. J. M. Stinson.

MISS DAISY DAVIES

MRS. J. G. MERRITT

MISS LOUISE YOUNG

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

"Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh," but out of its *overabundance* the lips are dumb. It was with glad anticipation that we journeyed to Texas to celebrate our fifty years of home mission work in your hundredth year of independence. You have made it a Golden Jubilee indeed. As we bring you our thanks we must paraphrase the poet: "The plains stretch out on either side, no wider than your hearts are wide." We are conscious of the loving thought, careful planning, and earnest praying which has made this Council a memorable one. We appreciate the untiring efforts of the official hostesses, Mrs. Virgil R. Walker, Mrs. Claude M. Simpson, Mrs. A. S. Lewis, their chairmen, committees, and pages, Miss Emily Dorsey, Deaconess of the Dallas District; the Presiding Elder of the Dallas District, Dr. S. H. C. Burgin; and the pastor and staff of First Methodist Church. Not only have our needs been met, but it seems every Methodist woman in Dallas has been alert to make this meeting one of beauty and joy.

Our hearts are grateful to those who met us at the train whether early morning, noon, or night with the cordiality of one awaiting a long-expected friend. The thoughtful provision made for transportation from hotel to church, and for the missionaries and deaconesses entertained in the homes, has done much to lighten the burden of the work. We wish to express appreciation also to those who furnished cars and drove the members of the Council over the beautiful city of Dallas Sunday afternoon. It was a real worship experience to see God at work in the redbud trees, the flowering quince, and the many other shrubs and flowers that beautify the city. The ministry of music in the Twilight Musical at Highland Park Methodist Church prepared us for the Consecration Service.

The lunches served at noon in the great church dining-room have been each day a delicious, appetizing, and satisfying meal. The tables and decorations have been a delight to the eye. The Fellowship Dinner and the all-Texas luncheon were exquisitely beautiful in every appointment. That you should do all this for our comfort and pleasure humbles us and makes us realize that after all you do it for Jesus.

Generous commendation is due those who have provided the music which has meant so much to the meeting. The presence of the choir director, Mrs. Robert H. Morton, and the organist, Miss Margaret Hughston, and her assistant, Mrs. H. M. Whaling, Jr., to lead the hymns at the daily sessions as well as to provide the special numbers is deeply appreciated.

Profound gratitude must be expressed to the Program Committee for bringing to this anniversary session of the Council two speakers of international fame. Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa in his personality and messages has revealed to us the Master. The incense of gratitude will rise continually from the altar of our hearts for the presence among us of this world Christian. We are equally appreciative of the presence of Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, whose devotional messages have enlarged our conception of the implication of the gospel as manifested in daily thought and conduct. Miss Mary Mims, of the Louisiana State University, visualized the tragic needs in the rural sections of our territory and indicated lines of co-operation in meeting these needs. We are glad she was with us.

To our Bishops and fraternal delegates, to Dr. Cuninggim—as well as to all other speakers, including the large number of deaconesses and missionaries, we are grateful for earnest words and Christian testimony concerning the joy and satisfaction experienced by those who seek not to save their lives but to lose them in service for Him.

The historical play, "Lift Up Thine Eyes," presented on Monday night by the School of Speech of Southern Methodist University, under the capable direction of Miss Mary McCord, was a fitting climax to the Special Anniversary Day. The program in its entirety

has made us deeply conscious of our rich missionary heritage. Behind us stretch the years of ever-widening horizons; before us the fields are yet white for the harvest. "Let us lift up our eyes."

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, JR.

MRS. C. T. SCHAEDEL

MRS. W. H. BALLENGEE



A noble army men and boys, the matron and the maid,
Around the Savior's throne rejoice in robes of light arrayed;
They climbed the steep ascent to heaven through peril, toil, and pain.
O God, to us may grace be given to follow in their train.

MEMOIRS

MRS. OLIVE KIRBY BROOKS

Mrs. Olive Kirby Brooks was born and reared in Tennessee. Soon after her graduation from Union University, Jackson, Tenn., in 1907, she was happily married to Mr. B. P. Brooks, superintendent of the city schools of Belzoni, Miss. Endowed by nature with a strong mind, ready wit, and lovable disposition, she early consecrated these gifts to the Master's use and became one of the outstanding Christian workers of her conference and state. For a number of years she was President of the Missionary Society of her local church, then Vice-President of the North Mississippi Conference. Elected President of this Conference in 1933, she served in this office until the date of her death, January 15, 1936.

As a conference executive she exhibited rare tact and courtesy. Frail of body but strong in spirit, she worked and planned till her strength was gone. The best medical skill failed to discover and arrest the cause of her decline, and her beautiful soul returned to the God who gave it. Hers was a radiant personality, genial and generous. The world is better because she passed through it; heaven is brighter because she has entered it.

MRS. MARGARET MAUPIN PETERS

Mrs. Margaret Maupin Peters, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Maupin, was reared in Missouri, received her education at the State University, Columbia, Mo. Following her marriage to Mr. Fredus W. Peters, they made their home in Kansas City.

Being one in whose heart Christian missions was always uppermost, Mrs. Peters readily found her place of service, thus she became president of her auxiliary in Kansas City. Later, having moved to Los Angeles, Calif., her gifts were soon recognized. She was always active in missionary auxiliary and circles at Trinity Church and elsewhere. She served for some years as President of the Homer Tober-

man Mission in that city. For some time she was President of the Los Angeles Missionary Conference and had a deep interest in the Woman's Missionary Council. Mrs. Peters died in Rosemead, Calif., May 29, 1935.

Those with whom and for whom she served in California and in the Woman's Missionary Council will long feel the influence of this strong, beautiful Christian character.

MISS LILY A. STRADLEY

Miss Lily Ann Stradley, missionary to Brazil, 1896-1928, was the daughter of the Rev. John Ryland Stradley and Mrs. Harriet Newel Stradley, born in Greeneville, Tenn., May 29, 1859.

From her early youth she was an active member of the Methodist Church. At twenty-one she graduated from Martha Washington College at Abingdon, Va. After gaining experience as a teacher and as homemaker for her father she offered herself to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions for foreign missionary service. She was accepted and sent to Brazil in 1896.

Her first appointment was to Petropolis, where she remained two years. She was then transferred to Piracicaba to assist the principal and the following year, 1899, was appointed principal, in which capacity she served for thirty years.

She proved to be as devoted to the school and its interests as had been its founder, Miss Martha Watts, and under her administration it continued to expand. During her long residence she won the confidence of the people and contributed much to the development of the civic spirit of the city.

The love and devotion of her pupils present the highest testimonial to her success among them. After retiring from active service in 1928 she lived in her own little cottage among them for several years before returning to her native land in 1933. Thereafter she made her home with her sister in Lewisburg, Ohio, who for fifteen years had been her co-worker in Brazil. In 1934 she was awarded the certificate of missionary emeritus by the Woman's Missionary Council.

She succumbed to a sudden attack of illness and passed to her reward on July 27, 1935, and was laid to rest in Roselawn Cemetery at Lewisburg, Ohio. Miss Stradley's last words were a fitting climax to her life: "All is well! Jesus."

MISS IDA WORTH

Miss Ida Worth, missionary to Japan, 1895-1929, received her preparation for service at Scarritt Bible and Training School. Her first work was with the "Parent Board" in the Girls' Industrial School in Kobe, Japan, where she lived and worked with Mrs. J. W. Lambuth. She was later transferred to the Woman's Work. Miss Worth served fourteen years in Oita, and quoting from her report of

1922, "after . . . Oita, in my twenty-seventh year of service, I became again a pioneer, to go out to this most important station. . . . (the great naval station of Kure) to open the work for women and children there." Here she was Head Resident of the Social Evangelistic Center for several years. Later she was supervisor of kindergarten work in Kyoto, and after thirty-three years of outstanding service she retired and returned to her home in St. Louis, Mo.

In her girlhood she had been a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church, St. Louis. Her return to this fellowship was pleasant and brought her much comfort as she approached the end of life's pilgrimage. She passed to the fuller life January 17, 1936. Her work in Japan had much commendation, yet Miss Worth's truest memorial will be found today in the hearts of countless men and women and little children in Japan, created there by the loving consecrated life which she poured out so freely in service for her Master.

MRS. MARY BRUCE ALEXANDER

Mrs. Mary Bruce Alexander, missionary to Brazil and to the Cubans of the United States, born in Vanceburg, Ky., October 8, 1853, came of Virginia Revolutionary stock. Reared carefully in the Methodist Church from early girlhood, she showed a keen interest in missions. Her first assignment to missionary work after her consecration was as music teacher in Piracicaba, Brazil, in 1884. She was among the early pioneers to Brazil. "At Piracicaba she ably assisted Miss Martha Watt and early became conspicuous in refusing when ordered by civil authorities to close the school, which, with other Protestant institutions, was the object of religious prejudice. After overcoming many hindrances from the Jesuits she opened a boarding school at Rio de Janeiro, but an epidemic of yellow fever interrupted its success and led the Board to move to Petropolis." In August, 1897, she went to Florida fully expecting to return to Brazil later. The opportunity for service among the Cubans and Italians in Florida proved so absorbing that she continued in this field until her retirement in 1921. Her name will always be associated with the schools for Cubans in Florida, which work, included a night school for Italians and evangelistic work among Italian and Cuban women, she organized and gave to it distinguished service.

She attained the age of eighty-three, having given continuous active missionary service for forty years, and retained a deep interest in the work until the time of her death in Tampa, Florida, July 22, 1935. A sketch of her life written by herself closes with the words: "The Lord has been good to me and I praise His Name."

She wrought well wherever she served and was a source of blessing to many. A woman great in spirit has gone from us.

MISS LAURA HARRIS

Laura Harris, Deaconess, was born near Jonesboro in Washington County, Tenn., on July 3, 1857. Her father was a minister, and the influence of her Christian parents meant much to her religious life and her interest in missionary work. She was actively interested in the Epworth League which increased her desire to consecrate her life to the cause of missions. She received her training in the Methodist Training School of Nashville, Tenn., and was consecrated to the work of deaconess in 1910. Her first appointment was to Montgomery, Ala., where she organized and carried on the Travelers' Aid work. She remained there for five years and later served in Hartshorne, Oklahoma, the coal field of West Virginia, Vashti-School, Thomasville, Ga., and Ruth Hargrove Settlement, Key West, Fla., giving seventeen years of consecutive service. She retired in 1927, having reached the retirement age. She passed away on November 2, 1935, at 9:50 P.M. Her life was a blessing to all who knew her.

MRS. SELDEN BRYAN

Mrs. Selden Bryan, born in Kingstree, S. C., February 6, 1885, one of a large family of children, was reared in a deeply spiritual environment.

Mrs. Bryan was a teacher by profession, but after the death of her husband she wanted to engage in a work where service and not money was the first consideration, so she went to Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo., graduating in 1916. She was consecrated as Deaconess that year, and as such she has served a number of appointments: the Methodist Institute, a co-operative home for girls, Richmond, Va.; the Rosa Valdez Settlement, Tampa, Fla., as first head resident of the new and enlarged center; at the Wesley House in Chattanooga, Tenn.; at the Vashti School, Thomasville, Ga. In these centers many whom she has helped to find the larger life, and others who call her friend will hear of the going of this deaconess with real grief. She died at Vashti, on Monday night, March 30, 1935. She was laid to rest in the old family cemetery near Kingstree, S. C. She rests from her labors but her influence and life live on.

MRS. J. C. FIELD

Mrs. J. C. Field, home missionary. Her first appointment was as superintendent of Eva Comer Home in Birmingham, Ala. She served also at Macon, Ga., Meridian, Miss., Biloxi, Miss., and Kansas, Mo. In 1929, having reached the retirement age, she was retired. She passed away March 30, 1935, in Atlanta, Ga. She was apparently in good health, but was called away suddenly to hear the "Well done" of the Master whom she served.

REPORTS FROM THE HOME FIELD

BIBLE TEACHERS IN STATE SCHOOLS

Southeastern State Teachers' College, Durant, Okla.

Deaconess Anna Fay Fowler, Bible Teacher, reports:

My second year's work in Durant has been rich in experiences and as I come to the task of taking stock of the year's achievements, I find that the most worth-while accomplishments cannot be recorded in a report. Some are too intimate, even too sacred to give to the public, but I will say that I have seen life come to lives that were lifeless; I have seen both young and old go out with a new lease on life and only the years that stretch ahead can tell of the value of one individual who has seen God.

This year has seen progress in every phase of our work. The class enrolment has increased each term and in most cases doubled the enrolment of the same term a year ago.

The Community School of Religion was held this term for one week with two hundred students enrolled. The dean of this Community School of Religion expressed his attitude by saying, "It is the best in every way."

The Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. have reached in one capacity or another the entire student body. Eighty girls can be considered active members of the Y. W. C. A. The college has honored our organization by placing it in the regular school budget and allowing us ten cents a semester for each student in school. * With the numerous necessary cuts in the school budget we consider this raise a great honor.

Many students have come this year for private conferences in which they reveal their inner selves in their desire for guidance, sympathy, and deliverance. In hours like this I have seen new days dawn.

The Ladies' Bible Class has added much joy to the year's work. Most of these are missionary women and are keenly anxious to make religion meaningful to their lives. Many times they have given inspiration as we have studied together.

I am teaching the Home Mission study course in my missionary circle and will teach Bible study and Foreign Mission study later.

To me this has been a great year as I have seen the spirit of Christ find its way in every avenue of our work.

West Texas State Teachers' College, Canyon, Texas

Deaconess Oscie Sanders, Professor of Bible, reports:

The department of Bible at West Texas State Teachers' College was established in September, 1935. Four courses were offered by the department for the first semester and thirty-four students registered. The second semester four additional courses were offered and the enrolment in the department was thirty-two.

There has been a large turn over in the personnel of the classes, twenty-two new students coming in the second semester to take the places of the twenty-four who dropped out.

The college anticipates the continuation of the work next year.

In addition to teaching responsibilities the Bible professor has acted as faculty sponsor for two student organizations and has taught a

Sunday school class in the local church. There have been frequent responses to requests for speeches, both in the town of Canyon and in the district.

College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Texas

Miss McQueen Weir, Bible Teacher, reports:

The Bible Department of the Texas State College for Women has had a splendid year. The first semester 276 students registered for Bible courses and the second semester 352 students enrolled, making a total of 628 students in my Bible courses in the College. Courses have been taught in Old Testament Leaders, Prophets, History, the Psalms, the Gospels, the Acts and the Epistles totaling 17 hours of teaching each week of the first semester and 20 hours per week the second semester.

We have 35 majors and minors in the department—12 majors and 23 minors. Three majors and two minors will graduate this year. One major graduated last year with honors and has a position in Christian work in Dallas.

The College has given to the department \$100.00 for library books and provides a student assistant and extra help if needed. The College also brought a lecturer on biblical archaeology who was with us a week in lectures and personal work. Great numbers attended these lectures and enjoyed the many slides. Much was accomplished in establishing the students in faith and in knowledge of the Bible.

I have given a number of addresses in the churches of the different denominations, to clubs and societies.

A seven weeks' course beginning this week will be given by me for the Young People of the Methodist Church on Personal Religion. This course will close the year of service at C. I. A. A year crowded full of opportunities and accomplishments for our Master.

CHURCH DEACONESSES

First Methodist Church, Walsenburg, Colo.

Deaconess Ella Bowden, Pastor's Assistant, reports:

As director of religious education it is my privilege to plan with the pastor to meet the spiritual need of every age group in our church membership. In addition to routine work and visiting the sick, strangers, and shut-ins, it has been my privilege to work in close co-operation with the Woman's Missionary Society to act as leader in Mission Study and Spiritual Life groups, to have charge of the World Friendship Club, sponsor the Young People's division, teach a group of Intermediates in Sunday School, attend a Training Class taught by our pastor, the Rev. R. M. Stradley, conduct a most wonderful Daily Vacation Bible School, am now directing the young people in a beautiful Easter play. It has been a joy to have a part in training these children and young people and through personal conferences as well as through the program of the department to help them to a clearer understanding and appreciation of Jesus' life, creating a desire to have that way of life as their own.

In addition to the church work I have a Spanish-American Girl Reserve group which gives me real joy.

I am grateful for a place to serve and praise the Lord for all his goodness to me.

Hamp Stevens Methodist Church and Community House, Columbus, Ga.

Deaconess Addie Greely reports:

Having been on this appointment for only seven months, my work so far has been largely laying the foundation for the future.

As deaconess in Hamp Stevens Church, I have been placed in charge of the Children's Division in our Church school and am also serving as superintendent in our Junior Department. It is such a joy to work with these boys and girls and see how rapidly they are developing. I have had the joy of seeing some of them accept Jesus and unite with this church.

I also assisted with the Epworth Leagues and missionary society, and have just organized a Young Woman's Circle. These young women are most enthusiastic over the work and are drawing their friends into the circle.

Our church is in the midst of approximately eight thousand people, most of whom work in the four textile mills located almost in sight of our church, but because of the lack of trained leadership, we are touching only a small percentage of this number; about fifty per cent of the children enrolled in the two grade schools within a few blocks of our church, do not attend any church school. Surely the field here is white unto the harvest.

A small residence next to our church has been converted into a Community House and living quarters for me. This puts me in the midst of the people whom I serve and convenient to the church. Clubs and classes are conducted in our Community House and our library is open three afternoons a week. We are lending more than two hundred books a month and giving to children hundreds of good magazines. Through the library and clubs I have been able to contact many children and enlist them in the activities of our church.

I have never been happier in any of my appointments and count it a great privilege to serve the Master here.

Centenary M. E. Church, South, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Deaconess Dorothea M. Reid reports:

During the past year the church furnished a car for the Deaconess and after many trials and tribulations she learned to drive. The car certainly has brought joy to many, as well as the Deaconess. It has increased her efficiency and made possible the doing of much more work. During the year special emphasis was placed on personal evangelization. A Vacation School was carried on during the month of June. The extremely cold weather of this past winter brought many demands for relief. These were met by the church through the Woman's Missionary Society and church school, to a large extent. We also co-operated with our Deaconesses at Wesley Community Center and Bethlehem House, and with the Welfare Agencies of the city. The Deaconess with the help of God tried to meet all opportunities for service, and is grateful for a place of service. She makes the following words of Whittier her prayer:

"Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace." Amen.

Mexican Methodist Church, Laredo, Texas

Deaconess Mamie Robinson, Pastor's Assistant, reports:

The work of the past year has been very encouraging as we have seen our church continue to grow in Laredo, and to extend its services to fields where there is no other Evangelistic work. How happy we are to see so many of our fine young people taking their places in the work of the Master. Many of the 59, who have been received into

the church during 1935, came through the efforts of our people in our missions.

"Hermana Lencha" as she is lovingly called, cannot read nor write, but she knows how to tell others of the One who only has power on earth to forgive sins. Through her effort in North Laredo, our Sunday school and week-day Prayer Service have helped to gain many lost souls for the kingdom. She is sixty-three, often does not have sufficient food, but is ready to walk the two miles to accompany "her people" to our central church for Sunday night services and to the week-day prayer meeting.

Early in the year we began work in Dolores, a typical mining town twenty-six miles from Laredo. The Catholic priest goes there once a month, but these people are so poor many of them never go to that church. We visited in the homes, giving portions of the Scripture and religious tracts, invited the people to the preaching service in the evening. "Hermana Lencha" gladly helps in this mission. We held our first Vacation Bible School there with an average attendance of forty-nine for two weeks. What a joy it was to teach the Bible to those who have never had an opportunity to know it. Our pastor came the second week, took charge of the boy's woodwork class, and gave the gospel message to the large crowds who came each evening. Angelina, who had helped us in three schools the year before, had charge of the Spanish Department. Seven young ladies, who studied the Bible for the first time, assisted in the various classes.

Following this school a week was spent in the Young People's Conference held at Holding Institute. This was a great joy to see so many earnest Christian young people learning more about how to "carry on" the work of the Kingdom. Our local church was indeed blessed.

Following this Conference we held Vacation Bible Schools in Laredo, Hebronville, and Benivides. In each of these places we felt the schools and the revival services were even better than the year before. We are very thankful for all the assistance given in these schools and in the work throughout the year by our American and Mexican friends.

After a happy vacation the weeks were spent getting ready for the Annual Conference, and helping the many needy people about us. We were sorry to give up our pastor and wife, who had labored here so faithfully for five years, but we gladly welcomed the new pastor and wife who are leading us on in the Master's work.

Our desire is to be a friend in the midst of these hundreds of God's children ready to help when and where needed most.

CO-OPERATIVE HOMES

Eva Comer Co-operative Home, Birmingham, Ala.

Deaconess Kate Walker, Superintendent, Miss Blanche Kemp, Dietitian, report:

Service is the key word that describes the work in co-operative homes. "Inasmuch as ye have served others, ye have served me," causes us to hear "ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." To be a friend to the lonely girl who needs a friend, to help the girl whose mind is burdened with some grievous problem, to try to work out this problem in the way that builds character, to encourage all who reside in this home to help it a happy home has been our privilege.

On a cold day in December while the outside world was white with the falling snow, the interior of the building was transformed by the warmth of the fire, the fragrance of flowers, and the voices of our many friends who came to observe with us the fifteenth anniversary of

Do You Remember?



*Standing, left to right, Miss Annie Heath, Miss Arabel Weigle. Seated,
left to right, Miss Mattie M. Wright, Miss Elizabeth R. Davis, Miss
Amy Rice*

FIRST DEACONESSES OF METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH,
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OF
HOME MISSIONS**



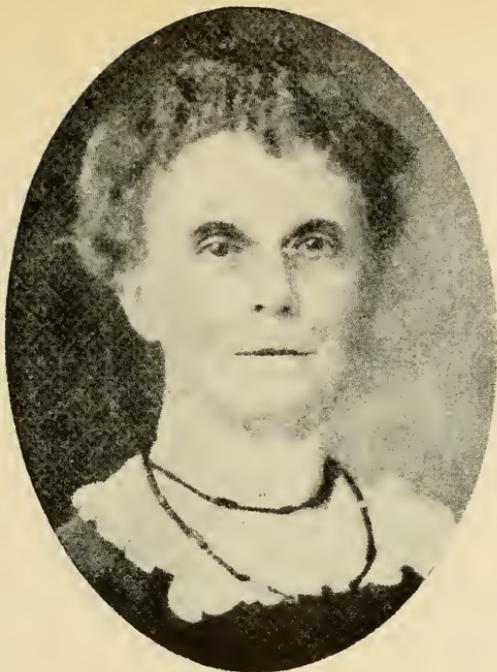
MISS LUCINDA HELM



MISS MARY HELM



MISS BELLE BENNETT



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MRS. R. K. HARGROVE



MISS SUE BENNETT



MRS. FRANK SILER

Eva Comer Home. Fifteen years of service has meant many comforts given, many lives changed, perhaps, and a real comfortable Christian home for hundreds of girls.

Some of our friends have added to the comfort and attractiveness of the home by their gifts of new rugs, chairs, dishes, all of which were needed. One friend made us very happy by the gift of a short wave radio. The radio was given as a birthday present to her mother. It has proven to be one of our greatest treasures, without one exception all have rejoiced many times in the splendid programs to be heard over it. The attractiveness of the rooms have been added to by colorful spreads and new curtains; the gift of our many friends from the different Missionary Societies of the two districts. Pantry showers have been given by the societies of the Conference. Many boxes have been given of great value and have added to our menu many delicacies otherwise impossible to obtain.

It is always our aim to make the home as beautiful and attractive for the girls as possible, and at this time we are doing quite a bit of redecorating, and already feel repaid for our efforts.

For the recreation and pleasure of the girls, many outings in the way of breakfasts and picnics have been given during the year. In order to carry out the idea of a homelike atmosphere we have special dinners on holidays for those who remain with us on those days.

One of the new features has been the observance of all birthdays during each month with a dinner party. Each group has entered enthusiastically into this feature.

We have a tennis court adjoining the building. All during last summer many lovely games were enjoyed. For those girls who were indoors all day, a game of tennis early in the morning or late in the afternoon proves an enjoyable diversion.

During the year just passed we have had fifty girls in the home.

The regular Thursday evening Vesper Services have been most interesting and helpful. Mrs. Plant, Superintendent of Literature and Publicity for the North Alabama Conference, conducts our services. On these occasions we are frequently favored with special music by one of the girls which adds interest and enthusiasm to the service.

Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Calif.

Deaconess Glenn Moore, Head Resident, and Deaconess Grace Driver report:

One wonders why it should be hard to write a report of a year spent in the work which lies closest to one's heart. Probably it is the close contact and interest which makes it difficult to see the work as another might see it. Especially is it hard to take a backward look when one's greater interest is in the present and in the future.

However such a look taken back over 1935 is encouraging. The year saw us housing two hundred and eleven girls and women with the house full or practically so all the year through. This was true of the latter half of 1934 as well. So we have no feeling that there is not still a goodly number who choose a club home to other modes of living.

The growth of our Inn family has been due to the additions made both through girls with regular employment and through those attending business, art, and beauty schools. We still have about nine under government relief but they have positions of some sort which is a great improvement over the old form of direct relief.

We have had several weddings this year but happily have had no serious illnesses or deaths. As a whole we have been a happy family which has enjoyed living together.

Our Emergency Educational Classes which opened in 1934, have held through the year. Many come in from the outside but our own girls have the privilege of these good classes. We are at present housing two classes four nights a week in our auditorium.

Thanksgiving day was celebrated by an appropriate dinner affair and at Christmas time we enjoyed a Christmas tea on the Sunday afternoon preceeding Christmas Day. Many old and new friends joined us and enjoyed an afternoon of Christmas carols, fellowship, and the beautiful music which was furnished us by a string trio. Religious services have been presented but not in any set order of time.

Our corps of workers has united to improve our home. We desire to make each part of our building as useful as possible. Many much needed improvements have been made but we are not yet through. But I feel that I can say for each of us that we are enjoying the work at the Inn and that we all feel that we really have something worth while to contribute and that such a place as this home really is, is a worthy place in which we may put all of the interest, energy, and prayers that we may possess.

The Jubilee Inn, Shreveport, La.

Deaconess Mary E. Freeman reports:

As we take account of another year, 1935, we can gratefully say it has been a good year, better in some respects than the preceding one.

Forty-three girls have made their home during the year, the majority of them have stayed for a long period. Changes because of lack of employment have been fewer this year than in years past.

Health conditions of the home have been very good. One girl was admitted to the hospital for an operation, but her recovery was rapid and very soon she was at her regular place of work.

The social life has been enriched by the usual holiday celebrations, birthdays, and outings. The spiritual growth has been promoted by regular periods of worship and prayer. On several occasions the Baptist young people have held prayer meetings here.

In the fall two of the girls left for college, preparing themselves for greater service in life. One is studying at Vanderblit School of Nursing and the other at Centenary College.

The auxiliaries of the Louisiana and Little Rock Conferences have been of outstanding service in the gifts of pantry supplies. This is the first year any conference other than the Louisiana Conference has made contributions and we are indeed grateful for this service.

The great need of the home is a larger building. Scarcely a week goes by that some applicant is not disappointed because she cannot be accommodated here.

The principles and ideals of the Master we are striving to uphold daily that character may be strengthened and lives directed into useful paths for the world and God.

Young Women's Co-operative Home, Houston, Texas

Deaconess Lora Long reports:

Our work this year started off in a fine way, fourteen new girls coming into the Home in January. During the year we had ninety-eight new ones and eighty-one left. We have had a nice, large family throughout the year, but since September we have had from fifty to fifty-seven all the time.

More girls have meant more work, more responsibility, more problems, but also a feeling of joy and satisfaction because of larger opportunities for service.

One of the outstanding events of the year was our pre-Easter Services. These were led by one of the new pastors of the city and were most inspirational and helpful.

We have had thirteen denominations represented in our family this year, with the Baptists leading even the Methodists. Our new Plymouth car is a joy to all, and on Sunday morning it takes the girls to their various churches.

During the summer months the girls had charge of the Vesper Services. We studied some of the great Old Testament characters, and the interest shown by the girls was very gratifying. After Vespers we played games and served watermelon on the lawn. These "Home nights" have a large place in making this a real home, rather than a boarding house. They bring the family closer together and foster the homelike atmosphere. Through last winter we studied *The Life of Christ*, led by Miss Helen Shriner. Through this study, as well as daily devotionals, personal interviews, and our own lives, we are trying to make Christ real to the girls and to create within them a greater desire to know and serve him.

Our chapter of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority has had a very happy year's work. Last winter we enjoyed the study of English and American Literature and this year we are studying the drama.

The Residence Council, composed of the Executives of the Y. W. C. A. Residence, the Catholic Women's Club, and Young Women's Co-operative Home, has proved to be very helpful. At the monthly meetings problems of mutual interest were discussed, and some constructive work has been done.

Some of the girls who worked in the dining-room for their board, after finishing Business College, found it necessary to work for almost nothing to get experience. This necessitated their working on here until they could command a salary large enough to live on. There were so many needing to work for their board, that we became quite modern in having "shorter hours and more workers." By one girl paying board one week out of six, seven girls were used in the six places. Where one was needed for office duty, two girls worked half time and paid half the regular amount of board.

Most all of the girls have work now. Within the last month two of the older ones have received promotions and, through their influence, two of their "younger sisters" have taken the vacant places.

For a number of years the sentiment has been growing that a better location must be found for the Home. Much time and effort have been spent in searching for a suitable place. That place does not seem to exist, and we have reached the conclusion that we would have to be contented here until we could build. Some badly needed repairs have been made in an effort to make the inside so attractive that we would forget the ugliness about us.

Since our family has become so large, it has seemed necessary to have another worker. We were very fortunate in securing a lovely young lady of fine Christian character. She has an office position in a store, but helps us with night duty and is hostess on the third floor. She fits into our family life in a beautiful way, and is quite an asset to the group.

The more I enter into the life of these fine, sweet girls, the more keenly do I feel the need of Divine help, as we face the problems of life together, and seek to make the proper adjustments. There is nothing sweeter than the friendship of young girls, and I am having some of the sweetest experiences of my life, living and working with these. My daily prayer is that I may be worthy of the trust committed to me and that my life may be a blessing to those with whom I work.

Rebecca Sparks Inn, Waco, Texas

Deaconess Susie Mitchell reports:

Forty-three women and girls stayed at the Rebecca Sparks Inn during the year. Of that number only nine were employed in Waco and only six had permanent, full-time jobs. The two who were employed irregularly went to live with relatives, and the one who had a part-time job secured a place to work for her room and board. Seventeen of the forty-three were transients, only four of whom were seeking employment, the other thirteen having home and positions elsewhere, were here only temporarily for one reason or another. For instance, five out-of-town case-workers were here to take a short course in case-work.

The students resident at the Inn likewise numbered seventeen. With a few exceptions these were potential "permanent" boarders if they could only have secured work in Waco upon completing their courses. Instead, most of them had to return home or to leave town to take work elsewhere. Others of them found places to work in private homes for room and board, and still others sought cheaper living quarters or undertook light housekeeping in order to reduce expenses. Non-employment, insufficient wage, or irregular work were factors most responsible for the turnover.

In spite of a "lean year" as to board receipts, we were able to meet all current expenses promptly and make a few needed repairs, as well as to add some new equipment. These improvements were made possible because of the generous donations of pantry supplies and cash gifts from our Missionary Societies. Our porches were repaired and painted; broken panes, cords, and weights were replaced in twelve windows; the piano was tuned and a half set of ivory keys replaced. A new hot water heater and a fine radio were installed, and new window shades, curtains, and several articles of new bedroom furniture purchased. The Waco Churches assumed the financial responsibility of having seven of the bedroom floors refinished, and the Local Board advanced the money to have the work done without delay.

Our "good times" through the year were rather numerous. Holidays and birthday anniversaries were observed with appropriate decorations and programs. Thanksgiving dinner was furnished us by the Waco Churches; the Christmas season was a happy one, with a dinner, a program, and a big tree with gifts for everyone. In the spring we had a luncheon, some picnics and "showers" for our bride and high school and college graduates, all of which were lovely affairs.

As I look back through the year just passed, it is with a deep sense of gratitude for the many friends I have come to know and love in my work here. Their loyalty, co-operation, and faithfulness have strengthened me and spurred me on to my best. I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving in this part of the Master's vineyard and for his never-failing love and continual guidance. I would not gaze regretfully into the past, at unfulfilled dreams, but, like Edwin Markham, say to the years and the opportunities ahead, "Come on—I am ready for you!"

The Wilson Inn, Richmond, Va.

Deaconess Frances Howard reports:

Looking back over the past year's work it gives us much joy to report that the last four months of the year found our home filled to capacity, the first time since the second year of the depression. And

with the new year conditions are most encouraging, when usually these are our lean months.

Through the efforts of the House Committee much needed papering and painting was done to the interior and exterior of the house, all of which has added to the general appearance of the home and is most appreciated.

The social life of the home has been one of the outstanding features of the year. Most all the special days on the calendar have been celebrated, together with several outings during the summer season. Each month brings one or more birthdays. These occasions are celebrated in the usual way and always bring joy to the girls. The annual Thanksgiving dinner is looked forward to with interest by those girls who are not so fortunate as to have an invitation to some private home at that season of the year. A special dinner is planned with special decorations thus making it a real festive occasion. As soon as this season has passed, members of the household begin to make plans for the annual Christmas festivities. The girls are eager to help and participate in all these plans, which includes adopting one or two needy families. The Christmas program, which is the outstanding event of all the festivities, is followed by a real holiday social when members of the family and their friends, also members of the Board, enjoy the tree which is loaded with useful gifts. Best of all is the home-going of the schoolgirls who have their bags packed for several days looking forward to leaving the next day to spend the holidays in their own homes.

Another special feature of the year's work was the pre-Easter services. These services were planned and conducted by the mature members of our family together with the co-operation of one of the ministers in the community. No doubt these efforts were most worth while as several members of the family had pledged themselves to pray for our girls in order that they might experience a deeper fellowship with God. One girl in particular was very much upon our hearts, while she made no decision at the time, she did later on and joined the Church which has been her salvation owing to the fact she was the victim of a complex disposition.

Forty-four girls were admitted to the home during the past year. Since a number of these girls were students naturally the turnover is large. However, if perchance these girls are fortunate enough to secure positions they continue to live on in the home. From the parents of many of our students come many fine testimonies regarding the home life of Wilson Inn. One in particular which is most appreciated. One day last summer a father, mother, and young daughter came to Richmond from a small town in North Carolina. The object of their visit was to investigate the several business colleges and boarding places in the city, as they were planning to send their young daughter away to school, and since she was not yet sixteen they were most concerned where she was to board in a strange city. They went away very much pleased with our home and all it had to offer in safeguarding young lives. In due time all arrangements were made for this young girl to become a member of our family. The parents have made a number of visits to see their daughter. Upon one of these visits the father confidentially told me why he and his wife decided to send their daughter to school in Richmond, rather than Raleigh, which was much nearer their home. "He said not that Richmond offered any better secretarial advantages, but that the boarding arrangements meant much more to them, and that after looking into the home life of Wilson Inn with Christian workers and Christian influence, they at once decided that Richmond was the place for their young daughter, since

they had found the right environment for her to live in, a home more like their own."

Not only do the parents appreciate Wilson Inn, but the girls too, as from time to time they come back to visit, which all proves to those good women who sponsor the work that we are meeting a real need in providing a Christian home for the young students who come to us from out of the city, as well as the established business girl in the home.

It is true a great deal of time is given to the physical side of the home life, and while this is essential, buying and planning for wholesome meals in order that the girls might be physically fit, nursing them in sickness, and many other duties make a day's work. It is my daily prayer that the Heavenly Father will help me to have patience and be sweet as each day presents its task that through all these various duties our girls may feel the Christian influence, and thus be lead into deeper fellowship with the One who is divinely guiding each life.

COTTON MILL WORK

Ensley Community House, Ensley, Ala.

Deaconess Dorothy L. Crim, Head Resident, reports:

The plan of our government in meeting the question of unemployment through the FERA and CCC, and later in the year through PWA, WPA, and NYA has not only allowed us to help in our knowledge of conditions and equipment of our House, but also has added to the use of Ensley Community House. We have some splendid helpers on WPA from our neighborhood in our music and recreational departments, who are, and have developed into splendid leaders. The NYA has given us some young women who have assisted in clerical, club, and class work.

We were stabilized at the close of 1934 with the thought of security at lease for old age and widows with children. At the close of 1935, our neighborhood would ask, Does this look like security? and then what are we to do with not enough upon which to live. But with so many back to work truly there is a hope and a greater love exists, not only for one another, but for the whole world.

The Italian-Ethiopian War was raging—our community was greatly excited. With much preparation a most interesting meeting, a Forum, "The Italian-Ethiopian War," was held at our House by Dr. Hubert Searcy, Political Economy Professor, and Dr. Paul Shankweiler, Sociology Professor, both of Birmingham-Southern. Only adults were admitted and men from the entire district came. Some understood not all that was said, but all believed, it seemed, from the lectures and discussions that "war does not end war." It proved to be one of the best peace programs, and perhaps this was the best piece of intensive work we did during the year. It quieted our neighborhood and crystallized and determined attitudes to Mussolini's war as perhaps nothing else could have done.

The social workers of Birmingham in their organization asked that we entertain them at one of our Italian luncheons. Early in last March, one hundred and seventeen workers paid the price designated for this gala occasion. The Italians planned, cooked, and had their most attractive girls serve in native costume and atmosphere a delicious five-course dinner, entertaining at intervals with music and folklore and snatches of Italian opera. The next night they entertained all volunteer workers of the House and our Board with the same program and dinner. Later we workers entertained our Italian entertainers, cooks, and waitresses with the same menu.

Our special periodic occasions, such as Anniversary, Mardi Gras, Festival, and Halloween Parties were put on this year more by our neighborhood than usual. The Easter and Christmas Programs are of a different type—these were more spiritual, we believe, and met with a challenge.

The Music Department—Band and piano has made marked progress and has given pleasure to other audiences over the city. The piano department is entirely a volunteer piece of work.

The Dramatic Club, composed of a mixed, largely American group, has put on some splendid plays and given outlet to these young people.

Reform—The property owners of our district met at the House and planned the ways and means in order to meet the requirements for tarvia paving our streets. It was a PWA project done by WPA. Many blocks are now finished.

Our Clinic is on a firm basis of volunteer service from doctor's point. This is the House's responsibility. While the City Health Department furnishes the nurses and other staff members for the clinic, volunteer workers are furnished by the House. It has been especially gratifying to have defects discovered by the doctors corrected through the splendid piece of follow-up work done by Community House workers as well as nurses. A little Greek girl so near-sighted she had never seen an airplane in air; glasses were obtained—one doctor gave the prescription, an optician his profit of lenses, a Sunday school class the remainder of cost of lenses, a girl a Christmas present to the child of her own beautiful frames. The little girl wrote a loving note of thanks and acceptance of the frames to the other girl—the best Christmas present, the receiver said, a little girl ever had.

The Daily Vacation School is longingly and joyfully looked forward to by our Primary, Junior, and Intermediate boys and girls, and workers too. This year one hundred and fifty-six were enrolled with ninety-four per cent attendance, the second best in faithful attendance of forty schools of the city.

Our full-time workers work in all activities at St. Luke Church which is only two blocks away. It is one of our duties, we feel, to get all people, no matter what the creed or nationality, into the church of their choice.

Miss Ann Kron, Children's Worker, reports:

There have been 119 children enrolled this year in kindergarten, with an unusual attendance of 48. Thirty-two little children were promoted to school in June. The result of their intelligence tests and physical examinations were very gratifying. Many of these children showed marked cultural talent, and are now being given an opportunity to develop these talents through piano lessons, etc., at the Community House.

In 1935 our special aim was the teaching of self-reliance. As an example, the Christmas program was given by the children, prompted only by the piano. Their little voices were very sweet singing the carols and repeating the story of the Nativity from Saint Luke.

These little children are a great joy and inspiration to the adults at the Community House.

Miss Virginia Tyler, Girls' Worker, reports:

In looking over the past year's activities there has been a marked difference in the interest of the girls. The older girls have been crocheting, some making handbags and lovely collars. Others are sewing dresses for themselves. The younger girls are learning to sew, cook, dust, wash dishes, clean house, and share with others. The

National Bureau of Home Makers has supplied us with prize ribbons for contests in our sewing and cooking classes.

"Character builds a nation—Girl Scouts build character." This is what we are truly trying to do in our Girl Scout Troop. During Girl Scout week all our girls attended church together on Sunday, and for their Community Service Project they presented the Community House with a bird bath. Another day of the week they had a party and invited their mothers and troop committee. The girls who were the hostesses passed some tests for a proficiency badge. There has been more interest shown in the troop and many have advanced in rank. Our girls represented Italy in an International celebration at the Ensley Park. This past summer one girl from our troop was given a week at Camp Gertrude Coleman.

The past year has been one of great joy as I have realized in a larger way my privilege of being a worker "together with Him."

Mr. Lawrence Fullington, Boys' Worker, reports:

The elements of manual training are taught in our work. Shop creations are made daily. Some special radio work of very fine creation was done through Lucy Carlton's leadership. One boy who was thrilled to find no sound was lost as he worked with his crystal set said, "Would it not be wonderful if somewhere we could pick up the words Jesus spoke when he lived on earth?"—the wonderful world—God.

But my special work is at night from 7 o'clock to nine. There are directed all formal activities on the playground. The games most in favor are football, volleyball, etc. During the winter months and when the weather is not feasible for outdoor activities we meet in the clubroom of the Community House and take part in various games, tell stories, listen to the radio, or read. The speeches of our president and other kindred messages are listened to and discussed.

Boxing matches are encouraged and are a favorite with and directed by the young men. On Friday nights we have the regular meeting of the Boy Scouts, Troop 39. Citizenship and social problems are studied when the opportunity arises, but organized and directed play is the main factor of my work.

Dumas Wesley House, Mobile, Ala.

Deaconess Gertrude Grizzard, Head Resident, and Mrs. J. P. Roberts, assistant, report:

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." (I Cor. 2: 9.)

Another year we have been privileged to share sickness and health, sorrow and joy, financial strain to carry on, and many other ups and downs, but all these things work together for good to those who love the Lord.

In February we had a good revival conducted by Brother J. E. McCann. Our Sunday school had average attendance of 100 for the year. We are using our own community people as teachers. Church services were well attended.

Week-day Bible Hour still holds a wonderful fascination for our children. Average attendance for the year, 70. Our children are securing a wonderful knowledge of the Bible through this department.

Friendly visiting is another important factor in our work, and the friendly contact is deeply appreciated by the people.

Sewing school is very attractive for the little girls. They are really learning to sew. We have a beautiful devotional period at each

session studying the "House Beautiful" on sex hygiene and care of the body.

The Homemakers's Club is an interested group. They are studying the gospel of Luke. In this club we make many beautiful pieces of handwork to beautify the home.

At Easter time we tried to tell the message of our Risen Lord in song and story.

The Chapel was beautiful in green ivy and pink roses and a lighted Cross. Daily Vacation Bible School as usual was a happy busy time for our children. We had an average attendance of 55, enrolment 60.

We had many lovely parties during the year. One of the outstanding parties given by the Homemaker's Club was the Halloween party.

Perhaps the Christmas parties were enjoyed most of all. There was one for the fathers and mothers, one for the young people, one for the children, which was the largest group of all.

Preceding each of these parties there was a beautiful devotional given including a Christmas story. Of course the White Gift Service surpassed all else in beauty and spirit. Our little chapel was beautifully decorated in white and silver, a very large silver-lighted star hung in the background.

The spirit of Christmas breathed through the whole program from the message of the smallest child to the last scene of the Madonna and the Manger with pantomime, "There's a Song in the Air," and blue lights portraying the scene.

Wesley Community House, Meridian, Miss.

Deaconess Annie Trawick, Head Resident, reports:

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." We have traversed many rugged paths during the past year, and still, daily, we have been conscious of his guiding presence.

One of our major problems has been supplying the needs of many who could not secure work of any kind. This problem has been partially solved by the reopening of the Sanders Cotton Mill for which we are most thankful.

During these most trying times the City Mission Board, charitable organizations, and the Conference auxiliaries have answered our SOS calls in a most generous way.

We have made 1,800 visits this year. This contact in the homes has meant to us, not merely a task, but a great privilege inasmuch as it has given us the opportunity to carry joy and comfort to many shut-ins and discouraged ones.

Much interest has been shown in our group activities, especially in the Boys' Club and the Sewing Classes. We usually have a waiting list in these groups, and there are 80 little girls in our Sewing Classes. We are well pleased with the neat work these children are doing.

I trust the Mothers' Bible Class and the Young Ladies' Business Club have had a profitable and enjoyable year. As they have met from time to time in our Home we have striven to lead them to the "one who is altogether lovely."

We have a most unusual group of volunteer workers who have been interested not only in the activities of the Wesley House but in the welfare of the entire community.

Morgan Cotton Mills, Laurel Hill, N. C.

Deaconess Hazel Bulifant, Christian Social Worker, reports:

The infantile paralysis epidemic last summer and the severe weather last winter hampered to a large degree group activities and now it

seems difficult to become reorganized. My best work has been done through home visitation. Many times have I become discouraged, but the discouragement vanishes when I meet some of my people and notice the look of worry and trouble quickly disappear and a bright smile take its place. I hope it means that in my daily contacts I have made them catch a spark of Christ's love and concern for them and that they consider me his messenger.

Wesley House, Columbia, S. C.

Deaconess Ruth Carryer, Head Resident, reports:

Another year of thrilling service in his vineyard has come to an end. A new year with enlarged opportunities has come.

There are those who consider the Wesley House "one of the most outstanding welfare agencies in the city of Columbia." I trust that the House may always be worthy of such high regard.

The Wesley House continues to attract a larger number of people, having a net increase in attendance in 1935 of 3,197 over 1934. Even with the new recreation and education hall in the rear of the lot many times I do not have enough room. If all my family should come at once, many could not get in.

There are twelve clubs beginning with the boys and girls four years of age through the adult groups. When a child reaches the age of promotion in his club he is promoted to the next club. In this way the program is kept within each child's interest range at all times.

In the sewing school there are seven grades. A girl must be old enough to go to school before she may enrol. The seventh grade is a postgraduate course. There is a chorus of girls numbering about forty. At various seasons of the year a handcraft class is offered to the girls. Such as pine needle work and crocheting were taught. The teen-age boys have woodwork as a part of their regular club program.

Last June a very successful Vacation Bible School was conducted for two weeks for the Beginners, Primaries, Juniors, and Intermediates. Eighty-four boys and girls attended and I had twelve volunteer teachers.

Each Friday night a church service is conducted by one of the local ministers or by me. Many who come to these services do not attend church on Sunday anywhere. Therefore we feel that a spiritual need is being met through these services.

The House has an evening community party every two weeks. All age groups come and are then divided into three groups, in as many rooms, where games appropriate for that age group are enjoyed. Usually from seventy-five to one hundred or more come to these parties that are so well directed by groups of people from the various Methodist Churches of the city.

Many special programs were injected into the regular program during the year. World Day of Prayer, Good Friday, Easter, Sewing School graduation, Chorus Concert, Vacation Bible School graduation, community picnic, Thanksgiving service, Christmas pageant, and Christmas Tree Party.

Another interesting phase of our activity is the library, numbering 1,042 books, which is used extensively by those who can read.

It is quite impossible to list all of the other ways I use my time. Among them are the following: I made 322 calls in the homes of the community; have held 96 conferences; teach the Woman's Bible Class at one of the churches; earned a credit in the Standard Training School; attended the state conference for social workers; attended

the Woman's Missionary Council; and attended the annual and district missionary meetings of the Upper South Carolina Conference.

The Wesley House could not be conducted by me alone. Each day I realize anew the valuable help I receive from my Board and large group of volunteer helpers who come from within and without the community. We are working together not in our power but in the power of God, to aid in building his Kingdom. What a wonderful opportunity!

Wesley House, Orangeburg, S. C.

Deaconess Connie Fagan, Head Resident, reports:

Our hearts are full of gratitude and praise to him who has led and strengthened throughout the year.

We appreciate the volunteer helpers who give of their time and services to the various activities of the Wesley House.

There are weekly Sewing Classes held for the girls' club; for the boys, each have directed play on our playground.

Choral Club—Instrumental music taught by music teachers.

World Friendship Club attended by a large group of girls. They enjoy the missionary stories and handwork.

A splendid exhibit of the Sewing Classes, and handwork was held the last of May, to which the mothers and friends were invited. Good program given by the children.

The Woman's Missionary Society meets regularly and carries out the programs. An interesting Week of Prayer Program and offering was given at the church.

The enrolment of the Daily Vacation Bible School was the largest this year that has been held. Many children received certificates.

Two Christmas programs were held at the Wesley House, given by the Girl Scouts and directed by their leader.

A Christmas pageant given by the members of the Sunday school at the church was a part of our holiday entertainments.

Wesley Community House, Danville, Va.

Deaconess Margaret Hodkins, Head Resident, reports:

When I arrived September 1, I found eighteen broken windows, most of the playground apparatus destroyed, and that the police department was watching our district and community house. In October a new pastor arrived, and since then we've had friendly welcome and a fine spirit of co-operation.

We have been busy studying the needs of our people, trying to discover their interests, and reorganizing our program along those lines. Scout Headquarters advised that this was the seventh attempt to organize a troop. However, at present we have fourteen boys registered under the leadership of the pastor of Sledd Memorial Church. The Junior and Intermediate girls are enthusiastic over the Brownie and Girl Scout programs. The Primary boys and girls are working faithfully in a rhythm band, hoping to share in the plan for spring activities.

Plans are being made for a summer camp for all ages.

The various groups are enjoying the brick oven built in September on our playground by the Riverside and Dan River Cotton Mills.

One of the Danville Garden Clubs planted a dozen white pine trees on the rear of the playground. One kindergartner became so excited in telling his mother that Santa Claus had been to Wesley House and left his Christmas trees. Other friends planted two large pine trees in our entrance.

Several Board members, personally, have made us very happy with

their gifts of half dozen window shades, nine pairs new curtains, a congoeum rug for the game room, new games and new books and magazines for the library. Some of the rural missionary societies shared boxes of clothing and canned fruit and vegetables.

During the cold weather, Sledd Memorial Methodist Church has held its mid-week meetings in our building. These activities include local Board of Christian Education, prayer services, the Missionary Society, the Epworth League and its social hour, and all the church parties.

What would you do if a five-year-old brought to kindergarten a bottle of alcohol given him by his father? If a teen-age girl rang your doorbell at ten o'clock at night begging you to call the police because a drunken father threatened the lives of his family? If a mother came to you with the story that her husband had lost his pay check and that she had only \$1.25 with which to buy food and needed clothing for her six children? If a young mother with three small children complained that her husband failed to come home, after receiving his pay check, until the next afternoon, and then he was drunk and had beaten and bruised her? Why doesn't Christian America raise up and say that we will wipe this awful curse from our nation?

Miss Virginia Witt, Kindergartner, reports:

As the flowers return in the spring, so Wesley House has its spring. After being closed for the month of August, it becomes alive again with the sunburned, healthy youngsters—they are in profusion and confusion ready to begin.

The fall of 1935 was especially interesting as our program was being changed and we were trying to find the needs to supply them. Kindergarten opened October 1, and steadily grew until Christmas, at which time we always have an interesting and happy time. The children were thrilled over Santa's visit and his gifts. The Board, parents, and community were enthusiastic and willing workers.

Our Comrades Club, children six, seven, and eight years old, has been an interesting experience. I had taught all of them in kindergarten and to work with them again was very gratifying.

I am glad of this as it gives me a continued hold on the children who have been promoted from kindergarten to public school. The total attendance for these two classes for three months was 2,287.

Aside from my kindergarten work and Comrades' Club I assist with the Brownies and Girl Scouts.

My five years at Wesley House have been very, very happy ones and instead of "giving a few years of my life in service," I feel truly that I am "finding it."

- Ruth Hargrove Settlement, Key West, Fla.

Deaconess Lula M. Kagey, Head Resident, reports:

Since I cannot tell all of the things we have tried to do for the past year, I shall try to tell about three outstanding features of our work during the past year.

About a year ago I decided to enrol the babies of the neighborhood on a kind of Wesley House Cradle Roll, giving them the regular Cradle Roll Certificates, and cards on their birthdays, as well as a visit now and then. At Christmas time, they with their mothers were also invited to our Mothers' Club Party. This has been the means of making many new friends among the mothers of the neighborhood, and has proved to be one of the most interesting experiences I have ever had. Mothers have come into Mothers' Club, and children, too, have

come into clubs as a direct result of this venture. Now I have 63 babies below kindergarten age and a prospective group for kindergarten for the next three years.

Another new venture has been the enlistment of the Island City Young People's Union of the three American Methodist Churches here. I appealed to these young people in the fall to help us and succeeded in getting them to take the responsibility for four large parties for our children during the year, each church group taking charge of one party and all of them together taking care of the Easter party. In addition to this they helped us with the Christmas parties, furnished our tree and sent two committees to help, one to decorate the tree and another committee to help wrap and tag packages. This has been a very happy experience, and the means of forming new friendships.

The third new venture for the year has been that of getting volunteers as teachers of some of our clubs and classes. These volunteers are from Mothers' Club and our Cuban church, people of our own neighborhood. In all there have been about eight who have been very faithful in helping, especially in sewing school, and because of this added help we have been able to have more and larger classes than ever before. Our attendance for this year shows a 44 per cent increase over that of last year.

Deaconess Sara Fernandez, Kindergartner, reports:

The kindergarten has steadily increased, both in attendance and enrollment during the past year.

We had the first commencement exercises ever had for the kindergarten in the Wesley House. The parents were so pleased to see their children receive their Wesley House certificates. The children looked so sweet in their white caps and gowns.

For Christmas the kindergarten children put on the story of the Nativity, and they did so well.

This year the parents have taken more interest in what the children were doing and in co-operating with the Wesley House.

Rosa Valdez Settlement, Tampa, Fla.

Deaconess Mary Lou Barnwell, Head Resident, reports:

Probably there is no settlement in our church better situated for a constructive piece of real community service than is Rosa Valdez Settlement in West Tampa. In the first place, West Tampa is a distinct community—not a very crowded section in a very large city. That has its advantage. The close affiliation with the West Tampa Methodist Church which is directly across the street and with the West Tampa Boys' Club, which in fact is part of our work, using our property, make for more complete organization and service.

In many ways the Latin problem of today is different from that of a few years ago when the Spanish-speaking people were certain of their jobs in the factories and it seemed unnecessary for them to devote time to Americanization. It is not easy for them to become adjusted to the economic crisis, or to reach out for something different. So the need for real friends becomes more and more urgent. The need for finding themselves through Christ, through Christian friends, is the only solution to their problem. Finding the way to a job, finding the way to a clinic, finding the way to a relief agency, finding a way to spend leisure time—in helping them find the way, the settlement workers are being friends to our neighbors of other nationalities. Far more important is helping them find the way to Christ, to grow in him, to give their best to the Master. And again

the settlement workers are being friends—helping our neighbors to find the way.

An ambitious young boy is discouraged because he has not yet been able to get things lined up to go to college. The job that helped him finish high school has been given to another high school student. Ray is now another unemployed boy, making a fight, wanting to go ahead, yet discouraged, blue. The settlement workers are trying to fill his hours with worth-while things to do, to encourage him, to help him keep faith in himself, in his fellow-men and in his God.

Finding the way—that is our task. Finding "The way"—that is our aim. Jesus said, "I Am the Way."

Deaconess Emma Burris, Kindergartner, reports:

Truly, "The soul of a child is the loviest flower that grows in the garden of God."

What a joy it is to cultivate a group of little tots at the Rosa Valdez Kindergarten! The children have made splendid progress this year in learning to speak English; in learning to live together and to know God, the Heavenly Father. It is fascinating to watch a timid or bashful child as he overcomes his handicap, and really begins to enjoy living in a normal way; or to see a spoiled child as he begins to appreciate the rights and property of others.

The pastor of our church is co-operating with me in getting the families of the kindergarten children affiliated with the church. As the families come into the church, and church groups, it makes our work in kindergarten more satisfactory.

The Mothers' Club and Woman's Missionary Society are two phases of my work which I always enjoy. Through these organizations the women are learning many good and practical lessons. In Mothers' club we are having a flower garden contest. Even though some of the women have very small yards they have all planted flowers and are finding much joy in cultivating and sharing them.

Our Young Woman's Circle of the Missionary Society is made up of some of the finest girls I know. They are seeking the very best in life. Through the study of art, poetry, missions, the Bible, and through lovely vesper services they have learned to know God in a very real way. They are now keenly interested in social service work. Three from this group have united with our church this year and are making a valuable contribution to it.

Miss Sarah McCracken, Girls' Club Worker, reports:

Oh, the joy of Christian service! Coming to Rosa Valdez brought me a great thrill accompanied by a keen sense of responsibility and the biggest challenge I have ever faced. Indeed, it has been a year of large opportunity and much joy.

How I wish I could describe the beauty and charm of these Latin people! Let us glimpse into the clubroom and see some of *My Girls*: The doorbell rings—it is Melida coming for Little Homemakers. Hilda, Virginia, Olga, Angie, Margarita, Ofelia, Frances, and others soon follow. Once in the clubroom someone calls out, "Let's sing 'World Children for Jesus.'" This little band of Cuban, Spanish, and Italian children is a challenge to the best that is in me. There is a radiance akin to Jesus on the face of little Margarita when she says, "Oh, how I love Jesus!" The scene changes. It is the older girls in their Silver Star Club, as they ever seek to build their triangles—body, mind, spirit and faith, hope, love. Several of these girls are my helpers in the other clubs. Another scene brings us to the Girl Reserves, as they show the spirit "Ready for Service." The next scene is Sewing School, where nimble little fingers are embroidering some-

thing for mother, weaving a pocket book, making a dress, and many other things. Another scene is a Cooking Class, where the girls are learning to do everyday things well. "Attention!" This time it is Girl Scout Troop No. 4. They are registered with National now, and how happy they are. The Tampa Civic Association is sponsoring the troop, and through their help a civic consciousness is being developed among our Latin girls. It is amazing to see the life of each girl unfold something beautiful and fine.

I have been greatly blessed through my work as Counselor for the Young People's Division of our Latin Church, and through my home visitations.

I realize more than ever the worth-whileness of life and appreciate more fully the wonderful privilege of living, loving, and giving in the name of him who loved and gave his all. May I be loyal to the love that impels me to serve.

Wolff Settlement, Tampa, Fla.

Deaconess Bertha Cox, Head Resident, reports:

As we look back over the years work our hearts are full of gratitude for the blessings that have come into our lives and into lives of others in our community. We have seen individuals from un-churched homes become active in our church work. We have seen lives made better and happier because the Christian way of living has been tried.

On the other hand our hearts ache because there are hundreds in our midst who are pleasure mad and are definitely opposed to all that the church offers. In a community of 25,000 Latin people only a few, in comparison, are following the One who gives the abundant life.

Indeed we are most happy in the work here among people who are courteous and lovable. It is a pleasure to visit people who keep their homes clean and who dress carefully. Many of our young people are ambitious and make wonderful records in school.

The regular activities of a Settlement are conducted. The members of this staff have personal work uppermost in their minds. Through personal conferences in our prayer room and in their homes we try to lead individuals to Christ and then to continue to teach and guide, keeping in mind the non-Christian background. A new Christian said "Be patient with us. Remember the majority of us in Ybor City were not reared in Christian homes as you missionaries were."

Running through all of our classes, from the boys and girls in the kindergarten to the mature women, there is a spirit of unselfish service. They share with their less-fortunate neighbors. This spirit was manifested by giving gifts to the people at the county farm, taking baskets to needy families, singing carols to shut-ins early Christmas morning and in many other ways.

As Counselor of the Young People's Department in our Italian Church, I have the happy privilege of keeping in close touch with splendid young men and women who are in high school and university and out in the workaday world. Courageously they are taking their stand as Christians against indifference at home and temptations among non-Christian associates. It is costing them something!

We strive to be worthy of the many blessings that come to us in our work. Our Conference women uphold us with their love and confidence. God is working in the lives of our people because our women are praying definitely for them. Methodist tourists, from many states, encourage us as they show their interest by visiting the plant they

helped build. No staff of workers has a more sympathetic, understanding, and helpful president of a Board.

Deaconess Dolores Diaz, Evangelistic Worker, reports:

Most of my work is done in connection with our Cuban church. At the beginning of the year 1935, we saw the need of a Young Woman's class in our church school. At that time I was teaching a class of older women. One of our Cuban women consented to teach my class. Through home visitation I enlisted members for the new class, we began with nine. At the end of the year we had twenty-nine on roll. This group was enlisted to sing in the choir. They come every week to the Settlement to practice. Lately this same group became the Young Woman's Circle of the Missionary Society. It does me good to see young women at work for the Master. They will be the future of our church.

The adult department of our church school is growing. We have sixty men and about thirty women.

The Woman's Missionary Society has a membership of sixty.

We have a club of women at the Settlement that meets once a week. They are women who work hard and this club gives them a good opportunity for recreation. They play and have a good time, then they have their business meeting and devotional period. One of the women has charge of that, and in connection with it I am giving them stories of the Old Testament characters. They take a great deal of interest in the stories, which are new to the majority of them.

My prayer is that our people may have a personal experience of Jesus, and that their lives may show the fruits of a spirit filled life.

Deaconess Alpharetta Leeper, Girls' Worker, reports:

It has often been said, "What we are is God's gift to us; what we become is our gift to God." Yet to so embody this principle in one's life that these with whom he works can grasp its full meaning is a most difficult task. A life well-lived is such a glorious gift to turn back unto God that my heart is ever full of longing for these fine children and young people with whom I am privileged to work. They could do so much in making God's Kingdom a reality if they would but yield themselves to the teachings of the Master, and so become another link in that chain which is ever drawing us toward that perfect world of God's dreams. This does not mean that some of them are not eagerly assuming positions of responsibility and leadership. Indeed they are—and frequently making actual sacrifices in their attempts to do that which they consider God's will. Did not one girl recently reject a "paying" position in a Presbyterian Mission to do work which she has been doing in our Methodist Church and Settlement for two years for absolutely nothing? And the reason was more far-reaching than mere denominational loyalty (though she has plenty of that). She stated her reason in this fashion, "I cannot conscientiously accept that position even though the training would be most beneficial, simply because people in this community would merely use me as an example in proving their point that religious workers work only for the money they receive. Of course, I do need the money but if Christian people in the past had to make great sacrifices for their beliefs surely I can make this simple sacrifice to prove that my religion is one that cannot be measured in dollars and cents." Such a spirit as this—and I am sure there are others like her make me feel that God is working in the hearts of these fine Latin young people. May he ever give his workmen strength for the task.

Deaconess Martina Hyde, Kindergarten, reports:

"Be not weary in well doing: for ye shall reap if ye faint not," and the promise of Christ when he says, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end," are very strengthening to me as I work in this field with Latin people. Sometimes it seems quite discouraging, and then God reveals a fruit of my labor, which of course gives me encouragement. The kindergarten is larger this year than we can accommodate with twenty-two, and the waiting list for this February that cannot get in, and fifteen for next September and many a year hence. I have never seen a more beautiful co-operation of parents than I have here, except in religious matters, and they are beginning to awaken to that.

When we have good weather the Children's Department in San Paula Church is more than we can accommodate. Ten of the children have joined the church this year and are proving quite faithful. They have to wait six months after expressing a desire before we take them in. Fifteen Bibles were presented for faithful attendance of thirteen Sundays.

The Friendly Circle Club of young women is growing in spirit and interest. They delivered fourteen baskets to the poor for Christmas and helped with a pageant for Christmas and Thanksgiving. The first time any had ever been to church or sung a religious song. They gave a lovely tea for Miss L. Jim Webb—first tea any had attended and first foreign missionary any had seen. They started a correspondence club with her women of China. A more beautiful and better dressed group of women could not be found anywhere, is said by many that visit this club. In the near future a Wesley Fellowship Class will be formed from this group. One of these women has missed very few Sundays in playing the piano for us, up to this year is a very staunch Catholic. Her cousin has joined our church and is President of the Young People's Division. She plays for the kindergarten and has not missed a day in two years. Her sister, cousin, aunt, and in fact most of her family for the first time have seen a Bible, and they are reading and praying daily with me. So I think God has revealed himself to me and to the people, and I am sure it is true when he says, "Lo, I am with you always," and "Be not weary in well doing."

Vashti School, Thomasville, Ga.

Deaconess Daisy Ritter, Superintendent, reports:

Vashti School is coming to the close of another successful year. We have had an average attendance of ninety girls representing ten states. Thus Vashti is serving a wide geographical area.

There are six students to be graduated this year and sixteen elementary children will be promoted to the high school department.

An unusually cold winter and a fight against the termite has caused an expenditure of funds not anticipated, and will make impossible work needing to be done. However, it is good to report that our farm products have cut down the operating expenses of the school, and we have had a limited sale of our surplus.

The Council in session in Dallas voted the use of funds already available for the construction of a Little Girls' Cottage. The erection of this greatly needed building will prove to be one of the high points of this year.

We are preparing now for special Easter services to be conducted by staff member. Through daily classroom Bible study, the Sunday school, the League, and Chapel services, we endeavor to maintain a religious atmosphere attractive to and wholesome for our age group.

An effort is made to neglect no phase of the training necessary for the highest development of fine womanhood.

We are grateful for the generous and sympathetic support of our many friends.

Paine College, Augusta, Ga.

Deaconess Ruth Bartholomew, Dean of Women, reports:

I returned to Paine last fall after two quarters of study at the University of Virginia to find that much had been accomplished in the library during my absence but that there was much more left to do. We have only this year to complete the building up of our library facilities. Under my direction new shelving was put in every available bit of space in both reading and stock rooms. A new vertical file has been installed and new sections added to the card catalogue. About 3,000 books have been purchased and about 2,500 more will be bought before July. The library has become a beehive of industry, the center of our college life. For this improvement we thank those who gave to the Week of Prayer offering in 1933.

Affairs on the women's side of the campus are prospering nicely. Bennett Hall has more occupants than it has had for several years. The young ladies are much interested in Bethlehem House and quite a number do volunteer work there.

Deaconess Evelyn Berry reports:

My work this year has been particularly interesting to me because, in addition to my teaching and contacts here at Paine I have had two or three very interesting channels to discuss with young college people of Georgia, both Negro and white, the Christian way out of our un-Christian social situation. My contacts with college students other than Paine students have increased every year since I have been at Paine and I feel that through these contacts I may be able to make some contributions to helping make our South more Christian.

MacDonell French Mission School, Wesley House, and Rural French Work, Houma, La.

Deaconess Lillie J. Hendricks, Supervisor of Classroom work, reports:

"Behold how sweet and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." This typifies the members of the school faculty. In a period of service of more than five years I have felt a steady growth in understanding and Christian fellowship among those who live, study, and work together here. This year, in an intimate family relationship of more than a hundred students and workers, this friendship is more than usually manifest. As in all schools we have problems, pupils indeed are all problems in some phases. The problems help us realize more keenly the great and urgent necessity of the work. It is not all "easy sailing," but we see encouraging results of our efforts to present the Christ-way of living, and to develop strong, useful, Christian character. It was a great joy, on Easter Sunday, to witness the reception into the church of a class of eighteen of our boys and girls. No one, looking into their radiant faces, could doubt the sincerity of purpose in the stand they were taking.

During the summer months the Vacation Bible Schools were well conducted, well attended, and very fruitful. Students and teachers of MacDonell School assist in all the rural Vacation Schools.

The present enrolment of MacDonell School is ninety. There is a noticeable improvement in the whole work, and an increase in Honor

Roll students. There are seven pupils from Grand Isle, a place where there is no Protestant work. So many boys and girls of this place wish to enter MacDonell School that Miss Hooper was told that she could fill the school to capacity from Grand Isle alone. Of course we try to give each rural community a chance to have a representative in school, so we could not increase the number from Grand Isle.

Deaconess Pearlye Maye Kelley, Rural Worker, reports:

How swiftly fly the days and weeks at MacDonell School! Another full and interesting year has sped away. The vastness of the French Mission has been unfolding before my amazed eyes these seventeen months. The task is hard, but so worth while!

What a vision of missions our friends would get if they could go with us out to all the rural churches and more needy untouched areas of this section! The little groups of protestants gathered together into a church are most interesting and are an inspiration to us all. They are simple, sincere, and so eager for the better things of life, but often a prey to false doctrine and to superstitions. Their very spiritual hunger is sometimes their downfall. It is our privilege to assist them in the Sunday school programs, in the Missionary Auxiliary work, and in social service and recreational activities. We give what assistance we may, in helping them master the material side of life—which is very difficult just now.

The greatest asset to the rural French Mission is the MacDonell School. Here boys and girls from all the rural communities come to become finer, stronger, more able, and more Christian, and they in turn go back to the rural communities to lead and inspire their own kindred and friends to nobler living and higher ideals. The poise, efficiency, and sweetness of these boys and girls will convince the most dubious that the MacDonell School is making an invaluable contribution, not only to the individual, but to the whole rural field.

Deaconess Emma Vogel, reports:

“God grant that I may live upon this earth,
And face the tasks which every morning brings,
And never lose the glory and the worth;
Of humble service and the simple things.”

These words of Edgar A. Guest express my desire at the close of another year, my fourth at MacDonell School. Caring for any who may be ill, binding up the cuts and bruises, teaching the importance of cleanliness of person and home, supervising baths, and some of the cleaning, meeting calls from the community, visiting in the homes of pupils in many and distant communities, assisting in the work with the Indians at Dulac in times of need, these and many other small duties make up the whole which is not without gratifying and constructive fruitfulness, crowned daily with God's unailing goodness.

Deaconess Ollie Willings reports:

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.” My deep desire is for righteous living and more ability to lead young lives entrusted to my care into glad Christian living. We must be equipped with the whole armour of God, for it is not so much what we teach as what we live that impresses them. This year has impressed me as a time of deeper spiritual growth among our pupils. We have made real progress. Grade teaching, the sewing work, and being with the girls in their dormitory life, give me many opportunities, as do also the class in Sunday school and my

work with the Junior group on Sundays. My prayer is that God will use my efforts and bless them to the uplift of our people.

Deaconess Elizabeth Covington reports:

After an absence from MacDonell School and the Council work of two years, due to illness of my mother, I boarded the train in September of 1935 to return to my loved work. I wanted most to be of spiritual help to the boys and girls. Music is deeply loved by these French, and who can measure the power and influence of a noble hymn or a more catchy, but uplifting song, as it is sung at the dishwashing, over the laundry tubs, in the sewing room, as groups sweep or rake the lawns. The piano pupils learn to play the hymns and then they go out to the rural churches to lead in the music and play for the services, and so the work is multiplied. In addition to the music and my regular classes in high school, I have a daily Bible class that gives a wonderful opportunity and a prayer period with the girls on Mondays. This is a voluntary service and has meant much to all of us.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING WORK

Wesley House, Atlanta, Ga.

Deaconess Mary Lou Bond, Head Resident, reports:

The first of September my furlough year closed and I came to Atlanta to my new appointment. In these past months I have had before me the task of becoming familiar with the community, our Board and various agencies, organizations and church groups of the city. In the meantime we were trying to organize our work in the Wesley House and get things moving in an orderly way. We have made a start and slowly we hope to work out a program which will meet needs as they arise. We were fortunate to follow workers who had held the interest of the groups. That makes it easy for us to have larger groups than we have space to care for.

As we have no boys' worker on the staff, the boy's work comes under my supervision. Two volunteer workers from the Theological Department of Emory University have our boys below Scout age. They are working out a recreational program on our playground with them. We are fortunate to have kept the same Scout Master for a number of years at Wesley House. He and the Assistant Scout Master are both volunteer workers. They are doing splendid work with the Scout Troop.

A music teacher comes to Wesley House twice each week and gives private piano lessons for a small fee. Excellent work has been done in this department and we hope in time that we may have a larger music department.

Our women's department is very well developed. We have a Smith-Hughes Foundation teacher who has three classes with the women in cooking, sewing, homemaking, child care and training. I have a Bible class on Monday nights with the women. I have fifty-three enrolled and my attendance averages in forty. We are studying the life of Christ.

Besides working with these organized groups we do some community visiting and some relief work. We have a small playground equipped with swings, sand box, merry-go-round, slide, and with space for basketball or baseball. This playground is open every day. We also have a small library of 660 books which is used by the people of our community.

We have a splendid City Mission Board, the people of our community are very responsive, and the attendance and interest in group meetings

is excellent. Our building is small but we are using every available inch. I am happy to be working in the Atlanta Wesley House and am looking forward to this coming year with faith and enthusiasm.

Deaconess Cleo Barber, Club Worker, reports:

The four and one-half months that I have been in Atlanta have been very happy and interesting months for me; happy because of the congeniality of the workers here and the fine spirit and co-operation of the Board members; interesting because of the enthusiastic and responsive groups with which I work. I find the work here both interesting and challenging.

My efforts have centered chiefly on program building and the securing of volunteer workers. I am happy to report that we have secured the services of twelve volunteer workers for my department. In my department I have boys and girls five to ten years of age, girls ten to eighteen years of age, and the young people. These boys and girls are divided into thirteen groups according to age or interest. With the girls, twelve to eighteen years of age we have the Girl Reserve program with interest groups that they may choose. Some of the activities we are using with the thirteen groups are: hand weaving, shadowgraphs, sewing, dramatics, chorus work, beauty culture course, making of Christmas cards and decorations, observation trips, hikes, outdoor playground activities, indoor planned games, practical home nursing course, and the publication of a paper. We have bought a mimeograph machine which is quite a help in the work of my department.

With the fine group of volunteer workers and the enthusiastic and responsive groups of boys and girls we enter the year of 1936 with greater faith in what may be accomplished for Christ's Kingdom.

Miss Gladys Allerd, Kindergartner, reports:

There is no group of children in the city that could be any finer than the group we have in our pre-kindergarten here at the Wesley House. They are such bright, lovable children. Coming to "school" seems to play quite a big part in their little lives. Small children, as a rule, are always enthusiastic in their work and play, which makes them so interesting to work with.

Our kindergarten is sponsored by the Missionary Societies of St. Mark's Church. They provide us with our milk and lunch fund each month. They also make other contributions. This organization gave enough money Christmas to buy each child a gift and enough left to buy several substantial toys for the kindergarten room.

We have had a fine year and expect the coming year to be even finer.

My children believe in "Teacher" as they all call me, and may God help me to be worthy of their trust.

Wesley Community House, Louisville, Ky.

Deaconess Ellen Gainey, Head Resident, Deaconess Elizabeth Russell, Mrs. W. W. Hooper, Mr. Hewitt McIntosh report:

In reviewing a year's work at a Wesley House one usually finds some high point of interest or endeavor, so as we think of our work for the past year our new project "Camp Merry Ledges," stands out as our high peak of thought, work and accomplishment. An Eastern Settlement worker once said that he "could not think of any settlement program as complete unless it had its own camp activities," and "our own camp" had been in the minds of several workers at Wesley House. From time to time groups had been taken out in past years, the camp

being tents set up in the woods, and once or twice a house owner at Camp Kavanaugh had loaned her house for a week or so, but it took the faith and determination of Elizabeth Russell to bring any Wesley House dream of its own camp to an actual reality. She herself bought the site, then generous gifts from Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Foster Baird for the camp encouraged her to put the project upon the hearts of the Board and other friends. The Board gave a camp shower thus securing much of the furnishings, and a good supply of fruits and jellies. Then many small gifts of money came in until enough was on hand to really begin building. Mr. Williams, husband of our treasurer, gave much helpful advice as to materials, workmen, etc. Then when the money gave out and no more paid workers could be hired, Mr. McIntoch, Boys' Worker, with five or six boys went out daily and finished up the buildings, cleared the yards, made tables and screened the house. For nearly a month those boys worked out there entirely without pay except for the lunches we provided. Groups of girls also went out and helped with the cleaning of the house. This willingness of both boys and girls to help get their camp ready was one of the fine things about it. The first group went to camp the first week in August. When they returned, Miss Russell was asked if that first camp week justified all that was put into the enterprise and her reply was, "I did the best piece of group work this week that I have done since I came to Wesley House."

Another "red letter" day of the year was the Board luncheon given in October. Its purpose was twofold: to raise some much needed funds and to acquaint as many Methodist people as we could with the work of the house. Good exhibits of the various phases of the work were shown, and about 400 people went from room to room seeing the work actually being done, or else shown by charts, exhibits, etc. It was an interesting day and good results were obtained.

We have co-operated with the various agencies at work in the community and the co-operation has been mutually helpful and pleasant. The FERA, WPA, and NYA have sent some very good workers to us, and several new groups have been successfully conducted by them.

It was both pleasant and helpful to have two Scarritt juniors with us for part of our summer program. We hope this can be arranged again.

Kingdom House Community Center, St. Louis, Mo.

Deaconess Florence Whiteside, Head Resident, Deaconess Eleanor Grissom, Director of Senior Work, Mary McSwain, Director of Children's Work, Inez Perry, R.N., Clinic Nurse, Mrs. Olive Sprinkle, Day Nursery Matron, Louise Stone, Office Secretary, report:

At the clinic Christmas tree party given for 250 babies and 100 mothers, one mother said to the nurse: "My baby doesn't need any present. He has all the present anybody could ask for. He can walk now and is well, thanks to Kingdom House Clinic." Eight months before this child had been brought in partially paralyzed and suffering from rickets due to undernourishment. This is an example of some of the things we have been able to do in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth."

The Day Nursery has continued service, aiding struggling parents by caring for their children during days and months of unusual stress.

The recreational department of the work has been conducted on lines similar to other years, variety being given by 75 volunteers.

Two week-end camping trips, one in the spring and one in the fall,

were high spots in the lives of our young people, who have a wonderful spirit of wholesome comradeship. The year culminated for them in a beautiful Christmas play in which thirty of them participated.

In the fall a plan of closer co-operation of our boys' work with a nearby city center and with the downtown Y. M. C. A. was found successful. As we have no gymnasium, this offered additional outlet for the boys' surplus energies.

Girl Reserves form the largest unit of the girls' work. The mother-and-daughter banquet was again a means of getting in closer touch with mothers of the girls.

Little girls have had home-making and doll projects which have kept them interested.

The Friendly Folks have become an established institution at Kingdom House. Lessons in parliamentary law have aided them in conducting meetings in proper form. Two bazaars, an occasional dinner and entertainment have provided funds for independent maintenance and have given opportunity for expression.

After the inspiration given by the Council Meeting in St. Louis a Woman's Missionary Society was formed from this group. The re-organization of the Missionary Society was an outstanding achievement in the woman's work.

The Men's Club has been faithful and persistent, learning much through discussion of current topics under an efficient leader provided by the Emergency Education Program. This club has been gathering momentum all the year, and now comprises the most enthusiastic and forward-looking group of our settlement, known as the Jolly Fellows.

Out of these adult groups have come five accessions to the church, all lending their influence in the building of the Kingdom. It is a source of joy to see a whole family seated together in our Sunday services, the father and mother having presented themselves as a white gift on the Sunday before Christmas.

This year as always statistics cannot give a true picture of the work. Results as seen in the lives of our people are the best index of success. As a co-operative family our staff conversations often center on the progress or problems of "our children."

We are heartened by the transformation and development of a young man with a background of serious delinquency. We rejoice in having brought some case work in a problem family to a fairly successful conclusion.

This report would be incomplete without a tribute to Miss Pearle Edwards, who left in August for her furlough. She left a well-organized and progressive department and many living testimonies of her five years of efficient and fruitful service as Girls' Director of Kingdom House.

Special mention should be made of the two splendid girls who graduated from high school and are now in Sue Bennett College through scholarships provided by our Board. They are volunteers for Life Service, hoping to complete their training in Scarritt College and serve as deaconesses in the home field.

Wesley Community House, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Deaconess Moselle Eubanks, Head Resident, and Deaconess Inez Martin, Club Worker, report:

The year that has just passed brought us new opportunities and new responsibilities as we sought to serve our people. Many of the organized groups were carried over from other years, some were modified, and some new features were included. Co-operative proj-

ects, in which the WPA has shared, have extended our sphere of influence in the community and have been the means of adding new people to our organized clubs and to our church group. These projects have included a sewing room, classes in adult education, and playground supervision.

A five-day camp for about 40 Girl Reserves marked the close of our season's activities the last week in May. The girls earned practically all of the money for their camp expense. This was followed by our Daily Vacation Bible School, always one of the high points of our year's work. Vacation months were made worth while by a program of recreation especially for the young people. Nearby playgrounds provide for the children during the summer, but the young people were in need of this service. A dressmaking class for older girls was taught by one of the community mothers.

When the fall season opened, some new work was undertaken. Two volunteer teachers from the American Red Cross conducted a class in First Aid for the Senior Girl Reserves. It proved interesting and helpful, and every girl who completed the course passed the tests with high averages and received three-year certificates.

The problem of delinquency among young boys prompted us to open our house four evenings a week for special boy programs. Two nights of supervised recreation, directed by NYA students from Oklahoma City University, one night for Boy Scouts, and one for Pioneer Boys' Club are helping to furnish activities for these boys.

Our Mothers' Club is a new undertaking but has been popular from its organization. Recreation and education are worked into its program, and it is growing in number and in interest.

The deaconesses have co-operated with the community school, health agencies, and all others who are working in our field. There is a fine spirit of fellowship between them, and it is a privilege to be part of such a group. We have tried not to lose sight of our real purpose in being here. We want our people to know our Christ and the joy that comes from that knowledge.

Wesley House, Knoxville, Tenn.

Deaconess Bess Eaton, Head Resident, reports:

The first six months of 1935 I served as matron of Centenary Building at Vashti School, Thomasville, Ga. If my work there meant half as much to the girls as it did to me, I am surely glad to have served in that capacity. I was reluctant to leave Vashti.

Each time my work has been changed, I have felt that the new responsibility was just a little greater than the previous one. I only hope my capacity has increased in like manner.

It has been a pleasure to follow in the footsteps of Miss Evelyn Waddell. I find that we have much the same ideas about a great many things.

After spending most of September getting acquainted with the situation and some of the people of this community, I began to re-organize clubs. With the aid of volunteer help, a part-time employed worker for boys, and the co-operation of the Adult Department of the Board of Education, clubs are being carried on for the following groups: sewing and Bible for beginners through junior ages; recreation, with emphasis on character building, for boys of beginner through intermediate ages; young women and mothers. The women of the community club carry on all regular activities of a club, including sewing, handcraft, and dramatics. The young women work in factories; therefore, they are more interested in athletics than any other group activity.

Groups, not included in the above list, are being organized. The outlook is favorable for a program which will include every interest of our industrial population. The kindergarten and nursery children are being taken care of by the public school.

We house a Well-Baby Station which is open twice a month. It is well patronized by the young mothers of the community. Under the leadership of efficient chairmen from the larger churches, tomato juice, milk, and other foods and supplies are donated for indigent babies.

It is my privilege to have charge of the young people's department in the nearby church. I teach a class of intermediate girls each Sunday morning and direct Epworth League for two groups.

It is a great joy to have a share in meeting the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of these people. I only wish I could be twins. Not the least of the joy of this work comes from association with the splendid volunteer workers, board members, and women of the Knoxville churches.

Much has been done recently by way of making our house more attractive. A new interest in the work seems to be growing among our women.

Wesley Institute, Memphis, Tenn.

Deaconess Athalia Baker, Head Resident, reports:

Days seem far too short to accomplish in any adequate way the many tasks that fall to the deaconess, but how thankful for and grateful to the many friends of the work who have given freely of their time and service to the many activities, bringing about success.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Institute meets weekly, and their freewill offerings this year have been most gratifying, considering their limited income.

This year we have pledged ourselves to daily Bible reading and prayer and when possible a family altar. Out of fifty members thirty are daily readers, and perhaps ten more are reading several times a week. We are also encouraging systematic giving to religious work, and some good results have been obtained in this also.

The few months that I have been in Memphis have been busy and happy ones. Through all our work we have tried to hold up Christ to our people.

I love my work and pray that our Father will bless every effort that is made for the advancement of his Kingdom.

Martha Robinson, Club Director, reports:

I came to Wesley Institute last September feeling that I was coming home because Memphis is my native city.

Our place is located in the midst of a people who are depending largely upon the Widows' Pension and government relief agencies for existence. There is great need for material aid and even a greater need for spiritual help.

In the activities of the Club Department there are enrolled boys between the ages of five and thirteen years and girls between the ages of five and twenty years. They come from Protestant, Catholic, and nonchurch homes. I have approximately fifty children whose families have no church preference or affiliation. Most of our people are from American homes, but we have a very few Italian and French children.

The usual activities—sewing school, classes in domestic science, boys' club, club for teen-age girls, boys and girls' club for primary children—have been carried on regularly throughout the year. The interest has been keen and the attendance unusually fine. We had

lovely Christmas parties for each group which were made possible through the generosity of the women of some of the missionary circles. The club members were unanimous in the expression that this was the best and happiest Christmas they had ever experienced at Wesley Institute. We had a very simple pageant and program which was well given by a number of our girls. We were happy afterward when two hard-working women came up and said, "Miss Robinson, I do not know when I have ever felt the Spirit as I have tonight."

Our primary purpose has been to help the children and young people realize they have the same privilege to grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man, as Jesus grew, and to live the abundant life.

The missionary-minded women of Memphis have been perfectly lovely in giving of themselves to help carry on the work. I shall never cease to be grateful for the fine volunteer help which has been a great factor this year in making the work a success. I say "success" because we have witnessed a decided change in the lives of many of our boys and girls.

We continue to pray that the Wesley Institute may be a lighthouse beckoning to people to come and learn of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Deaconess Birdie Reynolds, Kindergartner, reports:

I have enjoyed my work more than ever this year. The great majority of the kindergarten children come from very poor homes. In most cases either the father or the mother is working on a WPA project. It is a joy for me to do what I can to enrich the lives of these children who have such a bare existence now and, so far as we can see, little for the future.

More mothers have been interested in the Kindergarten Mothers' Club, and they have been interested in discussing articles on child care and training. Few of these mothers go to church, so I try in some measure to make up for this lack by having a devotional study of the Bible each time. We also make useful and pretty things for the home out of scraps and other articles that might otherwise be thrown away.

Wesley House, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Deaconess Rosalie Riggins, Head Resident, reports:

We have had so many problems in the lives and homes of our people this year, and I am indeed happy, with God's help, I could be the needed friend and adviser.

The Wesley House Sunday school meant more to our girls and boys this past year than ever before. We had a Promotion Sunday with special program and gave diplomas from Beginner, Primary, and Junior Departments. The Christmas pageant this year was beautiful and very impressive. During the summer months we conducted vesper services each Sunday evening, which is a fitting close to the Sabbath. The prayer meetings are well attended and most helpful always. One revival was conducted during the year with several reclamations.

Great progress has been made in the lives of the people who take advantage of the activities offered at Wesley House. I will mention a few outstanding features of our work.

For two years food preparation has been taught a group of girls. This year they are taking meal planning and serving, having served two meals beautifully with a guest once.

There is great progress noted also in the sewing school. One

class is now studying patterns, cutting and fitting the garments as well as sewing them.

A woodwork shop has been opened for the boys, and it is marvellous the lovely things that they have made from boxes and scrap lumber.

The Murfreesbore Garden Club organized our women into a garden club, and we have thoroughly enjoyed the study of plants, planting, and care of them.

Through the FERA and our colleges we have six capable college students as club workers as well as many volunteers from town. For them we are thankful, and to them goes the praise for successful work.

Wesley House, Nashville, Tenn.

Deaconess Maggie Marshall, Head Resident, Deaconess Jewell Matthews, Deaconess Lucille Robinson, and Miss Thelma Heath report:

Our echoing note throughout the year has been co-operation. We started at the beginning with a plan whereby groups might co-operate in furthering the aims and purposes of Wesley House. This was done through the organization of a House Council in which every group was represented. Problems of the house were discussed, and plans were formulated for house projects. *The Beacon*, Wesley House paper, is the result of the efforts of this Council. Out of this has grown a feeling of group and individual responsibility for the work.

The staff has emphasized the need for groups to plan their own activities under the guidance and direction of their leaders, thus attempting to make the program a co-operative one. This of itself creates problems and difficulties which a leader-planned program cares for, but in the solving of which character is developed.

We have attempted to help volunteers in a definite way. In the fall we worked with the other Methodist settlements of Nashville to put on a Volunteers' Institute. Later in the year we entertained all volunteers at a luncheon with an outstanding social worker as speaker.

We are co-operating with the Nashville Settlements Federation in a Settlement Self-Analysis Survey. We are helping to promote a co-ordinating council of all interested people to deal with social problems of South Nashville. We co-operate with the Council of Social Agencies and the government agencies. We are not unmindful of the co-operative effort of the many churches that make our program possible.

We recognize co-operation as one of the essentials in the building of Christian character and in the bringing about of God's Kingdom which is our sole purpose.

FRENCH AND ITALIAN WORK

Institutional Church, Kansas City, Mo.

Deaconess Mary Nichols, Head Resident, reports:

As happens in every type of work, there have been additions and subtractions in the work of Institutional Church. Because of lack of either paid or volunteer workers, some of our subtractions have taken place. With no one to take care of some adult groups, they had to be discontinued; but through the NYA and other sources we have carried on other groups.

Under the splendid leadership of Mr. H. J. Lane our boys' work has been quite outstanding. More than physical development has been character development, the thing for which we strive hardest.

Deaconess Una Smith and Mrs. Lane report:

The Nursery School has taken a prominent place in the program of our Children's Department this year. It is quite well established now and is proving a great help to the children, mothers, the homes, and church. The Brownie Pack, the Joy Makers' Band, story hours, game periods, handcraft, etc., fill up the hours for the older children.

The possibility of building religious impressions into the character of even the youngest children is ever in mind as we help them work and grow day by day.

Deaconess Dorothy Dodd reports:

Last autumn some of our high school girls asked if their group could give some plays and programs in order to paint our Sunday school rooms and church auditorium. The result was they evolved into a Dramatic Club, which arranged a drama tea and also presented a play. The proceeds are to go to the "church paint fund," which has been their project for the winter.

The Italian Mothers and Young Girls' Club has recently had a luncheon and book review. The club continues to grow not only in numbers but in depth of character.

At a ministers' meeting the discussion centered around the need of personal counseling and the ways and means for more extensive pastoral calling. The feeling that the church must "go out to meet them" was unanimous. We deaconesses have realized that we, too, must go out to meet them. We first must reach people before we can teach them. Looking back over the year, the greatest joy and heart satisfactions have come as we have tried to "go out to them" in the homes and the schools and their places of business—and through these visits we hope that some day someone may say, "And she brought me to Jesus."

GULF COAST WORK

St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La.

Deaconess Margaret Young, Head Resident, reports:

As I prepare to write a short report of the work at St. Mark's this year I am reminded of the heritage of the present workers. We are humbly thankful for those who have gone before and laid foundations for a work of this magnitude. My report will cover only a few months, as I have been here only since September. So many of the things coming to mind as I write this will not be the result of the present staff's efforts, but in many cases could be traced back to workers who were here years ago.

One of our chief objectives has been to create a feeling of responsibility for St. Mark's and its activities in the minds of the people who use the facilities of our institution. We are trying to develop enriched, well-poised personalities—people who feel an obligation to society and are learning to give the best that they have in order that their lives in all their relationships may be abundant.

I believe the most constructive work we have done so far has been in connection with a government project. As a result of a survey put on in this neighborhood we have studied causes for juvenile delinquency and had as our objective to find the source of the trouble and do all in our power to have the cause itself abolished.

Another opportunity that has come to us is the National Youth Administration. We are using the youths of our neighborhood employed by the NYA in our game room, gymnasium, library, and craft shop. These young people have not been touched by St. Mark's here-

tofore, and, as much as we appreciate their leadership, we feel that we, too, have had a real opportunity in our relationship to them. Not only have they had an opportunity to work with pay, but we have been well supervised by one of our own St. Mark's young women. Then, too, the relationship of the staff to these young people has meant something in their lives. It is encouraging to see how they respond and how interested they are in all the program of our work.

A great deal of pleasure has come to us as we have worked in the church. I have enjoyed the Sunday school class. There has been a very fine co-operative spirit manifest between the church and the settlement, and we believe that we are seeing the results of the prayers and the work of those who had as a vision a rich, full life for our neighbors and friends in this part of New Orleans.

Deaconess Julia Sargent, Young People's Worker, reports:

St. Mark's offers such a variety of activities through which all people may find expression and come to a fuller realization of the true meaning of life and its relation to God.

The department of music sponsors a rhythm band, choral club, and orchestra. When a young fellow plays his violin and perhaps imagines himself a Fritz Kreisler, we want him to be keenly aware of God who gave him the possibilities of becoming an artist.

We have an art club which has done interesting work in designs.

Through various groups we have used dramatics to an advantage.

Because of diversified interests in the Business Girls' Club a request was made to organize another club so that all members might find expression to their needs. The new club was named the "Mintaw Club," and at the present time both clubs are functioning successfully.

The Young People's Department is working on the plan of systematic giving to the church, and they are seeking to follow Christ's teachings in their carefully planned program.

The spirit of co-operation in the church choir has been an inspiration as they seek to bring a real message in song.

Life at St. Mark's grows more challenging each day.

Deaconess Verna Webster, Club Worker, reports:

I have found much satisfaction in my work this year. Particularly have I enjoyed working with primaries, juniors, intermediates, and young people instead of having various clubs for one age group. The Little Home-makers' Club for primaries, the Friend Club for senior young people, and the Doll Club for juniors have been most convincing that one does his best work when doing that for which he has been trained and in which he is most interested.

Since it is necessary for our reports to be brief, I shall mention only a few club activities. The Doll Club is busy studying the Doll Festival of Japan and planning a festival of its own. The dolls are being dressed to represent different nations and different professions.

St. Mark's has a lovely courtyard or patio. The Little Home-makers have added to its beauty by working flower beds, planting flowers, keeping them well watered, and by removing paper or any article dropped within the court.

We have tried to make the Boy Scout troop, the Home Economic classes, and the Tom-Boy Club more than ordinary groups. A well-trained Home Economics teacher has been of valuable service.

The progress being made by the intermediates of our church school is a happy experience for me. Many have gained a personal knowledge of worship and feel that it has a vital place in their lives. An

appreciation for the total program of the church has been achieved. Ten received credit in a recent Christian Adventure Institute. I am confident that from this group will go capable leaders. The oldest girl in the department has a sincere desire to become a missionary.

Miss Julia Southard, Office Secretary, reports:

Some people may think that bookkeeping and other secretarial work is rather dull, but it really isn't at St. Mark's. Too much is going on around here for even the smallest task to be uninteresting. It's a great thrill to see how near we can come to living within our inadequate income and still reach the many people in our community.

Nothing could be finer than working with children in Sunday school and especially when you have such an interesting group as we have here. We have seven different nationalities represented, and it gives us a splendid opportunity to develop an appreciation of the people in all the countries of the world. We have thoroughly enjoyed the special units of study on World Peace and Mexico.

The work with athletics has been both interesting and challenging. During the winter months we had around 150 boys coming to our gymnasium. We're hoping to have a boys' worker next year who can direct a real program for these boys who need what St. Mark's can give them. We have about fifty girls in gym groups. As usually happens, the gymnasium is very popular, and we realize the responsibility which this places upon us to help the boys and girls reach the very highest form of living.

Miss Georgia Bates, Nurse, reports:

Clinic attendance at St. Mark's is increasing. More and more, the people who come to the clinics are asking questions about the Center as a whole. Every day in the week the clinic is open to the public. From eight-thirty to twelve-thirty each morning, except Sunday and Wednesday, there are dentists and doctors in their respective departments. There are no restrictions as to the number of hours the nurse is on call for emergency, first aid, or calls to the homes. Many opportunities are offered to the nurse that makes her opportunities for service a great challenge.

Last year there were 3,264 visits to the clinic for doctors and dentists and 602 people to ask advice or treatment from the nurse. One-third of our total patients are Negroes. This is the only service St. Mark's renders this racial group.

Many of our patients have found, through clinic contacts, that there are other activities at St. Mark's that will interest and help them. New recruits have been added to the Mothers' Club, Rhythm Band, Home Makers Club as a result of contacts made while the patients wait to see the doctor.

All of the staff doctors are professors at Tulane School of Medicine. These men give their time to St. Mark's without charge to the patient for prescription or examination.

We try to give these less privileged people the sympathetic understanding and the privacy of a small clinic and at the same time competent medical and dental service.

In addition to the clinic, I have two very interesting clubs. The Mothers' Club is for the mothers of children up to the age of twelve, although I have some new brides who have joined to study the making of attractive linens, etc., for the home, and they also learn to plan balanced meals, to budget, and some of them are interested in the making of layettes. There are nine nationalities and twenty active members in the club. From time to time we have talks by doctors, dentists, or others in order to teach mothers the importance of health

habits in the home. Many of the members are Catholic, and a few have already joined our church after being introduced to its work by the club.

I also have the Indian Art Club, which is for boys and girls who are interested in learning the arts and crafts of the American Indians. They have studied the meaning of Indian signs, etc., and have made pottery, baskets, and leather articles.

INDUSTRIAL WORK—WORK WITH MINERS

Kentucky Coal Fields, Millstone, Ky.

Deaconess Pattie Allen reports:

The first eight months of 1935 were spent in helping with all of the regular organizations in connection with the work of Millstone Church. All holidays were observed with special services meeting the needs of the various age groups. Week-day Bible School work was carried on all during the regular school vacation, including a library for children and frequent hikes.

Two services each Sunday were conducted at the Kona Camp, also a weekly meeting of the Girl Scouts, who were particularly interested in Nature Study.

The coming of September brought to us Miss Susie Mitchell to take charge of all of the church and club activities. Since that time I have been operating a "Goodwill Exchange," and have handled 169 boxes, 4,532 garments, from September 1 to January 1, charging a very small amount for each article. Clothing is always given in cases of necessity. Two hundred letters and cards were written in connection with this work. No experience in life is more challenging or interesting than this "Adventuring in Christian Friendship." I have also had charge of the Children's Division of the Sunday school at Millstone, organized a Cradle Roll, conducted a weekly community singing, taught several adults to read, three girls to play hymns, and sponsored the Sunday evening service with the Kona young people, in addition to taking an active part in the Parent-Teacher Association at Millstone.

Deaconess Susie Mitchell reports:

The first of September found me once more in a coal mining camp, but quite different from the ones in which I had worked eight years.

Millstone is a small camp of about four or five hundred people, situated on the Kentucky River between two high mountain ranges.

When Miss Allen came here two years ago there was not a church, Sunday school, or religious organization of any description. We now have organized a church, a splendid Sunday school, etc.

The people have been most cordial and appreciative, and through visiting in the homes, as teacher of the Woman's Bible Class, and as leader of two of the circles in the Missionary Society, I feel I have come in close touch with our women. My contact with the young people has been in assisting the teachers with entertainments, planning and directing the games, etc. We have just recently organized the League in this department, and I am assisting the program committee.

My contact with the junior and primary boys and girls is through the library, which is open Saturday morning from nine to eleven-thirty, and I come to know the smaller children through my visiting in the homes.

We also have a Sunday school and an evening service at Kona. I teach the intermediate Sunday school class and go up there Wednes-

day afternoon and visit until school closes, then conduct the Girl Scout meeting.

We have a splendid Wednesday night prayer meeting, but one of the most outstanding meetings is the cottage prayer meeting on Friday night. These were started last summer during the revival, and the men wanted to continue them, and really it has been a training school for them as they plan and conduct these meetings. All winter they have faced the cold winds, waded the deep snows and mud, and never missed a service.

The work is growing. We have conversions all along. We have had eight since January 1.

The co-operation of the South End Coal Company is most helpful, the best I have ever experienced. The Superintendent is Superintendent of our Sunday school; the Assistant Superintendent teaches the Young People's Class and is Adult Counselor of the League. The night foreman is Chairman of the Board of Stewards, and bookkeeper is President of the Men's Bible Class. It has been a real pleasure and a great blessing to work with people who are so in earnest and are really hungry for the gospel.

Coal Fields, Amherstdale, W. Va.

Deaconess Fannie Bame reports:

This report will include some work done by Deaconess Margaret Cornett and Deaconess Helen Philips. Margaret Cornett left in December because of the illness and death of her father, and Helen Philips came in February.

Our report must be similar to reports of previous years, since we follow the same type of program.

We have included the ninth school in our work this year. This is a junior high school, and we have added it to our list by special invitation from the principal. The pupils have had the privilege of choosing the course we offer, and it is counted as extra-curricular activity. This means that we are now touching between twelve and thirteen hundred children each week through the public schools.

Five Vacation Schools were held during the summer with an enrollment of almost 250.

Our library has been rearranged. Some books were discarded and others placed in school libraries and more than a hundred new books added, which gives us a total of 530 books for our library. We have an extension to this library in a camp eight miles away. These books, along with the magazines and story papers, have furnished good reading material for many people.

Our work in the three churches puts us in touch with almost all of the organizations of the church, in which we take an active part.

Wesley Community House, Bradshaw, W. Va.

Deaconess Cornelia Godbey, Head Resident, reports:

As I look back over the past five and a half years in Bradshaw I find myself saying, "What hath God wrought!"

Our work has grown from a small Sunday school of about fifty members, in a very inadequate building, to a well-organized church membership with Sunday school of 150 members, a live Epworth League, an active Woman's Missionary Society, and various other activities.

Four years ago the Council had erected for us a very comfortable, commodious building, which houses both the workers and the work and which has meant *everything* in the establishment of the work in Bradshaw.

Last year, with the coming of an additional worker, Miss Mary Carter, we were able to project our work into the outlying rural sections, thus greatly enlarging our work and increasing our opportunities for usefulness. One of our friends remarked, very aptly that "Miss Godbey is the station preacher and Miss Carter is the circuit rider."

The past year has been spent in getting the work already begun more firmly established. I believe it has now passed its "mushroom" stage and may be counted on as a small but active force for righteousness.

Deaconess Mary Carter reports:

Come with me for a few moments on my circuit. We will first visit Lex, a neglected mining camp, where I conduct Sunday school, Epworth League, and visit the school each week and conduct a Bible story hour. Interested children and young people attend each of these meetings, although very few of the older people have been reached.

We now visit Three Forks, a lumber camp, where an old-fashioned one-room schoolhouse stands, in which we may have the privilege of going to Sunday school each Sunday afternoon and listening to the happy voices sing accompanied by my accordion. It is not hard to realize that these people are hungry for the "more abundant life" as we look around and see the eager faces of both children and grown people. On Friday morning we will visit this same school and tell a Bible story, after which we will go to Turkey Branch, another one-room rural school, for a Bible story.

After visiting in homes, comforting those that are sad, conducting social activities, etc., I am sure you can understand why I am glad to be here and to have a part in carrying the good news to others.

Wesley Community House, Hemphill, W. Va.

Deaconesses Hyda Heard and Erlene Aylor report:

One factor to be considered in planning the work of this section is that a large percentage of our population is constantly changing. I do not say this is discouraging, but a little disappointing sometimes when groups and organizations find their ranks suddenly depleted. But another phase of this condition is that a larger number of people are touched. Thus a part of the work needs to be that of a faithful sower broadcasting good seed, having to leave the cultivation and reaping to Him who has promised "My word . . . it shall not return unto me void." We are grateful that some families stay with us and assume community obligations. In these, principally, we can see development in Christian living, and that is one of the joys of our work.

In contacting our people, visiting in the homes is one of the most satisfactory methods, since the majority of the families wait to be found. Besides visiting and the general community life, much of our time and thought is given in helping to try to carry out the program of the church. Here we work with all ages. We have a wide-awake church school with a corps of faithful, interested teachers. Recently seven out of eight of our teachers took work for credit in a Standard Training School in a nearby town. For two of them it meant going to work next morning with only three or four hours of sleep. We are with our adults in services of worship, Bible study, and Woman's Missionary Societies. In the Young People's Department we have a fine group of young people doing excellent work. Two attended the Memphis Conference, defraying their own expenses. Our children are bright, sweet, and responsive, and it is a pleasure to be with them in Bible study, clubs, and our Vacation Church School,

where, sometimes, we have from ten to twelve nationalities represented in the enrolment.

The work here is very interesting, full of opportunities, and with a constant challenge for the best one is capable of giving.

Wesley Community House, War, W. Va.

Deaconess Verdie Anderson and Deaconess Ola Gilbert report:

The past year has been a busy one yet one of the happiest we ever spent. We feel that the work at War has grown. There has been a deepening of the spiritual life among our church people, especially the members of the Missionary Society.

Our pastor has accomplished much in interesting the men of our town in the program and work of the church. There has been work in three Sunday schools this year with a growing interest in each of them. We feel that our young people are understanding more fully what it means to be a Christian.

The community activities, such as Mothers' Clubs, Girl Scouts, and boys' groups, furnish opportunities for wholesome recreation. Most of the members of these groups attend other churches in the town.

A new type of work has been opened to us. We have found in our visiting that many of the children in small rural schools are not reached by any church or church school. We go into each school once each week and give Bible stories and encourage memory work.

We had three Vacation Bible Schools last summer. One was held at Yukon, one at War, and one at Warriormines. We also helped with one at Berwind.

Coal Fields, War Eagle, W. Va.

Miss Emma V. Johnson reports:

The Coal Field Mission Board assigned me to Newhall the first of January, 1935. I remained there until the middle of February of this year, 1936, when I was transferred to the Iaeger Circuit with my headquarters at War Eagle.

Soon after arriving at Newhall a Sunday school was organized at Number Eight Camp, where there were no religious services of any kind. There was an unusually good response on the part of the children. I worked also at Cucumber, where the little church by the side of the road has been built in a day.

During the summer I was engaged in six Daily Vacation Bible Schools, one being with the colored people of Newhall. Though not as large in attendance as the others, it was one of the most interesting and successful. The other schools were held at various points on the Berwind Circuit, of which Newhall is a part.

There were good revivals held at Newhall and Cucumber during the year, and the Christian ranks were greatly strengthened. The new Missionary Society at Newhall did some very fine work in making possible a new roof for the church and also other repair work.

In October the coal tippie at Newhall was destroyed by fire, causing over 400 miners to be thrown out of work until they could secure employment in other places. As a result of the calamity many families moved away.

The Iaeger Circuit is a large, needy field, with no church building at any of the points of work. It is fortunate, however, that the school buildings are permitted to be used for worship services and community gatherings.

Two Missionary Societies have been organized since my coming, and both groups are manifesting a fine interest.

My earnest prayer is that I may be used of the Master in this

section, serving where the need is greatest, and enlisting and training leadership. Truly the "fields are white unto the harvest."

INDUSTRIAL WORK—FISH CANNERIES

Wesley House, Biloxi, Miss.

Deaconesses Mattie and Ethel Cunningham report:

Having had the delightful furlough at Scarritt College, the vacation with friends in the summer, and coming here in the fall, we have but four months for which to report our own work. However, the institution has had a full year's work, for Misses Arnold and Robinson had carried on well and left many loving friends behind them.

Clubs for different age groups have been formed much as last year. They have to be held after school hours and at night.

Much of the interest of friends away has centered about the Day Nursery. That was closed before we came because of the few who came. The few mothers who patronized it valued the training and care given the little ones, but many mothers felt that it was just as well to leave the children in care of a grandmother who lived near her home, and so many grandmothers now have a nursery group in their care in the homes. The valuable woman who for years was so efficient in the nursery here is doing work in a private home and has Tuesday afternoon off. She comes then to assist in the World Friendship Club, thus keeping alive the love-tie she has long had with the mothers of the children who come here. This is a most stimulating influence. Recently she exclaimed joyfully in looking over the sewing roll, "Oh, I'm so glad to see that you have reached that family, and here's another—they never came to Wesley House before."

From the beginning we felt the importance of visiting in the homes. We go into all of them for the contact, then to know them better, and still to cultivate the friendship, and covet the closer touch that eventually there may come from silent or active influence a keener responsibility and striving to meet that responsibility on the part of the parents. As it is we can hardly wonder that they do not sense the full situation, for there is so little normal home life. The picture of the day of most of them seems to be something like this—the father is away on a shrimp or oyster boat for weeks at a time. The mother and older young members of the family go to the factory, when there is work at all, at three in the morning. At seven or seven-thirty small children carry breakfast that perhaps grandmother has prepared for the factory workers. Through the morning hours the children that go to "Sister's" school go straggling in at all hours. About ten the mothers go home usually, gather up their little ones from homes where they have been kept and "stir up" a little dinner for the children, who run from school, grab a bite, and back to school. While the work is being done in many homes the radio is turned on as loud as a radio can be. Really, we frequently cannot make ourselves heard knocking at a door but get in some way. There seems to be no sense of appreciation of the softer, more quiet things. The nerves are strained to the limit, it seems. There is much drinking and smoking among women as well as men.

Yet with it all there is much that is fine and lovable in these people, and we long to mean much to them. We are organizing a Young Married People's Group at once for the New Year—a need that we find and one that is felt among themselves.

There is challenge in this work, and we face the New Year in hope and expectation.

We would make special mention of the encouragement that comes from the fact that there is interest in the work throughout the Conference and in other Conferences, as is expressed by the numerous boxes from our Mississippi Conference and some from North Mississippi and even one from Washington, D. C., and one from Maryland. Many of our people have come from the shores of Maryland. Keep up your interest in what we are doing, and we shall try to measure up to greater things in the work.

Moore Community House, Biloxi, Miss.

Deaconess Sallie Ellis, Head Resident, reports: .

I am most happy as I look back over the past year for the privilege of serving another year in Biloxi. The people with whom we work are co-operative and appreciative of what is being done for them through our church and Community House.

Some of the outstanding events of the year are as follows:

A large Vacation Bible School was held with an enrolment of 267 and 22 volunteer helpers. The Spirit of the Lord was felt throughout the entire school, and we feel that the children were helped in learning to use their Bibles. Our school was greatly helped by having three pastors' wives—two Methodists and one Baptist—who were most efficient in class work.

In our club work with the working girls and married women we feel that the religious truths have been stamped in the lives of many of them.

The nurses at the hospital have helped greatly in these two clubs by instructing them in health matters. Most of these women and girls work in the shrimp and oyster factories and are happy to come to the activities here.

Our church is being strengthened through the young pastor and his faithful wife who were sent to us at the last Conference.

We have a large group of young people who appreciate the Church and Community House so much that some of them are here every night in the week. As they come and sit and talk, between times we are trying to instil in them the Christian ideals. A great change has come to some of them, and they say they want to live the Christ life in the community.

At our Christmas service various families gave copies of the new *Methodist Hymnal* as a love gift to their church. They are greatly appreciated and loved and admired by all.

The women in the Missionary Society are almost as much alive as our young people are. They have done splendid work during the past year and overpaid their pledge. They worked hard in getting the parsonage ready for the new pastor.

The Sunday school has improved during the year because of the faithful teachers.

In closing would say we feel that the work has been strengthened and helped in every way.

Deaconess Sophie Kuntz reports:

In gathering material for this report, I found that the children in the clubs are showing a tendency to become more regular in their attendance, thus making better work possible. Our volunteer workers, though few, are excellent in quality, always on the job, and cheerfully and efficiently doing their part. Their work is telling in the quality of work the children are doing.

With the primary children we have an afternoon of stories, games, and easy handwork. This is a happy time and gives the workers fine opportunity to bring some much-needed Christian teaching.

The junior boys divide their time between manual work, games, and hikes. In their devotional period they are learning to sing hymns. We have here a group of especially good boy singers. They are also interested in Bible stories. The Old Testament heroes are becoming well known to them. We use the method employed by the moving picture serial.

The Girl Scouts are at work. The high point in their activities is the summer camp which brings happiness long remembered. A Boy Scout troop has recently been organized.

We are also teaching a small group of juniors in simple Bible study. They are learning to read the Bible and memorize passages of Scripture.

Our recreational activities have included parties, hikes, and programs. Some very fine dramatic work has been done this year, and this is a promising field for future work.

Working with the young people of the church has also been my privilege. This summer we helped to set up and carry on a League camp for the district, which proved beneficial to our own group as well as to others. It was our good fortune to send one of our young men to Memphis and to see him come back with his spiritual life enriched.

Altogether our year at the Moore Community House has been very happy, and we are trusting that the work done will some day bear fruit in the Kingdom of God.

INDUSTRIAL WORK AND OTHER INDUSTRIES

Methodist Settlement House, Montgomery, Ala.

Deaconess Bessie Bunn reports:

Our bright beginning of the year 1935 grew out of the fact that we had some cash on hand. But what did that mean after all when the house needed a new coat of paint inside and out, a flue to be built, bath tub to be installed, and many other things. We were at the point of thinking "a good beginning makes a bad ending," as far as money was concerned, but remembered that some had been kept from starving, some from freezing and some had been won for Christ, in addition to the joy given to many through the different activities.

More were enrolled in Sunday school. The monthly social meetings for the adult classes grew in interest.

The Vacation Church School, Blue Bird Club, Girl Reserves and the boys club keep the members busy as well as the leaders.

While Cupid cheated us out of one of our graduates in Sewing, the work of the year made an unusually good exhibit.

How the mothers enjoy the Missionary programs each month given by the Circles of the First Church.

The big picnic in June, a good Thanksgiving and Christmas with all its cheer helped to brighten the lives of our people.

The boxes from over the Conference and churches in Montgomery have enabled us to apply \$1,755.94 towards relief.

Since our general program is much the same each year, we have to remind ourselves that—

We mustn't grow weary of the same old way
 If Duty *does* call to a life of monotony
 For things can be done with a new interest they say,

And a freshness that's akin to victory,
 If *Christ* be the center of our hopes for success,
 For truly He knows just what efforts to bless.
 He knows the longings, heartaches and pains,
 He knows the joys and the glad refrains.
 He longs to help us perform every task
 Whether great or small, even to the last.

East Bottoms, Kansas City, Mo.

Deaconess Evelyn Waddell, Head Resident, reports:

As we begin our report for the past year we find ourselves in a new place, new people and again we realize so much our weakness and our dependence upon our Heavenly Father.

When we arrived here last September we received a very cordial welcome from both the Board and the Wesley House Community, which gave a very pleasant start to the work.

We found some of the clubs well established and doing good work. Included in these were the Community Friendship Club composed of the mothers of the community. They are a self supporting organization and are a real support to the Wesley House work.

The Young People's group meeting once a week, the Loyal Temperance Legion group and the Week Day Bible School. These we continued adding others as it seemed necessary.

Some of the new features are a large Girl Scout Troop with fourteen registered scouts. A Home Makers' Club and three boy's clubs.

In all departments of the work there are many who were interested and responsive. Our greatest need is an adequate building for the work.

The young people gave a beautiful Christmas pageant which was well presented, even though we were handicapped for lack of space.

It was quite a shock to our church work when the Sunday school superintendent, Miss Louise Hodkins was called to another field of service and had to resign her work here. About the same time we had to close our little church until much needed repairs could be made. This necessitated using the Wesley House for all church services. We are crowded on Sundays, but are thankful that we have a place where we can have our Sunday school and church services.

Mrs. Tustin, a local woman and a member of the Board, has been a most helpful addition to our household this fall and winter.

We are so grateful to our Heavenly Father for a place of service and our prayer is that we may render an acceptable service at all times.

Centenary Methodist Institute, Nashville, Tenn.

Deaconess Willia Duncan, Head Resident, Deaconess Grace Thatcher, Deaconess Bessie Williams report:

The misty clouds were gathering around the towering smoke stack of Werthan Bag Factory as the whistle blew for five. The women from the Mothers' Club were going in and out the big doors at Centenary Institute after a happy day of work, play and fellowship. There were volunteers, many of them, hurrying back and forth to the office to return record cards and get their wraps, for another day was over. It was in this breathing space that sometimes comes in the Settlement between the end of day activities and the beginning of night work that the Head Resident sat at the big desk with chin in hands, gazing far behind the smoke stack of Werthan Bag—far into the distance of a smoke rimmed cloud.

"And so, I caught you napping," exclaimed the Board President

smilingly as she stopped by to say a word of encouragement to the workers before going home.

"Yes," replied the worker with a far away look in her eyes. "I was just reviewing the work of the past year. The Lord has done great things for us, oh, so many great things. The work this year could not possibly have been accomplished by our own weak strength. He has been with us every step of the way."

"It has always been such a comforting thought to me," whispered the guest, "to know that He is with us always, even unto the ends of the earth. Tell me some of the things which have been accomplished in the work here this year."

"Well, I was trying to think of the work in the different departments and how we have grown. Our children's work has almost doubled itself this year. We have been able to organize a handcraft group where the children work in clay, basketry, sewing and many other interesting things. It has also been possible to provide dramatics, rhythmic games, a story hour and a study hall for this younger group. We feel that the latter has meant a lot to them for it has met a very real need in our community. We have two of our own young girls, products of the institution, supervising the study hall. They are working under the NYA. I think one of the most interesting features of the children's work, however, is the Sunday recreational hour where the children gather at the building for stories and quiet games from 1:30—4:00 every Sunday afternoon. This is also conducted by our own community girls.

"We have tried to have more co-operative activities for our boys and girls and have brought them together in what we call our Youth Program. We feel that they need to have normal, natural activities together rather than as separate units. We have had parties for our teen-age boys and girls which have been quite successful. As you know, we have been able to have a full time Boys' Worker as well as Girls' Worker. This has meant a lot to the advancement of our work among the boys. The Nashville Boys' Club provided an instructor in woodcraft, and we were fortunate in securing an NYA student to help. The girls have handcraft groups in basketry, embroidery, clay work, leather, rug making and sewing. We have two excellent hand-work instructors provided by WPA and several volunteers. We also offer folk games, dramatics, and many other activities for the youth of our community.

"The past year we have had a splendid group of young people who are a friendship group. They are the most progressive group of the young people's department. They come together for table games, dramatics, and informal play. They have organized a Literary Society and have entire charge of their program. They are the first group to attempt putting out a paper. They named it *The Northern Light*, and published it themselves with very little supervision. Don't you think that is quite promising?

"A group from West End Methodist Church sponsors the Friday night club of young people. They bring to the group each night some helpful speaker who gives them instruction in etiquette, the way to apply for a position, etc. This is one of the most interesting projects in the Young People's Department.

"One of the latest developments is with a group of older boys who, themselves, have organized a recreational room and have bought their own equipment. Every night there have been crowds of boys having a good time who would otherwise have been out getting drunk, into shooting scrapes, or hanging around public dance halls. Just recently they have installed an old radio in the room. This furnishes much

entertainment as well as education. The boys finance the entire project.

"With the help of our NYA workers we have been able to offer boxing and wrestling to our older boys. Through these activities we are able to contact even the roughest boys in our community.

"Splendid progress has been made in the work with the adults of the neighborhood. They have taken more responsibility for their own programs and supplies than ever before. We still have around one hundred in our Mothers' Club.

"Some of the younger married women have organized themselves into a Young Married Women's Club. They finance their club altogether, setting a splendid example for the other groups. They have done some very beautiful handwork in the way of rugs, baskets, crochet, etc. We certainly feel that our people have at least taken one step forward.

"Many of the mothers are interested in menu building, budgeting, and etiquette. This year we have been able to provide such classes, which seem quite worthwhile.

"I am sure you will marvel at the number of adults who are interested in the cultural things of life. They love music and art. This winter we had from twenty to thirty every Thursday evening in a guitar class conducted by a volunteer in the community. Snow and rain did not interfere with their desire to master this art.

"You know that for years we have wanted to organize a Men's Forum. This year we have been able to secure a volunteer who could put the thing over and it has been one of the most successful attempts made.

"Our Clinic Department occupies a large place on the program of the Settlement. This year there have been eight NYA nurses besides the regular Public Health Staff working in the community. Surely more people are having the opportunity for abundant living.

"These are only a few things which have been accomplished this year. Do you wonder why I should say, 'The Lord has done great things for us, wherefore we are glad?'"

"But I can't see how it is possible to carry on such an extensive program," replied the Board President. "How do you ever get all these things done?"

"It would not be possible," said the worker, "were it not for our capable volunteer help. Do you realize that we have over one hundred and fifty people who share this load? People from all churches and all walks of life who come seeking some path of service. They are building more wisely and surely than they ever realize, putting something into the lives of these people which shall help them respond to the challenge of wholesome living. Why, this year we have contacted seven hundred families and around three thousand individuals. Does this not give us something to work for?"

"Something to work for?" whispered the Board President as she, too, gazed out beyond the towering smoke stack of Werthan Bag as the whistle blew for six. She could see the staggering bits of humanity falling up the street—only another day of toil and misery for them. "Something to work for!" she whispered. "That is the greatest opportunity that can come to any of us—*something to work for!*"

MEXICAN WORK

Homer Toberman Mission and Clinic, Los Angeles, Calif.

Deaconess Mollie Womack, Head Resident, reports:

The type of work carried on at Homer Toberman Mission is life

changing and character building. Seventeen boys and girls from Toberman Intermediate League took credit at Camp Bethel last summer. This group sponsored by Clara Hodgson did many things to raise funds for camp. One evening each week they met and sewed quilts, making nine during the season.

Five seniors took credit at Scela. There were those in both groups who made definite surrender to Christ.

Our Vacation Church School had an enrollment of 136 and a high average attendance.

During the Christmas holidays Dr. Frye conducted a Standard Training Class. There were 19 workers and students who received credit.

Baskets of food and clothing were distributed to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and candy and toys made many children happy. The social service department also includes friendly visiting.

Miss Hodgson has done excellent work in Girls' Department of the character building groups through classes in sewing, home making, a friendship club, Girl Reserve, and a mothers' club.

Mr. Casillas has several boys' clubs. Some of these have made fine records in athletics.

Special interest groups for both boys and girls include music, dramatic and handcraft. In all departments we are indebted to a fine corps of volunteer workers.

Miss Juarez reports that the Dental Clinic continues to minister to those who would not be eligible for aid under other health agencies. Because of her understanding and love for her people, Miss Juarez is able to minister to them in a way that no one else can. Besides the Dental Clinic, Thrift Shop, music, English, visiting, and assisting with girls' clubs, she finds time for many personal conferences with those who are in need of friendly counsel.

Picnics, trips to the beaches, hikes to the parks, trips to the planetarium, to Huntington Library, and other educational and recreational centers constitute a part of our yearly program for the boys and girls.

Homer Toberman Mission being a Community Chest agency receives about half of its maintenance from that source.

Mexican Mission, Dallas, Tex.

Deaconess Willena Henry, Head Resident, reports:

The women of Dallas began mission work in 1902, after several changes of location the present lot was secured and work opened here in 1922. The work of this Mission has had a steady growth.

Near and in the city of Dallas there are several Mexican communities, however this community called "Little Mexico" is the largest colony, and most congested area of all. Within a radius of four blocks there are eight places of worship, for as many denominations. No denominational barriers are raised here and the Mission stands in the community as a friend in time of need to one and all. Many movements for community improvement have originated here.

We minister to the physical through our clinics and recreational program, to the mental through clubs and classes, and to the spiritual through all our contacts, Bible study, and co-operation with the Methodist Mexican church, which is just across the street. All except three Sunday school classes are held in our building.

This year our scope of work has been enlarged through the addition of a home hygiene course, Home Economics and night school classes, co-operation with the public school nurse in checking dental work and having extra dental clinics for school children. An Employment de-

partment was started and through it many young people have found satisfactory work. One young woman who was ready for second year high school, had lost one year of school as her father was unable to send her and insisted she must work, came to us. A place was secured for her where she can attend high school, take three subjects, and do her study at the school. She assists with the morning housework until school time. She is taken to school as the husband is taken to his office. She returns at one thirty ready to help. After the evening work is completed she helps the two children with their lessons and teaches them Spanish.

Another, a young man is very happy in the place secured for him, where he works as housekeeper, assistant cook, chauffeur, yardman and Spanish teacher, for a couple who frequently go to Mexico. He has returned to talk over his "nice place" and tell of the personal interest taken in him. He borrowed my Bible on his last visit and I pray he may find Christ.

The past year has been a happy year for me. I have rejoiced in the consciousness of my Father's care. I love the people and have enjoyed their love. God has let me see the fruits of some of my labors and the results of some of my mistakes. I have not attained but, "I press toward the mark."

Deaconess Elma J. Morgan reports:

"It is not alone for the sewing that I want to go to the Mexican Mission, but for the Christian influence," said a little twelve year old Jewish girl, just before enrolling in the Week Day Bible School. "You must take me there and give me to Miss M.—," she said to the friend. "And some day I shall go out from that place to tell the world that Jesus is the Saviour of the world." Little did the Deaconess think that her life was being watched by a little Jewish girl in the community whom she had never seen, but such was the case. Now the little brother has entered kindergarten and the mother plans to enter the Arts and Crafts Club that she too may have the Christian association.

"I want to enter my name on your roll as a regular member of your club," said a young high school helper with the Intermediate boys. Several weeks before he had wanted remuneration for his services, but after associating with the boys a few times he seemed to forget all about that.

"Said one young lady from S. M. U. in her Thanksgiving testimony in a group of younger girls: "I thought when I started coming out here that I was going to give, and get nothing, but I find I have received far more than I have given, and I am more thankful for the privilege of serving here than for anything that has come to me during the past year."

This seems to be the general feeling of all the very capable fine-spirited volunteer helpers from S. M. U. including one of the professors, as well as the faithful helpers from the various churches.

Deaconess Annie E. Price, Superintendent of Supplies, reports:

In October 1934, I accepted a call to undertake the management of supplies at the Mexican Mission, Dallas, Texas. Since that time we have functioned daily.

Our staff consists of a truck driver, a repair man, a woman who gives part time afternoons to mending and quilting, and myself.

We rejoice in that this department not only is considered a slight asset to the Board from an economic standpoint but an asset in general to the work.

True it is also that a Deaconess can find in this an outlet to the work to which she has pledged herself. An excerpt from J. Frazier Vances' "Making Men Out of Rubbish" (Readers' Digest, December 1935) says: "He saw the tremendous possibilities inherent in reclaiming men while reclaiming waste." Herein is our challenge.

Wesley House, Houston, Tex.

Deaconess Eugenia Smith, Head Resident, reports:

We read in the last chapter of Acts that "Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all who came unto him." We have dwelt six years in our "hired house" and have been ready to receive all who come to us, fully confident in God that after awhile we will have better equipment. In the meantime it has been a joy to look beyond the "hired house" to a community of precious people looking to us for help and guidance. We always get so much courage, strength, inspiration and help from these who have been less fortunate in many ways.

Our clubs and classes are always full. Daily Vacation Bible School was the best we ever had. We are so crowded at the Wesley House that we feel it is best to hold it in our Mexican Methodist Episcopal Church. Interest has grown each year. Volunteer helpers too are more interested and easier to get.

It is a joy as the years go by to watch the development of Christian character in the lives of the boys and girls and often then the whole family is brought into the church through the children.

We are co-operating with all helpful agencies, but it seems to me that more and more our work is to bring our people to Jesus Christ and build them up in Him.

Deaconess Felicidad Mendez, Kindergartner, reports:

This field has given me a new challenge to Christian living. The opportunities for service have been many and varied. I believe the real contribution of the kindergarten work has been the contact with the mothers and their homes, the privilege of sharing their problems and helping them to interpret such problems from a Christian point of view.

It has been a joy to work in our Mexican Church especially the work with the young people and the missionary society.

I feel the need for Christian work among my people more than I ever did before, and as the man of Macedonia came to Paul in a vision I want to go to the church and say, "Please come over to our Mexican communities and help us. We need you."

Wesley House, San Antonio, Tex.

Deaconess Margaret Ragland, Head Resident, reports:

Increased efficiency and effectiveness characterize the work at Wesley House as it is carried in the several departments of Clinic, Day Nursery, Kindergarten, group activities, P. T. A., and Vacation Church School. In November, while it was doing a good service, we were compelled to close the day nursery. This was made necessary by financial stringency—no sufficient funds were available to carry on.

Already plans are maturing for a general repairing and remodeling of our entire plant to make it of service to a greater number, and the numbers are here eager to participate and share in the good life. God help us to be sufficient for all these things.

Deaconess May Coburn, Kindergartner, reports:

There has been a great improvement in the kindergarten this year, with a steady enrolment of forty, an average attendance of thirty-five, and some one from the waiting list always ready and eager to take the place of one who moves away, which has happened very few times.

In the Spring we gave a "Mother Goose Festival," all forty of the children taking part. A chorus of twelve sang while the others, dressed to represent the different Mother Goose characters, dramatized the song.

After the program fourteen children dressed in white caps and gowns were given certificates for two years' attendance.

We celebrated all holidays in some way and had our mothers with us several times during the year. Christmas was a most happy time when we gave a program of songs, games, and "The Christmas Story" for our mothers, a few of the Board ladies and our little Beginner Friends from Travis Park Church. Then Santa Claus came and the American children were very happy as they helped him give out the gifts. Oh, how queerly they would look at him when he spoke to them in Spanish and how they would brighten up when he changed to English so they could understand. It was truly hard to tell which were the happier, the American children who were the helpers or the Mexican who were receiving the gifts.

Three splendid young girls from the community have been helping. Two are still with us and are a big help in the work. We have been fortunate in having Mrs. Samaneigo for pianist and she is a great help with the story telling and interpreting.

There were seventeen of the children on the waiting list who were going to be too old for kindergarten before there would be a chance for them to get in, so with these and the nine we sent to school in January we have organized a Rhythm Band that meets once a week, and we are having a happy time with this little group.

Miss Mary Riddle, Club Worker, reports:

As one looks back over the year there are many things that come to our minds that we have left undone. I know in my work with the Mexican young people I could have done more, yet it seems that the year has been filled to overflowing. As these young people march forth to meet the responsibilities of life, I am happy to know that they are enriched by their knowledge of knowing and serving Jesus Christ.

We have a splendid group of young men this year, young men who work and some of them carry heavy home responsibilities, yet through their loyalty and courage it has not only been a pleasure but a challenge to work with them. They were champions in our Mexican Christian Basketball League this year. When the trophy was presented to them at their annual banquet, their joy and happiness was so evident that it was indeed a privilege to know that the Wesley House had a part in bringing this joy and happiness into the lives of these splendid Mexican young men.

The young women are finding a place of service in the clubs and in the home life of our community. As one of the girls told me recently, who is looking forward to being married soon, "My home is going to be a home where Christ will live." I realized that finer and better homes were to be established in our Mexican section.

One of the joys of my work this year has been the confidence of the young people. As they come to me with their problems, big or small, and ask my advice, I know they really need a friend who is interested in them and who will help them climb the high road of life.

Our Mexican young people's conference has meant much to some of

our Wesley House young people. By having the opportunity of attending the conference, several of our young people are today serving Christ in some definite service.

The 'teen age boy and girl have found through the clubs and various activities open to them, a place that helps them to solve their problems, and to prepare for their place of service in life. Mickey, a Juvenile Court case, is today serving and meeting the responsibilities that are placed upon him in a way that the Court thought would be impossible. Josephine is carrying on and as her mother said, "Thank you for helping my girl, but please help me." We find this cry coming from all directions that the light of the Wesley House shines.

So through clubs, personal contacts and visits in the homes, the Christian influence of the Wesley House is being felt in our Mexican District here in San Antonio. My sincere wish is that as I meet day by day with the Mexican youth I will in a small way help them to look up and laugh and love and lift.

Miss Elsie Nesbit, Children's Worker, reports:

At the beginning of this year the club work of the Wesley House was organized into the Children's and Young People's Departments instead of the boys' and girls' departments as it has been before. This arrangement has proved very satisfactory to both the club workers and the club members.

This, my first year in this kind of work, has been filled with new experiences and the gaining of new knowledge for myself. It has been interesting to become acquainted in a community of friendly people and gratifying to realize that as a new worker in a community becomes known and proves herself friendly, the people begin more and more to seek her advice and help and she becomes a part of the community life.

One of the most difficult parts of my work this year has been the necessity of turning away, because of lack of space, equipment, and enough volunteer helpers, many children who are eager to come to the clubs. Yet it would have been impossible to accomplish as much as we have without the splendid help of nine of the boys and girls from the young people's clubs. They are very interested, faithful, and capable in their work with the children's groups. The boys help with athletics and manual training and the girls help with sewing.

As superintendent of the Children's Department in the Sunday school of the Mexican church, it has been a pleasure to work in co-operation with the pastor and other leaders of the church.

I believe the most worthwhile part of my work has been the formal and informal contacts I have had with the children through club meetings, sewing and manual training classes, the playground, game room and gymnasium, and through visiting in their homes. Through these contacts individual children have felt free to ask for help in solving their problems which are just as great as the problems of adults. My prayer and my goal toward which I am working is that I may be able to be a friend whom they can trust to help them begin their lives conscious of God's love and guidance in their daily living in home, school, and community. It is a great joy to watch the spiritual, mental, and physical growth of the boys and girls I have come to know and love.

Mexican Social Center, San Marcos, Tex.

Deaconess Lexie Vivian, Head Resident, reports:

The Mexican Social Center continues to be a home in which boys, girls, young people, and adults find a warm welcome, and to which all ages come for friendly visits, for advice on many problems con-

nected with the home and the school, and for aid in times of illness and distress. The place is truly a "social" center ministering to the varied social needs of the Mexican people. And it is more. It is a Christian institution, and the spiritual life of its constituency is not a secondary matter.

Throughout the year the Girl Reserves have done excellent work. The young people have responded most favorably to programs planned for the normal development of the whole life. The members of this group have given generously of their meager funds in caring for their needy ones. The story hours, game hours, clubs, and sewing classes have been well attended, and marked with interest. Every graduating class from the Teachers' College here contains one or more of our young people, with a degree, eager to serve their people in the public schools. We are proud of the records being made by these young leaders. All of our volunteer helpers are students from the college. Without the assistance of these faithful, enthusiastic young women, the far-reaching ministry of the Mexican Social Center would be greatly limited.

Another year—a happy, good year—has passed.

NEGRO WORK

Bethlehem House, Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. J. R. White, Superintendent, reports:

As the old year comes to a close and we see the dawn of the New, our hearts are filled with gratitude and praise to our Father for the great things He has done for us; as we journeyed down the pathway of service.

Along the way, we have seen lives transformed and homes blessed by the goodness of the Father, the efforts of the faithful workers and the co-operation of the splendid women of our Board of City Missions. Our Christmas program was the very best we have ever had. There was a beautiful Christmas tree with a gift for every child. The Kindergarten group gave a lovely pageant, making the "Birthday of the King" real in the hearts of every one present.

The boys and girls of the clubs and classes enjoyed a Christmas party with gifts from the Christmas tree.

Our Boy Scouts gave a Christmas party to their fathers and mothers at the Bethlehem House.

All special days have been observed with appropriate exercises, during the year.

We are trying through our activities, which include: day nursery for children of working mothers, kindergarten, boys' and girls' clubs, sewing and cooking classes, wood work, manual training classes, playground, recreation, mothers' club and clinic, to show them the way to the "abundant life" that can only come through a personal knowledge of Jesus as their Saviour.

We do not have any funds for relief, but we have co-operated with the agencies which are organized for that purpose. We have also been able to meet many of the needs of a distressed people because of the splendid boxes of food, clothing and other supplies given by the auxiliaries of our Board and Conference.

Our Vacation Bible school, held for four weeks during the summer months had an enrolment of 208, with a splendid daily attendance. We consider this an outstanding piece of work for the year. For weeks before the school began on every side the question was being asked "when will the Bible school begin."

Classes and clubs for adults will be our new work for the year, supervisors will be supplied by the Educational Department of the Public Welfare.

In every department our enrolment for the year was 461 with an attendance record of 49,031.

To the workers in our Center often come the words of our Saviour; "But when He saw the multitude, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were distressed and scattered as sheep not having a shepherd."

All the workers at Bethlehem House count it a privilege to labor for the Master in this great harvest field.

We are facing a big task *but we have a great Saviour.*

Bethlehem Center, Augusta, Ga.

Miss Thelma Stevens, Head Resident, reports:

During the year 1935 we have determined more than ever to think in terms of the needs of people and to recognize the truth that a sincere spirit of co-operation in worthy projects is more important than any organizational set up. A great leader once said that: "Faith is not the ability to believe something in spite of the evidence; it is the willingness to dare something in spite of the consequences." The past year has been a challenge to the institution to extend its efforts more intensively into various phases of community life with faith in the ultimate outcome.

The chief emphasis has been threefold—namely, community leadership training, interracial co-operation and general community projects and activities. The first named purpose, that of community leadership training, is approached through two channels primarily, with some measure of encouragement and success. In co-operation with Paine College more than fifty college students have done field work in the community through Bethlehem center and its projects. These students gain experience in group work and general community programs under the supervision of the Staff at Bethlehem Center. The other channel for leadership training is by means of community leadership schools for church leaders and community workers. Such a school was held for two weeks in the spring and a playground workers' institute was conducted at the Center in October. In the latter thirty inexperienced W. P. A. playground supervisors participated.

In the second purpose, that of Interracial co-operation in the community, the most outstanding effort of the year was the Interracial goodwill service at Christmas, when approximately one thousand white and Negro citizens from Augusta and surrounding districts assembled in the gymnasium for a vesper service. Leading white and Negro pastors led the worship service with some of the most outstanding white and Negro choruses in the city contributing the special Christmas music. More than a hundred trained voices from both races made up the choir for the service.

Another gratifying result of the years' activities was the purchase, by local white and negro citizens of the Advisory Board, and community at large, of the building for housing the extension branch of Bethlehem Community Center in the Springfield section of the city. This was a climax of four years of effort in that direction. In addition to this, funds were raised during 1935 for the building of Camp facilities on the Camp site of the Center, these facilities to serve a two fold purpose, namely that of a Summer Camp and a rural center for Negroes, as soon as plans can be completed. The funds for this project came from Missionary Societies all over Georgia and from local sources. One friend in Augusta donated \$500 to the cause.

Mrs. A. W. Gardiner, Club Worker for Younger Girls, reports:

The younger girls are organized into eight Clubs with a total enrolment of 101. The average attendance has been fair and with the assistance of 12 leaders various projects in sewing and pine needle basketry have been carried out. These clubs meet weekly, they have club officers who perform their duties with the assistance of the leaders.

A Reading Club has been conducted once a week for the younger girls and boys in which they enjoy hearing and dramatizing stories.

The two Adult Handicraft classes have a total enrolment of 38 and have been engaged in rug making, crocheting, knitting and sewing projects.

Miss Dorothy Weber, Club Worker for Older Girls, reports:

My year's experience has made me feel more keenly than before the limited opportunity provided for the teen age Negro girl, and recognize more fully their appreciation for wholesome activities. I feel that the Girl Reserve Department has had the best year in the history of my experience at Bethlehem Center, and this statement is based primarily on two outstanding reasons, namely, the sincere interest of the eighteen volunteer workers in the department, and growing spirit of independence in the clubs themselves because of a feeling of group permanency and a large measure of self support.

One outstanding event of the year was an International Party early in December to which the Girl Reserves from the white Y. W. C. A. were invited. There were approximately two hundred people present at this lovely affair. Each Club represented a nationality; they were Spain, Japan, China, Holland, Indian Americans and white Americans. The girls worked hard making dresses, souvenirs, planning refreshments, learning customs, manners and dances of the nationality to which they would belong on the "much looked forward to" night of the International party. The white Girl Reserves presented a play depicting the life of girls in Japan, Germany, Italy, France and England. The white and Negro Girl Reserves exhibited admirable traits of comradeship and expressed a desire that such affairs shall be repeated." This splendid demonstration was planned for and sponsored by Miss Tibby Ruth Bonn.

L. C. Hamilton, Boys' Worker, reports:

The boys department began its fall work in 1935 on the 25th of September with the registration of 165 boys of grade school and high school age under the leadership of 10 men students from Paine College.

The Boy Scout troop numbering 22 boys is one of the best troops found in the south, although its progress was greatly handicapped for a few months because of the loss of its Scoutmaster. It is now on the road to recovery.

The older boys and men's club numbering fifty registered members is having one of the best years in its history. The provision of a separate club room has been a great attraction.

The collection of dues from the clubs is one of the special problems of all boys clubs. This lack of payment is due to three things apparently; namely, the traditional attitudes of the boys, the lack of emphasis on dues on the part of the student leaders, and the very poor financial conditions of the families from which these boys come.

At the present the department is making an effort to get the various churches of the city to co-operate in leadership training for boys' work in building up a stronger boys department throughout the city.

Miss Felicia Starks, Kindergartner, reports:

The Kindergarten department throughout 1935 has had a record breaking attendance with two full-sized sessions each day and forty children in each group. Since Bethlehem House provides the only kindergarten for Negro children in the city, its facilities are in great demand, with literally scores turned away each year.

One of the encouraging features of the years work has been the increased interest of the Mothers' Club in the kindergarten department. This group made possible the purchase of thirty new instruments for the toy orchestra and provided the means for a lovely Christmas party for the children of the department.

There were twenty-six graduates from the kindergarten in 1935 and the prospects are that the class of 1936 will be much larger.

Bethlehem House, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Miss Marian Brincefield reports:

We have come to the end of another year's work with rejoicing and thanksgiving. We have gone forward and have been blessed with many friends.

Our kindergarten is modern in equipment as well as methods and twenty-two happy little children were graduated in May.

With the addition of fifteen folding cots we were able to put our nursery on a more pleasant working basis for both children and workers. We now have a baby department where we care for twenty children under two years of age and an older department where twenty children from three to six years are cared for. Formerly all these children were under the care of one person in the baby department.

This year we asked for coupons and were successful in collecting fifty-one thousand to purchase an electric refrigerator.

Last summer we held a Bible school which was a big success, we thought. We used the course on Japan and had a missionary to speak to the group. She had an exhibit which meant much to the children.

Bethlehem House, Spartanburg, S. C.

Deaconess Sarah Lowder, Head Resident, reports:

Bethlehem House serves a community of two thousand negroes and a little over one-third of this city's population is colored.

We have a white and colored Board which meets jointly once a month to help finance and plan for the work. A six-roomed cottage with a large playground supplies space for our activities of which there were twelve this past year. We have had an enrollment of four hundred and sixty-six in our clubs and classes.

Our kindergarten and playground are the most popular of all our activities. We have the only kindergarten and playground for colored children in this city, so both are well attended. Two high school girls assist with kindergarten, clubs and classes. A successful Daily Vacation Bible school was conducted for two weeks this past summer with one hundred and forty enrolled, and an average attendance of eighty-eight per day. Five volunteer teachers assisted us with the school, two of them being colored preachers.

A children's clinic has been started by one of our best colored doctors, and many have taken advantage of it. A successful night school has been conducted under the adult education movement of the FERA.

Since the first of December the Recreation Department of the city has supplied us with two WPA young women for training in recreation leadership.

At the county fair we exhibited a miniature Bethlehem House made and furnished by our pupils and teachers. This exhibit received second prize in articles listed as worth-while projects.

We are trying to do all we can to establish mutual understanding and good will, improve conditions about us, and bring others into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Bethlehem House, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Deaconess Martha Stewart, Head Resident, reports:

After two or three years of an almost closed-door policy, the Bethlehem House in Chattanooga has reopened its doors for work. So our work since September has consisted largely of reorganizing our work, building up clubs and classes, making new contacts, and in general, trying to do some of the many things a Bethlehem House worker is supposed to do. And, no doubt, your new worker has done some things a Bethlehem House worker should not do in taking this new and thrilling work.

We have, since our clubs started the last of October, reached some 4,319 people in our various activities.

After a few short months, I can say that the work here, as elsewhere, has unlimited possibilities. Certainly, as I face the task, I feel like a freshman, and a high school freshman at that. But I realize I need not face the task alone, and in the strength of Him who has said, "With God, nothing is impossible," I dare to go forward in our work at Bethlehem House.

Bethlehem Center, Memphis, Tenn.

Deaconess Ruby Berkley, Head Resident, reports:

There are some things that are even more thrilling than having a furlough—for instance, beginning a new work with nothing but a great big old vacant house with which to begin.

When I was sent here in October to open this Bethlehem Center in a community of 50,000 Negroes, I felt completely lost. But with the help of some of the women of the churches and many of the Negro women we are now getting things to the point that one can see that there is the beginning of life.

We have two college-trained Negro girls who have charge of the kindergarten and also some of the clubs. We also have a young Negro man, who is now in college, taking charge of two boys' clubs.

So far, we do not have any clubs organized for those over fourteen years of age, but our next step is to begin on some older groups. We now have more than fifty children enrolled in kindergarten and more than one hundred in clubs.

We have a Missionary Society and a sewing group among the women; and we are now trying to organize a P. T. A., which will include a different group.

We trust that we may never become so anxious for this new project to thrive that we will fail to look to God for our leadership.

Bethlehem Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Deaconess Alice McLarty, Head Resident, reports:

In planning the program of Bethlehem Center the Staff is always conscious of the words which appear on the corner stone of the building, "I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Each activity, whether a club, gym work, playground, or Saturday Bible school, is planned on the basis of helping the group and individual realize the "more abundant life."

In addition to our regular organized work, we are glad to co-operate with other agencies:

The TERA conducts a Nursery School, thirty-five tiny tots are enrolled, hot lunch is provided. It is a joy to see these little ones who come so eagerly each morning.

A marvelous piece of work is being done through the Public Health Department in the Well Baby Clinic by five nurses, two Negro doctors, and one white doctor.

The Red Cross has been most generous to our people.

Interracial good-will is being promoted through contacts made not only in both white and Negro churches of the city, but through such organizations as: Y. W. C. A., the Youth Movement, Federation of Settlements, Council of Social Agencies and other groups.

The success of Bethlehem Center is due to the splendid staff, Bethlehem Center Advisory Board, student helpers, and our group of more than forty-five volunteers.

I am grateful to our Heavenly Father for the joy and opportunity of service. May we be able, through our daily lives, to interpret what Jesus meant by the "abundant life."

Deaconess Annie McIver Rogers, Director of Girls' Work, reports:

In the space allotted for such a report it is impossible to adequately cover a year's work. But I will try to briefly tell a few things that have been done in the Girls' Department to help accomplish Bethlehem Center's threefold purpose, namely, the training of leaders, bringing about a better interracial understanding, and betterment of the community and individuals in the community.

Perhaps some who will read this report do not know that every year we have resident students from Fisk and A. and I. State College, who in return for room and board give part-time service at the Center. The women students spend at least three-fourths of their time in the Girls' Department, where under the supervision of the Director of Girls' Work they are leaders of clubs, classes, interest groups, recreational groups, make visits in the community, get data for family records, etc. It is interesting to know that of the students that have been at Bethlehem Center since 1927, one is Case Worker for the Davidson County Welfare Commission, one is in charge of the Bethlehem House at Winston-Salem, N. C., one is Girl Reserve Secretary in a Y. W. C. A., one is Parole Officer in New Jersey, one is with the Armstrong Association in Philadelphia as Placement Secretary, a position she had before coming to us on a year's leave of absence, one is a Visiting Teacher in Chicago. A young woman who was a volunteer worker with us in 1928 has since that time been on the staff at Bethlehem Center, Augusta, Ga., as Club Worker. This year we are using as Volunteer Club Leaders four young women who for years have themselves been members of our clubs, three others besides these helped in Daily Vacation Bible Schools last summer.

Last year the Institute for our Residents and Volunteer Leaders which we have yearly was made a co-operative affair in which we joined Wesley House and Centenary Institute, all our leaders meeting together at Scarritt College, where an intensive training program was put on. Thus we "killed two birds with one stone," bringing about better interracial feeling at the same time we were training our leaders. Last spring our Girls' Glee Club was invited to take part, along with our Scouts, in Good-Will Day Exercises, at which time they were on the program with girls and boys of many different nationalities. Moving pictures were taken, and this fall our young people

were invited again to meet the other girls and boys and see the Good-Will Day pictures.

Since my last report we have organized our Girls' Work Committee. It is divided into the following sections: Community Needs and Problems, Individual Needs and Problems, Spiritual Life, Social and Costume. All sections of the committee are at work, constructive plans are being made, and we hope and expect that next year we can report worth-while accomplishments of this group, which is largely made up of Negro women. Through our clubs, classes, Saturday Bible school, hikes, parties, camps, etc., we are trying to meet the needs of our girls and young women, with the idea always uppermost in our minds that we will be satisfied with nothing less than the "abundant life" for them. A girl, whom we will call Susie Carter, last year was a problem on the playground; she was noisy, too familiar with the boys, etc. This fall for the first time she joined a club, and started music lessons. She has ceased to be a problem. She comes to the young peoples' parties and acts in an acceptable manner; more and more she is carrying her share of the responsibility of her club, though she is still sometimes too individualistic. So, because of the life at Bethlehem Center, we feel that a girl who was going rapidly in the wrong direction seems now to have gotten on the right track, with a bright future in the distance.

Miss R. Oliver Napoleon, Kindergartner, reports:

The primary department has grown in scope and enrolment.

Last summer, for the first time, a group of primary children were allowed to attend camp. They entered into the camp activities along with the other campers, and the results were very satisfying. Last fall, when the clubs began, the only interests to originate within the group were sewing—making doll clothes—and drawing. This fall the group interests had spread to include clay modeling, dramatics, music, cooking, housekeeping, nature study, and folk dancing. Their interests were broadened by knowledge gained by actual and satisfying experiences during the camp session.

The Federal Nursery School is still using the kindergarten room, therefore the kindergarten is continuing to meet in one end of the clubroom. The furniture and all materials have to be moved into the room every morning, and moved out in the afternoon. However, the children have been very happy together in spite of the circumstances.

A group of boys in the primary department of the Saturday Bible school made a very lovely scrapbook and mailed it, with a Christmas card, to the girls and boys in the primary department at the new settlement house at Spartanburg, S. C., as a Christmas gift.

Mr. T. S. Walker, Boys' Department, reports:

It has been our aim to make the Christian character building influence of Bethlehem Center a factor in the lives of the boys of the community. It is felt that this aim is in some measure becoming a reality. Bethlehem Center has become the headquarters of the boys of this community for leisure time activities. During the winter months the daily average attendance was eighty-seven boys.

Scout Troop 65 has been a credit to itself as well as to Bethlehem Center. The troop now boasts of seven First Class Scouts, the first Negro boys to obtain this distinction in Nashville.

There are 380 boys enrolled in the Department; they range in age from ten to twenty-one. Following are some of the leisure-time activities in which the boys engage: First aid, leather craft, rope craft, carpentry, wood carving, scouting, hiking, and athletics.

The Department has been able to do some constructive work among juvenile delinquents. Through co-operation with the Juvenile Court boys have been helped in making the necessary adjustments toward a normal life. As an illustration the following is cited:

Willie, aged eleven, was arrested with two other boys on the charge of stealing milk from a milk wagon. Immediate contact with the Juvenile Court was made by the Boys' Worker, and a parole was obtained. He was then placed in a club where he was accepted by the other members of the group, and he is now leading a normal, well-behaved life.

Wesley Community House, St. Joseph, Mo.

Deaconess Janet Head, Head Resident, reports:

A new field of work offers many challenges to service for the Master and I have found that my work in St. Joseph has brought me many challenges and opportunities to co-operate with individuals and groups. In the Mothers' Club we have had a series of studies in the lives of New Testament women and in Home Problems; the interest in the latter study was stimulated by a visit and an address of Mrs. Grace Sloan Overton. We are now studying International Relations and what, as Christian women, should be our attitude toward the other nations of the world.

We have been able to develop our boys' program and now have a Boy Scout Troop with a Parents' Council, a Cub Pack, a Baseball Club, and playground activities for boys on Saturday afternoon. Besides our volunteer Scoutmaster and fine Boy Scout Committee we have used two NYA young men in this program.

I have been able to co-operate with the Negro P. T. A. in finishing a Negro survey of St. Joseph. Through this survey we were able to determine the need for a Negro Day Nursery, but we also found that one had been passed as a Federal project in Adult Education and we are waiting to find out whether it will become an actuality, before we go further with our efforts to obtain one.

I have also had the opportunity to serve on the Recreation and Youth Guidance Committee of the Council of Social Agencies. The work which has been the main activity of this committee is to establish a year-round program of recreation and in so doing to try to reduce the rate of juvenile delinquency in this city.

Deaconess Laura Mae Haynes, Kindergartner, reports;

In September as I begin my year's work I wonder how many more unusual and interesting things may happen to me than have happened during previous years in St. Joseph. I am never disappointed.

I began kindergarten in September with sixty boys and girls who were four and five years old and twenty others who were waiting to be admitted. There are as usual many nationalities and denominations represented. This fact, especially if the children do not speak English, makes teaching slightly harder but more interesting. Although nationality makes no difference to them it does matter to us whether we can bring such an assortment together and teach them to laugh, play, sing, work and live in harmony. As a result each child presents a separate and distinct challenge.

If we may help these pre-school children to make adjustments more easily and make many of their own decisions and along with these show some initiative we feel that we have had a small part in serving the community.

Wesley Community House, Fort Worth, Texas

Deaconess Katherine Arnold, Head Resident, reports:

Since I have been at the Wesley House at Fort Worth only a few months there is no interesting report to make of past achievements, but the out-look is challenging. We found an interesting neighborhood, made up largely of folks from Mexico—friendly, neighborly, and kind—some speaking English nicely, especially the young people, others very haltingly or not at all, but all showing a genuine appreciation of Wesley House and what it has meant to them through the years. Good co-operation is maintained with other social agencies in the city, the schools, and the WPA. An English class for mothers under the Adult Education Department and also one under the Home Economic Group meets in our building and both are meeting a real need. A clinic is held once a week, one of the doctors in the city giving his time to help in this way. It is evident that good seed has been sown in the past and it is our prayer that the Heavenly Father may continue to use this institution to advance his kingdom in this little neighborhood.

Miss Katie Herndon, Club Worker, reports:

As this report is written I am well into my second year. The Mexican children who were a bit strange to me a little more than a year ago, I have come to know and appreciate. My work this year covers groups ranging in age from six years through young people. With the aid of a well trained corps of volunteer workers, we have been able to divide the children into correct age groupings and, in many cases, according to interests. Four of our girls' groups are members of the Girl Reserve organization. It has been our privilege to assist a number of the older ones in securing employment, the older group being composed largely of working girls. Our Boy Scout Troop was formed in September and in December nineteen boys had passed their Tenderfoot tests and were enrolled at headquarters. The young men have organized a club which is a self-governing body, guided by a young Mexican student from Texas Christian University. According to the code which they have made, their aims are high. Their business meetings, discussions, and programs, as well as the game room periods are conducted in an orderly manner, and we feel that this club is meeting a real need in the community. Many of the young people in the clubs are also members of my department in the Mexican Methodist Church school.

Miss Mattie Varn, Kindergartner, reports:

Although I have been here only since September, I have found my work among the Mexican kindergarten children and mothers here most interesting and enjoyable. Never have I found people more deserving. Their eagerness to learn, their honesty, and their other fine qualities do not signify that their needs have been met however, for there are still many who need lessons in cleanliness and health, others in feeding and caring for their babies, others in training their children and keeping their homes orderly and attractive. All need to learn English or to learn it more perfectly, and to be freed from many harmful customs and superstitions. Problems challenge us on all sides, and I am thankful to have a part in this great work.

RURAL WORK

Wesley Community House, Calvert, Ala.

Deaconess Obra Rogers reports:

Another year has drawn to a close and we are one step nearer our goal for the Cajan work. Eighteen acres of land have been purchased by the Cajan Methodist Church and deeded to the Woman's Missionary Council for use in the work here. Two other acres adjacent to the above eighteen have also been purchased, the latter to be used as a new church site.

The loyalty and steadfastness of the native church members have been inspiring to the workers. They are planning to build a new church building soon and are hoping the Conference will send them a full time pastor.

We have attended faithfully to our duties as church school teachers and members of Byrd Church. Regular young people's meetings have been held in two communities. Regular religious services have been conducted in two district communities. A native preacher has charge of these services.

Of course, much of the time has been given to the school work. The outstanding event in the school activities was the fair which brought people from seven settlements together. Outside visitors present remarked that the exhibits and programs compared most favorably with those observed in other communities in the county.

The two schools have been brought together frequently in contests and recreational activities. Some children from both communities were taken to the fair in Mobile.

Over twenty special programs have been given. Of special merit was a Thanksgiving pageant portraying the life of the American Indians from the fifteenth century to the present time. Christmas programs were held in four communities. Two plays were directed by Cajan young people.

Home visitation has been carried on as much as possible, there being approximately three hundred visits made. We have sought to visit the sick and when necessary and possible have provided medicine. A great many have been transported to the doctor and in quite a few cases special trips with groups of children have been made. One child underwent an operation on his leg which was quite successful. He had been a cripple since birth.

Parties for the young people are being given more and more now that we have a larger community room. These parties are the only opportunities for wholesome recreation afforded the youth of the area.

The newly organized Farm Bureau has many possibilities for good and we hope interest in it will continue to be high.

We appreciate the visit of Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. Hume R. Steele, and the Alabama Conference officers to the field. This visit with those made by Mrs. T. H. Tyson, the Conference President, have proven very helpful to the people in breaking down timidity and restraint. Since the people realize the interest that the women of the church have in their welfare they have gained new hope and encouragement. The church will not fail in its task of extending the Kingdom among these lowly ones.

Little Rock Conference Rural, Camden District, Ark.

Deaconess Louise Law reports:

Under the capable leadership of Deaconess Willie May Porter the foundation for rural work was so successfully laid that there was very

little need for reorganizations. One new church known as Union Heights has been recently organized and much interest is being manifested by the members. At present services are being held in a vacant garage but plans are being formulated for the erection of an adequate building.

A recreation center available to residents of six communities has been organized. Family night socials, checker tournaments, and quilting bees afford wholesome entertainment in a building which was formerly a dance hall. On special occasions such as Christmas and Easter worship services are conducted. The establishment of a library and a playground are now under consideration.

Daily Vacation Church Schools were such a marked success last year that plans are under way now for schools to be held in every pastoral charge.

The rural worker has co-operated with the Government agency in the organization of clubs for women in the industrial section of Camden. This new project has possibilities for a settlement program which will provide activities for all age groups.

North Arkansas Conference Rural, War Eagle District, Ark.

Deaconess Dora Hoover reports:

The War Eagle Charge, which has five points, contains a population of nine hundred nineteen. There is one small church building at one point, and a parsonage, which we have equipped for our activities, at another. At the other three points we use the school buildings.

During a period of forty years, efforts were made without avail, to erect a church building at one point. We are now, raising funds for the erection of a native stone building here. Our infant Missionary Society in this place is co-operating in this.

Beginning the last of January, when the first public school closed, we conducted six Vacation Church Schools. The first to be held on the charge. Results were gratifying. Three of our children at one point, where there had been preaching only twice in a year, united with the church.

Our presiding elder conducted two teacher training classes for us.

We organized two Sunday schools where there had been none for a number of years. Both are flourishing, and their influence is telling on the communities.

Our four small libraries were made possible by the aid of the missionary societies of our conference, and other friends.

Our two infant missionary societies are doing good work. Each gave a Thanksgiving program and dinner, which proved both helpful and enjoyable.

During Childhood and Youth Week, one Sunday school gave the playlet, "With One Voice," and the young people of another Sunday school gave "The Other Shepherd" at Christmas. Both created much interest, and "The Other Shepherd" brought together our people from the other points.

The past year has been marked by growth and expansion, and the new year is full of promise.

North Georgia Conference Rural, Franklin, Ga.

Miss Bert Winter reports:

Thirty-two teacher training classes taught.

Seven Sunday schools reorganized.

Fourteen League Divisions organized.

Ten Daily Vacation Bible Schools held with 500 enrolled.

Ten Woman's Missionary Societies organized.

Six Council Mission study classes taught with twelve auxiliaries.

Ten small Sunday schools supplied with Christmas programs; also about 600 children with Santa Claus.

The above figures may be dull and uninteresting to the reader but to the worker they mean much because they contain many human interest stories, on the nine circuits in the Augusta, LaGrange, and Rome Districts where I worked last year at the invitation of the presiding elders and preachers.

While in the circuit the needs of each church were listed and the work planned. It usually began with a Cokesbury teacher training class and before the week was over many more needs were listed. Sometimes it was reorganizing the Sunday school, or the League Division, or the Woman's Missionary Society, or organizing new ones and always visiting for new leaders and more leaders. Also, visiting the sick, the indifferent, the aged, and giving relief to the needy; leading chapel, talks in the day school, helping young people to plan League socials, get off to college and find jobs. Teaching committees and stewards how to put on their part of the work. Helping to collect benevolence, handing out books and good magazines and clothings for those in need; also, placing Bibles and portions of the gospel in every home where none were found, briefly helping to put over the whole church program with all the interesting side lines, such as reporting and program planning and special day rallies and conferences and some study mixed in for good measure.

The lovely friendships formed and the millions of little extra opportunities for service makes the work most interesting and joyous. A dollar's worth of paint put on some parsonage chairs while in the home resulted in the whole inside done over with a new roof put on by the brethren.

Some beautiful flowers from the little rural home exchanged for some much needed dishes and a whole family became more interested in the church work. The talks to the city societies always resulted in a better understanding of our needs and much help for the work.

The response, love, confidence, and faith of the people in the ability of the worker to help their need keeps one trying her best and thanking God for the privilege of being a rural worker.

Louisville Conference Rural, Monticello, Ky.

Deaconess Cora Lee Glenn reports:

This has been a very busy, happy year. It has been a joy to get acquainted with the people in my four places of service and to work with them in the advancement of God's kingdom.

Our cottage prayer meetings, begun last year, have been continued and in these services we have had 17 conversions. On Easter day 15 of these were baptized and received into the church. Recently work has been opened in a new place—Morris Hill. There is no church or school building here for services so we meet in the various homes. The people are responding well and we plan to begin having children's meetings as soon as the rural schools close in January.

The work with the young people at Eller's and at Independence is very encouraging and a large number of them were converted in our revivals in July and August. I have three children's clubs and enjoy the work with them. We had two Bible Schools last summer and felt that good was accomplished in spite of an insufficient number of workers. As our schools came just before our revival at Eller's Chapel we felt that they helped our children to be ready and 25 of them decided for Christ at that time.

I have three Sunday schools as we have recently begun one in the

new school building up Missouri Hollow. In this new effort we are reaching a large number who have not been connected with the work at Eller's Chapel.

I find a real hunger for good reading materials so carry boxes of books in the back of the car most of the time. The many boxes from some of the Sunday schools of the Louisville Conference make it possible for me to supply my people with hundreds of story papers.

It is a joy to be able to help in cases of sickness and in this work I have enjoyed the hearty co-operation of the County Health Department, the relief office, and the individual doctors of Monticello.

It is a real privilege to work with the Master here in the mountains of Kentucky where the people are responsive, appreciative, independent, and most of them hungry for the Bread of Life.

Louisiana Conference Rural, Bernice, La.

Deaconess Shiela Nuttall reports:

During the past year the effort to develop local leadership in all departments of church life has led to many types of activities. There have been conferences with officers and teachers in the church school and officers of the Woman's Missionary Society to assist them in their work. Groups of workers have been taken to district and state meetings, Standard Training School, Cokesbury class, Christian Culture and Christian Adventure Institutes.

Mission Study classes have been taught; talks have been made and devotional services have been conducted at local, zone, district, and state meetings. Vacation Church Schools have been conducted following conferences of teachers and children's workers.

World Brotherhood has been stressed through special missionary services and world peace projects.

Emphasis has been placed upon the development of the spiritual life—for it is only as Jesus becomes real to us that we can find the abundant life.

Sunny Acres, Lewisville, N. C.

Deaconess Berta Ellison, Head Resident, reports:

Sunny Acres is private property owned by Miss Anna Ogburn. It is located near the village of Lewisville, Forsyth County, N. C. Four years ago an attractive, commodious wooden structure was erected on a tract of land containing forty-five acres. The building was designed for use as a Fresh Air Home for Children in summer and has served satisfactorily for that purpose.

The Woman's Missionary Council has leased Sunny Acres for one year as an experiment and has appointed two deaconesses as resident workers with the hope that a continuous program may be developed which will minister in part to a large, adjacent rural section. It is a venture in attempting to build a program that will fit into a rural setting and at the same time use advantageously a splendid building that has already been erected. This report covers five months—from August 1 to December 31. The experiences of this year will determine in large measure plans for the future.

Number of groups that have come, 30.

Number of persons in these groups, 975.

Many visitors have been received and some of them have sought information or help of one kind or another. If a record of these had been kept and the number added to the attendance in groups the total number of persons contacted would run well over 1,000.

We arrived on July 15, intending first to complete plans and be ready to care for two groups of little girls, twenty in a group for two

weeks each, during the month of August. Necessary arrangements had almost been completed when Forsyth County Board of Health advised against bringing children together in groups anywhere for any purpose whatsoever on account of an epidemic of poliomyelitis in this state at that time. Six weeks of next summer have already been dedicated to children. We hope nothing will prevent their coming then.

Seven Retreat groups have been entertained; three from Forsyth County (young people), one from Davidson County (young people), two from Winston-Salem (one young people, one intermediates), and one from Guilford County (missionary society women). These groups plan their own programs. Sunny Acres furnishes meals, bed in dormitory, large living-room, Christian home atmosphere, a deaconess who assists on program when invited to do so, also, a park and beautiful grounds amidst the peace and quiet of a rural setting.

Open House which was our introduction to the community the first part of August brought together 150 people for an informal, neighborly, get-together affair. The park drew several picnic groups during the summer and fall. Parties have proven popular also. Recreation and business have been happily combined this winter by groups coming out from town for supper followed by a business meeting and after that a period of recreation in the living-room around a big open fireplace.

A beginning has been made in dramatics with a group of young adults from the community.

The Forsyth County Young People's Union deserves special mention because of whole-hearted co-operation in the use of Sunny Acres for Retreat groups; the spiritual emphasis characterizing their programs; and the love and loyalty developed through mutual understanding.

One deaconess joined Lewisville church; the other joined Concord, a rural church on the four-point circuit. As regular church members, not as deaconesses, opportunities for service have come to us as follows: Supply teacher in the Sunday school; superintendent of adult department in the Sunday school; superintendent of Bible and Mission Study in the Missionary Society; work with young people, including directing a Christmas pageant, leading meetings, and taking part on programs.

Community organizations have been encouraged by affiliating with them—namely, the local P. T. A. and the Woman's Club under the auspices of Forsyth County Demonstration Agent.

Farming and gardening are done on a small scale but a high level of efficiency is sought. We aim to farm better than our neighbors and thus set an example worthy of their emulation.

Sunny Acres is a model of rural beautification at a minimum cost accomplished mainly by an artistic arrangement of common flowers and shrubs. This is both an object lesson and an inspiration to all who come but especially so to our neighbors.

A program has been planned to cover the entire year. But this is a report, not an article, so we shall refrain from mentioning the future except to say: Sunny Acres is fraught with possibilities and, no doubt, can be made to render a unique service as a rural educational recreational and religious center.

Deaconess Sarah Kee reports:

For this year I may truly say there has been a "closer walk with God." At the first when some of our young people requested me to prepare a talk with brief notice the words "all my springs are in

They" came to mind and I had a more positive assurance of His power than ever before. Those words have been my theme for the year. I am so grateful for the opportunity of service here. I love the people and the atmosphere of this rural community.

Another significant aid has come to me during the year at Sunny Acres. My rest day has been on Monday. Soon after deciding upon a rest day, a desire came to make it count for the most in a manner never tried before. The thought came to me that the day would be more refreshing and restful if I set aside a certain time for additional Bible study and prayer—other than the bit of morning devotions. Life has never been so challenging, nor Christ so real. His glorious refreshing moments of inspiration come more often.

Oklahoma Conference Rural, Sayre, Okla.

Deaconess Minnie Lee Eidson reports:

A review of the activities of the past year reveals a variety of opportunities presented to a rural deaconess to share life, to give guidance, and to assist in the heavy responsibility of training leaders in the small church.

Connectional meetings in which I have had some responsibility have included all varieties from the church conference to the annual conference, and in the Woman's Section, from the local auxiliary to the Council meeting. Besides these, there was a two week's stay at Mount Sequoyah and attendance at the Young People's Conference at Memphis.

Among the adults, work has been done largely through such meetings mentioned, though these efforts have been supplemented by giving guidance in committee work, by training courses, by contacts in civic and social gatherings, and through home visitation.

The young people, likewise, have been reached largely through their local, union, and district organizations. There has been opportunity to share ideas and experiences with them in officers' meetings and in a district retreat (which might more appropriately be called a socio-religious clinic).

In a Christian Culture Camp in the summer, assistance was given as a member of the faculty, as counselor, and as house mother.

Sharing life with the children has been done more particularly by helping small churches to better organize their educational work and utilize to the fullest, equipment, space, and leadership. Special effort was given to the promotion of vocation church schools during the summer. Along with others I participated in the radio programs which our district director sponsored in the interest of childhood and youth in October.

It has been a broadening experience to work this year as a life-sharer in rural areas.

MISCELLANEOUS WORK

Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee, Fla.

Deaconess Winnie Lee Davis, Student Counselor, reports:

In a brief report such as this it is difficult to describe the full program of our Methodist Student Work. In mentioning a few phases of our work, we realize that our program is merely a tool, and our greatest opportunity lies in individual contacts and personal counseling and guidance.

There are 475 Methodist students enrolled at the Florida State College for Women, which is 110 more than any other denomination.

The late President Alderman of the University of Virginia has said that the American State University is the largest missionary field in the world, not because it is the home of the heathen but because it holds such a large portion of the future leadership of the nation. Realizing the truth of this statement we seek to develop leadership and thus retain the interest of as large a number as possible. At the beginning of the year each student is given an opportunity to specify the type of work in which she is most interested. These interest groups are: League, teaching Sunday school class, office work, choir, instrumental music, dramatics, social service, recreational activities, and poster work. Through the able leadership of the Methodist Student Council, composed of 21 student members, these groups have functioned most effectively throughout the year.

Some of the outstanding activities of the year are as follows: Student Retreat—October 12, 13; Missionary Play, "The Color Line"—October 20; Joint Council Meeting with the University of Florida—November 9, 10; Christmas Vesper Program—December 8; White Gift Service—December 10; Methodist Young People's Conference (Memphis)—December 27-31; State-Wide Methodist Student Conference—February 7, 8, 9; Religious Emphasis Week (Interdenominational Project)—February 10-16; Chain of Missions—February 16, 17, 18; Methodist Camp—March 13, 14; Easter Choir and Dramatic Program—April 5; Holy Week Services—April 6-10; Exam Teas—January 20-24 and May 18-21.

In addition to the above activities various religious and recreational programs are held at the Student House each week. The Student House serves as a home for the students, and provides a retreat from hurried campus life. By far the largest groups of students are reached through the class in church school and the morning worship hour of the local church. This spring we are trying out a new type of program for the church school class. We are having a series of twelve discussions by outstanding members of the college faculty, with the general theme of "The Quest for God" through various realms such as music, art, history, the social order, natural order, the beauties of nature, work, friendship, recreation, human personality, and literature. Not only are the students enthusiastic in the reception of this program, but the faculty members who are participating have shown great interest and deep thought in preparation for their specific topics.

Howard School, Louisville, Ky.

Deaconess Nellie Howard reports:

I have never enjoyed anything more than working in this private business school which came into being shortly after I came home on Temporary Retirement because of mother's illness and death.

As I was confined to the home at this time young people came to me to be taught and coached in Gregg Shorthand and typewriting. One student brought another until after a few months we had a real school of about fifty young people. I did not forget that I was a worker for the Lord and that his work must come first and so I had a devotional with the students each day at ten-thirty. In this school were Catholics, Protestants, and Jews. At first I could see that the Catholics would rather not have the devotional and so I dropped having it for a while. After awhile Mrs. Downs visited the school and thought well of it and when it was time to place me again she placed me here. After that was known the students expected to have religion in the school and since that time we have been giving considerable time each day to Bible and readings and discussions.

We charge only five dollars a month or twenty dollars cash for the course which the students finish in about six months. Business men know about the school and call in here for workers and we have no trouble at all placing our students. We have more calls than we can fill. As the home now belongs to me I am taking the upper flat of four rooms for the school which is now under the supervision of the Louisville Conference. We have had many visits from the women of the Louisville Conference and they seem very much interested in the work. I must not close this report without saying that this school was certainly, without doubt, a gift from God. It came into being in the midst of one of the blackest depressions when everybody in the neighborhood was out of a position. This school has been a blessing to me both financially and spiritually and has been the same blessing to the students who have attended.

Spofford Home, Kansas City, Mo.

Deaconess Annie Alford, Superintendent, reports:

During 1935, the work at Spofford Home has been slowly but surely taking deeper root in Kansas City and the surrounding country. Spofford Home is an institution of the entire church rather than the local community, and each year a few children of Southern Methodist families are accepted from other states when there is a special need for some study and readjustment. When this is accomplished, the child is returned to his state for further training.

We have now spent one year in our beautiful new home, built mostly with "Week of Prayer" money, and every day has brought joy and a new realization of the love and sacrifice of the women of our church. Not only have the women of our own church been interested, but many other groups and organizations have given entertainments or held meetings in our building this year. Since our children come from all religious faiths, we are making a special effort at this time to interest more outside groups.

Our work has been greatly strengthened this year by the addition of two especially trained workers. Instead of having a practical nurse in the health department, a registered nurse is now giving invaluable service. She not only serves the children in the institution but many of the foster home children near Kansas City. During the Christmas holidays, plans were made to bring in fifteen or twenty of the foster home children, who live a distance from the city, for their semi-annual medical and dental check-up. Several specialists gave generously of their time to come out to the Home to see these boys and girls. The medical rooms, which had been equipped by one of the women's clubs of the city with new dental chair, treatment table and lamps, including an ultra-violet ray lamp, were in demand for several days. This homecoming proved valuable, not only from a health standpoint but in renewing happy relationships of other years. Many of these children are now high school boys and girls who have made fine adjustments in their foster homes. The social hour in the evening in the beautiful living-room was a great pleasure to all the family and will not soon be forgotten by those we love.

The coming of a specially trained case worker (one of our very own) has meant the strengthening and enlargement of that department. The forming of a case committee, composed of outstanding people in the city who have had experience in various lines of social service, has been a valuable asset to the work.

The Spofford Home school, which is a part of the public school system of the city, has done much toward quieting and bringing hap-

pinness out of chaos to many children, not only by school work but by nature work and music.

Friends have been generous in inviting our children who had no homes to visit them on special holidays such as the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, etc.

Jesus as a boy "increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." This fourfold development we have endeavored to bring to the one hundred and fifteen children who have been under our supervision this year. The religious life of the children is given much attention. The Catholic children go to their church, the Jewish children to the temple, and the Protestant children to the Methodist Church of the community. Several have joined the church during the year.

At the Christmas season, all of those in the Home joined in a simple but beautiful little pageant, "The First Christmas." In this pageant one little boy, who had been extremely shy and timid, sang with two others, "We Three Kings of Orient Are," as he took the part of a wise man. The mother came to the office with tears of joy saying, "Just to think John can stand up before people and sing like that." We are praying that every child who passes through this Home may be able to stand up and sing to the world of a living Christ.

The members of the staff co-operate in civic and social service organizations as well as the church life of the city in learning, in sharing, and helping to bring about the Kingdom of God on earth.

Holston Orphanage, Greeneville, Tenn.

Deaconess Belle R. Hennen reports:

Someone has said, "There is nothing in all the world so important as children, nothing so interesting. If you wish to go in for some philanthropy, if you ever wish to be of any real use to the world, do something for children—there is always a chance that we can save a child."

Forty-one years ago (1895), Mrs. E. E. Wiley inspired by such a thought as this, founded Holston Orphanage. The beautiful spirit which she gave to this work is best told in words of her annual reports: "We have gathered our children from all sorts of pitiable conditions. Ours is not an institution; there is not even the smell of an institution, not the look nor feel of such. We have striven against that and thank the Lord we are succeeding. Ours is a Home, a family."

This home to which Mrs. Wiley gave such devotion has been greatly enlarged and for the past twelve years, under the excellent leadership of the present Superintendent many changes and improvements have taken place and our home is now one of the best in the South.

During the past year we have been well cared for by friends throughout Holston Conference. Many who could not give money have sent supplies of flour, fruits, and vegetables. We, like many others, have had less money, and we are very grateful that at the close of the year we had no indebtedness.

We accepted thirty-three children into the Home and placed twenty-nine in homes. We had many more applications and have taken all emergency cases.

The health of the children has been good and they have made very good progress in school under a very efficient corps of teachers.

In February our pastor held a series of evangelistic services in our chapel and on Easter Sunday fifty-two of our boys and girls will be received into church membership.

Work with a group of about thirty little boys, from two to ten years of age, brings some very trying situations and many problems and discouragements, but at the close of the day, after our evening

prayers, when little arms are clasped around me, and then "Goodnight, 'weet dreams' called from little beds, the cares and worries of the day vanish and I thank my Heavenly Father for the privilege of working in this Home and ask for wisdom and guidance that I may not be a failure in the service which he has given me.

The Virginia K. Johnson Home and Training School, Dallas, Tex.

Miss Mary L. Freeman, Superintendent, reports:

The purpose of the Virginia K. Johnson Home is twofold: First, to reclaim the life of girls who need to come to us for aid. The second aim is to find Christian homes for the infants that are born to these girls. During the year 1935 we have been responsible for forty-three girls and eighteen babies. Fifteen of these babies were adopted into well-investigated Christian homes, two were taken by the babies' maternal grandmothers and one was taken by its own mother when she married the father of the child.

Our daily program is similar to that of any large family; each one having a special task to perform each day. Along with these supervised tasks we have recreational, educational, and spiritual guidance. Satisfactory results have been achieved this year in all phases of the work, and a spirit of helpfulness, contentment, and good cheer has been decidedly shown by the girls of the student body. Definite results cannot be estimated, but we know there are many who are striving to overcome the past by "forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Deaconess Mary E. Daniel reports:

Upon reaching the Virginia K. Johnson Home the last of September, I had a few days in which to become acquainted with the staff and girls before assuming the duties of the high school, which is my special work for the year.

As I met with the girls in the chapel service the afternoon of my arrival, I was surprised at the youth and responsiveness of the group.

This responsiveness has characterized their work and play, and has made teaching them a joy. Mrs. Perkinson, supervisor, and four young Southern Methodist University practice teachers have rendered splendid service, and the results of the mid-term examinations were most encouraging. I believe the work of our girls in Bible compares favorably with that of any high school group in the city.

In addition to the school work, I have the privilege of sharing the other duties of the Home, such as devotions, entertaining, office duty, storeroom, in fact, in almost everything that "makes the wheels go round" in such an institution.

To one who really loves girls can come no greater challenge than offered by this group here. Living in as close contact with them as we do, the opportunity for real and lasting service cannot be overestimated.

Deaconess Lottie Green reports:

My work this year has been similar to that of last year, but a deeper understanding of the girls has added more interest to it for me and for them.

The grade girls, despite their retarded growth due to physical and environmental causes, are making progress in their studies. Their favorite course is the Bible. After we had finished Book I of the Graded Series in the Junior Course, the girls said, "We have enjoyed it for it has helped us to be better." The "Big Sister" movement,

which was organized when I first came, has proved a blessing to the entire group. It has not only set a standard of higher living but has been a challenge to the older girls to help the others and to co-operate with the faculty. The League services are unusually good. These girls, confined as they are, put more time and energy on the programs than the usual group. At Christmas, each of the committees put on a special program—one a play, the other an entertainment of song and story. Both were excellent.

As one lives and works in close contact with these girls, there are many opportunities of sharing and of building Christian ideals.

Deaconess Muriel Bell, R.N., reports:

In the hospital department there were 19 babies born this year. At different times, we had 57 other patients with slight illness. There was only one really serious maternity case, and it lasted for only a few days. The babies have been healthy youngsters and have gone to gladden the homes of foster parents.

Many of the girls come to us in need of some special eye, throat, or dental attention. As fast as we can, we try to correct each of these. The Oak Cliff Lions' Club has made it possible for several girls, whose parents lack funds for buying glasses, to obtain them.

As in the other years, I have assisted with office work, socials, church services, and Bible memory work.

We have made 129 new garments in the personal sewing classes, and remade 49 used garments.

We are very grateful to the Dallas women who sent so many good, used clothes. They have been the only Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes for several of the poorer girls.

Miss Nora Pafford reports:

The past year as viewed now at its close seems but a short span of weeks.

Filled with work and with all the varied activities and experiences that make life interesting here, it has given many chances for mutual helpfulness among pupils and workers. Through all the days we have been conscious of the abiding mercy, love, and blessing of our Heavenly Father.

Mrs. Eva Watts, Dietician, reports:

The year of 1935 has been a very busy as well as a very happy year for us. We have had a bountiful peach crop and a very splendid garden, and were kept busy canning, preserving, pickling, to replenish our pantries for winter.

Again we are very grateful to the many missionary societies who have contributed seventy-eight boxes of fruit, vegetables, and eggs. We also thank our local board ladies for the donation of oranges.

We are thankful for the blessings which have been ours throughout the year in our work.

APPOINTMENTS OF HOME WORKERS, 1936-1937

ALABAMA

- Eva Comer Home, 1730 Eighth Avenue North, Birmingham Ala.: Deaconess Kate Walker.
Bethlehem House, 801 North Forty-sixth Street, Birmingham, Ala.: Mrs. J. R. White (employed).
Ensley Community House, 1404 Avenue H, Ensley, Ala.: Deaconess Dorthy Crim, Deaconess Martha Robinson.
Wesley House, 314 Chandler Street, Montgomery, Ala.: Deaconess Bessie Bunn.
Cajan Work, Calvert, Ala.: Deaconess Eva Crenshaw, Miss Juanita Hill (Emp.).
Dumas Wesley House, Mobile, Ala.: Deaconess Gertrude Grizzard.

ARKANSAS

- Little Rock Conference Rural, Camden District: Deaconess Louise Law.
North Arkansas Conference, District Rural: Deaconess Dora Hoover.
Bethlehem House, Little Rock Conference, Pine Bluff, Ark.: To be supplied,

CALIFORNIA

- Homer Toberman Mission, 2017 Violet Street, Los Angeles, Calif.: Deaconess Carrie Porter, Deaconess Mabel Clark.
Mary Elizabeth Inn, 1040 Bush Street, San Francisco, Calif.: Deaconess Glenn Moore, Deaconess Mary Daniel.

FLORIDA

- Wolff Settlement, 2801 Seventeenth Street, Tampa, Fla.: Deaconess Grace Thatcher, Deaconess Dolores Diaz, Deaconess Alpharetta Leeper, Deaconess Martina Hyde.
Rosa Valdez, 1802 North Albany Street, Tampa, Fla.: Deaconess Mary Lou Barnwell, Deaconess Emma Burris, Miss Louise Weeks (employed).
Wesley House, 1106 Varela Street, Key West, Fla.: Deaconess Edith Leighty, Deaconess Sara Fernandez.
State Woman's College, 705 West Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Fla.: Deaconess Winnie Lee Davis.

GEORGIA

- Wesley House, 342 Richardson Street, Southwest, Atlanta, Ga.: Deaconess Mary Lou Bond, Deaconess Cleo Barber.
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.: Deaconess Ruth Bartholomew, Deaconess Evelyn Berry.
Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga.: Miss Thelma Stevens. (employed), Miss Dorothy Weber (employed), Mrs. Allie Gardiner (col.) (employed).
Hamp Stevens Church, Columbus, Ga.: Deaconess Addie Greely.
North Georgia Rural, Franklin, Ga.: Miss Bert Winter (employed).
South Georgia Rural, Cairo, Ga.: Miss Bessie Miller (employed).
Vashti School, Thomasville, Ga.: Deaconess Daisy Ritter, Deaconess Mary Floyd, Deaconess Esther Boggs, Deaconess Rachel Cantrell, Deaconess Frances Baker, Deaconess Julia Lovin, Deaconess Lois Tinsley, Deaconess Jane Wilkinson, Miss Lena Chambers (employed).

KENTUCKY

- Sue Bennett College, London, Ky.: K. C. East, President (employed); Deaconess Clara Mae Sells, Deaconess Jeannetta Harrison, Deaconess Ola Lee Barnett, Deaconess Dorothy Garrett.
Wesley House 805 East Washington, Louisville, Ky.: Deaconess Ellen Gainey, Deaconess Elizabeth Russell.
Kentucky Coal Fields, Millstone, Ky.: Deaconess Pattie Allen.
Kentucky Conference Rural, Yancy, Ky.: Deaconess Bithiah Reed Watts.
Louisville Conference Rural, Monticello, Ky.: Deaconess Cora Lee Glenn.
Howard Business School, 206 Collins Court, Louisville, Ky.: Deaconess Nellie Howard.

LOUISIANA

- St. Mark's Hall, 1130 North Rampart Street, New Orleans, La.: Deaconess Margaret Young, Deaconess Verna Webster, Deaconess Julia Sargent, Deaconess Julia Southard, Miss Georgia Bates (nurse, employed).
Louisiana Conference Rural, Cloudrant, La.: Deaconess Shiela Nuttall.
First Church, Shreveport, La.: Deaconess Grace Gatewood.
Co-operative Home, 412 Fannin Street, Shreveport, La.: Deaconess Mary E. Freeman.
MacDonell Wesley House and School, Box 270, Houma, La.: Deaconess Ella K. Hooper, Deaconess Emma Vogel (nurse), Deaconess Lillie Hendricks, Deaconess Ollie Willings, Deaconess Pearl Maye Kelley, Deaconess Elizabeth Covington, Deaconess Susie Teel, Deaconess Mary Beth Littlejohn (rural Indian Work).

MISSISSIPPI

- Wesley House, 1333 East Beach Street, Biloxi, Miss.: Deaconess Mattie Cunningham, Deaconess Ethel Cunningham.

- Moore Community House, 932 Davis Street, Biloxi, Miss.: Deaconess Sallie Ellis, Deaconess Sophie Kuntz.
- North Mississippi Rural, Tishomingo, Miss.: Deaconess Myrta Davis.
- Wesley House, 1520 Eighth Avenue, Meridian, Miss.: Deaconess Jennie Congleton.

MISSOURI

- Wesley House, 200 Cherokee Street, St. Joseph, Mo.: Deaconess Janet Head, Deaconess Helen Reeves, Deaconess Laura Mae Haynes.
- Spofford Home, 5501 Cleveland Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.: Deaconess Annie Alford, Deaconess Esther Drinker, Deaconess Lora Lee Pederson, Miss Ruth Brooks (employed).
- Troost Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Kansas City, Mo.: Deaconess Annabelle Johnson.
- Institutional Church, 702 Admiral Boulevard, Kansas City, Mo.: Deaconess Mary Nichols, Deaconess Dorothy Dodd, Deaconess Una Smith.
- Kingdom House, 1102 Morrison Street, St. Louis, Mo.: Deaconess Pearle Edwards, Deaconess Eleanor Grissom.
- Hendrix Hall, Columbia, Mo.: Mrs. Sue Cotton, Director and Business Manager (employed).

NORTH CAROLINA

- Morgan Cotton Mills, Laurel Hills N. C.: Deaconess Hazel Bulifant.
- Sunny Acres, Lewisville, N. C.: Deaconess Hyda Heard, Deaconess Sarah Kee.
- Bethlehem House, 408 Hickory Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.: Miss Marian Brincefield (col.) (employed).
- Eastern Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville, N. C.: Deaconess Zoe Anna Davis, Student Counselor.

OKLAHOMA

- Wesley House, 1112 South Walker Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Deaconess Moselle Eubanks.
- Southeastern Teachers' College, Durant, Okla.: Deaconess Anna Fay Fowler.
- Wesley House, Picher, Okla.: Deaconess Susie Mitchell.
- Oklahoma Rural, Sayre, Okla.: Deaconess Minnie Lee Eldson.

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Wesley House, 1310 Huger Street, Columbia, S. C.: Deaconess Ruth Carryer.
- Wesley House, 67 South Boulevard, Orangeburg, S. C.: Deaconess Connie Fagan.
- Bethlehem House, 161 Druid Avenue, Spartanburg, S. C.: Deaconess Fannie Bame.

TENNESSEE

- Wesley House, 1505 Polk Street, Chattanooga, Tenn.: Deaconess Ruth Heflin.
- Centenary Church, 401 McCallie, Chattanooga, Tenn.: Deaconess Dorothea Reid.
- Bethlehem House, 1403 College, Chattanooga, Tenn.: Deaconess Martha Stewart.
- Holston Orphanage, Greeneville, Tenn.: Deaconess Belle Hennen.
- Wesley House, 1217 Marion Street, Knoxville, Tenn.: Deaconess Bess Eaton.
- Wesley House, 562 North Fifth Street, Memphis, Tenn.: Deaconess Athalia Baker, Deaconess Birdie Reynolds.
- Bethlehem House, 682 South Lauderdale, Memphis, Tenn.: Deaconess Ruby Berkley.
- Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.: Deaconess Mary Ora Durham.
- Wesley House, 129 Wharf Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.: Deaconess Maggie Marshall, Deaconess Jewel Matthews, Deaconess Lucille Robinson, Miss Thelma Heath (employed).
- Bethlehem House, 314 Fifteenth Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn.: Deaconess Alice McLarty, Deaconess Annie Rogers, Miss Olivia Napoleon (col.) (employed).
- Centenary Institute, 612 Monroe Street, Nashville, Tenn.: Deaconess Willia Duncan, Deaconess Bessie Williams, Miss Mary Whitfield (employed).
- Scarritt Rural Training Project, Nashville, Tenn.: Deaconess Sarah McCracken.

TEXAS

- Kirby Hall, Austin, Tex.: Mrs. A. B. Smith, Director (employed), Mrs. C. F. Yeager, Business Manager (employed).
- Girls Home, 529 East Ninth, Dallas, Tex.: Deaconess Emily Dorsey.
- Mexican Work, 2502 North Akard Street, Dallas, Tex.: Deaconess Nettie Stroup, Deaconess Lexie Vivian, Deaconess Annie Price.
- Virginia K. Johnson Home, 901 South Madison, Dallas, Tex.: Miss Mary Freeman, Superintendent (employed), Deaconess Lottie Green, Deaconess Muriel Bell (nurse), Deaconess Alice Riley.
- College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Tex.: Miss McQueen Weir (employed), 912 Oakland Avenue.
- Mexican Community Center, 515 South Kansas Street, El Paso, Tex.: Deaconess Florence Blackwell, Deaconess Evelyn Holmberg, Deaconess Sue V. Herrick, Deaconess Bertha May White.

Trinity Church, El Paso, Tex.: Deaconess Florence Bradley.

West Texas Teachers College, Canyon, Tex.: Deaconess Oskie Sanders.

Wesley House, 2131 North Commerce Street, Ft. Worth, Tex.: Deaconess Katharine Arnold, Miss Mattie Varn (employed).

Co-operative Home, 1111 McKee Street, Houston, Tex.: Deaconess Lora Long.

Methodist Hospital, Houston, Tex.: Deaconess Grace Driver.

Mexican Community House, 1815 Rothwell, Houston, Tex.: Deaconess Eugenia Smith, Deaconess Elma Morgan.

East Texas Oil Fields, Texas Conference: Deaconess Willie May Porter.

Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.: Deaconess Carmen Blessing, Deaconess Ura Leveridge, Deaconess Mary Glendinning, Deaconess Iva Lou Matkin, Deaconess Frances Denton.

Mexican Circuit, Austin, Tex.: Deaconess Mamie Robinson.

Valley Institute, Pharr, Tex.: Miss Georgia Swanson, superintendent (employed), Deaconess Eula McCoy, Deaconess Leone Lemons, Deaconess Felicidad Mendez, Deaconess Ruth Patton.

Wesley House, 150 Colima Street, San Antonio, Tex.: Deaconess Mollie Womack, Deaconess May Coburn, Deaconess Elsie Nesbit, Miss Mary Riddle (employed).

Mexican Work, San Marcos, Tex.: Deaconess Willena Henry.

Mexican Rural Work, Western Mexican Conference: Deaconess Anita Reil.

VIRGINIA

Wesley House, 626 Upper Street, Danville, Va.: Deaconess Margaret Hodkins.

Wilson Inn, 3208 East Broad Street, Richmond, Va.: Deaconess Ella Bowden.

Trinity Institutional Church, 2000 East Broad Street, Richmond, Va.: Deaconess Leona Giles.

Young People's Worker, Church and Brown Hall, Williamsburg, Va.: Deaconess Mamie Chandler.

Brown Hall, Williamsburg, Va.: Mrs. Annie V. Deaton, Director (employed).

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia Conference, Coal Fields, Amherstdale, W. Va.: Miss Mae Wess Bell (employed), Deaconess Helen Philips.

Holston Conference, Coal Fields.: Deaconess Verdie Anderson, Deaconess Ola Gilbert, Deaconess Erlene Aylor, Deaconess Wortley Moorman, Deaconess Maude Fail, Deaconess Lula Kagey, Deaconess Sarah Lowder, Miss Emma Johnson (employed).

GRANTED FURLOUGH

Deaconesses: Josephine Berglund, Bertha Cox, Cornelia Godbey, Frances Howard, Clara Hodgson, Ora Hooper, Inez Martin, Rosalie Riggins, Obra Rogers, Evelyn Waddell, Florence Whiteside.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Deaconess Mary Carter.

CONTINUED ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Deaconess Lena Long.

GRANTED SICK LEAVE

Deaconess Annie Trawick.

RELEASED

Deaconesses: Mary Carpenter, Thyra Nell Collins, Eunice Glenn, Daisy Johnson, Dorothy Lundy.

TO BE RELEASED

Deaconesses: Margaret Cornett, Gaye Hoke, Nelle McClain, Edith Woolsey, Blanche White, Anna Taylor.

ON TEMPORARY RETIREMENT

Deaconesses: Lila May Campbell, Berta Ellison, Constance Palmore, Margaret Ragland.

DECEASED

Deaconesses: Mrs. Mary B. Alexander, Laura Harris.

CONTINUED ON RETIRED RELATIONSHIP

Deaconesses: Bessie Allen, Elizabeth Billingsley, Mrs. Carrie Bond, Elizabeth Davis, Minnie Davis, Rhoda Dragoo, Jennie Ducker, Maria Elliott, Sue T. Ford, Helen Gibson, Jessie Drew Gill, Mary Hasler, Ethel Jackson, Mabel Kennedy, Martha Lewis, Frances Mann, Ida J. Moore, Lillian Parker, Adeline Peeples, Ida Stevens, Elizabeth Taylor, Wilhelmina Wahlroos, Mattie Wright.

ACTIVE HOME WORKERS OF THE COUNCIL

DEACONESSSES

YEAR	NAME	CONFERENCE	HOME ADDRESS
1919.	Alford, Annie	Mississippi	Magnolia, Miss.
1922.	Allen, Pattie	Holston	Knoxville, Tenn.
1924.	Anderson, Verdie	Upper South Carolina	Spartanburg, S. C.
1921.	Arnold, Katherine	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.
1931.	Aylor, Erlene	Virginia	Aylor, Va.
1928.	Baker, Athalia	Florida	Key West, Fla.
1935.	Baker, Frances	North Mississippi	Durant, Miss.
1922.	Bame, Fannie	Western North Carolina	Salisbury, N. C.
1935.	Barber, Cleo	North Alabama	Roanoke, Ala.
1927.	Barnett, Ola Lee	Southwest Missouri	Clinton, Mo.
1928.	Barnwell, Mary Lou	South Georgia	Arabi, Ga.
1927.	Bartholomew, Ruth	Virginia	Glady's, Va.
1923.	Bell, Muriel	Central Texas	Temple, Tex.
1917.	Berglund, Josephine	Southwest Missouri	Springfield, Mo.
1924.	Berkley, Ruby	North Mississippi	Red Banks, Miss.
1933.	Berry, Evelyn	South Georgia	Rosemont, Ga.
1906.	Blackwell, Florence	Missouri	Kirkville, Mo.
1923.	Blessing, Carmen	Pacific	Berkeley, Calif.
1924.	Boggs, Esther	Upper South Carolina	Greenville, S. C.
1927.	Bond, Mary Lou	Southwest Missouri	Morrisville, Mo.
1911.	Bowden, Ella	Central Texas	Brownwood, Tex.
1936.	Bradley, Florence	Virginia	Newport News, Va.
1928.	Bulifant, Hazel	Virginia	Hampton, Va.
1917.	Bunn, Bessie	Little Rock	Little Rock, Ark.
1929.	Burris, Emma	Louisiana	Franklinton, La.
1923.	Campbell, Lila May	Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.
1922.	Cantrell, Rachel	Holston	Roanoke, Va.
1929.	Carryer, Ruth	Missouri	Columbia, Mo.
1932.	Carter, Mary	Kentucky	Woodlawn, Ky.
1925.	Chandler, Mamie	Upper South Carolina	Sumter, S. C.
1928.	Clark, Mabel	North Mississippi	Louisville, Miss.
1915.	Coburn, May	North Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.
1922.	Congleton, Jennie	North Carolina	Greenville, N. C.
1932.	Cornett, Margaret	Holston	Marion, Va.
1932.	Covington, Elizabeth	South Carolina	Clio, S. C.
1922.	Cox, Bertha	Southwest Missouri	Sedalia, Mo.
1936.	Crenshaw, Eva	North Georgia	Martin, Ga.
1908.	Crim, Dorothy	North Georgia	Atlanta, Ga.
1913.	Cunningham, Ethel	Missouri	Columbia, Mo.
1912.	Cunningham, Mattie	Missouri	Columbia, Mo.
1910.	Daniel, Mary	Louisiana	Washington, La.
1924.	Davis, Myrta	Texas	Houston, Tex.
1931.	Davis, Winnie Lee	Mississippi	Jackson, Miss.
1928.	Davis, Zoe Anna	Texas	Houston, Tex.
1909.	Denton, Frances	North Arkansas	Fort Smith, Ark.
1927.	Diaz, Dolores	West Texas	San Antonio, Tex.
1920.	Dodd, Dorothy	South Georgia	Hartsville, Tenn.
1924.	Dorsey, Emily	North Texas	Dallas, Tex.
1930.	Drinker, Esther	Oklahoma	Beggs, Okla.
1917.	Driver, Mrs. Grace	North Arkansas	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
1922.	Duncan, Willia	Louisville	Macco, Ky.
1910.	Durham, Mary Ora	Kentucky	Danville, Ky.
1922.	Eaton, Bess	Holston	Staffordsville, Va.
1926.	Edwards, Pearl	South Georgia	Pearle, Ga.
1917.	Eidson, Minnie Lee	North Arkansas	Jonesboro, Ark.
1928.	Ellis, Sallie	Tennessee	Clarksville, Tenn.
1914.	Ellison, Berta	Western North Carolina	Franklinville, N. C.
1922.	Eubanks, Moselle	North Georgia	Rome, Ga.
1911.	Fagan, Connie	South Georgia	Savannah, Ga.
1915.	Fail, Maude	North Mississippi	Hattiesburg, Miss.
1932.	Fernandez, Sara	Florida	Tampa, Fla.
1931.	Floyd, Mary	North Georgia	LaGrange, Ga.
1933.	Fowler, Anna Fay	Louisville	Warsaw, Ky.
1922.	Freeman, Mrs. Mary E.	North Georgia	Carlton, Ga.
1910.	Gainey, Ellen	North Carolina	Fayetteville, N. C.
1935.	Garrett, Dorothy	North Alabama	Dadeville, Ala.
1915.	Gatewood, Grace	North Texas	Myra, Tex.
1923.	Gilbert, Ola	Alabama	Marianna, Fla.
1922.	Giles, Leona	Virginia	Penhook, Va.
1926.	Glendinning, Mary	Missouri	Palmyra, Mo.

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1929.	Glenn, Cora Lee	Alabama	Atmore, Ala.
1911.	Godbey, Cornelia	Southwest Missouri	Marietta, Ohio
1923.	Greely, Addie	Mississippi	Jackson, Miss.
1924.	Green, Lottie	Florida	Bransford, Fla.
1933.	Grissom, Mary Eleanor	Louisville	Columbia, Ky.
1911.	Grizzard, Gertrude	Tennessee	Nashville, Tenn.
1933.	Harrison, Jeannetta	Florida	Winter Haven, Fla.
1933.	Haynes, Laura Mae	Tennessee	McMinnville, Tenn.
1930.	Head, Janet	Mississippi	Natchez, Miss.
1933.	Head, Hyda	North Georgia	Covington, Ga.
1925.	Heflin, Ruth	Mississippi	Forest, Miss.
1923.	Hendricks, Lillie	North Alabama	Oneonta, Ala.
1923.	Hennen, Belle	Western Virginia	Fairmount, W. Va.
1909.	Henry, Willena	Central Texas	Rice, Tex.
1905.	Herrick, Sue V.	Central Texas	Whitney, Tex.
1928.	Hodgson, Clara	Pacific	Colusa, Calif.
1930.	Hodkins, Margaret	Southwest Missouri	Kansas City, Mo.
1920.	Hoke, Gaye	Baltimore	Ronceverte, W. Va.
1932.	Holmberg, Evelyn	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City, Okla.
1919.	Hooper, Ella K.	Louisiana	Houma, La.
1927.	Hooper, Ora	Louisiana	Rosedale, La.
1909.	Hoover, Dora	North Carolina	Newton, N. C.
1921.	Howard, Frances	North Arkansas	Blytheville, Ark.
1923.	Howard, Nellie	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.
1930.	Hyde, Martina	Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.
1932.	Johnson, Annabelle	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City, Okla.
1925.	Kagey, Lula	Virginia	Norfolk, Va.
1925.	Kee, Sarah	Upper South Carolina	Rodman, S. C.
1932.	Kelley, Pearlye Maye	North Georgia	Newnan, Ga.
1924.	Kuntz, Sophie	Louisiana	New Orleans, La.
1935.	Law, Louise	North Mississippi	Greensville, Miss.
1932.	Leeper, Alpharetta	Oklahoma	Muskogee, Okla.
1922.	Leighty, Edith	Missouri	St. Joseph, Mo.
1932.	Lemons, Leone	Southwest Missouri	Kansas City, Mo.
1922.	Leveridge, Ura	Central Texas	Cisco, Tex.
1932.	Littlejohn, Mary Beth	Upper South Carolina	Pacelot, S. C.
1926.	Long, Lena	Upper South Carolina	Trenton, S. C.
1925.	Long, Lora	Northwest Texas	Vernon, Tex.
1935.	Lovin, Julia	North Alabama	Decatur, Ala.
1915.	Lowder, Sarah	North Carolina	Rutherford College, N. C.
1926.	McCoy, Eula	Memphis	McKenzie, Tenn.
1936.	McCracken, Sarah	North Carolina	Durham, N. C.
1923.	McLarty, Alice	Northwest Texas	Vernon, Tex.
1927.	Marshall, Maggie	Virginia	Fishing Creek, Md.
1929.	Martin, Inez	St. Louis	St. Louis, Mo.
1926.	Matkin, Iva Lou	North Texas	Enloe, Tex.
1931.	Matthews, Jewell	Alabama	Tallassee, Ala.
1932.	Mendez, Felicidad	Central Texas	Fort Worth, Tex.
1911.	Mitchell, Susie	Central Texas	Arlington, Tex.
1922.	Moore, Glenn	Little Rock	Little Rock, Ark.
1927.	Moorman, Wortley	Virginia	Rustburg, Va.
1914.	Morgan, Elma	Little Rock	Stephens, Ark.
1936.	Nesbit, Elsie	South Georgia	Smithville, Ga.
1922.	Nichols, Mary	North Carolina	Roxboro, N. C.
1932.	Nuttall, Shiela	Louisiana	Shreveport, La.
1909.	Palmore, Constance	Virginia	Lynchburg, Va.
1931.	Patton, Ruth	Oklahoma	Hartshorne, Okla.
1928.	Pederson, Lora Lee	Oklahoma	Sayre, Okla.
1933.	Philips, Helen	North Arkansas	Springdale, Ark.
1922.	Porter, Carrie	Louisiana	Zwolle, La.
1928.	Porter, Willie May	Louisiana	Monroe, La.
1923.	Price, Annie	Central Texas	Bee House, Tex.
1908.	Ragland, Margaret	West Texas	San Angelo, Tex.
1924.	Reeves, Helen	St. Louis	St. Louis, Mo.
1924.	Reid, Dorothea	St. Louis	St. Louis, Mo.
1927.	Reil, Anita	West Texas	San Antonio, Tex.
1926.	Reynolds, Birdie	Baltimore	Newport, Va.
1922.	Riggin, Rosalie	Little Rock	Arkadelphia, Ark.
1929.	Riley, Alice	Texas	Hughes Springs, Tex.
1915.	Ritter, Daisy	Upper South Carolina	Columbia, S. C.
1932.	Robinson, Lucille	St. Louis	Bonne Terre, Mo.
1923.	Robinson, Mamie	Texas	Kileen, Tex.
1926.	Robinson, Martha	Memphis	Jackson, Tenn.
1923.	Rogers, Annie	Upper South Carolina	Spartanburg, S. C.
1930.	Rogers, Obra	Florida	Sarasota, Fla.

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1926.	Russell, Elizabeth	Southwest Missouri	Green Bay, Wis.
1922.	Sanders, Oscie	Texas	Houston, Tex.
1935.	Sargent, Julia	North Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.
1922.	Sells, Clara Mae	North Mississippi	Wiggins, Miss.
1909.	Smith, Eugenia	Upper South Carolina	Union, S. O.
1929.	Smith, Una	Southwest Missouri	Cartersville, Mo.
1936.	Southard, Julia	Virginia	Schoolfield, Va.
1928.	Stewart, Martha	Oklahoma	Weatherford, Okla.
1919.	Stroup, Nettie	North Texas	Farmersville, Tex.
1932.	Taylor, Anna	Tennessee	Crossville, Tenn.
1925.	Teel, Susie	North Texas	Waco, Tex.
1927.	Thatcher, Grace	Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.
1912.	Tinsley, Lois	South Georgia	Leslie, Ga.
1906.	Trawick, Annie	Alabama	Opelika, Ala.
1924.	Vivian, Lexie	West Texas	Carrizo Springs, Tex.
1919.	Vogel, Emma	Southwest Missouri	Linn, Mo.
1911.	Waddell, Evelyn	Holston	Knoxville, Tenn.
1914.	Walker, Kate	Central Texas	Comanche, Tex.
1921.	Watts, Mrs. Bithiah	Holston	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1933.	Webster, Verna	Louisiana	Oxford, La.
1936.	White, Bertha May	Pacific	Los Angeles, Calif.
1929.	White, Blanche	St. Louis	St. Louis, Mo.
1915.	Whiteside, Florence	Little Rock	Pine Bluff, Ark.
1922.	Wilkinson, Jane	Virginia	Union Level, Va.
1933.	Williams, Bessie	Louisiana	Shreveport, La.
1932.	Willings, Ollie	Central Texas	Waco, Tex.
1929.	Womack, Mollie	Texas	Nacona, Tex.
1934.	Woolsey, Edith	Holston	Greeneville, Tenn.
1923.	Young, Margaret	Baltimore	Luray, Va.

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YEAR	NAME	HOME ADDRESS	CONFERENCE	RELATION
1910.	Acton, Mrs. Julia,	Berkeley, Calif.	Pacific	Deceased
1922.	Addison, Lillian,	Caldwell, Tex.	Texas	Married
1926.	Ader, Edith,	Weaverville, N. C.	Western North Carolina	Released
1923.	Alexander, Mabel,	Birmingham, Ala.	North Alabama	Released
1909.	Alexander, Mrs. Mary B.,	Tampa, Fla.	Florida	Deceased
1909.	Allen, Bessie,	Hendersonville, N. C.	Western North Carolina	Retired
1927.	Anderson, Mabel,	Dolphin, Va.	Virginia	Released
1931.	Atchley, Amo,	Valley Springs, Ark.	North Arkansas	Married
1912.	Black, Lillie,	Blossom, Tex.	North Texas	Deceased
1922.	Bobbitt, Ophelia,	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis	Deceased
1917.	Bond, Mrs. Carrie L.,	Tampa, Fla.	Florida	Retired
1909.	Borchers, Cora,	Birmingham, Ala.	Southwest Missouri	Released
1917.	Brand, Bessie,	Staunton, Va.	Baltimore	Married
1918.	Breeden, Bertie,	Roanoke, Va.	Baltimore	Married
1910.	Breeden, Rosa,	Remington, Va.	Baltimore	Married
1922.	Brewer, Grace,	Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee	Married
1916.	Bryan, Mrs. Selden,	Kingstree, S. C.	South Carolina	Deceased
1908.	Burton, Emma,	Kansas City, Mo.	Southwest Missouri	Deceased
1929.	Byers, Jessie Mae,	Ector, Tex.	North Texas	Married
1920.	Cannon, Elah,	Hemingway, S. C.	South Carolina	Married
1930.	Carlton, Lucy,	Hattiesburg, Miss.	Mississippi	Married
1932.	Carpenter, Mary,	Madison, Va.	Virginia	Married
1912.	Cloud, Ellen,	Pembroke, Ky.	Louisville Trans. Foreign Department	
1917.	Cole, Sue,	Glen Cove, Tex.	Central Texas	Married
1922.	Collins, Thyra Nell,	Headrick, Okla.	Oklahoma	Married
1913.	Cooper, Hazel,	Linden, Ala.	Alabama	Released
1908.	Cox, Elizabeth,	Dallas, Tex.	North Texas	Released
1925.	Davenport, Brooksie,	Ware Shoals, S. C.	Upper South Carolina	Married
1903.	Davis, Elizabeth,	Arcola, N. C.	North Carolina	Retired
1924.	Day, Blanche,	Dexter, Mo.	St. Louis	Released
1932.	Dodson, Johnia,	Ravencroft, Tenn.	Tennessee	Married
1909.	Dragoo, Rhoda,	Palmetto, Fla.	Florida	Married
1915.	Dryer, Josephine,	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis	Released
1909.	Ducker, Jennie,	Hopkinsville, Ky.	Louisville	Retired
1908.	Duncan, Daisy,	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Holston	Released
1904.	Elliott, Maria,	Dallas, Tex.	North Texas	Retired
1920.	Field, Mrs. J. C.,	Americus, Ga.	South Georgia	Deceased
1910.	Ford, Sue T.,	Paris, Ky.	Kentucky	Retired
1915.	Gardner, Helen,	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis	Released
1908.	Gibson, Helen,	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis	Retired
1922.	Gill, Jessie Drew,	Tuskegee, Ala.	Alabama	Retired
1932.	Glenn, Eunice,	Richland, Ga.	South Georgia	Married
1912.	Graham, Aletha,	Shellmound, Tenn.	Holston	Deceased
1926.	Hall, Mrs. Virginia,	Barboursville, W. Va.	Western Virginia	Married
1923.	Hatcher, Lois,	Baxley, Ga.	South Georgia	Married
1910.	Harris, Laura,	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Holston	Deceased
1925.	Harrison, Crystal,	Sedalia, Mo.	Southwest Missouri	Married
1914.	Hasler, Mary,	Springfield, Mo.	Southwest Missouri	Retired
1924.	Howell, Virginia,	Telephone, Tex.	North Texas	Released
1924.	Howie, Naomi,	Waynesville, N. C.	Western North Carolina	Released
1922.	Hill, Juanita,	Campbellsburg, Ky.	Kentucky	Released
1907.	Jackson, Ethel,	Lancaster, S. C.	Upper South Carolina	Retired
1924.	Jetton, Mabel,	Shelby, N. C.	Western North Carolina	
			Trans. Foreign Department	
1931.	Johnson, Daisy,	New Albany, Miss.	North Mississippi	Married
1932.	Kelly, Lorena,	Moorsville, N. C.	Western North Carolina	
			Trans. Foreign Department	
1922.	Kennedy, Cleta,	Galveston, Tex.	Texas	Married
1905.	Kennedy, Mabel,	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis	Retired
1915.	Kimbrow, Mary,	Cleburne, Tex.	Central Texas	Married
1924.	Lee, Elza Mae,	Kiowa, Okla.	Oklahoma	Married
1924.	Lenhoff, Lillian,	Salisbury, Mo.	Missouri	Married
1923.	Lewis, Annie,	Lexington, Ky.	Kentucky	Released
1920.	Lewis, Martha,	Tampa, Fla.	Florida	Retired
1924.	Lockwood, Elizabeth,	Birmingham, Ala.	North Alabama	Married
1932.	Lundy, Dorothy,	Kansas City, Mo.	Southwest Missouri	Married
1906.	Mann, Frances,	Winters, Tex.	Central Texas	Retired
1915.	Miller, Frankie,	Lake Toxaway, N. C.	Western North Carolina	Released
1923.	Miller, Olivia,	Rocky Point, N. C.	North Georgia	Married
1906.	Monohan, Selina,	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis	Deceased
1922.	Moore, Ida J.,	Valley Head, Ala.	North Alabama	Retired

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1922.	Moore, Janie Lou,	Kingsville, Tex.	West Texas	Married
1933.	Morton, Fredda,	Abilene, Tex.	Northwest Texas	Married
1915.	Murphy, Rena J.,	Fort Worth, Tex.	Central Texas	Married
1925.	McCain, Pearle,	Searcy, Ark.	North Arkansas	Trans. Foreign Dept.
1922.	McCall, Mary Ella,	Fairfield, N. C.	North Carolina	Married
1913.	McClain, Nelle,	Martin, Tenn.	Memphis	Married
1930.	McCracken, Grace,	London, Ky.	Kentucky	Married
1929.	Neal, Mattie Lou,	Overton, Tex.	Texas	Trans. Foreign Department
1931.	Needham, Marian,	Corvallis, Ore.	Northwest	Married
1928.	Noll, Lena,	Glasgow, Mo.	Missouri	Married
1909.	Nutt, Martha,	Granbery, Tex.	Central Texas	Released
1924.	O'Bryant, Eunice,	Earle, Ark.	North Arkansas	Deceased
1918.	Olmstead, Emily,	Louisville, Ky.	Louisville	Released
1926.	Ormand, Myra,	Nashville, N. C.	North Carolina	Married
1928.	Osborne, Mary,	Ada, Okla.	Oklahoma	Married
1927.	Page, Lela,	Franklin, Tenn.	Tennessee	Released
1925.	Parham, Catherine,	College Park, Ga.	North Georgia	Trans. Foreign Dept.
1914.	Parker, Lillian,	Lindale, Tex.	Texas	Retired
1930.	Pederson, Selma,	Sayre, Okla.	Oklahoma	Married
1908.	Peeples, Adeline,	Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis	Retired
1924.	Pierce, Iva May,	Marthaville, La.	Louisiana	Released
1923.	Phillips, Eva Jo,	Houston, Tex.	Central Texas	Married
1923.	Ragan, Mildred,	London, Ky.	Kentucky	Married
1913.	Richardson, Falla,	Corinth, Miss.	North Mississippi	Married
1921.	Rowland, Grace,	Carrollton, Ky.	Kentucky	Released
1926.	Sargent, Bess,	Haleyville, Tenn.	North Alabama	Married
1924.	Setzler, Elise,	Cowpens, S. C.	Upper South Carolina	Married
1922.	Shearouse, Carobel,	Savannah, Ga.	South Georgia	Married
1910.	Sheider, Alice,	Concord, Ga.	North Georgia	Retired
1930.	Shick, Hazel,	Farmington, Mo.	St. Louis	Married
1923.	Sitton, Lena,	Talladega, Ala.	North Alabama	Released
1929.	Smith, Louise Hill,	Owensboro, Ky.	Louisville	Married
1920.	Stackhouse, Agnes,	Columbia, S. C.	Upper South Carolina	Married
1907.	Stevens, Ida M.,	Nova Scotia, Canada	Nova Scotia	Retired
1928.	Stillwell, Laura,	Hapeville, Ga.	North Georgia	Married
1925.	Stokes, Mary,	Nedawah, Ala.	Alabama	Married
1923.	Souby, Mrs. E. L.,	Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee	Released
1928.	Sykes, Maybeth,	Rockhill, S. C.	Upper South Carolina	Married
1903.	Taylor, Elizabeth,	Lamar, Mo.	Southwest Missouri	Retired
1922.	Taylor, Mary Alice,	Dallas, Tex.	North Texas	Married
1927.	Terry, Alaska,	Bluefield, W. Va.	Holston	Married
1910.	Thomas, Berta,	Catsaula, Ga.	North Georgia	Released
1929.	VanLahr, Margaret,	Lewisport, Ky.	Louisville	Released
1922.	Voight, Marguerite,	San Antonio, Tex.	West Texas	Married
1921.	Waggoner, Estelle,	Alaska, W. Va.	Baltimore	Released
1911.	Wahlroos, Wilhelmina,	Louisville, Ky.	Louisville	Retired
1926.	Wall, Emma,	Morristown, Tenn.	Holston	Released
1930.	Webb, Edith,	Chillicothe, Tex.	Northwest Texas	Married
1922.	Webb, Minnie,	Prairie Grove, Ark.	North Arkansas	Married
1923.	Wells, Ethel,	Lockney, Tex.	Northwest Texas	Married
1918.	White, Mrs. Laura H.,	Rome, Ga.	North Georgia	Retired
1916.	Wike, Mattie,	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis	Released
1927.	Wilson, Alberta,	Moultrie, Ga.	South Georgia	Married
1929.	Wood, Lillie,	Haw River, N. C.	North Carolina	Married
1924.	Wright, Ellen,	Choula, Va.	Virginia	Married
1903.	Wright, Mattie,	Santa Ana, Calif.	Pacific	Retired
1912.	Wynne, Nelle,	Egan, Tex.	Central Texas	Married
1925.	Young, Mrs. Eugenia,	Plattsburg, Mo.	Missouri	Married

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES NOT NOW IN ACTIVE SERVICE

APPOINTED	NAME, FORMER RESIDENCE, FIELD	CONFERENCE
1878. Miss	Lochia Rankin* (Emeritus), Milan, Tenn., China	Memphis
1879. Miss	Dora Rankin,* Milan, Tenn., China	Memphis
1881. Miss	Annie Williams,† Conception, Tex., Mexico	Texas
1881. Miss	Mattie Watts,* Louisville, Ky., Brazil	Louisville
1881. Miss	Rebecca Toland (Emeritus), Beeville, Tex., Cuba	West Texas
1882. Miss	Blanche Gilbert, Roanoke, Va., Mexico	Baltimore
1882. Miss	Anna J. Muse,† Atlanta, Ga., China	North Georgia
1882. Mrs.	Sarah Burford, Georgetown, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas
1883. Miss	Nannie E. Holding* (Emeritus), Latonia, Ky., Mexico	Kentucky
1883. Miss	Mattie B. Jones, Norcross, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1883. Miss	Jennie C. Wolff, Pensacola, Fla., Indian Mission	Alabama
1884. Miss	Laura A. Haygood,* Atlanta, Ga., China	North Georgia
1884. Miss	Dona Hamilton,* Paris, Tex., China	North Texas
1884. Miss	Mildred M. Phillips, M.D.† California, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1884. Miss	Lou E. Phillips, California, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1884. Miss	W. Bruce,† Plattsburg, Mo., Brazil	Missouri
1887. Mrs.	Josephine Campbell,* New York City, China and Korea	Los Angeles
1887. Miss	Emma F. Kerr,† Brownsville, Tenn., China	Memphis
1887. Miss	Kate R. Roberts,* Nashville, Tenn., China	Tennessee
1887. Miss	Lelia Roberts (Emeritus), Bonham, Tex., Mexico	North Texas
1887. Miss	Addie F. Gordon,* Port Gibson, Miss., China	North Mississippi
1887. Miss	Elizabeth Hughes,† Meridian, Miss., China	Mississippi
1887. Miss	Lulu Lipscomb,* Columbus, Miss., China	North Mississippi
1887. Miss	Ada Reagan,† Nashville, Tenn., China	Tennessee
1887. Miss	Marcia Marvin,* St. Louis, Mo., Brazil and China	St. Louis
1888. Miss	Augusta V. Wilson,* Charlestown, W. Va., Mexico	Baltimore
1888. Miss	Mary McClelland,† Brookhaven, Miss., China	Mississippi
1888. Miss	Ella Granbery,† St. Louis, Mo., Brazil	St. Louis
1889. Mrs.	E. A. McClelland,* West Point, Ga., Mexico	North Georgia
1889. Miss	A. Clara Chrisman,* Beauregard, Miss., Brazil	Mississippi
1889. Miss	Ella Yarrall,* Emporia, Va., Brazil	Virginia
1889. Miss	Lida Howell,* Duluth, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1889. Miss	Flora Baker,* West Point, Ga., Mexico	North Georgia
1889. Miss	Lulu Ross,* Greensboro, Ala., Brazil	Alabama
1889. Miss	Sallie M. Phillips,† Homer, La., Brazil	Louisiana
1889. Miss	Lizzie Wilson,* Newport, Ky., Mexico	Kentucky
1889. Miss	Ellie B. Tydings,† West Palm Beach, Fla., Mexico	Florida
1890. Miss	Mattie Dorsey,† Charlestown, W. Va., Mexico	Baltimore
1890. Mrs.	E. E. Brelsford, Princeton, Ky., Brazil	Louisville
1890. Miss	May Littleton Smithy,* Jetersville, Va., China	Virginia
1890. Miss	Mary Turner,† Sharpsburg, Ky., Mexico	Kentucky
1890. Miss	Kate P. Fanning,† Blountsville, Fla., Mexico	Florida
1890. Miss	Helen Lee Richardson,* St. Louis, Mo., China	St. Louis
1890. Miss	Lucy Harper,* Georgetown, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas
1891. Miss	Mollie F. Brown, Austin, Tex., Brazil	West Texas
1891. Miss	Kate C. McFarrin,* Durango, Mexico, Mexico	New Jersey
1892. Miss	Sue P. Blake,† Miccosukee, Fla., China	Florida
1892. Miss	Delia Holding,* Latonia, Ky., Mexico	Kentucky
1892. Miss	Emma Gary,† Elberton, Ga., China	North Georgia
1892. Miss	Sallie B. Reynolds,† Columbia, S. C., China	South Carolina
1892. Miss	Alice Moore, Oxford, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1892. Miss	Susan Littlejohn,† Paeclot, S. C., Brazil	South Carolina
1892. Miss	Amelia Elering,* Chicago, Ill., Brazil	Illinois
1892. Miss	Mildred Bomar,† Weldon, N. C., China	Western North Carolina
1892. Miss	Martha E. Pyle (Emeritus), Kansas City, Mo., China	Missouri
1892. Miss	Julia A. Gaither,* (Emeritus), Oxford, Ga., China	North Georgia
1893. Miss	Bessie Moore, Savannah, Tenn., Brazil	Tennessee
1894. Miss	Ella Coffey,† Long Mountain, Va., China	Virginia
1894. Miss	Esther Case,* Bateville, Ark., Mexico	North Arkansas
1894. Miss	Layona Glenn (Emeritus), Conyers, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1895. Miss	Willie Bowman,† St. Louis, Mo., Brazil	St. Louis
1895. Miss	May Umberger,† Wytheville, Va., Brazil	Holston
1895. Miss	Viola Blackburn,* Holly Springs, Miss., Mexico	North Mississippi
1895. Miss	Hattie G. Carson,* Savannah, Ga., Mexico and Cuba	South Georgia
1895. Miss	Eliza Perkinson,† Salisbury, Mo., Brazil	Missouri
1895. Miss	Lizzie Martin,† Chapel Hill, N. C., China	North Carolina
1896. Miss	Ida Worth,* St. Louis Mo., Japan	St. Louis
1896. Miss	Johinnie Sanders,* Union, S. C., China	South Carolina

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1896. Miss	Margaret Polk, M.D., *Perryville, Ky., China	Kentucky
1896. Miss	Ida Shaffer, Carrolton, Mo., Brazil	Missouri
1896. Miss	Lily Stradley* (Emeritus), Lewisburg, Ohio, Brazil	Holston
1897. Miss	Susie E. Williams,† San Francisco, Calif., China	Los Angeles
1897. Miss	Annie Churchill,† Burnett, Tex., Mexico and Cuba	Northwest Texas
1897. Miss	Mary L. Richardson,* St. Louis, Mo., China	St. Lou's
1897. Miss	Leonora D. Smith,† Eclectic, Ala., Brazil	Alabama
1897. Miss	Laura V. Wright,† Baltimore, Md., Mexico	Baltimore
1898. Miss	Fannie Hines,† Mount Sterling, Ky., Korea	Kentucky
1898. Miss	Mary Pescud,* Raleigh, N. C., Brazil	North Carolina
1899. Miss	Arena Carroll,† Mount Crawford, Va., Korea	Baltimore
1899. Miss	Lela McNemar, Edwards, Miss., Mexico	Mississippi
1899. Miss	Clara B. Fullerton,† Louisville, Ky., Brazil	Louisville
1899. Miss	Maude Bonnell,* Muskogee, Okla., Japan	East Oklahoma
1900. Miss	Sadie Harbough,* Washington, D. C., Korea	Baltimore
1900. Miss	Elizabeth Davis,† Durham, N. C., Brazil	North Carolina
1900. Miss	Alice Griffith,† Marion, Ky., Mexico	Louisville
1900. Miss	June Nicholson,* Edgefield, S. C., China	South Carolina
1900. Miss	Sue Ford,¶ Paris, Ky., Cuba and Mexico	Kentucky
1901. Miss	Mollie Cesna,† Utica, Miss., Cuba	North Mississippi
1901. Miss	Maidee Smith, La Grange, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1901. Miss	Orien Alexander,* Broomfield, Mo., China	Missouri
1901. Miss	Mary Knowles,† Macon, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1901. Miss	Ada May Stewart,† Leesburg, Fla., Brazil	Florida
1901. Miss	Lily Whitman, Eupora, Miss., Cuba	North Mississippi
1901. Miss	Ellen B. Carney, Plant City, Fla., Mexico	Florida
1901. Miss	Della V. Wright, Anderson, S. C., Brazil	South Carolina
1901. Miss	May Treadwell, Edgewood, Ga., Mexico	North Georgia
1901. Miss	Norwood Wynn, Dallas, Tex., Mexico	North Texas
1901. Miss	Helen Johnson,† Sebastian, Fla., Brazil	Louisiana
1902. Miss	Josephine Hounshell,† Corinth, Va., Korea	Holston
1902. Miss	Blanche Howell,† Asheville, N. C., Brazil	Western North Carolina
1902. Miss	Ida Anderson (Emeritus), Jackson, Miss.	South Georgia
1902. Miss	Emma Christine,† Kenwood Springs, Mo., Brazil	St. Louis
1903. Miss	Loula M. Norville,† Livingston, Ala., China	Alabama
1903. Miss	Ara Riggins,* Pasadena, Calif., Mexico	Los Angeles
1904. Miss	Ada Parker,† New Orleans, La., Brazil	Louisiana
1904. Miss	Janie Watkins,* Jackson, Miss., China	Mississippi
1905. Miss	Mattie M. Ivey,* Culvert, Tex., Korea	Texas
1905. Miss	Cornelia Erwin,† Murray, Ky., Korea	Memphis
1905. Mrs.	Fannie K. Brown,† Knoxville, Tenn., Brazil	Holston
1905. Miss	Irene King, Holden, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1905. Miss	Elizabeth Claiborne, Jackson, Tenn., China	Memphis
1906. Miss	Elizabeth Lamb,† Fayetteville, N. C., Brazil	North Carolina
1906. Miss	Eleanor Dye,† Evansville, Miss., Korea	North Mississippi
1906. Miss	Sophia Mann,* Mexia, Tex., China	Northwest Texas
1906. Miss	Emma Lester,† Augusta, Ga., China	North Georgia
1906. Miss	Estelle Hood, Commerce, Ga., Brazil	North Georgia
1906. Miss	Mamie D. Myers,* Waycross, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1907. Miss	Agnes Ruff, Wallaceville, S. C., Cuba	South Carolina
1907. Mrs.	S. S. Harris, Citra, Fla., China	Florida
1907. Mrs.	Emily Runyon, M.D., Richmond, Va., China	Virginia
1907. Miss	Ruby Kendrick,* Plano, Tex., Korea	Northwest Texas
1907. Miss	Martha Ivie Batey,† Murfreesboro, Tenn., Korea	Tennessee
1907. Miss	Ruby Lilly,† Whitman, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1907. Miss	Augusta May Dye,† Plano, Tex., Brazil	Northwest Texas
1907. Miss	Emma Steger,† Mountain Grove, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1907. Miss	Linnie Barcroft, Tupelo, Miss., Mexico	Mississippi
1907. Miss	Alma Jones, Webb City, Mo., Mexico	Southwest Missouri
1907. Miss	Nell Drake,† Port Gibson, Miss., China	Mississippi
1908. Miss	Kate Smallwood,† New Albany, Miss., China	North Mississippi
1908. Miss	Laura Lee,* Nashville, Tenn., Mexico and Cuba	Tennessee
1908. Miss	Daisy Pyles,† Juiz de Fora, Brazil, Brazil	Brazil
1908. Miss	Mary F. Johnstone,† Dawson, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1908. Mrs.	Nellie O'Bierne,¶ Zwolle, La., Mexico	Louisiana
1908. Miss	Trullie Richmond,† Ennis, Tex., Brazil	Central Texas
1908. Miss	Mamie Fenley, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil	Brazil
1908. Miss	Mary Massey, Iuka, Miss., Mexico	North Mississippi
1909. Miss	Bessie Houser,† Perry, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1909. Miss	Hardynia Norville, Livingston, Ala., Mexico	Alabama
1909. Miss	Martha Nutt,¶ Granberry, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas
1909. Miss	Valeria Vollmer,† Porto Alegre, Brazil, Brazil	Brazil

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1909. Miss	Minnie Varner,† Greenville, Ala., Mexico	Alabama
1909. Miss	Clara Park,† Sandersville, Ga., China and Mexico	South Georgia
1909. Miss	Elsie Lowe,† Midlothian, Tex., Korea	Central Texas
1909. Miss	Tomie Foster, Tchula, Miss., China	Mississippi
1909. Miss	Helen Hickman, Sherman, Tex., Brazil	North Texas
1909. Miss	Sarah E. Warne, Santa Ana, Calif., Brazil and Mexico	Los Angeles
1909. Miss	Terrie Etta Buttrick, Asheville, N. C., Mexico	Western North Carolina
1910. Miss	Maria Wrightman Capers,† Charleston, S. C., Mexico	South Carolina
1910. Miss	Margaret Beadle,† Austin, Tex., China	West Texas
1910. Miss	Nevada Martin,† Pelahatchee, Miss., China	Mississippi
1910. Miss	Dora Otis,† Hopkinsville, Mo., China	Missouri
1910. Miss	Gilberta Harris, Arkadelphia, Ark., Korea	Little Rock
1910. Miss	Nellie Bennett, Blackstone, Va., Japan	Virginia
1910. Miss	Jonnie Pierson, Hamilton, Tex., Mexico	Northwest Texas
1910. Miss	Sallie J. Smith,† Richmond, Va., China	Virginia
1910. Miss	Ellen Alfter,* Warrensburg, Mo., Mexico	Southwest Missouri
1910. Miss	Alice Dean Noyes, Macon, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1910. Miss	Virginia Howell, Lamasco, Tex., Brazil	North Texas
1910. Miss	Emma Turbeville, Martin, Tenn., Korea	Memphis
1910. Miss	Miriam Steele,† Brownwood, Tex., Brazil	Northwest Texas
1911. Miss	Hortense Tinsley,† Americus, Ga., Korea	South Georgia
1911. Miss	Lina Clark, Kock, Llano, Tex., Korea	West Texas
1911. Miss	Bess Combs, St. Joseph, Mo., China	Missouri
1911. Miss	Clare Beverly Cain, Los Angeles, Calif., Mexico and Brazil	Los Angeles
1911. Miss	Myrtle Barker,† Warsaw, Ky., Korea	Kentucky
1911. Miss	Frankie Hooper, St. Joseph, Mo., Mexico	Missouri
1911. Miss	Margaret Simpson,* Little Rock, Ark., Brazil	Arkansas
1911. Miss	Lillie Reed,† Waco, Tex., Korea	East Oklahoma
1911. Miss	Madge Hendry, Huchow, China, China	China
1911. Miss	Florence Barton, Frederickstown, Mo., Brazil	St. Louis
1912. Miss	Frances Burkhead, Lexington, N. C., China	Western North Carolina
1912. Miss	Mae Owings, Fountain Inn, S. C., Korea	South Carolina
1912. Miss	Flora Herndon,† Elberton, Ga., China	North Georgia
1912. Miss	Maggie Kennedy,† Los Angeles, Calif., Brazil	Los Angeles
1912. Miss	Charlie May Cunningham, Lindsay, Calif., Mexico	Los Angeles
1912. Miss	Laura V. Summers, Barnesville, Ga., Korea	North Georgia
1912. Miss	Carrie S. Minor, St. Louis, Mo., Korea	St. Louis
1912. Miss	Lucy Henderson,† Murfreesboro, Tenn., Brazil	South Georgia
1912. Miss	Bessie Lee Wilson,* College Grove, Tenn., Mexico and Cuba	Tennessee
1912. Miss	Theodosia Wales,† Binghamton, N. Y., China	New Jersey
1912. Miss	Edith Hayes,† Birmingham, Ala., China	North Alabama
1912. Miss	Ethel Polk, M.D.,† Kansas City, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1912. Miss	Jennie Stradley,† Granbury, Tex., Brazil	Central Texas
1913. Miss	Lela M. Blier, Kansas City, Mo., China	Southwest Missouri
1913. Miss	Ethel Newcomb, St. Louis, Mo., Japan	St. Louis
1913. Miss	Hattie F. Love, M.D.,† Sweetwater, Tenn., China	Holston
1913. Miss	Blanche Webb,† Chattanooga, Tenn., Brazil	Holston
1913. Miss	Bertha O. Attaway, Oswego, S. C., China	South Carolina
1913. Miss	Bessie Hardie,† Korea, Korea	South Georgia
1913. Miss	Margaret Webster, Ennis, Tex., Cuba	Central Texas
1913. Miss	Edith Brittingham, Portsmouth, Va., Mexico	Virginia
1913. Miss	Anette Gist,† McIntosh, Fla., Japan	Florida
1913. Miss	May Hixson,† Des Moines, Iowa, China	Georgia
1913. Miss	Eva Hardie,† Oak Park, Ill., Korea	Illinois
1914. Miss	Manelle Forster,† Macon, Ga., Mexico and Cuba	South Georgia
1914. Miss	Elizabeth Love,† Sweetwater, Tenn., China	Holston
1914. Miss	Allene Pearce, Danville, Ky., Korea	Kentucky
1914. Miss	Elma Morgan,† Stephens, Ark., Brazil	Little Rock
1915. Miss	Ruth Brittain, Birmingham, Ala., China	North Alabama
1915. Miss	Olive Lipscomb,† Nashville, Tenn., China	Tennessee
1915. Miss	Ellie Gray, La Grange, Ga., China	North Georgia
1915. Miss	Ethel Brown, Petersburg, Va., Brazil	Virginia
1916. Miss	Myra Olive, Seattle, Wash., China	Northwest
1917. Miss	Etha Mills,† Apple Grove, Va., Congo Belge	Virginia
1917. Miss	Etta Lee Woolsey,† Bay City, Tex., Congo Belge	Texas
1917. Miss	Grace McCubbin,† Salisbury, N. C., Korea	Western North Carolina
1917. Miss	Katherine Hatcher,† Harlem, Ga., Korea	North Georgia
1917. Miss	Sarah Vandyke Stout,† Clarksville, Tenn., Brazil	Tennessee
1917. Miss	Kathron Wilson, R.N.,† Dodd City, Tex., Congo Belge	North Texas
1917. Miss	Marie Raffo,* Tampa, Fla., China	Florida
1917. Miss	Sallie Lou MacKinnon,† Maxton, N. C., China	North Carolina
1917. Miss	Louise Ingersoll, M.D., Asheville, N. C., China	Western North Carolina

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1918. Miss	Pauline Glass Randle,* New Orleans, La., Korea	Louisiana
1918. Miss	Pearl O. Hicks,† Shawnee, Okla., Brazil	East Oklahoma
1918. Miss	Alma Pitts, R.N., Cottontown, Ala., China	East Oklahoma
1918. Miss	Mary Alice Lamar, Houston, Tex., Brazil	Texas
1918. Miss	Edna Booker,† Los Angeles, Calif., China	Los Angeles
1918. Miss	Jessie Drew Gill,† Tuskegee, Ala., Cuba	Alabama
1919. Miss	Annie M. Craig, Austin, Tex., Mexico	West Texas
1919. Miss	Fannie Scott,† Toney Creek, S. C., Brazil	Upper South Carolina
1919. Miss	Nora E. Darwin, Fort Worth, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas
1919. Miss	Carrie Turner, R.N.,† Bremond, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas
1919. Miss	Blanche Hager, Kobe, Japan, Japan	Missouri
1920. Miss	Flossie McKnight, Chaffin, Mo., China	St. Louis
1920. Miss	Eliza Isles,† Dry Creek, La., Congo Belge	Louisiana
1920. Miss	Marzie Hall,† Walnut Grove, Miss., Congo Belge	Mississippi
1920. Miss	Ruth Henderson,† Richmond, Va., Congo Belge	Virginia
1920. Miss	Jean Callahan,† Orlando, Fla., Japan	Japan
1920. Miss	Sarah Brinkley, Jewel, Ga., China	Mississippi
1920. Miss	Rubie Van Hauser, Titusville, Fla., Japan	Florida
1921. Miss	Ella M. Hanawalt, Galva, Ill., China	Kentucky
1921. Miss	Willie G. Hall,† Walnut Grove, Miss., Congo Belge	Mississippi
1921. Miss	Mary Vic Mauk, Troy, Ala., Korea	Alabama
1921. Miss	Annie Justice Hanson,† Clifton, Tex., Korea	Central Texas
1921. Miss	Alice E. Furry, R.N., Van Buren, Ark., Korea	North Arkansas
1921. Miss	Lucy Belle Morgan, Georgetown, Tex., Brazil	Central Texas
1921. Miss	Jessie Bloodworth, Hartshorne, Okla., China	East Oklahoma
1921. Miss	Mary D. Overall,† Dyersburg, Tenn., China	Memphis
1922. Miss	Naomi Chapman, R.N., New Orleans, La., Mexico	Louisiana
1922. Miss	Jessie Moore, Batesville, Ark., Brazil	North Arkansas
1922. Miss	Junia Jones,† Montgomery, Ala., Cuba and Mexico	Alabama
1922. Miss	Cornelia Godbey,† Morristown, Mo., Mexico	Southwest Missouri
1922. Mrs.	Fannie Warren,† Tulsa, Okla., Congo Belge	East Oklahoma
1922. Miss	Dora O'Lulu Hanna,† Sapulpa, Okla., Mexico	East Oklahoma
1922. Miss	Christine Allen,† Crowell, Tex., Congo Belge and Cuba	Northwest Texas
1922. Miss	Cavie Clark,† Mize, Miss., Brazil	Mississippi
1922. Miss	Helen Hardie,† Bennis Church, Va., Brazil	Baltimore
1922. Miss	Susan W. Brown, M.D., Columbia, Mo., China	Missouri
1922. Miss	Mary Bailey Sloan, M.D.,* Monticello, Fla., China	Florida
1922. Miss	Lorraine Buck, Bessemer, Ala., Mexico	North Alabama
1923. Miss	Eva Massey, White Post, Va., Mexico	Baltimore
1923. Miss	Lillian Wahl,* Paris, Ark., Siberia-Manchuria	North Arkansas
1923. Miss	Margret P. Light,† Romney, W. V., Korea	Baltimore
1923. Miss	Alma Brandt, R.N.,* Appleton, Wis., China	St. Louis
1923. Miss	Constance Rumbough,† Lynchburg, Va., Manchuria and Poland	Virginia
1923. Miss	Cornelia Crozier, Okeechobee, Fla., China	North Arkansas
1924. Miss	Amy Jo Burns, Bonelar Springs, Va., Mexico	Baltimore
1924. Miss	Angella Chapel, San Antonio, Tex., Mexico	West Texas
1924. Miss	Ruth Audrey Kellogg,† Boyle, Miss., Brazil	North Mississippi
1924. Miss	Bertha Tucker, Crawfordsville, Ga., Korea and Cuba	North Georgia
1924. Miss	Mary McDaniel, M.D.,† Savannah, Mo., China	Missouri
1924. Miss	Eda Cade, Lono, Ark., China	Little Rock
1924. Miss	Bessie Baldwin, Curdville, Va., Mexico	Virginia
1924. Miss	Sadie Mai Wilson,† Nashville, Tenn., China	Tennessee
1925. Miss	Vada Gilliland, Georgetown, Tex., Mexico	Central Texas
1925. Miss	Bertha Stern,† Memphis, Tenn., China	Memphis
1925. Miss	Daisy Ferguson,* Woodville, Miss., Brazil	Mississippi
1925. Miss	Pearl Wiemers, R.N., Giddings, Tex., China	Texas
1925. Miss	Mary Hinton,† Ethelville, Miss., Brazil	North Alabama
1925. Miss	Eula Winn, Columbia, S. C., Mexico	South Carolina
1925. Miss	Janet Miller, M.D., Memphis, Tenn., China and Congo Belge	Memphis
1925. Miss	Susie Pruitt,† Iva, S. C., Brazil	South Carolina
1925. Miss	May Johnson,† Woodbern, Ky., Cuba and Mexico	Kentucky
1925. Miss	Ruth Merritt, Murfreesboro, N. C., Brazil	North Carolina
1925. Miss	Ellen B. Cloud,† Pembroke, Ky., Mexico	Louisville
1925. Miss	Mabel Jetton,† Washington, D. C., Brazil	Western North Carolina
1926. Miss	Edith Bayne,† Macon, Ga., Cuba	South Georgia
1926. Miss	Myrtle Bryant,† Collins, Miss., Congo Belge	Mississippi
1927. Miss	Julia Reid, Lake Charles, La., Mexico	Louisiana
1927. Miss	Mary Hoyle, Kelton, S. C., Mexico	Virginia
1927. Miss	Rosa Eleese McNeil, Jackson, Miss., Congo Belge	Mississippi
1927. Miss	Leah Hartley, Zebulon, Ga., Korea	North Carolina
1927. Miss	Octavia Clegg,† Greensboro, N. C. Japan	Western North Carolina
1927. Miss	Helen Farrier, R.N.,† Newport, Va., Congo Belge	Virginia

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1927. Miss	Lenore Rees, Center Point, Tex., Mexico	West Texas
1928. Miss	Mary Taylor Myers, R.N.† Concord, N. C., Congo Belge	North Carolina
1928. Miss	Sophia Mount, Memphis, Tenn., Brazil	Memphis
1928. Miss	Bess Lindsay, R.N.† McCurtain, Okla., Mexico	Oklahoma
1928. Miss	Alice Hardt, Hondo, Tex., Mexico	West Texas
1928. Miss	Olive Hardt, Hondo, Tex., Mexico	West Texas
1928. Miss	Blanche O'Briant, Durham, N. C., Mexico	North Carolina
1928. Miss	Eurania Pyron,† Jackson, Miss., Poland	Mississippi
1929. Miss	Priscilla Walker, Ashland, Miss., Mexico	North Mississippi
1929. Miss	Gertrude Clapp,† Birmingham, Ala., Brazil	North Alabama
1929. Miss	Elizabeth Dent,† Atlanta, Ga., China	North Georgia
1929. Miss	Oda Campbell,* McKinney, Tex., Mexico	North Texas
1929. Miss	Hortense Murry, Arkadelphia, Ark., Congo	Arkansas
1929. Miss	Lelia Bagley, LaGrange, Ga., Japan	North Alabama
1930. Miss	Althea Cronk, Shelbyville, Mo., Japan	West Texas
1930. Miss	Bertha Hirtzler, Kenner, La., Mexico	Louisiana
1930. Miss	Grace Goodwin, Wagner, S. C., Cuba	South Carolina
1930. Miss	Aultie Burns, Nashville, Tenn., Brazil	Tennessee
1930. Miss	Robbie Lee Leggett, Allen, Miss., China	Mississippi
1931. Miss	Elizabeth Sneed, Bath, N. C., Brazil	North Carolina
1932. Miss	Margaret Piley,† Mineral Wells, Tex., China	North Texas
1932. Miss	Lillian Maxfield, Muskegon, Mich., Brazil	Tennessee
1932. Miss	Elizabeth DeLoache, R.N., Camden, S. C., China	South Carolina
1932. Miss	Alma Metcalfe, Decatur, Ga., Japan	North Georgia

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YEAR	NAME AND FIELD ADDRESS	HOME ADDRESS
1907. Miss	Eunice Andrew, Santa Maria	St. Louis, Mo.
1911. Miss	Rachel Jarrett (furlough)	Texarkana, Tex.
1911. Miss	Leila F. Epps, Sao Paulo	Kingstree, S. C.
1911. Miss	Lydia Ferguson, Ribeirao Preto	Belton, Tex.
1911. Miss	Sophia Schalch, Bello Horizonte	Piracicaba, Brazil
1912. Miss	Eva L. Hyde, Rio de Janeiro	Fulton, Mo.
1913. Miss	Mary Jane Baxter, Piracicaba	Huntsville, Ala.
1914. Miss	Gertrude Kennedy, Santa Maria	Kenbridge, Va.
1915. Miss	Maude Mathis (furlough)	Texarkana, Ark.
1915. Miss	Mary Sue Brown, Bello Horizonte	Gatesville, Tex.
1916. Miss	Lela Putnam (furlough)	Albany, Tex.
1916. Miss	Nancy Holt, Sao Paulo	Norfolk, Va.
1921. Miss	Louise Best, Santa Maria	Saluda, S. C.
1922. Miss	Rosalie Brown, Ribeirao Preto	Atlanta, Ga.
1924. Miss	Alice Bertha Denison (furlough)	Waco, Tex.
1925. Miss	Zula Terry, (1925-31 General Work), Porto Alegre	Cedar Bayou, Tex.
1926. Miss	Verda Noreen Farrar, Ribeirao Preto	Advance, Mo.
1927. Miss	Mary Allie Cobb, Rio de Janeiro	Columbia, S. C.
1927. Miss	Clyde Varn, Bello Horizonte	Islandton, S. C.
1928. Miss	Mary Helen Clark, Porto Alegre	Fort Thomas, Ky.
1929. Miss	Lucy Alta Wade, Ribeirao Preto	Ashdown, Ark.
1930. Miss	Ruth Dewey Anderson (furlough)	Shamrock, Tex.
1931. Miss	Bertha Simmons, Santa Maria	Carter, Okla.
1933. Miss	Cathie Lee Clark, Rio de Janeiro	Paris, Tenn.
1933. Miss	Fannie K. Wasley, Porto Alegre	Perry, Fla.
1933. Miss	Monta McFadin, Rio de Janeiro	Cushing, Okla.
1936. Miss	Ruth Hillis	Oklahoma City, Okla.
1936. Miss	Mary McSwain	Little Rick, Ark.

CHINA

1884. Miss	Virginia M. Atkinson (Emeritus), Soochow	Atlanta, Ga.
1892. Miss	Alice G. Waters (Emeritus)	Murray, Ky.
1894. Miss	Clara E. Steger, Soochow	Mountain Grove, Ky.
1896. Miss	Ella D. Leveritt, Changchow	Monroe, Ga.
1899. Miss	Mary M. Tarrant, Soochow	St. Louis, Mo.
1901. Miss	Mary Culler White, Wuchow	Nashville, Tenn.
1904. Miss	Maggie J. Rogers, Wusih	Marlin, Tex.
1906. Miss	Nettie Peacock, Shanghai	Macon, Ga.
1908. Miss	Julia Wasson, Shanghai	Ethel, Miss.
1909. Miss	Mary Hood, R.N., Shanghai	Brownsville, Tenn.
1909. Miss	Leila J. Tuttle, Soochow	Lenoir, S. C.
1911. Miss	Annie Bradshaw, Soochow	Lynch Station, Va.
1911. Miss	Mittie Shelton (Mexico 1927-30), Soochow	Lorena, Tex.
1912. Miss	Alice Green, Changchow	Jonesboro, N. C.
1912. Miss	Nina W. Troy, Soochow	Greensboro, N. C.
1913. Miss	Laura V. Mitchell, Huchow	Arcadia, Fla.
1914. Miss	Louise Robinson, Shanghai	New Decatur, Ala.
1914. Miss	Sue Stanford, Huchow	Waco, Tex.
1914. Miss	Nina M. Stallings, Shanghai	Mexico, Mo.
1915. Miss	Kate Hackney, Soochow	Asheville, N. C.
1916. Miss	Mary Blackford, Shanghai	St. Louis, Mo.
1919. Miss	Alice Alsop, Shanghai	Maypearl, Tex.
1919. Miss	Marguerite Clark (extended furlough)	Sunnyside, Va.
1921. Miss	Lillian Knobles, Soochow	State Line, Miss.
1922. Miss	Lucy Jim Webb (furlough)	Forsythe, Ga.
1922. Miss	Margaret Rue, Wusih	Norfolk, Va.
1923. Miss	Mary Bell Winn (furlough)	Columbia, S. C.
1925. Miss	Anne E. Herbert, R.N., Shanghai	Bennettsville, S. C.
1925. Miss	Ethel Wytelle Bost, Soochow	Cornelia, S. C.
1925. Miss	Naomi Howie, Soochow	Waynesville, N. C.
1925. Miss	Lucie Clark, Sungkiang	Osawatomie, Kan.
1926. Miss	Lorena Foster, R.N., Changchow	Pearsall, Tex.
1928. Miss	Athria McElwreath, R.N., Huchow	Arlington, Tex.
1929. Miss	Jean F. Craig, Shanghai	Richmond, Va.
1929. Miss	Pearle McCain (furlough)	DeValle's Bluff, Ark.
1930. Miss	Sarah Glenn, R.N., (furlough)	Chester, S. C.
1931. Miss	Susie Mayes, Sungkiang	Camak, Ga.
1931. Miss	Carrie Ava Morton, R.N., Huchow	Cotton Valley, Miss.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

YEAR	NAME AND FIELD ADDRESS	HOME ADDRESS
1932.	Miss Louise Avett, Changshu	Norwood, N. C.
1932.	Miss Annie Price, Soochow	Waco, Tex.
1932.	Miss Hester Dale West, R.N., Soochow	Floydada, Tex.
1933.	Miss Mary Oni Holler, Shanghai	Newberry, S. C.
1936.	Miss Mathilde Killingsworth	Fayette, Miss.
1936.	Miss Helen Scally	Tampa, Fla.

CONGO BELGE

1920.	Miss Flora Foreman, R.N., Minga	Amarillo, Tex.
1925.	Miss Dora Jane Armstrong, R.N. (furlough)	Clifton Forge, Va.
1927.	Miss Annie Estella Parker, Minga	Hillsboro, Ala.
1927.	Miss Mary Elizabeth Moore, Tunda	Richmond, Va.
1930.	Miss Annimae White (furlough)	Thomaston, Ga.
1930.	Miss Ruth O'Toole, R.N. (furlough)	Maplewood, Mo.
1930.	Mrs. Ethel Shuler Smith (furlough)	Bowman, S. C.
1931.	Miss Myrtle Zicafoose (furlough)	Asbury, W. Va.
1931.	Miss Edith Martin (furlough)	Harrison, Ark.
1931.	Miss Catherine Parham (furlough)	College Park, Ga.
1935.	Miss Lorena Kelly, Wembo Nyama	Mooresville, N. C.

CUBA

1914.	Miss Frances B. Moling (Mexico 1899-1914), Cienfuegos	Kansas City, Mo.
1921.	Miss Ione Clay (Mexico 1923-25), Havana	Dublin, Tex.
1921.	Miss Clara Chalmers, Matanzas	New Orleans, La.
1925.	Miss Mary Woodward, Havana	Florida, Ala.
1925.	Miss Dreta Sharp, Cienfuegos	Ogeechee, Ga.
1925.	Miss Lucile Lewis, Havana	Dawson, Ga.
1925.	Miss Mary Lou White (China 1906-25), Matanzas	Norfolk, Va.
1927.	Miss Ethel Williamson, Havana	Dovesville, S. C.
1927.	Miss Marie Ella Crone, Cienfuegos	Lindale, Tex.
1929.	Miss Elizabeth Earnest, Matanzas	Afton, Tenn.
1929.	Miss Eva Dorothy Rees (Congo 1929-1934), Cienfuegos	Mayslick, Ky.
1929.	Miss Frances Gaby, Cienfuegos	Independence, Mo.
1930.	Miss Mattie Lou Neal (furlough)	Overton, Tex.
1932.	Miss Juanita Kelly, Havana	Augusta, Ga.
1932.	Miss M. Elston Rowland, R.N. (1923-30 Japan)	Washington, D. C.
1933.	Miss Evelyn Dacus, Wonsan	Rock Hill, S. C.
1936.	Miss Ruth Cook	Nicholasville, Ky.

MEXICO

1896.	Miss Edith Park (Emeritus)	Amarillo, Tex.
1911.	Miss Virginia E. Booth, Durango	Austin, Tex.
1912.	Miss Lillie F. Fox, Saltillo	Odessa, Mo.
1919.	Miss Dora L. Ingram, Saltillo	Centralia, Mo.
1921.	Miss Emma L. Eldridge, Chihuahua	Wichita, Kans.
1921.	Miss Myrtle Pollard, Monterrey	Batesville, Miss.
1923.	Miss Ruth Byerly, Durango	Shepherdstown, W. Va.
1923.	Miss Edna Potthoff, R.N., Chihuahua	Houston, Tex.
1923.	Miss Anne Deavours (Cuba 1925) (furlough)	Laurel, Miss.
1924.	Miss Pearl Hall, R.N., Chihuahua	Dobson, Va.
1926.	Miss M. Belle Markey (Cuba 1902-25), Chihuahua	Abilene, Tex.
1926.	Miss Irene Nixon (furlough)	Georgetown, Tex.
1926.	Miss Helen Hodgson, Monterrey	Orrville, Calif.
1926.	Miss Lucile Vail (Contract: Cuba 1916-24), Saltillo	Cartersville, Ga.
1929.	Miss Ola Eugene Callahan, Chihuahua	Greensboro, N. C.
1929.	Miss Lula Rawls, R.N. (Contract), Chihuahua	Greenwood, Fla.
1930.	Miss Anna Belle Dyck (furlough)	Halstead, Kans.

POLAND

1926.	Miss Sallie Lewis Browne, Warsaw	Charlottesville, Va.
1930.	Miss Ruth Lawrence (furlough)	Beatrice, Ala.
1931.	Miss Norene Robken (furlough)	Texarkana, Ark.

JAPAN

1903.	Miss Margaret M. Cook, Osaka	Newnan, Ga.
1904.	Miss Ida Shannon, Hiroshima	Abingdon, Va.
1908.	Miss Katherine Shannon, Kobe	Albertville, Ala.
1910.	Miss Anna Bell Williams, Osaka	Charleston, S. C.
1915.	Miss Charlie Holland (furlough)	Lufkin, Tex.
1917.	Miss Manie Towson, Nakatsu	Eastman, Ga.
1917.	Miss Mabel Whitehead (furlough)	Birmingham, Ala.
1920.	Miss Catherine Stevens, Osaka	Grenada, Miss.

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YEAR	NAME AND FIELD ADDRESS	HOME ADDRESS
1920.	Miss Searcy, Osaka	Columbia, Mo.
1922.	Miss Katherine Johnson, Hiroshima	Popular Bluff, Mo.
1922.	Miss Myra Pauline Anderson, Hiroshima	Anderson, S. C.
1922.	Miss Lois Cooper (1922-25 China), Hiroshima	Brookhaven, Mass.
1923.	Miss Anne Peavy (furlough)	Byron, Ga.
1923.	Miss Mozelle Tumlin (extended furlough)	Thomaston, Ga.
1924.	Miss Lois Maddux (extended furlough)	Madison, Ga.
1925.	Miss Mary Douglas Finch (furlough)	Chase City, Va.
1926.	Miss Sallie E. Carroll, Oita	Batesville, Va.
1927.	Miss Ruth Field, Osaka	Newnan, Ga.
1931.	Miss Gertrude Feely (furlough)	Shelbyville, Mo.
1932.	Miss Thelma Colvin, Kobe	Ennis, Tex.
1932.	Miss Alberta Tarr, Hiroshima	Nevada, Mo.
1936.	Miss Mildred Hudgins	Portsmouth, Va.

KOREA

1904.	Miss Ellasue Wagner (furlough)	Chilhowie, Va.
1906.	Miss Lillian Nichols (furlough)	Savannah, Ga.
1908.	Miss Kate Cooper (furlough)	Douglasville, Ga.
1909.	Miss Hallie Buie (furlough)	Wesson, Miss.
1909.	Miss Laura V. Edwards (furlough)	Hereford, Tex.
1910.	Miss Bertha Smith, Songdo	Marshall, Mo.
1911.	Miss Carrie Una Jackson, Wonsan	Arlington, Ky.
1911.	Miss Ida Hankins, Songdo	Wilmington, N. C.
1912.	Miss Bessie Oliver, Songdo	Unadilla, Ga.
1913.	Miss Agnes Graham (extended furlough)	Comanche, Tex.
1916.	Miss Rosa Lowder, R.N. (furlough)	Rutherford College, N. C.
1921.	Mrs. Velma Maynor, Seoul	Onconta, Ala.
1922.	Miss Rubie Lee, Seoul	Statesboro, Ga.
1922.	Miss Alice McMakin, Songdo	Wellford, S. C.
1923.	Miss Clara Howard (furlough)	Kathleen, Ga.
1923.	Miss Blanche Hauser, R.N. (furlough)	Pfafftown, N. C.
1924.	Miss Sadie Maude Moore (furlough)	Statesboro, Ga.
1924.	Miss Helen Rosser, R.N. (furlough)	Macon, Ga.
1924.	Miss Nannie G. Black (furlough)	Chester, S. C.
1925.	Miss Olive Lee Smith, Choonchun	Reidsville, N. C.
1925.	Miss Euline E. Smith, Chulwon	Hamlet, N. C.
1926.	Miss Ruth Diggs, Seoul	Spartanburg, S. C.
1927.	Miss Josephine Dameron (contract), Seoul	Warrenton, N. C.
1927.	Miss Margaret Billingsley, Seoul	Duncan, Ariz.
1927.	Miss Nellie Dyer, Songdo	Pottsville, Ark.
1928.	Miss Mabel Cherry, Seoul	Unionville, S. C.
1928.	Miss Maude V. Nelson, R.N., Seoul	Elderville, Tex.
1930.	Miss Susie Peach Foster (furlough)	Brantley, Ala.
1930.	Miss Ann Wallis (furlough)	Hartshorne, Okla.
1931.	Miss Marjorie Beaird, Chulwon	Tyler, Tex.

REPORTS FROM FOREIGN FIELDS

AFRICA (Congo Belge)

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT, MINGA

ANNIE PARKER

This year has been a joyous one even though we do not have the necessary funds to carry on the work as it should be done. The teachers are efficient, and many of the pupils are eager to learn. It has been an inspiration to see young boys come in here to school each day from the surrounding villages. They are poor, but they manage to sell enough grain or fruit to get the necessary money for their school supplies. This past term there were ninety-seven new boys who wanted to enter the boarding department. We were forced to refuse almost all of them because of limited funds for this department.

The boys in the boarding department have done splendid work in school and in the afternoon tasks. They have worked their garden, repaired several buildings, built a poultry house and a fence around the same, have built a pretty house for their foreman, built some out-houses, and put out many fruit trees.

The teachers and pupils gave an interesting Christmas program and a lovely field day program just before the Christmas holidays.

I am thankful that it is my privilege to work with these people.

Average enrolment, station	209
Average attendance, station	201
Average enrolment, outstations	758
Average attendance, outstations	622
Average enrolment for district for the year.....	967
Average attendance for district for the year.....	823

GIRLS' HOME, MINGA

MRS. J. J. DAVIS

The Girls' Home has changed hands during the year, due to Mrs. Smith's going on furlough and Miss Parker's heavy duties. This has caused the necessary confusion and adjustments that always come at such times. It is to be regretted that the girls cannot have a full-time worker. They need more constant supervision by the white person than boys, because a native woman does not command the respect from the girls that a native foreman does from boys; and also because the girls are not as ready to respond due to their background which has produced lack of initiative and obedience.

However, we are glad that we are beginning to see a difference in the women of our villages, in those who have married from the Home and those who have not. There could be greater differences in the future if they could have closer supervision and be taught more about caring for a home and in mothercraft.

There are two tiny children who do not attend school, but all the others do. They prepare their food for cooking and work in their gardens. We cannot raise chickens, for the hens eat the eggs as soon as they are put under them for incubation; they are so hungry for lime, I suppose, but there is nothing to feed them to supply this

need. The ducks lay but will not "sit," so we haven't been able to raise any ducks.

Once in a while we have a wedding, and on that day the girls have what they call a feast, because we give them meat and rice as a wedding dinner. Seven were married this year, but fortunately some were double weddings. Sunday before Christmas we had a pretty wedding in the church. The bride was a very nice girl, one of our best, and the groom was a teacher who has had a good record from a boy in boarding school.

During the year two of the girls have learned to sew. They have done all the mending (and it takes a lot to mend for fifty-five) and also the sewing except for the cutting. We have not left that to them because they do not know yet how to economize in cutting and they would waste too much. I hope, however, they can learn that sometime.

One small girl has been allowed to leave the home because she had been there five years and had never seemed to advance one bit in school. As we try to make the Home a place to train girls for larger service among their own people, Miss Parker and I, in consultation, felt that her place should be given to someone who shows more promise of becoming more than a parasite. She is now living with a family in the Mission village. She is an orphan whose people were slaves. We should have been happy if she had shown some signs of becoming an intelligent woman. However, the Girls' Home is not an orphanage nor a home for feeble-minded, so we felt that five years was trial enough for her.

During the year a new roof was put on the magazine. How we regret that with the money available for a new one we cannot have someone to build it. Why can't good builders be called as well as preachers? Maybe their hammers make so much noise they have not stopped to listen to the "still small voice."

EDUCATIONAL WORK OF TUNDA STATION

ANNIMAE WHITE

We will mention here a few of the many blessings that come with the privilege of working with the youth of this land.

What a joy it has been to see little boys and big ones come from places that could hardly be called homes, and put their all into helping make a Christian home on the mission station. A Christian home has been our goal for our boys' boarding school here, and the native leaders, together with the boys, have surely made progress toward this goal.

Our young people have realized that "a call to service is first of all a call to preparation." Too, they have seen that this preparation must be physical, mental, and spiritual, if they are to give their best to their Master.

We have seen them break away from the evil customs of their people, even when it meant strong opposition from their parents. This does not mean that they do not love their people, for there is a very strong tie which binds them together.

Having known so little of sanitation and health before coming to the mission, we marvel at how quickly they learn to keep their clothes clean, bedrooms open to sunlight and air, dishes and cooking utensils carefully washed and put away, food well prepared, and buildings and playgrounds clean and attractive with flowers, grass, and shrubs.

Knowing how poverty-stricken they are, we have wondered how they so willingly and wonderfully helped to pay their way through

school. They take a real pride and joy in doing this. Since they began paying a tuition fee, and buying their school supplies in 1932, they have paid into the school fund 651,255 francs up to the present date.

We have been glad to see them develop more "stickability," too, as this seems to be a trait commonly lacking among them. The mission boys know that if they miss a term of school without a very good reason, they lose their place here and a new boy is given a trial. After finishing the school here, they are now eager to go on to our central training schools at Wembo Nyama to further prepare themselves for service. According to the state program for schools which we are following, it takes five years to finish the station schools before going to Normal School or Bible School. At present we have six graduate teachers, sixteen in Normal School, some of whom expect to go on to Bible School, one now in Bible School, six doing good work as hospital assistants here, one making good as carpenter for the station, all from our mission boy group. From among the day school pupils we have already in service as evangelists and teachers and others in training for this work.

One of the most encouraging features of the work has been the Christian marriages among our boys and girls of the mission. There are now nine young couples who are earnestly trying to build Christian homes and also continue their preparation for a life of useful service together with Him.

This last term one of the married teachers on the station organized the village boys into a group similar to that of the boarding school boys, and he helped them to make some money with which to buy their school supplies and clothes. He had vesper services with them, each boy taking his turn to lead. The spirit and work of these boys has greatly improved since he began this work with them.

We have rejoiced to see mission boys able to lead a beautiful devotional service, even during their first term in school here. Vesper hour is the happiest time of the day for our boys. How eagerly they gather together on their beautiful grassy lawn after the work of the day has been finished for this time of fellowship with the Father of love.

What more could anyone ask of life than such a glorious privilege as this? Truly our Father has abundantly blessed us.

GIRLS' HOME, TUNDA

CATHERINE PARHAM

Because a new day is breaking in Africa and because the light which is Christ himself is dispelling old superstitions and fears, the women and girls of Africa hold outstretched arms to the Christian church, begging for an opportunity to learn how to walk in the light. To meet this Macedonian call leaders must be trained physically, mentally, and spiritually, and this training must begin as early as possible in the lives of young children. We realize that grown women can be and are converted and made new creatures in Christ, but an adult who has been taught and who has practiced evil customs since early babyhood knows no other customs and practices and is only an infant herself in the Christian life. Therefore, a converted adult does not necessarily mean a Christian leader in Africa.

It is for this reason that a certain type of institution known as "Girls' Homes" has been established in many tribes of Africa for the training of Christian leaders. These institutions are truly homes and not purely educational institutions, inasmuch as the girls of our tribe enter the Homes quite young and do not return to their villages

until after they are married. This is not as strange to African minds as it is to Western minds, because the age-old custom of the parents of our tribe is to send a very young girl to the home of her future husband for long periods of time in order that she might learn the customs of his people. So it is that when a girl enters the Home she usually is open-minded to receive new teaching.

Our Home at Tunda is only seven years old, the youngest on our mission. We have a small village inclosed by a strong wire fence; the fence is to keep wild animals out and not for the purpose of keeping the girls in. The dormitory rooms are actually little one-room houses, each about the size of a native house. These houses are on both sides of a quadrangle, and at the far end of the "village" there is a long building which houses the kitchen, dining-room, and granary. On one side of the entrance gate is the matron's home, on the other side an assembly room.

Inasmuch as the girls enter when they are five or six years old and stay until they are married, there is always a wide range of ages in the group. Therefore, for the sake of discipline and home training, the entire group is divided into families. The older girls are the heads of the various homes, and each house has a "family" of six, ranging in ages from five upward. One family cooks for all the families for a week while another family sweeps all the yards and another washes all the dishes, but each family is responsible for the cleanliness of its own home, clothes, and blankets. The matron is the mother of all these various families, and her word is law, just as the chief's is in all African villages.

The girls go to the mission village church for early morning prayers every day, hurry home to clean house, and have everything ready for general inspection before school starts. Then they go to the regular station school for classes in catechism, reading, writing, arithmetic, hygiene, French, etc. Four afternoons a week they work in their cassava gardens; the other afternoons are spent in washing their clothes, sewing, and various other forms of handwork. At five o'clock every afternoon the girls gather in their assembly room for vespers, which are conducted by the girls who know how to read well. These are simple services but form a vital part of the Christian training of our girls.

The four girls who married from the Home in June are now students in the Bible School at Wembo Nyama, where their husbands are also enrolled. These girls have finished the station school, and when they were given the privilege of further training they eagerly grasped the opportunity. They are fine Christian girls who have offered their lives for service, and we are expecting great things from them.

When the girls leave the Home to help make their own Christian homes, they encounter hard places, as is naturally expected; and there have been times when we have had to stand silently by with bated breath and fervent prayers, but so far the storms have been weathered, and we believe that these children of God in Africa will continue to welcome the abundant strength of our Father while he surely and steadily leads them into the establishment of his kingdom on earth.

WILLIAMS GIRLS HOME, WEMBO NYAMA

MYRTLE ZICAFOOSE

The work with the girls continues to be interesting. We admitted sixteen girls in the early part of the year. Some of them are very young, but when they come early it is much easier for them to break

away from customs which are not good for them. Some of our nicest girls are those who are now about ten years old and have been in the Home five and six years.

This school term has been hard for the girls, since for lack of space and scarcity of teachers we have had the Second Degree school in the afternoon. That has meant that eight of the girls were out of school in the morning and in school in the afternoon. This has made the schedule of the girls' work difficult, but in a way it has proved a blessing in disguise because these eight girls have done much sewing, both by hand and machine. They made fifteen dresses on the machine so that now they can do all the sewing of dresses for the girls in the Home. We still want the older girls to sew at least two dresses by hand, but since the smaller girls are not old enough yet to sew it will cut expenses for us if some of the girls can sew these dresses on the machine.

Several of the girls have been making squares out of the pieces sent to me by several of the women. The next school term they will finish enough for a quilt. They like to sew these, and they make lovely squares. We pin the pieces on old squares, and the girls sew them with the running stitch, then they sew with different stitches on top of the seams.

Mama Kumbi Adisa, our matron, has been in school this term. She has a real desire to become a leader of girls in every way. She is a good Christian, and that means so much to the girls. She has a Sunday school class of the girls nine, ten, and twelve years old.

Christmas morning the girls received the beautiful dresses made by the women of the Kentucky Conference and given to Dorothy Reese to send to us here. They are made in the same style as we use here out of lovely prints. We are certainly grateful to Miss Reese and these women for their thoughtfulness in sending these dresses. The girls are so happy over them.

WOMAN'S SCHOOL, WEMBO NYAMA

MYRTLE ZICAFOOSE

Woman's School has certainly been the most interesting this past term. We have had a splendid attendance, the enrolment being 77 and the average attendance 71. Many of the women had been in school before, either here or at one of the other stations. We had four classes above the First Reader, including thirty women. The thing we work toward is for them to stay in school long enough so that every woman who goes out from the school will know how to read the Bible. We are a long way from this now, but the future will bring better results.

Mrs. Anker and Mrs. Stiliz have had Bible classes with the women. Each one takes the whole group two days a week. We are certainly grateful to these women for their co-operation. Here where we have to work up literature for each class it is hard to find time for all the classes one would like to give. It means much effort to teach a group of 77 women twice a week. These women are like children in their thoughts of the Bible, and one has to put all teaching in the simplest language to be able to get the message across.

We had twelve babies in the nursery where eight girls from the Girls' Home took care of them while the mothers entered classes.

The women have had sewing classes one day each week. The teachers learned to make the handkerchiefs for the head out of unbleached muslin and colored embroidery cotton. They sewed in the late afternoons; then one day each week they helped the women sew

the same things. Most of the women did lovely work on these handkerchiefs.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WEMBO NYAMA STATION

MR. JOHN BARDEN, MRS. JOHN BARDEN, MYRTLE ZICAFOOSE, LORENA KELLY
MR. J. G. BARDEN

It is with grateful hearts that we give thanks to our Heavenly Father that we have had the privilege to complete another year of service in the Congo. This quarter our duties have been heavier than ever before, and we have been tired in body and mind at the close of every day, but the Master has given us the rest and strength needed for the duties of the coming day. His promises are true and his sustaining power and grace ever present.

None of us in the department has been able to give his or her full time to the work of the schools because of the added responsibilities placed upon us at the last Mission Meeting. For this reason our own work has been below standard, but we are happy to say that where lack of time has lowered our standard that of our native teachers, who know nothing of added and heavier responsibilities, has gone up. They have kept their work growing in spite of the fact that they have had less supervision, and have inspired and encouraged their pupils to do better work. Although this term of school was a month shorter than usual, each class completed almost entirely its quota of the curriculum. We are happy that there were so few who failed to make a passing grade.

At the close of the term there were thirteen who had completed the work of the Second Degree School and who received their certificates. These pupils have been thinking about their future work and have made their choices. Some will go to Bible School to prepare themselves to be preachers; some will go to Normal School to prepare themselves to be teachers; others will enter hospital work, printing work, or some other line of Christian service. We are proud of the records most of these pupils have and are praying that they may do much in leading their brothers and sisters to Christ.

There were eleven young men who completed our Normal School course of one and a half years. The course should cover three years, but at present we do not have the staff nor equipment for the full course. We are happy to have them in the school work, and they will greatly reinforce our present teaching force. As they go out into the work we are praying that they may hold true to the teaching which they have received and become efficient servants of the Master. The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest.

Encouraging reports have been coming to us from the school which we opened at the beginning of the quarter in Kandolo. The enrolment has continued to grow far beyond the number of pupils which the teachers can teach efficiently. We are going to send them reinforcements at the beginning of the new term.

Our hearts are sad when we have to tell of the death of two of our pupils during the quarter, Samwele Wembo Nyama and Djoloshi Dangi. Wembo Nyama was the brother of Amandus Kasongo, one of our teachers at Kandolo, and he had a very baffling illness which seemed to be a result of parasites. Complications arose, he developed pneumonia, and died. Little Dangi very mysteriously developed spinal meningitis. There was no serum available with which to treat him, and we just had to stand by and watch death slowly but surely take

him away. We, however, find comfort in knowing that both the boys were Christians.

The school bazaars held at the end of this term were the best that we have ever had. We feel sure that the winning of the prize at Leopoldville last July had much to do with this. The bazaar on the Station was composed of two parts. Inside the large boys' dining-room there was an exhibit of sewing (done both by boys and girls), drawing, Scripture plaques, notebooks, maps, etc. Outside were the class booths with the products of handwork which were on sale. Two state officials with their wives attended the bazaar, and complimented the work very highly, not only in words, but by buying a number of articles. In the two bazaars we "took in" a total of francs 236.90 or \$7.99, and we think that was fine!

This quarter we have almost completed the construction of our new five-room classroom building which was begun as the quarter opened. We did not have quite enough roofing to finish, so one room remains uncovered, but we are hoping to have that covered soon. Two rooms have been plastered and the brick floors have been laid. We are hoping to have it all ready for the opening of the new term in February. In addition to putting up the building we finished pressing and burned one kiln of bricks. The bricks which are left we shall use in beginning the construction of the brick pillars for the auditorium.

Our attendance for the quarter in the outvillage schools does not show up very well. We regret that the attendance on the station is as low as it is. An epidemic of flu or something very similar struck the country round about us in November. At some time or other before the close of the term almost every child had been absent on account of it.

In all our work we have taught Christ, preached Christ and the coming of his Kingdom, and tried as best we could to live Christ throughout the term. We pray that our teaching, preaching, and living have not been in vain and that many of our pupils have been led into a closer walk with our Lord and Master.

MEDICAL WORK, WEMBO NYAMA STATION

CHARES P. M. SHEFFEY

The past year has been replete with medical activity at Wembo Nyama. The work has been varied, and there have been several changes of consequence. In August we were handicapped by the loss of our nurse, Miss Dora Armstrong, who went home on furlough.

The grand total of treatments at the dispensary reached 29,537 at the close of the year. This does not include treatments to regular hospital patients, nor does it include vaccinations administered to about 5,120 people and the examination of 7,592 people examined for African sleeping sickness, as most of this public health work was done on itinerary trips. The dispensary work is quite heavy, and it is quite obvious that it would be impossible for one doctor and one nurse to do all of the work alone. Our native helpers are indispensable, although some of them would be considered illiterate in America. We are glad to report, however, that Ulamba Pierre, the most intelligent of our assistants, expects to enter the government training school for nurses at Elizabethville this coming year. He departed in August and is preparing himself for the entrance examinations. He completed the Bible School course at Wembo Nyama and served faithfully for some time in the hospital. In fact, I permitted him to perform a major operation once when I was not even a member of the operating team, though, of course, I watched and advised him

from time to time during the course of the operation. We are expecting great things of Ulamba Pierre. He has a Christian character as well as an intelligent mind.

The total number of operations for the year was 208, of which 93 were major operations, and many were waiting for their turn at the end of the year. We could do many more operations had we the time, energy, and money. In other words, the patients are forthcoming, for those who are successfully operated upon go home and tell their friends. Doubtless a surgeon could be kept busy here at Wembo Nyama doing nothing but operating and attending to the cases after operations.

But there are other things to be done. The doctor visited 24 villages during the year in order to carry on public health work, especially against sleeping sickness. This work is indeed fascinating, for in itinerating the missionary finds his closest point of contact with the people in their natural element. The doctor can, besides taking a census of health, administer some treatments and preach in the churches. Sometimes I preached in the open villages in which we had no church. This is a rare privilege—the privilege of carrying the gospel of Christ in word and deed to a people who desperately need it.

The number of deaths in the hospital during the year seems excessive, but we have had some formidable diseases to deal with and some difficult cases. Meningitis claimed three victims, pneumonia eight, one of which was post-operative pneumonia, sleeping sickness four, uremia or associated conditions accounted for five, and hookworm with its complications seemed responsible for at least four deaths. We also had a death from tetanus and one from diabetes.

We ask the prayers of those in the homeland that we may prove more nearly worthy and may be used more effectively in His service during the coming year.

TUNDA HOSPITAL

W. B. LEWIS

The work for the first six months of the year was carried on by Miss Mary Moore, as the doctor was on furlough in America. Due to her untiring efforts and the help of the native hospital boys, there was not as great a decrease in admissions as might have been expected. Drs. Sheffey and Hughlett were also very helpful in making trips over here and caring for operative cases sent to their hospitals.

In reviewing what has been accomplished we realize that we might have done more, but we feel that God has blessed our efforts. There were quite a number applied for work as hospital boys, and it was necessary to conduct a little examination in order to find those best fitted. Nine were selected, and they are doing good work. Only one of the nine has had to be dropped. The classes have not been conducted as regularly as intended, but we are planning to be more regular this new year.

Permission was granted to build a small building to care for tubercular cases, as we hope to get started on that at once. We were also given permission to open a leper colony. The site has been selected, and the state official has looked over the grounds, and we are waiting now for final permission from the government.

The crowning event of the year was the wiring of the Hospital in part. From money given while on furlough we bought a Kohler light plant, 32 volts, 800 watts. A friend from Kibombo helped Mrs. Lewis wire the office, storeroom, laboratory, scrub room, and operating room of the Hospital. Since all of the buildings are of

mud, it was not deemed best to wire the various wards for fear of fire. The doctor's house was also wired. A small brick building was erected for the light plant, poles brought, the engine installed, and batteries assembled and filled with acid, wires strung, and the motor started. No lights burned. The natives were gathered to see them, but they failed to burn. One native, wishing to console Mrs. Lewis, said, "Never mind, mama; the light just hasn't gotten here yet over the wire. Just wait a few minutes until it gets hot and it will burn." We made another connection and the lights came on. Such rejoicing. We had quite a crowd to see the bright lights that burned by turning a button and without kerosene. It has already been a great help, and we know as time goes on will be the means of better work and very likely the saving of lives.

The work for the fourth quarter has increased a little over the third quarter. It is noticeable that the natives are bringing in more money to pay for their treatments than they did for a time. For this we are extremely grateful, as we need all we can possibly get in to meet expenses.

We had the misfortune to have the roof of the Hospital chapel blown off so that most of this quarter has been spent in rebuilding the brick pillars and some of the wall that was damaged and replacing the roof. The work is just completed. There has been work going on in the Hospital gardens as well. At this time of year food gets scarce, as the new crops have not been harvested, so we are needing the food our gardens are able to supply.

Two days after Christmas, Mr. Maw took the Mission truck to Kibombo and brought back enough young coffee trees to finish planting the plot of ground prepared for them. We have now something like 3,500 trees planted, most of them living. There are a few in reserve to replace the ones that might die. We hope this will mean something to the Hospital in a few years. Some palms were also set out for future use.

Our electric lights have already given us good service on dark, rainy days in the operating room. We are very happy to have this light, as no one can appreciate it as much who has not tried to operate by lantern light.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WEMBO NYAMA STATION

JOHN G. BARDEN

As we look back over the events of the year 1935 it seems as though it has been a much longer time than one year since the first of January. So many things have happened which have affected the work of the Department of Education both internally and externally. But through it all we lift our hearts in praise and thanksgiving to our Father above who in his love and mercy has permitted us to serve him yet another year here among our Atetela brothers.

This year, although we have been handicapped by the lack of funds and a decreased number of workers, every phase of our work has made progress, and almost every phase grown, both in quantity and quality. A renewed interest in education has been seen everywhere, and it has been heartbreaking to see the need for teachers, the desire for teachers, and the opportunity for teachers, and not be able to furnish them.

The enrolment in the Station schools has continued to grow, and in the closing term of the year we have had the largest enrolment we have ever had. But while the enrolment was increasing the number of teachers decreased as a result of several causes. In view of this fact we had to divide the school into two parts, having the First

Degree School in the morning and the Second Degree School in the afternoon.

This year has also seen the number of boys in the boarding department increase. We did not see how we were going to be able to do this, but the devaluation of the franc took care of that, together with the tuition paid by the pupils. We have had one hundred twenty-five boys during the last term, and they have furnished all their clothing and school supplies. We have furnished them places to sleep and food in return for the work which they have done.

The enrolment in the Normal School has increased. Due to the results of the depression there was no graduating class in July. But we are happy that there were eleven who graduated in December and who will become teachers with the opening of the new year. We are glad to have these reinforcements, for we need them so badly. Three were from Minga District, two from Tunda District, and six from Wembo Nyama District. As the enrolment continues to increase there will be more graduated and more available for teaching.

We have opened one new regional school this year, that in the village of Chief Kandolo, near the new operating center authorized by the Mission Meeting in August. We needed teachers here, but by combining and recombining classes we finally managed to send three teachers. Due to our own dearth of supplies, we were not able to equip the school as we want to and as it needs to be. But we are gradually adding a few more supplies now and then. The teachers have had the odds against them, as they have had far more pupils than they could well teach, but they have done well. As we have more pupils to graduate from the Normal School we shall be enabled to open more schools like this one.

The quality of handwork of the boys and the girls has improved markedly. We were much surprised but quite elated when we were notified that the exhibit we sent to the colony-wide exhibition at Leopoldville last July was the best sent by any school in Congo and was awarded the prize. The *Congo Mission News* said this about our exhibit:

"Owing to the shortness of the notice given it was impossible for us to obtain work for exhibition from many of our schools, but despite this fact, the Protestant contribution was second to none in the quantity, quality, and variety of the work displayed.

"For this we have chiefly to thank the Methodist Episcopal Church Mission School at Wembo Nyama, which sent an astounding variety of articles by aëroplane in order to get them to Leopoldville in time. Among the things sent were beautiful samples of native cloth made in the schools, raffia hats, baskets of many shapes and sizes, charming bead work, fans, belts, mats, brushes, etc.—things suitable for a native hut—and things suitable, as they proved to be by purchase, for the wife of the Governor General. This exhibit, which was seen by the highest authorities in Congo, rightly received warm commendation. We congratulate and thank the Wembo Nyama missionaries and scholars."

One of the great events of the year was the visit of Dr. W. G. Cram, General Secretary of the Board of Missions. The pupils stayed in school one month over time in order to be here for his visit. They were all happy that they did and were inspired by his presence with us and by the messages which he gave to us. We hope that he will be able to visit us again soon.

One of the things which Dr. Cram did for us which made us very happy was to grant permission to build a classroom building for which he had been making bricks since the beginning of the year. During the last quarter of the year we began its construction. Now

it is almost finished and quite a pretty building with five classrooms. All the teachers are wondering who is going to be assigned to those rooms and who will have the privilege of being the first to teach in a permanent individual classroom. The building is covered with corrugated roofing made possible by gifts from missionaries. The bricks were laid by masons, but all the other work was done by boys in the boarding department and in the Normal School. We need more buildings like this one, and we are hoping that the Board of Missions will grant us permission to construct them as we get the bricks burned.

We are discouraged in that the work in the outvillages has not grown. We have no funds for itinerating and therefore the schools have suffered from lack of supervision. The Catholic opposition has been very strong in certain sections, and false reports have been given out which have worked against our schools. But the people are beginning to awaken and the pupils are beginning to come back to our schools. We hope that the new year will see many more pupils enrolled in our schools.

We need more workers. We need those who are on furlough to come back and those who will go on furlough in 1936 to return to the field as soon as possible. Unless those on furlough and those who are to go on furlough are returned to the field, our schools are going to suffer and suffer greatly. "The harvest is ripe but the workers are few."

BRAZIL

COLEGIO BENNETT, RIO DE JANEIRO

EVA L. HYDE, PRINCIPAL; CATHIE LEE CLARK, MONTA MCFADDIN

What a splendid and inspiring fellowship we enjoyed during the days when the leaders of Methodism in Brazil, both nationals and missionaries, were gathered under our roof! We were honored by the presence of Dr. and Mrs. Wasson, who arrived from the States on January 3. Dr. Wasson's presence was truly a blessing, his sweet fraternal spirit and sane counsel making an abiding impression on all.

Just before the first of our Methodist conferences opened in December we entertained an interdenominational group composing the Evangelical Federation of Schools. Some thirty educators, representing the various Presbyterian and Methodist schools all over Brazil, were here to discuss the rapidly changing educational situation of the country and to plan how our evangelical schools may best co-operate to maintain our high ideals and at the same time to influence the development of this new national plan of education. At this meeting it was decided to establish the Federation headquarters at Bennett, maintaining here a secretary to look after the interests of the federated schools in connection with the national departments of education.

Bennett has now followed the national program of secondary education and has had federal inspection for two years. The good results of this policy are very evident in the large increase of students and consequent financial improvement; however, we cannot help but regret our former freedom from the red tape of officialdom, nor can we feel that the overcrowded and theoretical curriculum we are obliged to follow is as good an educational medium as our former high school program. Our total matriculation for 1935 was 320, an increase of about 20 per cent over 1933. This year, already a month

before school opens, we are refusing pupils for some of the secondary classes because the limit of classroom space has been reached.

In 1935 we were four missionaries, but now in '36 we are reduced to three. Miss Maud Mathis is at home on furlough. How we do miss her! In spite of a protracted struggle with illness this past year, Miss Mathis made her usual splendid contribution both in the school and the church. Besides teaching Bible, hygiene, and home economics classes, she wrote many chapters on her Home Economics textbook.

Mish Cathie Lee Clark, who has completed two years on the field, has been a strong right arm in the Home Economics Department. She taught four classes in beginning cooking and gave the seniors and some of the alumnae a splendid course in child care. She also taught two classes in English. Her work of outstanding merit in the church consisted in the organization and direction of a primary department in the Sunday school. She also served as counselor and chaperon for the young people's society. Now in the summer vacation she has just finished a three weeks' Daily Vacation Bible School.

Miss Monta McFaddin, who came out in February of 1934, has been head of our English Department. Teaching the most advanced classes herself, she has efficiently directed the work of five other English teachers. She also served as sponsor for the Life Service Band which carried on an active program of Christian service during the year. On Sundays Miss McFaddin was up and off early in the morning before the rest of the household was astir to her Sunday school class of boys at the People's Central Institute. This summer, while Miss Clark carried on the Daily Vacation Bible school at the church in the mornings, Miss McFaddin took charge of a large group of poor children of the neighborhood in a playground here at Bennett in the afternoons.

My own work, besides the general direction of the school, has consisted as usual of teaching two pedagogy classes and directing nine practice teachers in the normal course. At church I have also taught the Sunday school normal class. In the woman's society and in the Sunday school I have been missionary superintendent. I serve on the Board of Stewards of Cattete Church and recently have had to accept the church treasurership.

We have striven this year more than ever to inculcate in our pupils high ideals of social responsibility and to train them in forms of social service. This report, already too long, would certainly be cut if I attempted a detailed account of the school's activities along this line. Suffice it to say that Bennett pupils made a real contribution to the welfare of their underprivileged fellows, especially the lepers, the tuberculous, the illiterates, the Indians, and the poor children of the city. We are making plans for a yet more efficient co-operation during this new school year.

COLEGIO PIRACICABANO, PIRACICABA

MARY JANE BAXTER

The year 1935 was a very busy year for me. Classes in English in the official high school course; English Literature, Ethics, and Hygiene in the old normal course which graduated its last class this year; English in the special course for students planning to enter the fourth year of the official course; supervision of Physical Education for girls; direction of the girls' boarding department and of the religious activities with the boarding girls; a Sunday school class and the presidency of the Woman's Society and work as a steward in the local church occupied most of my working hours. Many things which it might

have been advisable to do have been necessarily left undone, but some things have been accomplished.

One of the rewards of staying in one place a long time is that of seeing development in personality and character. Something of this has been my privilege this year. Some of the students whom we have seen grow from little children to young men and women are demonstrating the value of what they received here through the years. We hope to be able to do more for the future.

COLEGIO AMERICANO, PORTO ALEGRE

RUTH ANDERSON, PRINCIPAL; FANNIE WASLEY, MARY HELEN CLARK,
ZULA TERRY

RUTH ANDERSON

School opened this year with more students than we could well care for. This was due to the fact that a Commission from the Department of Education visited the school on the eve of its opening and required an increase in classroom space for the gymnasium.

We wish to express our appreciation to the women for the help received through the Week of Prayer offering. Without it we could not have met the expenses incident to affiliation.

Miss Mary Helen Clark came to us this year after her furlough. Her preparation and experience have been a source of real help and satisfaction. She had, besides her work as English teacher in the gymnasium, supervised the work of the gymnasium.

Miss Wasley has finished in two years her language study courses, taught one English class, and taught very successfully three Bible classes in Portuguese.

Miss Terry has continued giving three days to Colegio Americano and three to Institutional Day School. She has done very efficient work as supervisor of the primary grades, taught English in the first three grades and cared for the sick. As a result of her care the general health of the boarding students has been much improved.

This year Methodism in the South celebrated its jubilee. The exact date of the founding of the school, hitherto unknown, was discovered accidentally shortly before its anniversary. Even then we had a civic program with the presence of many friends and ex-students. The address of the occasion was delivered by Rev. Sante Uberbo Barbieri, rector of the Theological Department of Porto Alegre College.

As a very fitting climax to the year's work just at the time of Commencement came word that the school has been granted permanent affiliation.

COLEGIO ISABELLA HENDRIX, BELLO HORIZONTE

MARY SUE BROWN

My furlough year, which has extended to the extraordinary length of sixteen months, has been one of many opportunities, much pleasure, and great profit. Nine of these months were spent in study and research, and three in special work for the Woman's Missionary Council, and the rest of the time in visiting over my Conference and with my family.

Arriving in the States in September, 1934, I went immediately to the University of Texas. The school year was spent in the splendid atmosphere of this institution from which in June I received my Master of Arts degree. My studies were in the fields of the philosophy of education, curriculum construction, and English. My thesis was written on "The Development of Secondary Education in Brazil." I

found that there was much sincere and intelligent interest in missions, and especially in Brazil, on the part of both faculty and students in this great institution. I also found that, on the part of the churches, there was a great demand for missionary information, so that, aside from my university work, there were accorded to me countless opportunities to serve the missionary cause. Not only did our own churches ask me to speak, but there were many invitations from Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, and other churches which were equally interested in the missionary enterprise. The territorial range of these invitations extended over that entire section of the State of Texas.

In July, I was invited to go to the Leadership School held at Mount Sequoyah to help in the study of Latin America, and to deliver an address. The two weeks spent there were busy ones, but full of the richest and most satisfying experiences. The summer months following my stay at Mount Sequoyah were spent in traveling over the Central Texas Conference with some of my conference officers, and with several of the district secretaries. I attended and spoke at four district meetings, a number of zone meetings, and spoke in the public schools in almost all of the places visited during the month of September.

My furlough expired in September and I was ready to return to Brazil. However, since Miss MacKinnon desired that I should prepare the plans for the development of our school in Bello Horizonte, my furlough was extended and I went to Nashville to do this work under the direction of Dr. Ray L. Hamon, Secretary of the National Council of Schoolhouse Construction. Plans and specifications for two buildings, a dormitory and an administration building, were made. Dr. S. L. Smith, of the Julius Rosenwald Foundation in Nashville, very cordially co-operated in the project by making the four sets of blueprints free. The Cumberland Presbyterian Board of Missions asked for a set of these plans to be used for their proposed school plant in this mission at Cali, Colombia, South America.

Now, after sixteen months' absence from Brazil I again embark for the Land of the Southern Cross to undertake the hardest task which has ever been assigned to me. It is indeed difficult to tear up the roots of affection and interest which through many years have grown deep into one place, just at the time when one feels that the opportunity to render a real missionary service is greatest, to go to a new and strange place and start all over again. It will require years to gain entrance into the confidence of the people and to lay the foundations for a spiritual service. May God give me the grace and the strength and the wisdom to face the task which has been assigned to me.

COLEGIO CENTENARIO, SANTA MARIA

EUNICE ANDREW, PRINCIPAL; LOUISE BEST, GERTRUDE KENNEDY,
BERTA SIMMONS

EUNICE ANDREW

The year 1935 was an enthusiastic one for Colegio Centenario. The work of the school ran its course without interruption. The final "festa" was given in the newest and largest theater in the city—the first time the seating capacity had been taken since the inauguration.

Eight girls who finished the Normal course received their diplomas in our auditorium. The audience was a very select one composed of the representatives of the press, city officials, and numerous friends and patrons of the school.

Improvements have been made in several departments due to the Week of Prayer fund. Each grade now has its own room. Besides these, there is a classroom for Geography, one for Natural History, one for Drawing, and a combined one for Physics and "Physicæ Scientiæ Naturæ"—the latter subject is taught in three grades. Our problem now is to arrange a room for our Chemical Laboratory.

An engineer has begun construction on a large pavilion for gymnastics, basketball, and volleyball. This building is to be used on cold rainy days and is necessary to secure permanent inspection. Forty-five minutes daily of physical education is required by the Department of Education in each grade of high school (gymnasium). Miss Simmons, as director of sports, succeeded in raising funds to finish the tennis court. We are now the proud possessor of a beautiful inclosed court with lock and key. There is nothing the girls enjoy more than their hour devoted to this game. During the year one of our teams of basketball played on one of the city courts belonging to a city club. It was the first time some people here had seen a game played by girls.

Miss Best, with her varied duties, has closed her year's work in a creditable way. Miss Kennedy's days have been occupied in teaching some of the advanced grades.

To enumerate the lines of work and duties would only be repeating what is done year after year. It is missionary work taking the girls to the dentist, to the doctor, aiding the poor, working in and guiding the women in the Missionary Society, teaching and showing the love of Christ to the people with whom we associate.

BERTA SIMMONS

It seems only a few days ago that I wrote my report for 1934. That is how rapidly 1935 has passed for me.

This year I have taught seven classes of English, one of Domestic Science, and I am director of sports. One class of basketball each day was on my schedule, for it is required in the official schools here, but since we had only an outside court and it rains so much in the winter here we were unable to have them. Our new gymnasium is under construction now and you may imagine our joy.

Last year I wrote that we were planning a tennis court. With the help of our Literary Club we were able to finish it before the end of the year.

Domestic Science has been a pleasure. Besides the girls from the school we had two ladies from the city to study with us.

One of the greatest enjoyments I have had is the Beginners' Class in Sunday school. There are from twenty-five to thirty present almost every Sunday.

LOUISE BEST

Another school year has closed. Commencement is over and the girls have gone home. Tomorrow Miss Andrew and I leave for Rio. We expect to attend several meetings while there, including the Federation of all Evangelical Schools, Board of Christian Education, and Central Council.

This year my school work has been less than last, only two classes in Pedagogy, two in General Science and four private English pupils. I was given fewer classes because I took over the housekeeping.

In the church I taught a class of Intermediate girls, acted as superintendent of this department, served as chairman of Missionary Committee in Sunday school and taught Bible study class in Woman's Missionary Society.

At the close of each year I am more and more grateful for the privilege of service here in Brazil.

GERTRUDE KENNEDY

During the past year I taught practically the same subjects that I did in 1934—Latin, Psychology, Philosophy, English, Ethics, and Bible—but I think that the real work of the Christian teacher is to be a friend and counselor to the girls.

In spite of the fact that we are foreigners, they love us if we show a loving interest in them. One who is tactful can break through the barrier of race prejudice, and find, as an American dentist told me early this year, that people are at heart the same everywhere.

In this country as well as in many others many pernicious ideas have taken possession of the people's minds, and it is by tactful teaching that we can lay the foundation for right thinking in the young and thus fortify them against moral shipwreck. One only has to offer something better and more appealing in order to get people to abandon wrong ideas. Surely in all the world there is nothing that equals the teachings of Christianity in this respect.

INSTITUTO METHODISTA, RIBEIRAO PRETO

VERDA FARRAR, LYDIA FERGUSON, ALICE DENISON

Seen day by day the new work seems small in comparison with our previous experience in school work. Yet, when we review the activities of this year, we see where stakes have been driven and cords lengthened.

Transforming the Methodist school of Ribeirao Preto into a social center has called for a reset of the sail—not only in the program of the Institution, but in our personal thinking and planning. With high hopes and an ardent desire to serve the church and community, we initiated a program which would conserve the best of the school's tradition and prepare the way for community welfare work.

The girls' hostel is a new project in Brazil. We did not expect a large number of girls this first year. Only seven came. Five of them were former students of Colegio Methodista. As Ribeirao Preto is a school town and with the exception of the Catholic schools for girls, there is no dormitory for girl students, we believe that a home such as we can give them will meet a vital need in their school life.

The kindergarten has increased in numbers. It was a disappointment not to have Miss Rosalie Brown return to Brazil to take charge of this department. In her absence we depended largely upon a Brazilian girl. Although she has had no kindergarten training she did exceptionally fine work with the children. The kindergarten should more and more serve as a model in this whole zone. At the closing program a large number of parents and friends were present. We received many expressions of appreciation from the parents and a number of the visitors promised that next year their children would enrol in the kindergarten.

Another fine Brazilian girl, graduate of our school in Piracicabano, has developed the library. It has been opened to the public from nine to four daily. Many new volumes were added and the library card catalogued. Attractive book marks with a Bible verse on them were freely distributed to those using the books. The library has had enthusiastic reception from the students of the city. We have had them from most of the schools and not a small number of adults are reading our books. The daily attendance is growing larger each

month. The city has nothing to equal our plan for recreational and juvenile reading.

The playground has been under the direction of Miss Alice Denison. From the first day it was opened children from all parts of the city have come in large numbers. They are permitted to enter 'at one and stay until five except on Sunday, when they enter at three. There is half an hour Sunday school period before play. Most of the children are waiting at the gate long before the hour for it to open. New playground equipment was made possible by the Week of Prayer offering. We believe that this feature of the program will increase in influence and usefulness.

We have had a large number of English pupils and with a plan for night classes for the coming year this department will become even more popular. The music class has been in charge of a former student of ours. Two recitals were given during the year; one evening they gave a radio program. The Music Club met regularly each month.

We three missionaries have been active in all lines of church work: Sunday school department superintendents, teachers, serving on the Board of Stewards, organists, chairman of various departments in the Women's Society and visiting have been a regular part of our work.

One interesting event in the year's work was Miss Ferguson's visit to the Indian Mission in the State of Matto Grosso. She and Miss Epps were there in June. The inspiration they gave to and received from the consecrated national missionaries has resulted in a new interest on the part of our church people. This home mission work of the Brazilian church is under the direction of a very fine young doctor of the Methodist church and an agronomist and his family of the Presbyterian church. The Sunday spent there was a long-to-be-remembered one. From early morning until noon the Indians were at the mission station for their church and Sunday school worship; from noon until evening time the Brazilian residents in that region had their church service. The Indians would sit for hours and listen to Miss Ferguson play hymns on the little portable organ. One day three hundred Indians came to pay their respect to the American visitors.

Although the new program has been launched a year and all our former patrons were advised by letter of the change in the type of work the citizens will not accept the fact that the school work is discontinued. Every day we hear the same questions and listen to lament over the closing of the oldest educational institution in Ribeirao Preto. Parents, friends, and even strangers think a grave mistake was made when we closed the school work, especially as we had so recently secured government recognition. We have succeeded in giving them neither a satisfactory nor a convincing reason for such a step. All year there have been requests to reopen and news is constantly circulating in the city that such is our intention. People ask what they can do to have the order which closed the school rescinded. We hope that the "Instituto Methodista" will merit the same place in the esteem of the citizens as has "Colegio Methodista."

PORTO ALEGRE

ZULA TERRY

Three days of each week at the day school of the Institutional Church in the industrial section of Porto Alegre and two days and a half at Colegio Americano in the center of the city, have marked the

division of my time and work during this year as in the three preceding years. Thought and plans have likewise been divided between the two schools. My work in the Sunday school has been in the Institutional Church.

The appearances at the day school of the Institutional Church have been greatly improved this year by the erection of a brick wall by the local congregation along one side of the grounds and the laying of a new cement sidewalk, greatly needed, on part of the school.

During the year, two new classes were initiated. Of these, the sewing class begun in April met after the regular hours of the day school and was attended by a group of young women and girls.

The second experiment, the kindergarten, was begun in the winter month of June. New furniture, little tables and chairs awaited the newcomers. Despite the rainy winter months, eleven little tots were enrolled, thus forming a good start for the coming year.

Under the supervision of one of the teachers, the Temperance League, counting twenty children of the school as members, held monthly meetings in which the responsibility of the children regarding the keeping of their pledge of abstinence was always made clear. Closing the year's work, the children invited their mothers for a special program.

COLEGIO ISABELLA HENDRIX, BELLO HORIZONTE

LELA PUTNAM, PRINCIPAL; SOPHIA SCHALCH, VERDA FARRAR, CLYDE VARN,
MARY SUE BROWN

I enjoyed my work at the Praca Floriano Church this year. The members of the church co-operated gladly in every way they could and appreciated greatly everything that was done for their improvement.

Three of the church members offered themselves as teachers in the school, and we were able to open classes in sewing, singing and gym.

The sewing teacher is a graduate of Isabella Hendrix. We started this class with very little equipment, but one of the church members is a carpenter and he made for us a table, the garments were cut and basted at school and the girls went to the teacher's home to sew them on the machine. Our plan was to have a sewing course for older girls and we had already three outside pupils attending the classes.

We had a good exhibit at the end of the term. The parents appreciated the clothes made by the children and we have several other girls who have promised to come next year.

The gym teacher who had had experience in teaching in other schools did very good work and had good results with the children.

The singing classes were directed by our pastor's daughter. We had the children take part in special church programs. Several of our Catholic children took part in these programs and in that way were drawn to Sunday school and the Juvenile Society. With their parents consent they came gladly, showing how much they appreciated our work.

Our small library was started this year with sixty good story books, some of them translated from English, French and German. The children were permitted to take the books home, and their parents also enjoyed reading them.

The work progressed slowly and results seemed few but it is improving and giving more and more results, and what is better those who are benefited by it appreciate it very much.

We enrolled in school seventy-six children and twenty-one were

Catholics. Two Presbyterians finished the fourth grade and we gave them a certificate.

Our finances were good. We received, through donations and fees, during the year \$125.50 and our expenses amounted to \$101.87.

I was superintendent of the Sunday school and we organized the Cradle Roll with 45 children and the Home Department with eight members. The superintendent of the department visited the different members and studied the Sunday school lessons with them, having nearly always some outsider to listen to the lesson; sometimes people who never had heard about the gospel.

LITERATURE AND WORK IN CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

LEILA EPPS

Greetings to all of you, and love! This has been a *good year*. Yes, indeed our Father has richly blessed us here in this part of the Great Vineyard. We may truly say of Brazil what one of the servants of old said on one occasion: "A land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year." (Deut. 11: 12.)

A Voz Missionaria, or *The Voice Missionary*, is the name of our little magazine in which we publish material to be used by five thousand women of our missionary societies. While I was in the States last year the women used up all of the material that I had prepared in advance before going home; therefore upon my return to the field, my first work was to prepare a new supply of Bible studies, mission studies, and other material for our women to use as programs for our societies in all of Brazil. Our Methodist women, a great many Presbyterians, and quite a number of Episcopalians depend upon *A Voz Missionaria* for all of their monthly program material.

My first journey of the year was to the Ribeirao Preto District. There I spent one month taking the new district secretary to visit all of the societies of her district and becoming personally acquainted with most of the women who are members of our missionary societies in that great district. One of my sincere desires is to emphasize the importance of the work of our sixteen district secretaries and to co-operate with them in planning and conducting our district institutes. I hope to do a great deal more of this type of work, for I believe that these institutes have done more than anything else to help develop our women to lift their standards of life. We hope to visit all our societies and to have institutes in all of our districts, but we must be patient. There are so many obstacles, and Brazil is such a big country! If all of the thirty-seven places that I visited were near together, or even near the railroad, it would be possible to visit them more often, but journeying in this country is not always very easy or comfortable. I am not complaining, however, for I am well and strong and very happy in my work.

First, let me tell you that our organized and federated work will be twenty years old on April 23, 1936. Now we have three great conference societies divided into sixteen big districts, in which more or less five thousand women are cheerfully co-operating in voluntary service for our Master.

Our women are interested in caring for eleven boys and girls who are in our new home for children.

Rev. Manoel Custodio dos Santos, pastor of the Methodist Church in Resplendor, knows the value of having his church well represented in district conference. One week before the date of the conference,

he and his companions left Resplendor for Manhaussu. Among the representatives was the president of the woman's missionary society, Dona Olivia Vasconcellos, and her two little boys—one three and the other a year and a half. They journeyed on horseback two hundred miles over rough mountain roads. It took them six days to make the journey, but they bravely faced and conquered all of the many difficulties. They arrived safe and sound, naturally weary, but happy.

When Dona Olivia told one of her neighbors that she had decided to take her two little children and make the long and difficult journey, the neighbor said, "It will be sure to kill you. Yes, you will die on the road."

"Even if I die," said Dona Olivia, "I am going. The truth is that I should rather be dead than to have a work to do and not know how to do it. I have been elected president of our missionary society, and I must learn what I should do to develop this part of the work of our church. The district secretary writes me that Miss Epps is to be there and that every day during the conference there will be an hour in which special instruction will be given to the women. I need this instruction, and I am going for it, no matter what it costs."

She went. God supplied special strength for this good woman and for her two little children. Her extraordinary courage was indeed an inspiration and a challenge to all of us.

One of the most thrilling projects of today is the tremendous fight that is being made against leprosy in Brazil. We are doing all that we can to encourage the women of all of our missionary societies to co-operate with all other agencies in this great and urgent work. In memory of our beloved friend Donna Anna Kopal, our women are helping to build an open-air pavilion at one colony, where all of our Christian lepers may worship God. One of our Methodist pastors is a leper and is doing a marvelous work there among his fellow-sufferers. He is directing the building of our pavilion which is to be used for a house of prayer and also for a schoolhouse where the hundred children who are lepers are to have an opportunity for Christian education. The women of our societies are also doing much to co-operate with the W.C.T.U. in its battle against strong drink, tobacco, the lottery, and other social vices.

While preparing program material I always try to remember a sentence that is published on the first page of every number of *A Voz Missionaria*. It is this: "Information leads to inspiration." The motto that the women have selected for all of us who are members of missionary societies is: "Life to serve." This is what we are trying to learn. This is indeed a wonderful opportunity for real service, and we thank you for making it possible for us to try to develop this department of our work.

Our women are helping to support our medical missionary, Dr. Nelson Araujo, a Brazilian boy who was educated in our mission schools. He is working among the Caiuas Indians, one of many uncounted tribes of Indians in the heart of Brazil who have never heard the Good News. He is our Methodist contribution to the co-operative mission there. The other Brazilian missionary and his wife are Presbyterians. Miss Ferguson and I had the joy of spending eight days in this mission this year. To get there from Sao Paulo we journeyed two days and nights on a terribly hot and dusty train, and then 225 miles in or behind in front of one of the worst old automobiles we ever saw. There are no words to describe that journey; but we made the round trip, and our rich experiences while there in the mission are worth it all.

Dr. Nelson has won the confidence and respect and even the love of

the whole Caiuas tribe. He has been out there seven years, and Miss Ferguson and I are the only visitors that he has ever had from the outside world. Besides his medical work, Dr. Nelson teaches the children three hours every day. Each pupil has a desk made of a gasoline box. Fortunately Dr. Nelson sings well and enjoys teaching the children to sing. They have a baby organ that is as worthy of respect as the one used by the Lady of the Decoration. Every morning the children learn a verse from the Bible and sing several hymns and have a prayer before beginning to study their reading and writing and arithmetic.

We went with the missionaries to call on a number of Indians in their almost empty little huts, and one day we were at home to them. At least three hundred of them came to repay our calls. We served raw peanuts and *rapadura*. (Now don't ask me what that is in English, for it simply isn't in our language.)

Later, continuing our journey, we left the train at a little place called Visconde de Taunay and went by horseback away out into the country to visit another mission to the Indians which is run by missionaries sent out by the South American Inland Missionary Union. On the way back to the train we went in an ox-cart, with four big oxen to pull us and a pure-blood Indian to guide them and keep them in the right road. We arrived at the station just as the clock was striking twelve, and within ten minutes the train had come to take us back to Sao Paulo, a journey of three days and nights. If our oxen had delayed eleven minutes more on that journey, it would have been necessary for us to stay right there by the roadside and wait three days for the next train to come along to bring us back to Sao Paulo where we belong.

You have sent me fifty dollars a month to pay the expenses of this department of our work. I have used it for office supplies, an office helper, rent, and traveling expenses. Also a part of it I use for the making of cuts for *A Voz Missionaria*, for paper, and other expenses of our little magazine. We do not owe the Publishing House anything, and we have bought and paid for paper enough for 1936. Having paid this in advance, we are closing this year (1935) with not any money on hand. Our allowance for the first quarter of 1936 has not yet come, but we are expecting it every day. We are trying to use every cent that you send us for the development of our woman's work, and we believe our Father is richly blessing our efforts. Do not fail to pray much for us. Thanking you every one, and serving the best that I know how, I am glad to be here on this great and beautiful and needy section of the field.

CHINA

SCHOOL OF NURSING, STEPHENSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, CHANGCHOW

LORENA FOSTER

We have been busy this year preparing for the registration of our school of nursing with the government. Since we were already following the standard curriculum of the N. A. C., have always had a two- to three-year English course in our school and have had a P. U. M. C. graduate as full-time instructor for the past two years, the curriculum requirements presented no great difficulty. We raised our students' tuition fee enough to cover the expense of part-time instructors for Chinese and citizenship classes and the additional sub-

jects are taught by members of our staff. Our application for registration was sent in in June. Our school has been inspected by the Secretary of the Central Board of Nursing Education and we had a reply from the Provincial Bureau of Education as to the next steps we should take toward registration. There was a great deal of delay in taking these next steps because a formal letter was requested from our Board of Missions in America confirming the amount we stated they were contributing to the school in the form of missionary nurses' salaries. This letter, with the other changes requested, has just been sent in to the Provincial Bureau of Education and we are now awaiting their reply.

While the government plan is to raise the standards of our schools and put them on a definite educational basis, their requirements so far have been most lenient, in spite of the urgency of providing a better type of graduate for the nursing service of China. During the past few years, we have used graduates from many schools of nursing in our hospital and we find that practically none of them have had the educational foundation nor the kind of training necessary to prepare them for head nurses' work.

Since the hospitals of our mission rate high as to buildings, equipment, and professional standards, we seem to be better prepared than most missions to take the lead in maintaining nursing schools of the highest standard. In fact, we *must* do this if we are to maintain a high standard of nursing service in our hospitals. Experience has taught us that we have no other place from which we can obtain a large enough supply of graduates fitted for the kind of nursing service we wish to secure. Good nursing service is based upon good nursing education and cannot be secured from nurses who have had insufficient educational foundation and inadequate training.

Some steps have been taken toward establishing a Union School of Nursing of Senior Middle School entrance requirement for the hospitals of our mission. According to this plan, our students' first year of study would be spent in the Central school and the other two years in the separate hospitals.

Our school has forty-two students, six of whom have passed their N. A. C. examinations and will graduate this spring. We have as many students as we should have for a hospital the size of ours. We can now get three or four times as many Junior Middle School graduates as we need and our next step should be to provide a school which will attract high school graduates. Our greatest need at present in order to maintain such a school is more adequate supervision for the students on the wards and a nursing service and hospital routine better organized for ward teaching and supervision. One plan we have had toward this end was to try to secure as the Director of our Nursing Service one of the well-qualified nursing educators of China who had studied abroad. Because of the scarcity of and great demand for such nurses in China, and because of our own lack of funds for a suitable salary, we have not been successful in doing this. We are looking forward to having with us next year, Miss McIntosh, a new nurse, who has had experience in supervising in one of the large hospitals in America. With her help, we hope to make much progress in the improvement of our nursing service.

NURSING DEPARTMENT, CHANGCHOW HOSPITAL, CHANGCHOW

CARRIE AVA MORTON

During the last three years, we have continued with two foreign nurses on our staff until July, 1935, when Miss Glenn went on furlough

to the States. Then again we had two when Miss McElwreath came to us in October, 1935.

While in America in 1934 Miss McElwreath studied especially for the purpose of fitting herself to concentrate on raising the standard and efficiency of our nursing schools in China. Therefore we feel that we are very fortunate to have her come to us at this time when the Chinese Government is requiring the registration of all schools of nursing. This act of the government and the marked improvement and increase in Public Health Work are real stimuli for increase of efforts toward creating better and more efficient and effective schools. We are striving to build up this school to the position of supplying the most efficient nurses possible for not only the increased public health program which is being put on in this province, but also for other needy fields. There is already a good demand for our graduates, but we feel that there is still much room for improvement in the training which we give here.

There has been so much need for public health work and hospital extension work in our day schools, in the city, and also in the surrounding country and villages that we have constantly wished for an organized public health work here where our students might receive training. This year we are fortunate to have our own Dr. and Mrs. K. F. Yao in charge of the Public Health work of this district. They, because of their efficient training in Peiping and because her experience with the government in Nanking in teaching Public Health, are fast developing this work here. At the same time they are still connected with the hospital, making an ideal situation for the training of our nurses in this most needy field of medical work in China.

This year we have a class of fifteen to graduate, the largest class in the history of our school. Our recent classes are quite small; therefore we must increase the number of our graduates doing ward work in order to be able to carry on the work of the hospital. We have planned to keep a large portion of the best members of this class; however, there are good and worthy positions being offered them and several of them desire to go on in Public Health study, a thing which our government is encouraging by giving scholarships. They, of course, expect to return to our own Public Health field of work. A thing we look forward to is to have a nurse well trained in Public Health to return and assist Mrs. Yao in the Public Health teaching and to do follow-up work in connection with our hospital. After she becomes an experienced worker we want her to be able to teach this work to our students under the direction of Mrs. Yao. Thus all of our hospital and Public Health work will be closely connected.

There are other interesting fields of service calling members of this graduating class. One is a combination of Public Health teaching and evangelistic work in country or small village churches. This is a new field where there is practically no medical work.

As we meet encouragement in some ways, we strive harder in others to improve in efficiency and to raise standards of work. If we are to go forward in this way we must have more and better trained supervisors. We must have more and better teachers. Within the last three years we have sent four of our graduates to Peiping Union Medical College for post-graduate work.

At the present time we still need more and better supervisors and teachers. The time has now come when such people are available if the funds can be provided with which to pay their salaries. Another great need is funds with which to purchase more and better equipment for teaching purposes. We need a library. We are now working for

a library, but it is only a small beginning. We need better class rooms. We need better ward equipment.

Miss Glenn's frequent letters, speaking of "soaking up ideas like a sponge" in preparation for her return to our school, make us quite hopeful of improving not only our school but also of finally acquiring a finer and more effective nursing service in this needy field of Christian service.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE, SHANGHAI

JOSEPHINE C. LAWNEY, DEAN

The most important item in 1935 for us as a medical school is that we were able to send out ten fine doctors, seven to Mission Hospitals and three to P. U. M. C. for further study. Four remained here for a year as resident. Of the three who went to P. U. M. C. one is preparing to do rural health and evangelistic work. Probably three of the four who remained with us for an extra year of hospital work will be going to interior hospitals next year, one to the Woman's Hospital in Kiukiang made famous by Dr. Mary Stone, and two of their home province of Fukien. The fourth one is contemplating work in Fukien eventually, where she will be associated with her brother, a returned student from England, who is doing an outstanding piece of medical mission work in connection with St. Luke's Hospital in Hingwa. Last year they had the care of 900 mothers as a piece of hospital extension work through their school of midwifery. This brother, Dr. Yue, says there is no limit to the amount of work that can be done except the staff of women doctors well trained in obstetrics to train and supervise the midwives.

Our first-year class numbers five. One is from South China, the Baptist school in Swatow, and Shanghai College is her preparation. One is from McTyeire School and Soochow University. One is from Ginling.

There was more response than last year to the pre-medical registration at Shanghai College. That is, there are students there definitely registered as our pre-medical students.

The upper class students all returned but one, who is convalescing from pneumonia, and expects to return next year.

The loss of Dr. Witham, who was obliged to leave us this year in order to continue her relationship with the Northern Methodist Board, has necessitated still further co-operation with St. Johns, in the departments of Physiology and Bacteriology this semester, and the additional departments of Parasitology and Public Health next semester.

At present our second year class goes to St. Johns every morning, and through the kindness of Dr. King we have been able to have a room for them in her house. Two days a week they remain for afternoon work and have the noon meal served there.

We must consider this an emergency arrangement, since it puts too great a teaching load on Dr. King and Mr. Salmon, to say nothing of having students spend so much time in travel. If there is no hope of Dr. Witham being returned to us on any basis whatsoever, we must have her successor by September, 1936, and have so indicated in the budget.

The faculty have reconsidered our absolutely minimum requirements for running a school conducted jointly with St. Johns in the first two years, and they are that the present number must be maintained, plus two more. One of these to be Dr. Witham's successor, and one to teach clinical laboratory subjects in the school and have direction

of the hospital laboratories. This is not replacing Dr. Conard or Dr. Crosby in Obstetrics, but looking forward to maintaining our Obstetrical Department on its present basis, with Dr. Eno and Dr. Shen as senior staff, and graduates of our school and others as junior staff. This means that we accept a permanent cut of one missionary staff member (at least while missionary budgets are reduced) over our askings the past several years, or 13 salaries. Our original quota was seventeen, but with the use of our Chinese graduates in senior positions and because of our co-operation with St. Johns, we now anticipate carrying on with thirteen salaries, for the hospital, school of nursing and medical school, four nurses, seven doctors, business women, and Miss Brunemeier, who takes a very necessary load off of all the professional workers in internal management. This means a heavier drain on the hospital and medical school budgets, in the salary item, as missionary workers are replaced by Chinese workers.

The spirit of the student body has never been better. They have co-operated very cheerfully in all the arrangements necessitated by the shortage of faculty this year. We are confident that the standard of teaching and work is not suffering. We have responsible assistants in each pre-clinical department, and have been able to make some valuable additions to equipment by virtue of the Jubilee gift of Mrs. Doane.

We have two Bible classes, under Dr. Galbraith and myself. I always feel this contact with the students is a real privilege and opportunity.

MARGARET WILLIAMSON HOSPITAL, SHANGHAI

EULA ENO, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HOSPITAL

The months of 1935 are bringing to the Margaret Williamson Hospital the usual mixture of triumphs, much active work, some discouragements, and a few disappointments. The volume of work which is being done in the out-patient department is one of the triumphs, for the total number of patients seen continues on its upward way, until 1934's number were within 1,000 of the high total of 1929, and 1935 ought to surpass 1934. The staff in the various departmental clinics has remained almost entirely unchanged for more than three years, except for juniors, and the personal element is exceedingly important. Patients like to see in a clinic the same doctor they saw six months ago or a year ago. And the continuation of the same staff makes for better organization in each department, and thus makes prompt seeing of patients more possible, another important factor. The amount of teaching material made available by large clinics is gratifying, as well as the sense of joy in serving those who are ill and need care.

House cases are decreasing in numbers this year, especially in the maternity department. There are probably two influences at work. First, there are many more mid-wives and semi-trained doctors in our immediate neighborhood than there have been in the past, and they advertise freely. Unless they give good care, they will not for long keep patients who normally come to us. Fifty years of history make the rock foundation on which our present maternity practice is builded, and it is a house that will fall not. The second influence is undoubtedly economic. People in Shanghai are poor this year, and many women are having to stay at home who in the past had the fifteen or twenty dollars they needed for ward care in the hos-

pital. Never in the six years I have been here have there come to us so many truly destitute patients, while many women who formerly stayed in private rooms are this year going to wards. That means that many others, self-respecting middle class people, are simply not coming at all because they cannot pay their full way. We, of course, continue our policy of never refusing care to any patient who really needs it whether she can pay or not, but there are those who will not come unless they can pay. Even so, we continue to have nearly four babies a day born in the hospital, and in the month of October there were born eight pairs of twins. There was one day when there were among the babies in the nursery five sets of twins at one time.

All that has been said would indicate that we as a hospital are ourselves in a not too flourishing financial state. We are not unduly distressed, for we have continued to keep our bills paid, and to lay aside a little toward the winter coal bill. Being able to start furnaces late—they are still not lighted on November 16—is of great help, for during the cold weather coal costs thirty to fifty dollars a day. The sudden increase in the cost of drugs is one of our major discouragements, and is of serious moment. Its effect has not yet begun to show in our actual accounts.

Internally we are at harmony, and our staffs of both doctors and nurses are excellent, loyal, hard-working groups. We do believe with all that is in us in our jobs, and together we believe we can, with God, bring the Kingdom a little nearer, because we believe that our calling is God's will for us. And we are deeply thankful for the high privilege which is ours of working here in his work.

MARY HOOD, SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES

This year 1935, the fiftieth year since the establishment of the hospital, marks the fifteenth year since the organization of the Union School of Nursing, and its registration under the Nurses Association of China.

The school has graduated 145 nurses since the union was founded. About sixty graduates are holding important positions in hospitals and public health centers. We are pleased with the work that is being done by those who are with the Government Public Health Bureau here in Shanghai.

This fall we are happy to have Miss Chang Tsu Hwa, one of our graduates, to take the position as Director of the School of Nursing. Miss Chang has just returned to our Hospital after having a year of advanced study in Scarritt College and Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, Tennessee. Dean Titus of the School of Nursing writes most enthusiastically of the work Miss Chang did while at Vanderbilt, and of the promise for leadership in a person of her caliber.

A class of seven post-graduate students entered in March for a six months' course, and carried on a similar course to that carried in for the past few years. A new project was started in June, which included these post-graduate students. A two weeks' institute for instruction of superintendents was held. This included lectures on methods of teaching and administration, excursions to other hospitals in the city, and round table discussions of problems arising in different schools of nursing. A group of fourteen, all holding executive positions, gathered each day, some from Shanghai hospitals, and others from out of town. The meetings were interesting and we are sure all who attended were benefited. We have been asked to repeat the course next year. The aim of our post-graduate course is

to help to prepare teachers and superintendents for the inland hospitals. We hope this year to limit our class to those who are holding teaching positions, and who are returning to their own hospitals, as we feel better work can be done with a smaller group of students.

The Public Health Department in Miss Taylor's absence is being carried on under the direction of Miss T. T. Ho, one of our graduate nurses. The report of the number of calls and visits is most interesting and shows that a good standard is being maintained. There are nurses coming out of this department to take up work in the previous mentioned health program, which is making such strides in China today.

The school work is going well, and we are taking steps for Government registration. There are sixty students in training.

With our various activities we do not want to overlook the religious side. We have church services in our chapel every Sunday night conducted by a very fine young Chinese man who speaks Mandarin. The challenge for service is ever the same, and we are working to make Christ known and to bring health and happiness to those who come and go from day to day in our hospital.

ANNE HERBERT, MARY HOOD

The months of 1935 brought to the Margaret Williamson Hospital the usual mixture of triumphs, much active work, some discouragements, and a few disappointments. The volume of work which was done in the out-patient department was one of the triumphs, for the total number of patients seen was 33,384.

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To date the School of Nursing has graduated 185 nurses. There are some outstanding nurses among them; about seventy are holding important positions in hospitals and public health centers. A class of seven post-graduate students entered in March for a six months' course, and carried on a similar course to that carried for the past few years. A new project was started in June, which included these post-graduate students. A two weeks' institute for instructors and superintendents was held. This included lectures on methods of teach-

ing and administration, excursions to other hospitals in the city, and round table discussions of problems arising in different schools of nursing. Lectures and interesting morning discussions were held on the matter of Government registration and other essential topics. We have been asked to repeat this course this year.

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McTYEIRE SCHOOL, SHANGHAI

MARY O. HOLLER, JULIA WASSON, LOUISE ROBINSON, JEAN CRAIG, MARY BLACKFORD, GRACE YOUNG, PRINCIPAL

I think we at McTyeire know how Alice felt in Wonderland because we have somewhat the same thrilling feeling in our wonderful new building, Richardson Hall. Although we enjoy it with dreamlike ecstasy, at the same time we wonder how we ever carried on without the nineteen classrooms, library, two large study halls, spacious auditorium and splendid administrative offices.

Our beautiful auditorium is constantly a joy and is admired both by patrons and outsiders. It has been used by various community groups such as the Shanghai University, Woman's Hospital, Shanghai Songsters, etc., for concerts and benefit programs. Each time the "users" have made a gift to the school ranging from fifty to three hundred dollars. All who have used the building have joined heartily with us in our joy and gratitude.

If joy, as well as suffering, can bring us closer to God, it could be counted as one of the factors which have created a decidedly deeper religious atmosphere in the life of the school this past year. It is especially gratifying to see evidences of this deepening spiritual growth in the increasing number of small prayer groups, the larger attendance at weekly prayer meetings, the number of baptisms and the varying kinds of practical service the students and faculty render to others.

Instead of voluntary church service attendance, we have worked out a new plan which combines church and Sunday school, and every student (including day students) is required to attend. The fact that there has been no complaint from any source whatsoever since the introduction of this new plan is, to me, an indication of the strength of the religious life in the school.

There is an unusually large number of mature and Christian teachers on the faculty this year. Miss Mau, who was for many years the principal of Susan B. Wilson (Sunkiang), is on our staff; Miss Robinson and Miss Craig, whose absences were so keenly felt last year, are back with us again, "backing" the administration with their usual strength. Miss Mary O. Holler is in her second year making her influence felt in the school. There are other college-trained Chinese teachers of splendid Christian character too. I am truly grateful to God for the good, faithful services of my staff of eighty-seven, whose co-operation and loyalty make it possible for the school to do its best for the 1,225 students enrolled this year.

In November, at the belated Fortieth Anniversary of McTyeire and the dedication of the new Richardson Hall, this student body of 1,225 joined in a procession with the alumnae, led by the three first graduates, the class of 1900. The entire procession covered an expanse in time of half a century; as the very last ones in the line were

from the present kindergarten carrying the banner of the class of 1949. My heart swelled with reverence for those of the past whose thoughts and deeds have gone into the building of this great school. At the same time I was filled with awe at the grave challenge and a very deep sense of my own unworthiness in carrying on the great task.

The Alumnae Association not only brought spiritual support to this occasion, but they presented a very generous gift of \$1,000 for the velvet draw curtain, back drop and wings to match, on the stage of our new auditorium. We also had gifts from individual alumna, such as a beautiful set of redwood furniture for the reception room presented by Miss Nyien, the manager of the only Woman's Bank in China.

We were overjoyed to have Miss MacKinnon here; but regret that her time with us was, of necessity, so short. We hope she was not too disappointed and that she will lend us the great inspiration of another and longer visit sometime in the near future.

At the government examinations of junior high school graduating classes, we ranked third in the city. In the oratorical contest of primary students one of our granddaughters came out second with a silver shield for herself and a good name for MyTyeire as a prize.

We feel very keenly the vacancy left by Miss Muriel Smith. To get someone fitted to fill this vacancy is one of our desperate needs for the coming year. The development of the school in general and of the Music Department in particular depends so much upon the right person for the head of the Music Department as we consider music expressive of the entire artistic life of the school.

With our splendid new material facilities, and with the increasingly steady loyal support of the alumnae, the faculty, the student body, the friends in America and in China, we start a new year with renewed courage, hoping for bigger and better things for the future of McTyeire.

LAURA HAYGOOD NORMAL SCHOOL, SOOCHOW

KWE YUIN KIANG, PRINCIPAL; ANNE BRADSHAW, ANNIE PRICE, ETHEL BOST, LILLIAN KNOBLES, NINA TROY, KATE HACKNEY

KWE YUIN KIANG

For the last few weeks we have been living in an atmosphere of tenseness, anxiety, and unhappiness on account of the recent political developments in the north. Our hearts are heavy, and in our minds a question constantly rises: "Why cannot a nation live in peace when its people love it so?"

In the face of such a national crisis it is most difficult for our students to keep their minds on their lessons and yet they have realized keenly that strikes, street demonstrations, petitions, etc., will not save China. What is the best way to prevent another catastrophe, they ask? And how to guide our youth wisely at a time like this is what is painfully puzzling us teachers day and night.

Our school has grown even larger than the year before. There are 466 students and 47 teachers, making altogether 513 this year. The classes in the Normal school are getting larger and larger until we can scarcely wait for the new buildings to be put up. More students naturally call for more teachers, and our policy is to keep as many full-time teachers as possible—a policy on which our government insists. Therefore, thirty-nine out of forty-seven are full-time teachers. Thirty-one of us live in the school with the students, thus giving us

a close contact with them and a homelike atmosphere to the life of the school.

Our last graduating class took the first government mass examination for normal schools in April. We are proud to report to you that the students made a very good record. Because of this good record, the chairman of the provincial Bureau of Education appointed one of our graduates to teach in a government kindergarten. The other graduates are now all teaching in the various kindergartens and primary schools throughout China and Java, except one, who has entered the College of Music in Shanghai.

At the English Declamation Contest last month our two participating girls took first and second prizes. This is the third time in succession we have won the first honors.

The primary schools of the city sometimes get together and give tests to the children. Within the last few weeks they tested the children on common knowledge and creative drawing. Our primary children received the highest scores. All these things show the quality of work done by teachers and students.

This year we have organized a social service unit—a branch of the nation-wide government social service organization—among teachers and students. The principal is always the captain of such a unit; the members are divided into smaller units each with a sub-captain. We are doing three definite pieces of work, viz.: (1) Sweeping public streets in front of the school daily; (2) every evening teaching servants to read and write and become better citizens; and (3) soliciting contributions of rice, padded garments, and money for the poor people of the city. Our girl scouts do a great deal of this work and they are very enthusiastic about it.

The religious education program of the school is planned as one unit by the religious education committee, so that there will be no overlapping and neglecting of particular areas so that time may be used most efficiently in the light of the crowded curriculum.

Every Wednesday there is a fifteen-minute worship program for the students and the teachers. These programs are simple but dignified and strive to give an ideal for the meaning of worship. Following a worship program is a thirty-minute period for voluntary Bible classes. All the students attend these classes. As far as possible the groups are homogeneous. The courses are planned according to the needs and interests of the students. Thus the Bible classes serve the purpose also of a fellowship group. For that reason it is desirable to have small classes. However, this year it has been impossible to have all of the groups small because of the increase in the enrolment.

The Spiritual Life Committee of the Y. W. C. A. conducts a vesper service each evening for the boarding students. On the whole these services are well attended. The students are in full charge of the meetings. The advisor helps them only in deciding subjects and arranging the schedule for the speakers. Usually there are four students and one teacher for each week.

The religious education program of the school is correlated with that of St. John's church. Of course, it is neither practical nor possible to have all the religious activities of the school in the church, but as far as possible, a feeling of unity exists. The students from the kindergarten through the normal school take an active part in the Sunday school. Some of the normal students conducted a nursery school for the little children so that parents may attend church. All the students are invited to the regular church services, and many of them attend. The girls of the normal school and the teachers are the

largest unit of the church choir, which makes a distinct contribution to the music of the city.

One of the most indispensable departments of Laura Haygood is the music department, which is not only making a great contribution to the life of our school, but is also meeting a definite need in the many smaller schools where our graduates are working. A course in methods of teaching grade singing, folk dancing, and rhythmic orchestra, with correlated observation and practice teaching, is required of all students of the normal school. All students of the kindergarten course and a large per cent of the students of the upper primary school course take individual piano lessons throughout the three years. This term there are 106 piano students in the department. The work of the department, including piano, theoretical music, and singing from third grade through the normal school, requires six full-time teachers and one student teacher, who teaches part time.

To meet the growing demand for elementary piano teachers, our three-year music teachers' training course was reopened this term. In addition to intensive piano study, the course includes harmony, music history, piano pedagogy, and methods of teaching grade singing, folk dancing, etc.

Because of the rapid increase in our enrolment and the urgent need for an adequate equipment, we are planning a series of building projects for the next few years. The first is the erection of a new music hall to provide adequate space for studios, practice rooms, and singing classes. This building is to be put up entirely of the old materials of the old music hall and the Chinese teachers' residence, at a cost of \$900, which we have saved by the strictest economy in the boarding department during the year. We hope to start building in a few weeks so we can occupy it at Easter time.

The erection of an administration-classroom-library-chapel building: This is a fourfold building to meet our four most urgent needs. We have been working on the plans for the last few months. In view of the shortness of funds, of the shape of our land, and of the impracticability of such a combination, it may be necessary to plan a separate unit for the auditorium.

For the past eight years we have been housing our kindergarten in the primary school. And four years ago we opened a nursery school which is also held in the primary building. We are literally teeming in this building. We are occupying three of the nicest rooms the primary school has, but even so, they are not large enough for our needs. Besides, these rooms are badly needed by the primary school. They also are crowded to the limit. So we hope when the administration building is finished that a nursery-kindergarten will be our next building objective.

Words cannot express to you our deep gratitude for allowing us the privilege of sharing the fruits of the Week of Prayer. We ourselves have raised \$10,700 up to date.

ATKINSON ACADEMY, SOOCHOW

MARY M. TARRANT, CHARLES J VANE, PRINCIPAL

We are so thankful to our dear Lord for giving us a great blessing during this year and also last year. Since our school began to be self-supporting we were very much afraid of the question of finance. So we decided to raise \$20,000 as an Endowment Fund and use the interest to meet our needs. The result was that we got \$6,000. We thank God that since our school has been self-supporting these two years, we have not used one cent of the interest. We have had a

large enrolment of students, both in the Junior and Primary Schools. The tuition is just sufficient to pay salaries and expenses.

A piece of land, which was borrowed from a family for more than ten years without rent, was bought last summer for about six thousand dollars. We use this land for the children's playground in the Primary Department. We were not in debt and also did not use any Endowment Fund, which is still kept in the banks.

A few days ago on Christmas Sunday morning forty-three students and one lady teacher were baptized in the church. We have more than five hundred students, among whom about one-sixth are Christians and one-fifth are probationers. Many small students go to Sunday school, and large boys help in the church choir. The faculty is twenty-two in number and twelve of them are church members, of whom most are giving help to Sunday school and church work.

There is no great change in the religious works since the school has been registered. We still have Bible classes in which every student is required to study for three periods a week. Each period is thirty minutes. Every morning before school we have morning watch when we pray for many things according to the schedule which is made beforehand. There is a chapel service which the Christian leaders lead alternately. Every Saturday after school we divide the students into section meetings—that is, each Christian teacher leads his own group as church members, probationers, or non-Christians to discuss the Bible according to the advancement of the students. The teachers have a prayer meeting every Saturday. Each term there is a revival meeting led either by a special preacher or by some person who has spiritual experience.

The activities of the boys are Y. M. C. A., Debating Society, Temperance Meeting, Society for the Protection of Animals, and Epworth League. The Y. M. C. A. and Epworth League help the boys to study Bible and learn to make religious talks. The Debating Society gives the boys the opportunity to practice making speeches.

Our chapel cannot seat more than three hundred people. We greatly regret that we cannot gather all our boys in it at one time. Any kind of meeting must be separated into two periods—one for large boys and another for small ones.

Miss Tarrant gives almost her whole time to the school. She is doing wonderful work among the students. Besides teaching them in books, she leads them to Christ with patience, perseverance, and prayer. We are very much thankful to her for giving a great deal of her help to the school.

We beg you all in America to remember our school in prayers. It was established forty-four years ago by Miss V. M. Atkinson and was the beginning of all our work in West Soochow.

DAVIDSON SCHOOL, SOOCHOW

NAOMI HOWIE, LILLIAN KNOBLES, MRS. Z. N. TSIANG, PRINCIPAL
MRS. Z. N. TSIANG

This year Davidson School has the largest enrolment that it has ever had. During the spring term there were 184 girls in the junior middle school and 323 in the primary and the kindergarten departments, and the fall term began with a total enrolment of 510, 218 in the middle school and 292 in the primary school and the kindergarten. In June thirty-five students finished junior middle school. Twenty-nine of these girls are continuing their studies in senior middle schools and four are taking nurse training.

During the spring term there were twenty-seven on the school staff. This fall a number of new teachers have been added to the faculty. Among these are four former students who graduated from Laura Haygood in June. One new teacher came to us from the Soochow University. Miss Robbie Lee Leggett went on furlough in June. She has given Davidson School two years of good service. Miss Lillian Knobles returned to Davidson this fall after an absence of two years. Every one is very glad to have her back again.

The new gymnasium building is going up rapidly. It will probably be completed by the end of December. The funds for this building were raised on the field. Although a part of the amount came from building fees paid by the students, \$6,000 was contributed by the public.

The annual field day, which came in May, was a great success, there being four hundred guests present. Two very helpful Parents' Meetings were held during the year. One evening in the spring the students of the third year of the middle school gave an English program for the benefit of the gymnasium fund. More than five hundred guests attended. During each term every department of the school has enjoyed at least one good outing.

All of the pupils in both the primary school and the middle school are enrolled in Bible classes. The two departments of the church Sunday school which are composed of Davidson girls meet at the school on Sunday morning. Last spring for one week Miss White held special meetings in the school. During Stewardship week, ninety per cent of the teachers attended a stewardship training class. The Junior Missionary Society holds monthly meetings. The members provide for night classes for the school servants, and they also take an active part in the afternoon Sunday school for street children, which is held at the church.

We are thankful for the blessings of the past year and are pressing forward into the future with faith and confidences.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SOOCHOW

MAGGIE ROGERS

The first part of the year 1935 I was on furlough. Returning to China in May, I helped to finish up the half year's work in June and during the summer did some special Sunday school work, had a part in the summer revival, which was the culmination of three months' Bible study and prayer services held daily at 7 A.M. at St. John's Church.

Early in the year there was a Retreat for Bible Women, Deaconesses and other evangelistic workers and our three women had the benefit of it.

This fall our three Soochow Centers, Kong Hong, St. John's, and Dowdell Center, united in a short term Bible school held at Dowdell Center and we are happy to have secured some new women for regular Bible study. The Missionary Society takes responsibility of a special evangelistic meeting in the spring and fall and there have been several trips by boat to the country for evangelism.

Every week our women go to the chapel outside the city gate for a woman's meeting and a children's meeting.

Our half-day free school continues to be helpful in our community. Recently we counted thirty-five children in regular school who were started and encouraged to study in the half day school—others are married or working.

This fall we received a new class of small children—little brothers

and sisters of the older class and former pupils and it is quite interesting to see them develop.

We are quite interested in our Young Married Woman's Missionary Society—they have begun definite study and are interested in our new Chinese Missionary Young Woman (Miss Koo), who has been sent to Manchuria.

VIRGINIA SCHOOL, HUCHOW

CHIU LI-YING, PRINCIPAL; ROSE MAY BUTLER, JULIA OLIPHINT, SUE STANFORD

The great flood which swept over eight provinces in China, the economic depression in silk, the national unrest, and the international problems do not seem to interfere with the running of our school. This year the number of students in the Middle School has increased.

One of the encouraging features in the history of this school is the interest of the local community. In the days when I was a student, we did not have a single other girl who was a resident of Huchow. Now over 99 per cent of the girls are from the city and more than half are boarders.

"Down with Christianity" and "Religion is poisonous to the brain of the youth" are the common slogans of the Party. These sayings had some effect on the students for a time, but as the years have gone by and the students have come in contact with people through the school and the church, they have become more sympathetic with Christianity. At present we offer Bible classes from the first grade in the primary through the senior class in the middle school. The policy of the Educational Bureau is one of non-interference. In the spring of 1935 seven of our girls were baptized. Four of them came from non-Christian families.

The students' load in China today is very heavy. In addition to the regular curriculum work from 34 to 36 periods per week they have to take part in the campaigns for Famine Relief and Public Health work, etc. The first-year senior middle school students have to take three periods per week of nurse training and the junior high students have to give two periods per week to Girl Scout drill.

Work is assigned to the students during the vacations too. For instance, students are required to teach at least one person for a month during the summer holidays, as mass education is one of the ways and means of helping Chinese to read and write. We opened a summer school for pupils from eight to twenty years of age last summer under the management of the students. We had over fifty students and six teachers. For six weeks our girls from far and near came to help teach. They were so interested in their work that nothing could prevent them from coming.

In the coming winter vacation teachers and students are asked by the government to make roads, to plant trees, and to dig canals for at least ten days.

To properly arrange marriages is still a very important affair of the parents. From our statistical study of this part of China we have found that a majority of our girls marry soon after leaving school. Many of them are engaged before they enter the middle school. In order to meet the local needs and to prepare them to be good mothers, we feel we should give them a strong course in Home Economics. Therefore a Home Economics Cottage is on the way to completion. It is a two-story building with five bedrooms which accommodate ten girls and the instructor.

The celebration of our fortieth anniversary was one of our big events in the spring.

We are very happy and grateful to have Misses Stanford, Oliphint, and Butler here with us this year. It is the first year in the six years that I have been here that we have had a music teacher from America.

HUCHOW INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH—I ZAUNG KA

Laura Mitchell

This church center is located in a crowded section in the very heart of the city. The work of the church is carried on in departments. There are activities specially for children, for young people, for women and for men, but the emphasis is put on christianizing the family so that much of the work overlaps, and it is difficult to describe that of one department only. In this report a brief statement of children's work is included, because it is supported in part by the Woman's Council.

All of the work done centers in the church. Evangelistic meetings are held twice a week, and special services of evangelistic meetings are conducted at least twice a year in the church for non-Christians. These meetings are well attended, and about one-third of the congregation are women.

Evangelistic Bands made up of Christians who go out and hold meetings in the homes of Christians for their non-Christian neighbors in different parts of the community, or preach to the inmates of the city Old Men's Home, the prisoners in the jail, and to the nurses in the Foundling Asylum. Sometimes bands go out to villages near Huchow.

A very large part of our work for women and children is visiting in the non-Christian and the Christian homes of our community, becoming acquainted and taking advantage of the friendships formed to share with them our experience, and to pave the way for the women to come out to meetings where we try in a definite way to serve them. The homes of all Christians, probationers, and students are visited by members of the staff regularly, and new names are constantly being added to our lists of "friends." We have found it very easy to get an entrance into homes through the health work for children, and through the parent-teacher relationship.

The attendance at the weekly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society is from 40 to 50. The first half hour every week is spent in Bible study in small classes. After the Bible lesson they come together for a devotional meeting. The first Thursday in the month is the business meeting, and it is just like an auxiliary meeting in America.

The Social Service Department of our adult society, the Young Woman's Society, and the three Junior Missionary Societies are jointly undertaking the support of the free kindergarten we are carrying on for poor children.

Among any group of women in Huchow, the illiterate ones are in the majority. In the Thursday Bible classes we teach them to read the Bible, but they make very slow progress with a lesson only once a week. Most of our women are busy mothers with many children and cannot attend regular night classes in reading. So this month the Bible Study Department is carrying on a special night class, and fifteen of the Christian women have been attending regularly.

Last year a group of young married women among our church members organized a club with the object of fostering good fellowship and together learning some things that have to do with house-

keeping. The first line they took up was learning to use a sewing machine, to cut and make children's summer clothes. In warm weather Chinese are now dressing their children in western style clothes, because they find them more comfortable, hygienic, and practical than Chinese style. We bought a Singer machine for community use.

We have found that we can accomplish more with small groups than with large gatherings in our work with non-Christians who come only occasionally to the Center. So meetings of the mothers of each grade or group of students are held just as soon as the teacher and woman worker have had time each term to visit the homes of the students of her group whether Woman's School, kindergarten, or primary. Only a small percentage are Christian. This fall we are attempting an organization of parents of all students to hold bi-monthly meetings for the purpose of discussing school and home problems. A preliminary meeting has been held and a constitution adopted, but the first general meeting will not be held until October 19. Both fathers and mothers are included.

We use the Y. W. C. A. girls' club organization, "Light of China." They provide program material and helps. There are four of these clubs. Unlike some clubs, the membership is large. One of these groups is made up of young women studying in high schools of the city, and one of working girls who formerly were students in the night school.

Chinese homes are not heated in this part of the country, nor are there facilities for comfortably taking baths in cold weather. Here we provide hot baths in sanitary, heated bathrooms at a very low rate. We have only four tubs, but an average of thirty women can bathe in an afternoon. Many come from the better families. In the process of educating women, especially of the poorer class, in the advantages of bathing in cold weather many free tickets are given away. The fee charged is sufficient to pay all expenses. A Bible woman has charge of the waiting-room and takes advantage of the opportunity of getting acquainted and of occasionally "sowing seed" as she entertains the women while they wait their turn.

Every year before the hot weather begins, when many babies die in our community from summer diseases, we hold a Better Baby Campaign. There are exhibits, lectures, pageants, demonstrations used to educate parents in the care of babies, beginning with pre-natal problems through those of three-year-old children. Three hundred babies are entered in a contest. Doctors and nurses from our Huchow Hospital not only give each child a thorough examination but instruct the parent in any special treatment the child may need. All babies are classified in four classes and given certificates. The only individual prizes are those given to babies who make a higher class than they did the year before. The follow-up work goes on through the year. Our public health nurse visits the homes, gives advice to the mothers, holds meetings in our clinic, examines the children, and urges the use of the hospital clinic for those needing medical attention.

Besides holding clinic for students, our nurse visits sick church members, students, and friends. There is little she can do because of the deep-rooted superstition, the binding customs of ages past, and the unusually strong faith the people of this city have in Chinese medicine which is very different from "Western" medicine. Yet we feel that the little she is able to do in the way of education in the prevention of diseases and in the care of the sick is very worth while.

A half-day school is carried on for young women who have not had the opportunity of attending school when they were children or who dropped out of school early. Many are married women, and most of

them have home responsibilities that prevent their studying all day. There are seventy-one enrolled in the Woman's School this year. Besides regular subjects, they all have Bible twice a week, and the majority of them attend Sunday school. They pay fees, and those who take piano lessons or special English pay for it.

The night school for working girls over fifteen is free. Most of these students work in silk mills or in home industries during the day. The enrolment runs from forty to sixty. Besides reading and arithmetic, they have weekly periods of singing, games, hygiene, stories, and Bible stories.

Twice a year, in the spring and in the fall, we conduct a Bible Institute for ten days. (Such institutes are known in China as "Short-Term Bible Schools".) We make the effort to enrol every person connected in any way with this Center in a Bible class. Last April more than 800 attended every day and received credit. The majority of that number were students in our various schools. There is always a class for church workers and teachers in the early morning. Men's classes all come in the evening, and students' classes come at the noon recess or after school. The women church members and inquirers have not only the hour of Bible study, but also two other periods in the afternoon when they study hymns, stewardship, and social problems.

Christian Home Week is always observed by our church, and is one of the most effective campaigns for the year. A special effort is made to get every member of every family where either husband or wife is a church member to attend the opening service on Sunday morning and sit together. The daily program for mothers and fathers consists of talks and discussions on subjects that have to do with family life, demonstrations, pageants, songs, and worship services, all emphasizing one general theme which is chosen each year. The National Christian Council supplies us with fresh material every year for use in the Home Week campaign, and we are fortunate to have the help of the staff of our hospital and the domestic science teacher at Virginia School as well as the co-operation of the teachers in the Baptist Mother Craft School in Huchow.

The largest results in the work we do for children are accomplished through the schools where the Christian teacher can instil Christian principles of living in daily contacts with the children. Schools are very inadequate and many cannot pay the fees, so we serve the community by providing educational opportunities for the children. The primary school is entirely self-supporting, but the kindergarten and free schools are supported in part by appropriations from America.

Besides the work for these school children, we are doing playground work and Sunday school work with the children of our community who do not go to school. These groups each come to us twice a week. Our children's worker has an hour of character training work every week in a very badly managed Slave Refuge.

This fall we have a staff of fourteen women (one only for half-time) and nine men. Mr. John Stroud, the missionary of the General Board, is in America. There is only one woman missionary on the staff. We have a very fine group of Christian workers, whose devotion to the cause of Christ is very sincere.

The balance of the budget is raised from fees and local contributions.

CARRIGER CHURCH, CHANGCHOW

It has been a joy during 1935 to watch the church members waking more and more to the realization that Carriger Church is their church,

and its progress and success as a purifying and building force in the community and city depends largely upon them.

This church is noted for the fine co-operation of men and women.

The first time I noticed the real efficiency of the ushers was last spring during a series of evangelistic services, which were sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary of the church. These women saw that those who came had good seats, had hymn books, and in a very tactful way silenced any who were inclined to talk during the service. When babies in mother's arms began to fret, the ushers were right on the job, and the babies enjoyed a play in the open air, or had refreshments while the mothers had an opportunity of quietly listening to the sermon.

"My neighbors have not heard of the special meetings." So there they go from one house to another telling them the news and urging them to attend. They not only do this, but often say: "I will call for you at 2 o'clock and we can go together." When they arrive at the church she sits in the same pew with them, so in this way the church member has an opportunity of getting in a bit of personal work.

The Missionary Auxiliary has an evangelistic band that goes out on Sunday afternoons to hold meetings for non-Christians. Many of the women volunteer to go along to assist with the singing, or sometimes tell the Bible story. Many of them share their own experiences.

The Christian homes are often open to their neighbors and friends, when the pastor or some evangelistic worker is invited to speak to them on religious subjects. They sing and pray together, after which there is a little social time. Often people come to these homes who would not go to the church, but afterwards become churchgoers and Christians.

Our splendid choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Thourghman and Mrs. Workman, is largely made up of the younger volunteer workers.

We hold a well baby clinic every Friday afternoon at our Religious Education Building. The volunteer workers go to the homes of the mothers and lead them with the babies to the clinic. Some of them remain in the waiting room, talking to the mothers and helping to amuse the children. At least, two or three assist in the bathroom.

There is a trained public health nurse who is there to supervise, so the mother learns how to bathe her baby and also gains a friend in the volunteer worker. When the bath is finished, the baby is wrapped in a large towel and is taken to the room where the doctor and her helpers examine the baby and write up the record. Treatments for minor ailments are also given, and at the same time the mother is advised how to care for her child. Recently one of our volunteer workers came to the clinic with three children and their nurse. With a sweet smile she announced that the children's mother was ill of tuberculosis and she found that the children needed baths and medical attention, so she had brought them to the clinic. She has been bringing them every week since. When the babies are ill and running temperatures, we send them to our Stephenson Memorial Hospital, and often one of these workers goes with the mother to see that she is properly introduced. Some of these mothers have become Christians, and many of the babies have been baptized.

The Christian women have led many patients to our Hospital, where they have regained their physical health, and also learned to know Jesus, the great Physician.

Such things as I have reported give us courage, and make us realize that our church is founded on solid ground, and that the spirit of Jesus is working in our midst.

GRACE CHURCH, SUNGKIANG

JULIA WOO

In thinking over the work of the past year, I cannot help thanking God for countless blessings.

Sunday is my busiest day always. We have Sunday school twice, the regular preaching service, the missionary meeting, and some visiting in the Widows' Home. This Home is governed by the city and the inmates are not allowed to leave the Home. We have four church members in the Home, every Sunday afternoon I meet with these women and we read the Scripture and pray together. Many non-Christians join us in our worship.

The rest of the days of the week pass by on an almost uniform program: Leading Chapel in the Orphanage or at the Epworth League Charity School; praying with the McLain Church workers; teaching in the Charity School, and doing some visiting. In the afternoons I go to the city and spend the time visiting, teaching Bible, or praying with the church members and the probationers. We have a meeting for women every Thursday afternoon from one o'clock until four. The attendance varies from four to twenty. The habit of going to meetings is new to Grace Church members, therefore the attendance is irregular.

The Bible Woman's Retreat was held in Soochow, in January. I went there and received much strength for the beginning of another year's work. The Grace Church Evangelistic Campaign took place in February at China New Year. I did my best, inviting people to come and calling the meeting to order.

The district short-term school was held for two weeks in March in Sungkiang. I taught a class the book of First Corinthians and a course on Stewardship, using a textbook which I had prepared. I also taught a story class with the help of the Nelson's Picture Roll. I gave short speeches on the subject of Stewardship as this is the goal of our Church at the present time.

The eighteenth Annual Meeting of the China Conference Woman's Missionary Society met in April in Changchow. The goal for the Missionary Society is the same as last year, that is, Stewardship. I had some posters made to illustrate the meaning of Stewardship. I showed the audience the pictures and from these told them about ways to tithe, as well as the inner condition of a real steward, and what the individual will be if he or she really practices stewardship.

The preachers' wives had a meeting in Changchow. I thank God that I had a chance to make contact with them. I was allowed to go because I was on the staff of teachers. We studied together the Book of Philippians. I had a chance, too, to speak on the subject of stewardship to all the preachers' wives.

The Student Volunteer Association asked me to be the editor of their annual, "The Young People's Voice." With the help of three others, I prepared the annual and had it printed in Shanghai.

For a week in June, I held an Evangelistic Campaign in the Grace Church, inviting the guests in the mornings and speaking in the afternoons.

The Social Service Department of the Missionary Society had a Temperance Campaign. And on the following seven days, we held an Evangelistic Campaign.

The Student Volunteer Association prepared a memory book to be exhibited at the Jubilee Conference. I helped Miss Tseu in preparing this book. It was like a college annual, only we made it by hand. The China Conference Woman's Missionary Society had a meeting

during the Jubilee Conference, and every one in the Cabinet was required to do something. I gave a report on the work of the China Conference Woman's Missionary Society among the young people. I made a book, done by hand, on this subject to be exhibited at the Jubilee Conference.

I went to the Jubilee Celebration in Shanghai and received much help. In the afternoons when I was free, I went to a large church of another denomination to lead the meetings and give talks on various subjects.

Pray that the Lord will make me, in the comin year, to—

Plow the land with patience;
Scatter the seed with faith;
Water the plants with love.

I hope God will use this humble vessel to build the spiritual palace of God among those church members and probationers. As to my work, I am not downhearted, yet I am not satisfied. I feel that God has opened my inner eyes more and more. When I speak in public, I don't take it as a burden now; I just put myself in God's hands and he gives me his own words. This is the special blessing I have had this year.

SUSAN B. WILSON SCHOOL, SUNGKIANG

LUCIE CLARK, SUSIE MAYES

LUCIE CLARK

The year has brought days of progress for Susan B. Wilson School. We are happy to report not only an increase in enrolment, but also development along many lines.

At the celebration of Founder's Day last March Miss Waters, our first principal, was present. It was indeed a happy occasion, and a real joy to honor one who had given the best of her life in loving service. This was the time for the reunion of the alumnae with their associate members and other friends of the school. Gifts were made and plans made for further helpful work.

In June we had our first Parent-Teachers' meeting with three hundred in attendance. The Chairman of the Local Bureau of Education was present. All seemed to enjoy the excellent program presented by our pupils, which portrayed some of their work in Chinese, English, Music, and Physical Education.

We have had two revival services which were helpful and strengthening to the Christians and causing others to decide to enter into the "Jesus Way" of living.

In addition to the grand concert by the more advanced music pupils, the Music Department gave an interesting recital in June. These were well attended and were a treat to the community, especially to the little boys from the orphanage, who were guests for these occasions.

The annual commencement exercises were held in June. We had eleven graduates, and all who took entrance examinations for higher schools made good records. A cause for rejoicing is the fact that our girls generally are leaders in the Christian activities wherever they go. One of the strong points of Susan B. Wilson School is the Christian atmosphere.

Our report would not be complete without a record of its losses. First, Miss Drake, a faithful principal and teacher, who gave to the school high ideals and Christian standards. It was with deep regret that we heard the news of her retirement on account of ill health.

Then, Miss Mau, the successful Chinese principal and teacher for many years, is no longer with us. After her year of rest and further study she preferred to be relieved of heavy responsibilities for a while, so she accepted a position that has long been clamoring for her. She is teaching mathematics at McTyeire School. And then, Miss McCain, the head of the English Department for two years, and so well loved, went home on furlough. Miss Mayes is now carrying on the work in her efficient way and making close contacts with the girls.

School opened in the fall with a new, enthusiastic, competent, consecrated Christian principal, Miss Sze Vong-pau. Miss Sze is a returned student, having had two periods of study in the United States. She is making the work a challenge for each of us to give to it her best.

We now have twenty-one on the faculty. Our earnest plea is for more room—more space—for dormitory, classrooms, and playground. We are crowded. We also need a music hall and science laboratory. We have a unique opportunity for expanding our work, since this is the only Christian school for girls in this large city. We are beginning to reach the representative class of people who appreciate especially the music and English courses our school offers.

We were sorry that Bishop Moore could not be present for the dedication of our new primary building in November. It was a gift of the alumnae and Chinese friends of the school. The unusual thing connected with this building was that the money was all collected before the work was begun.

EVANGELISTIC AND SOCIAL SERVICE WORK, WUSIH, KU.

MARGARET RUE

Furlough year in the homeland brought inspiration and joy. It gladdened our hearts to find that many of the churches at home had a deepened spiritual life due to the Spiritual Life Groups that were meeting and praying for power and a manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Now we are happy to be back at work. Our Chinese workers carried on faithfully and earnestly during our absence. Some work had to be dropped and now the threads have to be again gathered up, but there is a fine spirit of co-operation.

This year we are beginning weekly meetings for our neighbors. Visiting in the homes, monthly meetings and church services did not seem to reach some of our poorer folks who had had little opportunity for education and who could not understand the preaching. Many of our neighbors come from "North of the River" and feel shy about talking with those of another dialect. These folks have found that we are really their friends and now come to our home. We divide them into classes according to their understanding and teach them Bible stories and the way of salvation in the simplest manner. A short-term school for our district was held a few weeks ago but not many could leave home for two weeks.

Our work in Wusih is in the silk mill district and we make a special effort to reach the factory girls. Since writing my last report, the working hours were increased and the girls now have to be at work at four-thirty in the morning and work till six-thirty at night. In spite of such difficult labor many of the girls are willing to come to our night school where they study the Bible, Chinese and other subjects. At Christmas time they planned four special meetings at the church at night so that they could unite with the Missionary Society to tell the "good news" to the community.

Girls who have not been able to go on to school after attending our primary school have been gathered into special classes for the study of the Bible, English and Chinese. They meet in our home and help us with other activities in our evangelistic work. Emphasis has been laid on the giving of time, service and money for the work of the Lord and the study of his word.

The children that live on the boats in our canal are gathered into the playground on fair days and one of our workers teaches Bible stories and songs. We are greatly in need of a small building on the playground for the children and for adult meetings. Our living room is overcrowded with folks who come to meetings. Our church is used by the boys' school, so is not available in the daytime when the women can come out. There are many groups which can only meet when the weather is good and they can sit on benches outdoors.

Just before my furlough year the word came to us that the home contributions to all primary schools would be cut off at the end of the year. This looked like disaster to us for our primary school was the only Christian school for girls for many miles. All other schools in our mission owned their buildings except Wusih. It was impossible to pay rent and the teachers, too. Prayer meetings were held and earnest prayers were made for weeks and weeks. Appeals were made to our Chinese friends and they responded wonderfully. We live among poor people but sacrifices were made until it seemed as if miracles were accomplished. It was very difficult to purchase a piece of ground near us for ancestor's graves are usually located on spare ground. After months of searching an ideal piece of land was secured and a simple but clean, light and airy building was erected. Two-thirds of the cost has been paid without any help from the mission. The latter part is always the hardest to get but we are trusting that all may come to us. Our students belong to Bible classes and our Sunday school packs the church to the door on most Sundays.

May we glorify our Master in all that we do for him.

CHANGSHU

LOUISE AVETT

As I look back over the year 1935, there are several things which seem to me to be evidences of some progress in our work. One outstanding feature of the past year's work is the type of young men and women who have joined our church. The majority of them joined in the face of persecution. Instead of becoming the guest type of church member, they are making real contributions to the Kingdom.

We were very happy last February when we had our first short-term school in a country village near Changshu. In this village the women do the farming while the men work on boats. Because of this, it is rather hard to find a time when men and women both have leisure time. Last year some of the men attended only one week of school. Forty received credit. The Sunday afternoon following the close of this school, we opened a Sunday school for the village children. We have continued the school this fall.

It seems to me that one of our hardest and most important tasks is training church members to give regularly and wisely to the church collections. Studies in stewardship during the past two years have helped greatly in this training. Our Woman's Missionary Societies have also been a great help in training our women to give. Last week we walked into the home of a family with a new baby. The mother said: "My baby will be one month old tonight. I want to give

\$1.00 to show my appreciation to God for my new baby." It is customary for non-Christians to celebrate with a feast when a baby is one month old. This country mother wanted to celebrate by giving a "happy offering." Often members of our society give this offering to express gratitude for the recovery of the health of some member of the family, because of a recent birthday, in memory of some loved one, or for other reasons.

We felt that we had made a step forward last year when we were able to combine a short-term school and a religious education school.

During the month of May we had a mother's week, the purpose of which was to train some of our women in the care and training of their children. Only a few women attended because it was something new. We felt, however, that it was worth while. One young woman with a six weeks' old baby was persuaded to let us give her baby its first bath.

Our regular program, punctuated with weddings, funerals, and country trips, keeps us busy and happy. I often wish the people at home who support us could visit us. Much that we see and experience simply cannot be pictured in words.

KONG HONG INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH

R. T. HENRY

This has been a year of readjustments and finding our way in a new old situation. The associations have been pleasant and the co-operation given has been splendid. Not every hope nor plan has been realized for the work, but we are convinced that with patient persistent effort our goals can be reached.

The economic situation has affected the finances of the institution and we have made an effort to keep our program within bounds of our finances. Two new workers have been added this fall and some other changes have been made in the staff. We welcome every newcomer and regret the loss of long faithful workers from our midst. We have made progress toward clearing up the obligation of the church to the Loh Zeh fund and we hope within the next year to clear the entire amount. One special gift has made possible the putting in a fire plug connection on the corner adjoining our pipe line.

It is our aim to make the report cover different departments of work as follows: Religious, Educational, Social and Philanthropic.

I. *Religious Work.*

We have been encouraged at the sustained interest in worship services and the training work of the church. Attendance has increased twenty per cent since last conference. Two new groups have been organized during the year. The first is the Young Women's Missionary Society made up of young matrons and the younger women of the church. The interest has been good and this group gives us added hope for the future. The second organization is the setting up of the Young People's Department. We have a superintendent and four classes in this department. We were particularly struck this year by the training school which was held in Sooknow, that such a fine group of young people from our church and others in the city took these courses. In September we undertook to revive the custom of two worship services on Sunday. We are not sure of the outcome yet but we believe that when we have discovered the convenient hour that a second service will find a place in the life of this church. Twenty-one new members have been added since last conference.

A fine piece of co-operative effort has been undertaken by the dif-

ferent churches in Soochow and each week services are being held in the Soldiers' prison. In addition, the Christian forces are uniting to broadcast a Christian program every afternoon from three to three forty-five. We welcome and support every move toward united effort.

II. Educational Work.

The Educational work of the center is wide in its appeal and the families touched is even wider. Here I cannot hope to do more than give a bird's-eye view of our program in this community. Full reports of the individual pieces of work have been made to the proper boards.

1. *Yao Chun Middle School.* This piece of work has been augmented this year by the addition of a kindergarten. The enrolment has held its own in spite of the depression.

2. *Zang Teh Girls School.* The campaign for the raising of funds for the erection of a new kindergarten building has been finished and we are now waiting for the approval from the Home Board in order to proceed with construction work. The school is growing in influence.

3. *Church Program.* The program at the church has had few changes. We did find it necessary to change the type of business school held in the evenings. We are trying to run it on a self-supporting basis and therefore could not continue to run it at as low cost as during the past few years. Typing is proving to be one of the points of interest.

Our Kindergarten is reviving and we hope that the enrolment will again reach the high level of several years ago. The free school continues to fill a real need in the community. We have a number of families, the heads of which pull rickshas, who cannot afford education for every member of the family. So this school is lending a hand.

The Half Day School for young women has turned into a new day as we are seeking to develop the courses to the point, where a certificate can be given at the end of two years. We are putting in as basis to these credits singing, home economics, health training as well as English, Chinese and mathematics. We hope to help make these young women better homemakers, and therefore better members of the community.

III. Social Work.

Sometimes it is felt that when you mention social work of a center such as this you mean the campaign for associate memberships. That is not in our mind when we use the term, though we do maintain that every community has some obligation to help with the social programs carried on among its members.

The results from the membership campaign were heartening. In the face of depression we got a fine response and we secured 846 social members. The membership meetings have sought to appeal to special groups. Particularly are we working with children. This being children's year, makes this emphasis all the more necessary.

The bathhouses have continued to add to the cleanliness of the community. The well-baby clinic has maintained steady work. Boys' clubs are being organized in spite of the very heavy programs carried in all schools today. Two new workers have been added to the staff and we are facing the future with hope and determination.

IV. Philanthropic Work.

Three pieces of work done by our institution ranks as purely philanthropic—the Free School, the Boen Mun Work and the Or-

phanage. The first two have continued steady by persistent growth. The third piece of work has made especial progress this year in three directions and this part of the report will seek to deal with those three phases. The Orphanage has been put on a firm basis this year, first, because we have secured a temple, Zang Sz Miao, near Mo Doh as a location for this work. This gives us room to take care of one hundred boys, playgrounds and about eight or ten acres of land for cultivation. The government through the help of friends here in the city granted us the use of this property and the grant amounts to our virtually owning the property. We moved there in March and since the first of April have grown most of the vegetables used in the Orphanage. In addition we have experimented with the growing of tomatoes and find the ground suited to this purpose. We must add a canner to our equipment next year so that we can can all that we do not sell.

Second, the boys are now being given an opportunity to learn to work as well as study and this has met with approval on every side. There is much to be overcome in this regard, for they got to feel that they did not have to work the two years they were in Soochow. They attend the village school and this makes them feel that they are a part of the community and not different from other children. We feel this to be a fundamental principle. We want them to grow up feeling no different from other children in the community and at the same time, we want to grow in them a fine attitude toward taking their own responsibility for making their way in life.

Third, the three circuits of Soochow have taken over the Orphanage as a project for the Methodists of Soochow. Details are being worked out and we will want to set up an Orphanage Board. With property and running expenses on hand, the three circuits should find this a rich opportunity for helping those in need. This we feel to be a step calling for rejoicing. We invite other churches of the conference to join with us in making this a truly Christian piece of work.

V. Summary of Statistics for the year:

New church members	21
Total church membership	331
Social membership	867
Educational work of the center:	
Yao Chun Middle School and Kindergarten	294
Zang Teh Girls' School and Kindergarten	261
Half Day School	48
Night School	28
Kindergarten	28
Free School	40
Boen Mun Kindergarten	59
Boen Mun Night School	45
 Total	 799

(Fall Enrolment)

Daily Vacation Bible School	210
Membership Meetings	6
Total attendings	3,150
Bath House—Men	12,961
Bath House—Women	7,694
Game room (paid fees)	876
Ping Pong (average per day)	20
Concerts, Six; Attending	2,960

Baby Welfare Members	45
Vaccinations	1,019
Injections	65
Reading Newspapers per day	80
Reading Magazines	30
Women's Missionary Society	65
Young People's Missionary Society	30

YAO CHUN JUNIOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

The enrolment is 319. There are three classes in our junior middle school, six classes in our primary, and a kindergarten. The students are active and diligent both in their regular school work and extra-curriculum activities. There are eighteen teachers.

There are eighteen Christians among students, and out of eighteen teachers eleven of them are Christians. We have two hours every week used for religious education. In the junior middle school we divide the students into groups to study the Bible and discuss questions concerning Christianity. In the primary we have the Epworth League. This term we have three students baptized. That makes the number of Christians twenty-one.

As we see that kindergarten is very important to meet our needs, we started to run a kindergarten last spring. We spent a great deal of money in building and equipment. Now there are thirty-one children in our kindergarten.

In regard to our finance, we have only the income which students pay regularly. Our disbursement is great. So it is rather difficult to develop our school into a perfect one. If the Mission can give us financial help, surely we can have more buildings and equipment to meet our demands.

KONG HONG CHURCH CENTER

January 9, 1936

I. *Survey of Work for the Past Year.*1. *Day Schools.*

- a. Yao Chun Middle School, 18 teachers, 319 students.
- Zang Teh Girls' School.

2. *Church Educational Program.*

- a. Kindergarten, 1 teacher, 28 students.
- b. Free School, 2 teachers, 40 students.
- c. Half Day School, 7 teachers, 48 students.
- d. Commercial School, 5 teachers, 28 students.
- e. Citizenship School, 7 teachers, 30 students.
- f. Daily Vacation Bible School, 15 teachers, 210 students.
- g. Reading room, more than 30 per day.

3. *Health work.*

- a. Baby Clinic, 45 members.
- b. General Clinic, 1,084.

4. *Social Work.*

- a. Membership Meetings, 6 times, 3,150 attendants, 876 Social Members, Fee \$4,108.50.
- b. Bath Houses—Men, 12,961; Women, 7,694.
- c. Woman's Club, 32 average monthly attendance; 4 special meetings, 800 attendance.
- d. Boys' Work, Pin Pan more than 20 per day, Soochow Championship, Bicycle Trip, Camping, Harmonica, Anti-fly Cam-

paign destroyed 580,231 flies, odors forming forced the workers out.

- e. Children's Year, Social Meeting, Children's Concert.
 - f. Lobby, 876 (paid fees).
 - g. Concerts, 6 times.
5. *Philanthropy.*
- a. Orphanage, 2 teachers, 15 orphans.
 - b. Boen Mun Work—Factory. Kindergarten, 1 teacher, 45 students; popular education, 1 teacher, 59 students.
 - c. Poor Relief—Rice and Clothing. Give rice tickets on half price; give new cotton clothes.
6. *Religious Work.*
- a. Religious Education.
 - b. Worship Services.
 - c. Adult Work.
 - d. Missionary Societies.

Woman's Missionary Society	75
Young People's Missionary Society	20
Children's Missionary Society	277

II. *Matters for Discussion.*

1. Results of Registration of Schools.
2. Place of Religious program in the school today.
3. Financing the work of the center:
 - a. Educational Work; Yao Chun, Zang Teh, Church program.
 - b. Social Work.
 - c. Religious Work; Pastor, Deaconess, Bible Women.
4. *Objectives.*
 - a. Religious Education Worker with Assistants in both Day Schools.
 - b. Enlarged Health Program to include School Nurse and Home Visitation.
 - c. To double membership of the Church.
 - d. To develop adequate training of prospective members.
 - e. To secure Gymnasium and Classroom Building.
 - f. To develop camp for both boys and girls in connection with orphanage.
 - g. To widen scope of Educational Program of the Church Extension courses, Vocational Training.
 - h. Develop center at Boen Mun to include more comprehensive program for factory people.
 - i. Zang Heh School Building.
 - j. Add land to North-East Corner of Campus.
 - k. Nursery School.
 - l. Home Economics—Short Courses.

MOKA GARDEN EMBROIDERY MISSION, KONGHONG CHURCH

MITTIE J. SHELTON

This year I was appointed to two places—Moka Garden Embroidery Mission in the morning and Konghong Church in the afternoon. I have tried to do the best possible by both places though it has been a little hard at times to divide up so as to fill both places.

The Embroidery Mission felt the effects of the depression more than ever last year and was not in very good condition financially to begin

the year. We realized that it was impossible to begin with the number who had usually had work there and so the Board of Control decided that we should take on only as many workers as were needed to fill what orders might come in. The orders have been few and so the workers have been few. We have tried to sell as much as we could of the stock on hand and have succeeded in selling about four or five hundred dollars' worth of it, but we still have a good amount left in the salesroom. The part-time school work with the young girls has been carried on and we have had about twenty enrolled for the term.

At Konghong I have had two English classes in the part-time school for girls and women, and also have taught or supervised three Home Economics classes—one in cooking, one in Textiles and Clothing, and one in handwork. The Well-Baby Clinic is being carried on with very good results, and a nurse and doctor do what they can to help the mothers who bring in ailing babies. In the kindergarten there are more than twenty happy children with Miss Sung as teacher.

The bathrooms for the women are also being carried on as usual and are proving of great help to the women.

WUCHEN

MARY CULLER WHITE

The year 1935 was the Jubilee year of our China Annual Conference, as that body was organized in 1886. We held a great Jubilee celebration at Moore Memorial Church in Shanghai October 21–November 5. One feature was the issuing of two memorial volumes, one in English and one in Chinese, giving the history of our work. I was one of the editors of the English volume, and this task has taken a good part of my thought and effort for the year. The work was long, difficult, and exacting, but I have a rich reward; for, as I have studied the past, I have walked hand in hand with the leaders of other years and have, I hope, caught something of their spirit. This book, which is called *Golden Jubilee*, was finished in December, and a limited number of copies are on sale both in China and in Nashville.

Another line of work outside my regular appointment has occupied the major portion of my time for the year. I was made Conference Stewardship Secretary, and this office has taken me all over the Conference. This work is linked up with that of the Self-Support Committee, and it concerns every member of every church. I have had the help of a good stewardship committee. Sometimes we combined stewardship study classes with Standard Training Schools and made this one of the major courses; sometimes we combined with Short-Term Bible Schools and gave graded courses on Stewardship to all who came, whether literate or illiterate; but in most cases we have worked up the observance of "Stewardship Week," and have made Stewardship Study classes for church officers and leaders the most prominent feature of the "Week."

During the conference year I have personally taught twenty-five stewardship study classes and have arranged for the holding of thirty-six others. The enrolment has been 836, and 545 have finished a course on this subject and earned a credit. Four hundred and ninety-five books have been read out of class as parallel work, and the members of all classes for leaders have prepared original stewardship hymns which have been sung in the classes.

With the help of my co-worker, Miss Woo, I have prepared in Chinese two original books on Stewardship. One is a textbook called *Stewards for God*, and the other is a book of stewardship stories, a satire, called *Saying, Not Doing*.

Through the agency of the Woman's Missionary Society 32 circulating libraries on stewardship were sent out, and the report comes back that more than 1,000 books have been read. Now 735 books are in process of being read by the preachers and laymen. Small libraries are granted free to those who will read the whole set of books and enlist others as readers. But the recipient must pay for all the books in case every book is not read by himself and two others as well. Somehow I find it much easier to get the idea of stewardship across to women than to men.

My regular appointment for the year has been to outstations of the Nanzing and Huchow Districts. I have continued to live in Wuchen in the province of Chekiang, a small town as we count towns in China, and yet having 23,000 inhabitants, or more than the total population of our entire mission field in Africa. I have a splendid team of Chinese co-workers, the head one, Miss Tsu Tsungpau, being especially efficient. If this were not true, I could not be away so much of the time attending to stewardship work or serving on various mission committees.

The high point in our local work for the year was a large tent meeting held in Wuchen in October. This was conducted by Rev. George Hudson, a young Presbyterian missionary from a neighboring city. Mr. Hudson was born in China, and not only speaks like the native that he is, but also understands Chinese history, religions, and psychology. His handling of the great crowds at the tent meeting, his choice of subjects, and his methods of teaching inquirers right on the spot were the best I have ever seen in this land where crowds are untrained and many come out of curiosity. This meeting lasted eight days and had an aggregate attendance of 12,000. There were 137 probationers, and these continued to come for a while after the meeting. Some, indeed, are still coming, but we have not been able to hold the majority of them as we should. This may be due in part to the fact that my women workers and I are away nearly all the time, but I fear that it is also due to the condition of our church here. The problem of how to help this church and get it revived is one that still remains to be solved. We refuse to be discouraged, because we believe that God is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. I hope those who read these lines will help us pray to this end.

Three Short-Term Bible Schools were held in the Nanzing District this year, and in all of these the attendance and interest were better than last year. A real revival has come to some of the churches on the district and the people from these places came out in large numbers, gladly paying their own board, travel, and registration fees. Best of all, in these places the Christians are deeply concerned about the condition of their relatives, neighbors, and friends; and so, in some cases, non-Christians were brought along to the Short-Term Schools in order that they might receive help.

I have also helped in two Short-Term Schools in the Huchow District and one in the Sungkiang District. In the summer I attended the annual meeting of the Young Women's Student Volunteer Association in Huchow and the Young People's Summer Conference in Hangchow. This has been one of the busiest years of my life. Friends and relatives have suffered through my neglect, especially in the matter of answering letters; but I feel that the price was not too high if the special work I have been doing can be owned and blessed of God. As we close the year there are many, though not general, tokens of the direct work of the Holy Spirit.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT AND NANSIANG WORK

NETTIE L. PEACOCK

My time at Nansiang has been so short that I do not feel qualified to write much in the way of a report. I came back from my furlough in the summer and circumstances have been such that it has not been possible for me to be here for long at a time this fall.

The primary school for girls and the Lochie Rankin Kindergarten are flourishing as far as numbers go. There are two hundred and thirty children, including thirty-four in the kindergarten. My dining-room window overlooks the playground, and I often watch them at play. How I wish you could see how they enjoy their play at recess. They go at it as wholeheartedly as children at home do.

The teachers are a great help in the church work. They are on committees, hold offices, and make a definite contribution to the church life.

In the evangelistic work we have two Bible women and one helper for the whole district. They are doing splendid work. At Kading they have just finished a Short-Term School. The attendance was not so large as last year because many of the people had left on account of rumors of war. This place suffered greatly during the Japanese invasion of Shanghai in 1932, so the people decided to get away before trouble started this time. However, things have quieted down now, and many of them are returning to their homes.

We are planning to hold two Short-Term Schools in this part of the district during the next two months. We are hoping to have a good crowd.

You can help us much by your prayers. I hope you will think of us sometime when you are talking with the Father.

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FRANCES B. MOLING, PRINCIPAL, MARIE CRONE, FRANCES GABY, DOROTHY REES, DRETA SHARPE

FRANCES B. MOLING

Because of our late opening in November last year we were unable to finish the prescribed course of study until the last of July, but at that time we graduated a class of twenty-one, the largest in the history of our school. Closing so late in the year made it necessary for us to postpone the fall term until October. As a consequence we have completed only three months of our present scholastic year.

The cyclone, coming just a few days before the date of opening, caused much inconvenience. Fortunately our property was insured.

The work done this year has been highly satisfactory. We seem to have the unqualified co-operation of our patrons in regard to attendance. The school has been able to meet all obligations, although at a sacrifice. The teachers' salaries have not been brought up to normal, but we hope this may be done before the close of the scholastic year. Our teachers and missionaries have been earnest and faithful in the discharge of their obligations. Our Cuban teachers are following the course of reading suggested by the government for teachers of public schools, while it can be said of most of them they are busy not only in the school but in the church.

The school as a whole has been able to contribute more than \$25 to our Week of Prayer Fund, something to the work of the Red

Cross, and at least \$50 to the cyclone sufferers, while on Christmas Day we ministered to about forty people who otherwise could have experienced nothing of the joy of Christmas. The teachers contributed largely to this last mentioned fund, bringing their gifts to the needy rather than to their more fortunate friends. Their pupils entered into the spirit of the occasion, bringing toys and clothing. Some of the toys were made by the children in the manual training class, while some of the clothing was made by girls in the sewing class. It was a new experience to some of them, and we have reason to believe a very blessed one.

Last year I mentioned the fact that the graduates of our institution had established a fund for the education of some worthy child. It is to their credit that they have kept up the payments, although it has been at a great sacrifice on the part of some. The child receiving the benefit derived from this sacrifice has proved himself worthy of their efforts.

Our church was badly damaged by the cyclone, so we were glad to offer our chapel for the services for a time. The young people and intermediates of our church school have since continued their classes in the College because of crowded conditions in the church.

The meeting of the Young People's Assembly in Cienfuegos during the summer vacation was an outstanding event of the year. They held their meetings at the College and made use of our classrooms. It is the first time we have had the privilege of entertaining these representative young people who come from all parts of the Island. If earnestness and enthusiasm count for anything, the future of our work in Cuba can safely be intrusted to their strong and willing hands. The presiding officer was a graduate from our Spanish high school and will be our delegate to the Florida Assembly next summer.

We are grateful to the Board of Missions for sending us a very efficient missionary in the person of Miss Dorothy Rees, and for returning to us another worker who had previously served in Cienfuegos, Miss Frances Gaby. This made it possible for us to add another grade in our English Department for which there has been such a persistent demand.

MARIE CRONE

This past year has been another of varied experiences for me. Because of the political unrest and the cyclone the first few months were exciting. But we are thankful that all went as well with us as it did.

I had a wonderful vacation last summer. I came back to my work really refreshed and full of enthusiasm.

My school work has been most pleasant. I never taught harder in my life nor enjoyed it more. Since Miss Dorothy Rees came to help us the school work has been redivided and instead of having the first three grades as before, I have only the first and second grades in the English Department. Although I have one grade less, I have about the same number of pupils as last year. They are a dear group of bright little boys and girls, and my most earnest prayer is that I may help mold their plastic lives like His who is the Great Example.

FRANCES GABY

I have been back at work for four months after spending a delightful year on furlough. I was very glad when I knew that my new appointment was Colegio "Eliza Bowman." It was good to come back after being away two years. This makes my fifth year at this school as teacher in the English Department. This year I am en-

joying the third and fourth grades. I have nineteen bright girls and boys ranging in age from seven to fourteen years. They are a wide-awake group.

My church school class is in the Young People's Department and is composed of about fifteen girls between the ages of sixteen and twenty-three. As they do not know English, I have to get the lesson over to them somehow in Spanish, and they often have to come to the rescue with a word that I cannot think of; but together we try to get something of value for our daily lives from these lessons. The Young People's Department of our church school meets each Sunday morning in the school chapel because of crowded conditions at the church, but we go to the church on Friday nights for the other service.

It was a great pleasure to attend the Annual Conference which met this year in Camaguey. I enjoyed meeting again the friends and acquaintances there, as well as those who came to the Conference from all points in Cuba.

Since we opened school October 1, we have finished only one-third of our school year. So far it has been a good year in spite of the difficult beginning just after the hurricane had damaged our property. We are hoping to make it the best year in the history of the school and one that will count for much in education and Christian character building among the children and young people with whom we work.

DOROTHY REES

Since October the first I have been in Cuba. After a most wonderful furlough year, but at the same time a very wearing year, I came here almost as tired as when I landed in America the year before. These three months have been quiet, helpful ones to me in which I have got back into the regular routine of school work and am happy at my new task.

Our dormitory is situated on an elevation overlooking the city, commanding a most beautiful view of the bay. The bay seems to almost surround the city. In the east are some beautiful blue and gray hills. In the morning as the sun creeps up above these hills and in the afternoons as it casts its last glow on them there come to my mind the words of the psalmist,

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth,"

and my strength is renewed.

I am teaching in the English Department of Colegio "Eliza Bowman." In my classes I have eighteen of the brightest, dearest boys and girls on this island. I enjoy my work very much. It is good to feel that one is both needed and wanted. When I see how overworked the other missionaries are, I know that I am needed and I am glad to help them in the work.

Besides my work in the school, I also help in the Primary Department of the church school and am assistant teacher of the English-speaking adult class. I enjoy helping as much as I can in the church work.

DRETA SHARPE

As my work continues much the same from year to year, there is little of a new nature to add. My teaching work is in the upper and high school grades of the English and Spanish Departments. My work in the church school is with the Adult Division.

We have been heartened by the addition of another worker and feel grateful for this provision for lightening the teaching work. As

our school goes enlarging in program and growing in numbers, we are praying to be more useful in His service.

COLEGIO BUENAVISTA, HAVANA

IONE CLAY, PRINCIPAL; LUCILLE LEWIS, MARY WOODWARD, JUANITA
KELLEY

IONE CLAY

The unsolved problems and disturbances that marked the close of the year 1933 were carried over by the Cuban Government into 1935. The opening of the schools for the 1934-1935 term had been delayed not so much by the so-called epidemic of infantile paralysis in the summer of 1934 as by the threatened strike of the public school-teachers for higher pay. The opinion of well-informed Cubans is that it was to avert this strike that the schools were allowed to open only by piecemeal in 1934.

In spite of these measures, however, the threatened strike was not prevented. During the early part of 1935, fed by the prevalent unrest and disorder, it spread rapidly among both public and private schools, until it seemed as if eventually all of the schools, whether willingly or unwillingly, would be drawn into a "sympathetic" strike in which the bus and street car lines, as well as most departments of the government, had been induced to participate.

Our school, however, was saved from aligning itself with a cause only part of which had our approval by the precipitation of a crisis in March. Alarmed by its discoveries showing the extent of the communistic influence in the Island, the Mendieta government determined to put down the rebellion with a strong hand. A state of war was declared, the throwing of bombs stopped as if by magic, and order was restored. Of course all public educational institutions were closed for the time; and, sad to say, although the public schools were reopened very soon, the part taken in this strike and in communistic activities generally by professors and students of the National University and most of the state high schools and teachers' colleges, has caused these institutions to remain closed, perhaps indefinitely.

The effect of these events upon Buenavista and our other schools here has been felt in various ways. Naturally the existence of a state of unrest and insecurity has kept some students from entering private schools and has interefered with the ability to meet their financial obligations on the part of a few of our patrons. The closing of the University and the state high schools has also turned many students from professional careers to short cuts to money-making, such as commercial courses. On the other hand, many parents, discouraged by the disorder prevailing in the public high schools and the uncertainty that this disorder will be ended in the near future, are turning to the private schools for the solution of the problem of education of their children. We are glad that with the aid of our parent board we are able to assist in the solution of this problem and to contribute toward the education of many future citizens of Cuba for whom nothing is being done at present by their own government.

CENTRO CRISTIANO, MATANZAS, CUBA

MARY LOU WHITE, HEAD RESIDENT

The institutional features of the settlement, apart from the local church, consist of recreational and educative club activities for boys

and girls, a kindergarten, a daily vacation Bible school, a Boy Scout troop, and night classes for adults.

The playground is open from four to six on school days, the young people are grouped in clubs according to age and sex, each group under a competent and devoted leader. Two hours are given to sports, outings, handwork, and other projects of interest to young people and to religious and character-building instruction. Great interest is manifested in sports; the boys have played a number of official games with other groups from the city.

The vacation Bible school is held for about a month in summer, continuing activities similar to those of the clubs but emphasizing handwork and religious and other studies rather than sports and outings.

The Boy Scout troop is very active. Because of the standard of entrance, not all boys from the playground are Scouts. The movement appeals strongly to parents of the better class, and the Centro troop represents the pick of the youth of Matanzas. An association of about a hundred patrons contributes to the expense of troop activities. In August the Municipal Scoutmaster and the Secretary of the troop went to the United States to attend the Washington Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America; and, although the Jamboree was called off because of the epidemic of infantile paralysis, the visit of these two representatives has given inspiration to the local troop and impetus to the entire Scout movement in Cuba.

Following the suggestion of Miss MacKinnon, a morning kindergarten was opened at the Centro in September by Miss Elizabeth Earnest, kindergarten teacher at Irene Toland School, with Srta. Lila Interian as assistant. Fifteen pupils have enrolled.

Under the direction of Mr. Moises Boudet, boys' leader, a new athletic field was leveled during the year, much voluntary labor being contributed by the club boys.

COLEGIO IRENE TOLAND

CLARA CHALMERS, PRINCIPAL; ELIZABETH EARNEST, ETHEL WILLIAMSON

CLARA CHALMERS

Colegio Irene Toland has had a fine year, with an enrolment of 248. All classrooms are crowded, and it has been necessary to employ additional full-time as well as part-time teachers.

The teachers of Irene Toland are all Christian men and women devoted to their task of giving a thorough Christian education to the children and young people of Matanzas and Cuba.

There are thirty-eight choice young boys and girls in the Commercial Department. This department opened its third year of work this past September. It has had an unusually rapid growth and development. Mr. Antonio Espinosa is its consecrated organizer and head.

Misses Ethel Williamson and Augusta Nelson are in charge of our English Department. This department is filling a real need in Matanzas, and our students appreciate the great opportunities that this department offers them.

The Music Department is under the capable guidance of Miss Dolores Villa, a consecrated native Christian and a musician. The Music Department is a real asset to our school.

Miss Elizabeth Earnest is the leader of our modern kindergarten. She has a good group that she guides patiently and tenderly in their daily activities. As a true missionary she does not fail to bring them in daily contact with the Heavenly Father.

Chapel exercises are held regularly in two divisions, as the chapel is not adequate, and the Bible is taught in all the grades. The great motivating purpose of the educational work of Irene Toland is to make Christ real in the lives of her students.

In order to house the Commercial Department and to provide an adequate place for chapel exercises we have had to rent an additional house. This means that Irene Toland has reached the limit of her present capacity; and if she is to continue to grow and develop, a new building must be provided. The fourth, fifth, and sixth grades are so crowded that another desk cannot be put in the rooms, and all the desks are occupied. New students for these grades must be turned away. The great immediate need of Irene Toland is more room and equipment. The dormitories are also quite full. There are thirty-eight boys and girls in the boarding department.

The Students' Association of Colegio Irene Toland is well organized and exceedingly active. The leaders are Christian boys and girls of high ideals and noble purposes. The students, through their Association, have made valuable gifts to the school library, have given financial support by paying the tuition of worthy students, have successfully organized religious and patriotic entertainments, using the yard as an assembly room, and have contributed, through donations of groceries, to the new Home for Old Ladies in Matanzas.

JAPAN

LAMBUTH TRAINING SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS, OSAKA

T. TANAKA, PRESIDENT; ANNA BELLE WILLIAMS, MARGARET COOK,
RUTH FIELD, ANNE PEAVY, CATHERINE STEVENS

The work of the past year has been encouraging. The enrolment is 79, 56 in the Kindergarten Normal Department and 23 in the Biblical Department, including eight affiliated students from the Juso Baptist Bible Woman's School. This affiliation with Juso is the first fruit of a year's study of the question of possible co-operation between four Bible Schools of this section. While nothing definite has been accomplished as regards union, a closer, more sympathetic relation has been established that opens the way for further study and co-operation.

In the Kindergarten Department, affiliation has been effected with the Toyo Eiwa Jo Gakko, Tokyo, to the extent that Lambuth recognizes the two-year kindergarten course given by that training school and will receive its graduates to our third year. The three-year course is enabling us to give better training. It has also made possible closer co-operation with the Biblical Department, attracting the biblical students into lines of practical preparation for work with children. More and more there seems to be a need for trained workers along such special lines. Lambuth would like to help meet the need and wants to bid for college graduates to specialize in work for women and children.

As regards kindergarten training, our conviction is that the three-year course must be maintained, holding a standard college grade. However, the decision has been reached that now, since the third year has proved possible, better results may be obtained by setting it off as postgraduate work. A large number applying for the two-year course will make possible a better selection for entrance into the

school, and we believe the best-qualified students can be attracted to the third year.

Much of the practical value in the training of our students comes from actual experiences: Preparing food in the dormitory, assisting in Saint Barnabas Well Baby Clinic, and teaching, under supervision, in church and settlement kindergartens and nursery schools. For the opportunity to get the settlement experience we are indebted to the social service department of the Osaka Mainichi newspaper and to the Gyomei Settlement. The latter is of special interest to us at this time because the scope of its work is enlarging and seems to offer what the Lambuth ideal calls for—that is, a Christian Settlement in which students can be trained. A proposition has been made to Lambuth to take a share in the new plant and to become responsible for the work with women and children.

For the Music Department Miss Stevens reports as follows: "I am trying to open up to the students through music the way to a fuller, freer life in Christ Jesus and to service for him. This purpose is kept in view in teaching the girls of the Biblical Department to play church music understandingly and beautifully and those in the Kindergarten department to give just the proper skill and expression to their rhythms and marches. In spite of the difficulties it is a joy to do this because of their earnestness. The desire of each student to attain this ability leads all to strive zealously toward this end. At the Sunday evening evangelistic service the third-year girls are responsible for planning and executing the music. This gives them confidence and experience, and prepares them to carry this same type of program into any church where they may be sent to serve. This plan provides that one girl act as organist or pianist and one direct the choir and conduct the anthems. The plan has proved satisfactory and the music with the message of the sermon attracts inquirers, some of whom become regular attendants."

There are seven kindergartens in which the students of Lambuth do their practice teaching. These represent several different types of teaching situation. Tobu, Fukushima, and Tsurumachi are church kindergartens. The Dai-Mai Kindergarten affords experience in nursery school as well as kindergarten teaching in a social settlement situation. Gyomeikan is an excellent, progressive kindergarten conducted in cramped, poorly equipped, dark rooms in a small Christian settlement. Yohane is located in an Episcopal orphanage. And last there is the laboratory kindergarten at Lambuth which gives the students opportunity for observation as well as a limited amount of practice in conducting both kindergarten and nursery school. The practice teaching in these kindergartens is under the supervision of Miss Field and Miss Peavy.

In these seven places, about three hundred and fifty children are daily learning to live and work helpfully and happily together. Preparing rice balls for lunch when entertaining their grandmothers at the time of the Doll Festival; making cookies and paper containers to sell at a bazaar, the proceeds of which is their Christmas gift to a settlement nursery; making a scrapbook for a group of children in America; visiting the airport, the city market, the broadcasting station—these are typical experiences in kindergarten life.

The kindergarten and nursery school in the Children's Settlement of the Mainichi newspaper are the newest units of work under the supervision of Lambuth. During the two years since the work was begun there has been noticeable improvement in the health of the children. Mothers who reported minor illnesses as common with their children before entering kindergarten, tell us that these have de-

creased and frequently have disappeared entirely. Besides the daily inspection of each child by a trained nurse, there are monthly examinations by a physician, regular height and weight measurements, and an eye examination once a term. Realizing the close connection between the child's health and his food, the teachers ask the mothers to take turn in coming to assist in the preparation of the children's lunch, under the direction of a young woman trained in the Home Economics Department of Hiroshima College.

Although the work is located in a non-Christian settlement, the teacher reports that there is no opposition to the Christian teaching which she is giving the children. On the other hand, the mothers are very appreciative. One mother, after observing the teachers with the children, expressed a desire to know more about the religion which seemed to influence the lives of the teachers. She and several others are now attending a Bible class conducted weekly in the settlement. One mother has recently received baptism.

The Sunday evening evangelistic services are held in the kindergarten room. These are carried on by the president of the school and the dean of the Biblical Department, assisted by student committees who prepare special music, welcome those who come, go out for street preaching, and visit the homes in the neighborhood.

All Lambuth students teach in some Sunday school. These Sunday schools represent ten denominations (Methodist, Congregational, Baptist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Holiness, Free Methodist, Free Christian, Lutheran, and Korean Christian), four settlements, and one hospital. In Lambuth a graded Sunday school of 182 children is superintended by Miss Hamako Hirose, director of religious education in the school. In connection with this Sunday school there are such activities as the High School Girls' Club, playground, children's library, drawing class, and the summer vacation Bible school which is largely financed by fees paid by the children.

Social-evangelistic activities outside the school carried on by Miss Williams, Mrs. Kita, and Miss Unno are religious meetings, a loan library, a game hour, for girls of six factories.

The head doctor of the Red Cross Hospital has asked that the visiting of the patients be continued, as he has found it of such benefit to the patients. About thirty of these patients might be called probationers and two others have been baptized.

In Jikei Hospital and in Toneyama Hospital there have been ten baptisms. In Toneyama Hospital the probationers and Christians (about fifty in all) have organized themselves into a "Holy Light Society." They have irregular meetings, pay a small fee, and conduct a loan library of books and magazines.

Twice a month a group of Red Cross nurses comes to Lambuth for a religious meeting. Each week Miss Williams goes to the Red Cross Hospital for an English class with the head nurses.

PALMORE WOMEN'S ENGLISH INSTITUTE, KOBE

CHARLIE HOLLAND, PRINCIPAL; THELMA CALVIN, KATHERINE SHANNON
CHARLIE HOLLAND

Yesterday Rev. Toku, pastor of the Hirano Methodist Church, and wife invited eleven of our students and us three foreign teachers to tea in their home. These students had decided at our December special meetings that they wished to become members of the Hirano church, and three of the group were baptized on Sunday before Christmas. The girls talked freely under the skilful leadership of the pastor about their reasons for becoming Christians, all of them

being from non-Christian homes. As we listened our hearts warmed with that joy that comes only when one sees the results of patient labor; for, just as a gardener carefully tends his chrysanthemum plants the year round in order to have one perfect flower on each plant in the autumn, so we, too, work away at our daily teaching month after month and only occasionally we see results. Eight other students received baptism in their community services during the Christmas holidays.

It is our custom in March and December of each year to have special religious meetings, and on these occasions opportunity is given for our girls to decide to receive baptism and church membership. Throughout the year formal instruction in Christianity is given through the daily morning prayers, weekly chapel services, Bible classes, and Y. W. C. A. meetings.

Ours is an English Institute with the avowed purpose of fitting young women for positions as stenographers, typists, or clerks in the offices of the importing and exporting firms, steamship companies, banks, and consulates of Kobe and Osaka. A knowledge of the English language and the ability to use a typewriter are the specified requirements from most of the office managers, but it is an interesting comment on the type of girl we send out that there is never any difficulty in placing our higher department or typewriting and shorthand course graduates. This, in spite of the fact that there is a city school that turns out typists in wholesale numbers who will work for less salary than we ask for our graduates. Last year our representative ranked second in the annual Kwansei Gakuin oratorical contest which draws its contestants from the best colleges of the district. Though we make every effort to do Grade-A work in our professional capacity, we do not stop with teaching English; we teach girls. So while we are proud of our past record, we are not yet ready to say that the ultimate in perfection has been achieved. In fact, we are asking for a grant in funds that will enable us to remodel our chapel and dormitory building in order that our work may be carried on more efficiently.

It is good to have Miss Shannon back with us, and now that Miss Colvin has finished her three years of language study we are for the first time three full-time teachers. But this will last only until next June, for Miss Holland will be leaving for her furlough year at that time.

NAKATSU

MANIE C. TOWSON

My father and I are stationed in a city of over thirty thousand people, our nearest missionary neighbors being nearly forty miles away. Our circuit, including a vast rural area, is comprised of three charges—one a city of sixty thousand people, and the others, large and flourishing towns. The percentage of Christians in our province is one in a thousand of the population.

We itinerate to the towns on the circuit, and work in co-operation with the local pastors in holding Bible study groups and cooking classes with the women. Besides visiting in our city, we also go to see our lonely country members.

Our home, having the advantage of not being an institution, is always open to welcome all who come to it for help or recreation of any sort. It was kindly called by Miss Jackson during her recent visit to the Orient "The House by the Side of the Road." We are blessed with plenty of space, so that outdoor and indoor games can be freely enjoyed the whole year round, also flowers grown and shared with our neighbors and the sick through every season. Large groups

of young people and children come to our home and some women and men. The great problem is how to link them up actively with the church.

Our program is connected with the work of the local church, all of the services of which I attend, occasionally leading the Wednesday night prayer meeting or taking part in the Sunday night service and always helping in the church school by mustering in a number of children.

We work on schedule, having regular days for visiting. We have weekly classes in English for Middle School (high school) boys and girls, held separately, a neighborhood week-day Sunday school, two cottage prayer meetings, and a Bible study class at one of the silk factories. We have a bimonthly social gathering for these factory girls. Another group of the leisure class of girls of marriageable age have lessons in sowing and cooking every two weeks. The regular monthly meeting of the young men's Epworth League and the women's cooking class are also held in our home. At the close of all of these gatherings except one a gospel message is given.

We seek to "sow beside all waters," and the Lord of the harvest has graciously permitted us to see some of the results of the seed sowing. The opportunities for service are boundless.

HIROSHIMA JOGAKUIN

THE REV. Z. HINOHARA, PRESIDENT; LOIS COOPER, MARY FINCH, ALBERTA TARR, KATHARINE JOHNSON, IDA SHANNON

Z. HINOHARA

Regardless of this reactionary age, the Christian institutions of learning in Japan have seen much less suffering from misunderstanding and unpopularity than the Christian churches in general. This is largely due to the fact that the former have shown their usefulness and importance through their marvelous contributions to the life of our people throughout the country. We are very grateful, as this is also very true with our school, especially when it is situated in the midst of the most Buddhistic and militaristic section in Japan. And I must confess that for this we owe much to the ever growing spirit of co-operation and devotion among our teachers, students, and their parents that has been so remarkably shown, especially for the last two years or so.

We are now about at the verge of the celebration of our fiftieth anniversary, and we are in hopes of making it an epoch-making one. It is our plan to observe it for several days, beginning from October 1, 1936. To make this occasion a great undertaking for the future of our school we have already started a campaign for raising the sum of Yen 50,000. For this cause our Parents' Association has voted for raising among themselves Yen 30,000, and our graduates Yen 10,000 and our teachers to give a month's salary, which amounts to about Yen 6,000, including our missionary teachers, while the school store will meet the rest to make the total of Yen 50,000. Besides, all the students of our higher departments are going to give their mites for next three years. The Annual Festival of our school, which is held on October 17, will add to our endowment fund each year Yen 1,000 as long as our school exists.

It is most gratifying for me to say that this school of ours has been decidedly gaining good reputation. The citizens of our great city seem to realize that ours is from the standpoint of character-building education the best in the city, although many of them still hesitate to send their children, largely because they fear that their

children may become Christians. But as to our high school department there is no more trouble in securing enough students for its first-year class, which means from 135 to 150 in three sections. There are in our four departments 776 students and pupils, for whom 79 teachers, lecturers, officers, and assistant teachers are working faithfully.

We are very fortunate in having so many Christians for our teachers and officers. Practically all of them are Christians except those coming from other colleges in the city as our special lecturers. There are only three against 42 full-time teachers. Until about five or six years ago it was so difficult to get Christian teachers. With these earnest Christian teachers we shall be from now on able to accomplish more, for the influence of Christian lives and characters will help to establish the Christian ideal in the minds and hearts of our students.

Our dormitory girls, numbering 77, are a very important factor in creating a Christian atmosphere for the life of the whole student body. A normal class for Sunday school teaching is organized among them with a membership of more than twenty. They are helping in six places in the downtown Sunday schools.

Hiroshima Jogakuin stands distinctively for creative education guarded and guided by the principle of life set forth by our great Teacher. It is to produce the women of genuine Christian conscience and consecration. It is to send out leaders of their own sex. It is to set forth a typical Japanese womanhood with new graces, such as the true knowledge of Christlike God can only create. It is also to distribute the real Christ-spirited women throughout the country, particularly in West Japan, and abroad where there are Japanese colonies so that intensive and extensive love of Christ may be cultivated in the lives of their fellow-countrywomen.

We express our heartfelt thanks to the Eternal God and his glorified Son for all the good, the divine help and guidance especially, that we have been enjoying, and ask for more of them for our future growth in grace and efficiency, while we will always remember the kindness and love that has been shown to us by our mostly unknown friends across the sea.

HIROSHIMA GIRLS' SCHOOL

MARY FINCH

My work this year has been that of English and Bible classes in the regular curriculum, Sunday school work, night school work, and supervision of the kindergarten in my church, taking most of the days of the week.

Our Sunday school work has gone forward, I believe. Some of our girls who teach in our six outside Sunday schools have attended Training Schools for teachers and have been helped. Many of our graduates who have had this training here are now teaching in Sunday schools or holding little Sunday services in their homes throughout Japan and in Manchuria.

Several of our graduates are working in settlements, three with Dr. Kagawa in the slums, one in our new Day Nursery here, and several in training for social service at our Lambuth Training School.

The many girls who have gone into homes as wives and mothers are, though often unknown and unheralded, the builders of a new Japan whose foundations will be love and brotherhood.

Though I have only a limited amount of time to give to the Day Nursery among the so-called outcasts here, I am deeply interested in the work. We have remodeled an old Japanese house at Fukushima

Cho, the poorest district in Hiroshima. Here we have sixteen children under four, five under one year, from seven in the morning until five in the afternoon. We furnish the noon meal, milk and crackers twice a day, and fruit occasionally. Also we provide kimonos and stockings for use at the Nursery only. The children love the Nursery, and their parents are very grateful. The fathers and mothers both work, which means that these babies in the Nursery are being saved from a life of dragging around with or on the mothers' backs.

We have a graduate nurse in charge and two assistants at Christmas and on special occasions our Y. W. C. A. members visit the Nursery, taking gifts for children and parents. Much of the sewing has been turned over to the college girls in the sewing classes.

The workers visit the homes of the babies, especially in time of sickness, and assist whenever possible. The City Department of Social Welfare has commended our work and assisted us in many ways. Plans for enlarging the Nursery are being discussed; 1936 will see real progress there, I am confident. "May the Kingdom come speedily and worthily," is our prayer.

KOREA

CAROLINA INSTITUTE, SEOUL

HALLIE BUIE, RUTH DIGGS, RUBIE LEE

HALLIE BUIE

I can truthfully say that Carolina Institute has had a good year. We realize that we are especially blessed and that our work is an abiding joy because of our splendid faculty of strong Christian men and women. Character building is the aim of our school; the true character that is gotten only through the spirit of the Master.

Each year I mention the fact that we have a splendid faculty; this year it occurs to me that it might be interesting to give a little description of the ones who have been with us longest, the tried and true. I shall mention them in the order in which they came to the school.

In this land where so much, too much, stress is put on athletics, a satisfactory Physical Education teacher is always hard to get. However, our present instructor is good. Having a keen sense of fair play and believing in the possibilities of developing character in the give-and-take in play and sport. In January, 1935, a basketball contest for the girls' high schools in Korea, sponsored by Ewha College, our girls won first prize. That contest was changed to the fall and was played in November of this year, when our girls lost the trophy they had won in January. The instructor was heard quietly to say, "Sportsmanship, sportsmanship. Be a good loser." And our girls applauded the winners—a thing that isn't done in this land. We try to inculcate this spirit in our girls in all of the other contests also. Last year our girls won first prize in the contest for chorus, and this year when they lost the trophy were able to cheer the winners, though I must say that the applause was not as joyous nor as spontaneous as it was for our girl who won first prize for the piano solo (this same girl had won first prize in piano last year) nor for our girl who won first prize in the English contest this spring, sponsored by the C. C. College.

There are twenty teachers in the high school, twelve women and

eight men; sixteen of these are full-time teachers; four give only a certain number of hours per week. Can a girl spend four years of her life, and that during adolescence, under the constant instruction of such a band of teachers and then go out into this land and fail to influence the thought-life, and help to change the standard of living, or fail to take into the far-away places the spirit of love, harmony, and peace?

Only a very small percentage of our graduates will ever be privileged to go to a higher school, so we realize that our task is the training of the future homemakers of the land. The seed sown here have already brought forth fruit in peaceful, happy, clean homes of our graduates.

In the primary department our teachers, two men and five women, are all strong Christians, the Japanese being a nominal Christian only. In this department also only a very small per cent of the graduates can afford to go on to high school; therefore, here too the training must most often fit a girl for the duties of life.

Many times it is the most promising ones who must give up study. There are reasons that make it very hard to get a real Christian Head Teacher for the primary department. We are wonderfully blessed in the man we have; he has been with us eight years.

Our kindergarten teacher has been with us almost nine years. She is a true Christian, her father being a preacher. She is gentle and kind and the kindergarten tots love her.

There are twenty-eight of us in all—men and women; Japanese, Koreans, and Americans; old, middle-aged, and young, a rather mixed crowd, and yet there is the most sincere spirit of helpfulness and understanding, the spirit of real Christian love. We are working for the Master. We still have our faculty prayer meeting once every week, all departments meeting together.

Our enrolment for our new school year, April, 1935, was as follows: High school department, 376; primary department, 460; kindergarten, 45. Total, 881.

Our dormitory in which there are one hundred and fifty girls now is self-supporting. The only subsidy given by the school is the salaries of the matron and the janitor. The salaries of the two cooks are paid by the girls. Everything is managed through committees composed of dormitory girls and elected by them—committee on finances, buying, menus, house-cleaning, etc., etc. These committees are elected every quarter.

A few weeks ago there came in my mail a package of hand-work with a letter of explanation. It was from a student who hasn't been in touch with the school for over ten years. While she was in school her best friend was taken sick and had to go home. She was asked to pack and send the friend's things to her. She felt that she would never see her friend again; and as she had seen her make the things and they brought to memory many precious confidences, she just couldn't give them all up, so she kept these few. It seems that the owner never missed them. Years passed by and finally she lost touch with her friend, but still hoarded her treasure. Not long ago it came to her that these things were not rightfully hers, they were stolen; as she couldn't find her friend she sent the things to me, asking that through the Alumni I find the owner and restore them to her.

RUTH DIGGS

My duties have been quite varied during this past year. Due to the shortage of workers, I was given the supervision of the evan-

gelistic work of the North Seoul District in addition to my work at Carolina Institute. Although this has been a very busy year, it has also been a very happy one.

It is a great privilege and also a great responsibility to have a part in the training of the youth of a nation. As I go into the classroom day after day to teach English, I pray that I may also teach them something about Christ and his power to change their lives. During the past year I have seen many brought into a closer fellowship with him.

Every year graduates go out to establish their own Christian homes. Letters often come from the pastors telling of the contribution that our graduates are making in the local churches. One girl has started a class for the uneducated women in her village, and she writes that it is a great joy to see these women read their Bibles and sing for the first time in their lives.

We feel that the Carolina Institute is making a contribution to the womanhood of Korea, and I am happy to have a share in this work.

NORTH SEOUL DISTRICT

Our evangelistic work in Korea was reorganized this year, and it has fallen to my lot to begin a new type of work in this district.

In the North Seoul District are 13 churches, most of which are within the city limits. My helper and I have organized clubs for women in four of the churches. These clubs meet once a week, and the women are taught knitting, sewing, cooking, care and feeding of children, hygiene, and sanitation. The groups have been quite responsive, and in one group we have an average attendance of 15 to 20. In some groups the women are about equally divided between Christians and non-Christians. There are rich and poor, educated and uneducated—though most of them have some education. We have been able to reach some of these non-Christian women and feel that many of them will be brought into the church. The Bible women in these churches are co-operating with us in this work, and their vision has been broadened during these months. They, too, have come to realize the value and importance of club work in the church. We are hoping to be able to organize clubs in several other churches in the spring. Some churches have already requested us to organize clubs in their churches.

I am praying that I may be able to do a more effective service for the Master in 1936 than I have in 1935.

EWHA COLLEGE, SEOUL

VELMA H. MAYNOR

The experiences of the past year have been varied and interesting, and life has been rich and abundant.

January, 1935, found me in America finishing a semester at the School of Speech in Northwestern University. There I had the privilege of several courses in dramatics, public speaking, and oral interpretation, all of which are proving to be of practical value.

At the end of January I was at home with my mother for a few days and then went to Scarritt for six weeks of pleasant and helpful contact with teachers, students, other missionaries, and the administrative secretaries.

Out of this six weeks' term, however, I spent one week in Alabama attending the annual Woman's Missionary Conference of North Alabama, my home conference. This was the beginning of a rich and

happy association with these women, as well as with the officers of the conference, which extended into the summer months. I had the great pleasure of going to almost every district, speaking at the district meetings.

Another week was stolen from the six at Scarritt for Council Meeting in St. Louis. There I heard a note of renewed courage and plans for advance that helped me to decide to return to Korea. Just "holding the line," with no permission to open new work, to take advantage of the many opportunities that press upon us, is not very interesting to me. But if we are to make an adventure of faith and extend our work with a new and vital program that comes to grips with the social, economic, and spiritual needs of these people, the little ability that is mine is freely given, and I am proud to be one of the messengers sent by our church to help spread the Good News to the uttermost parts.

Goodbye to Mother and other dear ones has never been so hard before as this time, but God's supporting love is sufficient for them and for me, and friends on this side too with their warm welcome make me realize anew the wealth of having friends on both sides of the world.

At Ewha College, beautiful wooded hills and valleys with stately buildings of gray stone and sunrise and sunset glancing across green tile roofs to touch lovingly soft pine boughs and fall in gold and shadow beneath, make of our new college campus a veritable fairyland. We thank our Father and you dear women of America for this wonderful new college. Please give us your continued intercession as we endeavor to make Ewha count for the most to the womanhood of Korea. We need your prayers. There are so many problems and so many chances to make costly mistakes.

The girls bring us pressing needs of their own and of their society. They come with hearts breaking over the poverty and ignorance which they see all about them and in the face of which they find themselves frustrated and helpless. Often refusing to accept the comforting words of even religion for themselves, they demand justice for their underprivileged brothers and sisters. Surely the Christian church must make some adequate response to this impatient idealism of youth.

Nineteen hundred thirty-five was one of the most significant years in the history of Ewha College. The College moved from its old, cramped city quarters into spacious, beautiful buildings in the western suburbs of Seoul. May 31 the school buildings were dedicated to Almighty God for the education of womanhood in Korea, with three thousand people sharing in the solemn service under the trees.

Deep thankfulness was expressed that not long would the three hundred girls have to commute to school every day, but that the beautiful dormitory was rising which should provide a college home for the students, so important a part of their education. The Woman's Missionary Society had again come to the help of Ewha College in its need by appropriating \$20,000 with which the third unit of the dormitory is being erected. This handsome stone building has thirty-five bedrooms for two or three girls each. At the opening of the school year in April, 1936, "Maple Leaf Hall" will be opened. On Founder's Day, May 31, 1936, the Fiftieth Anniversary of the beginning of women's education in Korea will be celebrated here, and the Dormitory, Kindergarten, and Home Economics and English practice houses dedicated. This completes the present Ewha College unit. We hope the Woman's Missionary Society will send some official visitors to share our joy on this auspicious occasion.

All three units of the dormitory, with its big family of one hundred

fifty girls, and more to come next spring, are presided over by a "Canadian" girl, Miss Sinwhan Kang, daughter of a minister. She is an Ewha alumna, too, and a wonderful matron. Her friend, the college nurse, Miss Keunsil Kim, is also a "Canadian" Korean. She was trained at St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo, and is a worthy addition to the staff.

The Home Economics Department, special Canadian project, is flourishing, with 90 girls, the largest enrolment of all departments. We are delighted to have Miss Harriett Morris back from her health furlough. The graceful lines of the model Korean home which the alumnae are building as a home practice house delight all beholders. We hope it will be ready to occupy in April.

Miss Mabel Kim Lee, whom Canadian women helped to train in Toronto, served Ewha magnificently as head of the Home Economics Department until April, 1935. She was married in June, 1934, but carried her school work through the difficult year, planning everything and accomplishing the moving in March. Her little son was born just as the College buildings were being dedicated in May. Her Canadian friends would rejoice to see her lovely home and family. She still teaches some classes at the college.

Women's education received recognition in the decoration conferred upon President Appenzeller in October. She was awarded the Blue Ribbon Medal for "Meritorious Service in Education" by the Imperial Government of Japan. This honor has not before been conferred upon a woman in Korea, so we rejoice that it has come to the one college for women. We praise God for his guidance from the tiny beginnings of the college to its present place of influence and opportunity. Let us pray that we all may be worthy of the great task before us, which promises to be more difficult but even more glorious in the years just ahead.

EWHA COLLEGE, SEOUL

JOSEPHINE DAMERON, TEACHER OF SINGING

The greatest event of the past year was our moving out to our new college at Sinchon, where we began the new year April, 1935. For several years we had been watching with interest and pride the construction of the three granite and concrete buildings and it is needless to say we were happy when the day came that we could begin work in them. It is impossible to describe the joy in our hearts as we marched out in line, each taking some treasure. The three buildings, Pfeiffer Hall, Case Hall with Emerson Chapel, and Thomas Gymnasium, were finished but our living quarters were not; so we continued to live at the old school, some of us walking over the hills about two miles every morning and afternoon until summer. By fall the dormitory and our "Pent House" on top of Case Hall were finished and we moved out to live before school opened in September. Leaving the old school was not easy for some of our family, for there were many sweet and sacred memories connected with old compound, where so much pioneer work was begun. Within that old compound, with the old city wall (over 500 years old) at the back, the first hospital work was done, Ewha the first school for girls was opened 1885, Pai Chai the first school for boys was started, the first kindergarten work was done and Miss Appenzeller, our president, the first white child was born.

Our Pent House rooms are small but comfortable, and it is a joy to be out here where the air is clean and pure. We have a wonderful view of all the surrounding country, with the near rice fields, the

wooded hills of Chosen Christian College across the little valley, the river winding its way like a silver ribbon around the distant hills and the high mountains beyond. We have a large deck between our two sections of pent house rooms. In the autumn we often had our supper on the deck and watched the sun set behind the island of Kang Wha and studied the stars as they came out one by one. The dormitory is beautiful and the girls are so happy to be in it. Many of the girls living in Seoul stay in the dormitory. There are 141 in all. It is built in three units and the United Church of Canada gave one of these.

I shall not attempt to describe Case Hall. You have seen pictures but of course they do not tell all the story. I will say I have never seen such a beautiful music building—outside and inside. It is substantially built of granite and concrete and much thought was spent in planning and constructing to make it beautiful as well as useful. It is a beautiful and fitting memorial to Miss Case, who was a lover of music. I wish each of you could see the new college.

There are 67 girls in the regular music course, but all the girls in the Literary and Home Economics Departments have chorus and all the Kindergarten Normal girls have chorus work and organ or piano lessons. There are twenty girls with voice as their major subject and all the piano girls have class-voice for four years. Each year there are more and more girls applying for the singing course. I have one of our graduates assisting me with the voice work and she is doing very good work but she needs to study more and would like very much to go to America. The Korean girls love to sing and they have good voices. Our music girls are making a big contribution in improving the music in the churches and Sunday schools. Most of the churches have small organs and they are now organizing choirs with boys and girls singing together.

The grade of work done by our music students is improving each year. As our graduates go out to teach in the high schools our new students are better prepared. Our Glee Club sings over the radio a great deal. The piano and voice students give solos also over the radio.

On November 8, 1935, eighteen of our Glee Club and five of us teachers went on a concert tour for nine days up the west coast of Korea as far as the border of Manchuria. Our girls sang well and we had good, appreciative crowds everywhere. I sang two groups of songs on the program. It was very interesting to meet the alumnae and hear what they are doing. We sang in the churches Wednesday and Sunday nights. Wednesday evening they were having their Thanksgiving service. I sang in two churches where there were seated on the floor nearly 2,000 people. It was an inspiration to look out on this sea of lifted faces.

I thoroughly enjoy my work and feel that it is a great privilege to be allowed to have even a small part in this all-important work of training the young women of Korea for a broader and more useful life with Christ at the center. My daily prayer is that I may be worthy of the trust that has been given me and that I may be a true representative of Jesus Christ. Our days are very full and often there are very difficult problems.

TAI WHA COMMUNITY CENTER, SEOUL

MARGARET BILLINGSLEY, SUPERINTENDENT

Since writing my report last year, a prayer has been answered—part of the Week of Prayer Fund is to come to the "Center" to help provide for those much-needed buildings of which you have heard so

much. It is with grateful and thankful hearts that we face this year, feeling that before the year is over we shall really be working in the long hoped for buildings. These cold winter days, when it is physically impossible to carry on in some of our tumble-down rooms, it makes us more thankful than ever to realize that at this time next year we can be working in comfort in a well-built building. My heart goes up in prayer to our Heavenly Father, thanking him for all those who have given so that the work of this institution may be carried on in a more efficient and effective way.

The sum which shall be our share will not care for nearly all of our needs, but we are asking the Korean people for some and then we will probably have to sell a portion of our land in order to secure an amount large enough for even the most urgent needs. That means that at this time we will not be able to have such features as a gymnasium. We are now in the midst of committee meetings making plans for the buildings and trying to stretch the money so that all the needs can be met.

The past year has been one of increased service to the city of Seoul. The doors of opportunity are many, but we have to pick and choose and try not to grow too rapidly as there is a danger of having quantity and not quality. We have ventured into several new lines during the year. Some have succeeded beautifully and have proven to be projects of real service, while others have not brought forth the fruits that we expected. However, no effort is a failure, as from each experience we have learned a lesson that we may apply to the future and also I believe that God uses each sincere expression of love and service for his glory.

Club work as we understand it is new in Korea and therefore it is along this line that we meet some disappointments, but it is also here that I have experienced some of the happiest moments of my life. In small groups one can come in such personal contact with each individual that confidence can be gained and thus they can be lead into the richer, fuller life. This experience has been especially true in my factory girls' club, where I have seen several of them accept Christ.

Since much has been said and written about the "Center" during the last year I will not go into each of our various phases of work. They have all shown new life and promise during the year. A number of new workers on our staff are bringing in new interest, so with their willingness to adventure forth into types of work which are new for Korea we feel that great things shall be accomplished for our Christ during the years to come. This is an institution with limitless opportunities to render a service which is not being done by any other group. We are touching people who are not being touched through our other Mission institutions and churches. My prayer is that we may not miss our opportunity and that proper buildings, workers and equipment may be available for the carrying on of this work in Christ's name.

CITY AND RURAL EVANGELISTIC WORK, SEOUL

Laura Edwards

During the first four months of the past year as during the last five years I lived and worked in the Choonchun District; but at the Annual Conference in April I was appointed to evangelistic work in the Seoul East District. I moved to Seoul May 5, and during the past eight months I have become somewhat acquainted with my new field and am thoroughly enjoying the work. My Korean co-workers and I have conducted nine rural "More Abundant Life Institutes"

of three to six weeks' duration in nine communities, besides carrying on an everyday program of community work in the village where we have our home and headquarters.

The first six weeks of the year we spent in a village near Choonchun in which there were a small handful of Christians and a large indifferent non-Christian population. The weather was very cold, and the snow so deep they all felt keenly the need of warm clothing, and in the long evenings they had plenty of time to attend classes of many kinds. We taught the women how to knit clothes for both children and grown-ups. In the evening we taught the women to read and also something about the proper care of their children. Our little Korean house in which we lived was the cleanest, brightest, and most cheerful place in the village, so the people all liked to drop in and chat with us and see how we did things. While the mothers were busy in the mornings with their housekeeping the children came for an hour of story and song and sometimes some games.

Before we finished the six weeks the children and their mothers were singing Christian hymns, each had knitted one or more articles of clothing, their homes were much improved in comfort and appearance, they were avowed believers in the gospel message, and were regularly attending church services.

About the middle of February while everybody celebrated the oriental New Year we had two weeks of rest from country village work, after which we moved to another village for one month. In this village cooking, hygiene, housecleaning, and care of children were our everyday subjects. The evenings of the last week were given to evangelistic preaching services, and a prayer group was organized. This group is continuing to grow and will make a good church, we believe.

By the time we finished this program spring was at our door and we moved to another village in which we emphasized cooking, housecleaning, and gardening. Always as we worked, whether in the class hour or in the practical lessons, in a quiet, natural way we talked about Jesus Christ and his power to meet our every need, and the women have been eager to learn of such a Friend and Saviour.

In May I moved to the Seoul East District which comprises ten pastoral charges. Five of these are city or suburban churches and can be reached by street car. The other five are circuits on or near the railroad or auto mail lines.

Having lived in Korea twenty-seven years and worked much of the time in rural districts, I had some idea of the needs and opportunities of any rural section, but in order that I might know more exactly the needs of this particular field I made a somewhat hurried itinerary and survey of the entire district before deciding where I should live. After viewing the whole field I rented a semi-Korean-Japanese house in the most crowded, neediest section of Seoul, and with a lovely Korean young woman, Miss Minn, a graduate of the Theological Seminary, began to live in our "House by the Side of the Road." Our house is always open to our neighbors and friends, and they come from every class and at any and all hours with their joys and their burdens. We also carry on in our home a regular program of service. On certain days of the week we have a housewives' club in which we teach all practical home economics courses. On certain other days we have Bible classes. On others, clubs and classes for teen-age girls, and on others we have the children for stories and songs and Bible verses. In the evenings we have the young men's English Bible class and songs.

After the program in this community was begun we realized that there is a great opportunity in the communities surrounding all our

churches for reaching the non-Christians through some such classes, so we arranged to go one day in each week to each of the churches of the city in our district. In all these communities the women respond most enthusiastically to every opportunity to improve their homes, and through these contacts we are able to lead them to know and love our Lord and Saviour.

I have working with me in the district two very splendid Korean young women, one a graduate of the Theological Seminary and the other a graduate of Ewha College Home Economics Department. For our program in the city at least one of us three must be here all the time. Sometimes two of us go out to a large country village for an institute of two to four weeks while one carries on the work in the city. Sometimes only one goes out, and two carry on here.

A few weeks ago I taught a Bible Institute of ten days for the church officers of one of our circuits. There were about fifty present, more than half of whom were young women, and their eagerness to know God's Word was an inspiration to me.

The women who have come to the church through our other courses are already interested in Bible study, and we are planning regular daily home study courses for them with weekly reviews and lessons with a teacher.

We scarcely ever lose from the church a new believer who begins early in his Christian life a systematic study of God's Word.

The past year has been a good one, and God has been most gracious to me in allowing me to lead some of his children into the "abundant life," but I want to bear more fruit for him during the new year upon which we are entering.

"Let me live in a house by the side of the road where the sons of men go by . . . and be a friend of man."

SEVERANCE UNION HOSPITAL, SEOUL

MAUDE V. NELSON

During the year we have continued just about as usual except for a few changes in our staff. Miss En Soon Syn left us in January to go to her home where she is working in the mission hospital. In her place as matron for the students and assistant teacher in Practical Nursing, we have been fortunate in getting Miss Pokum Kim. Miss Kim graduated from Severance in 1933, after which she went to St. Lukes, Toyko, for a year of Public Health study. After graduating she was taken on the staff for a year where she made an excellent record.

There have been a few courses added to our curriculum which are proving most helpful: Dental Hygiene, Obstetrical Nursing, Hygiene and Operating Room Procedures. A thing that is most gratifying is the fact that the Chase dolls are being less and less used because the students are more willing to be used as patients. Unless the students can actually know what a bed bath feels like, or the comfort of a good back rub they have very much less ideas of the real meaning and significance of the things being taught. We have also been able to use free patients, women and babies, to an advantage especially in Obstetrical and Pediatric demonstrations. At present we have sixty-three students in training.

Due to the strike in 1932 we had only five to graduate this year, all of whom were fourth-year students. One of these went to Japan to finish high school, two returned to the Pyongyang Hospital, one was kept on our staff and the other is about ready to retire.

We feel very fortunate indeed that our new hospital pastor, Rev. Chai, who has been ten years in America, brings with him his

wife who is an American registered graduate nurse. Mrs. Chai has kindly consented to teach three hours of English a week to our preliminary students, and Mr. Chai is going to help us out in Bible teaching. Mrs. Chai is to fill a need we have long felt in the field of private duty nursing. She says she will be on call at any time and in all probability she will be kept busy.

I am sorry to report that the fourth-year course had to be dropped because the Government would not give recognition unless we adopted their plan. We did not feel that this Midwifery course meant enough to us to have to lower our standard and take the two years of theory and two years of practice as it is done in the Government hospitals. Anyone who wants to take Midwifery in their schools may do so without taking nursing, but we agree that a course in nursing is the first essential.

For years we have been pleading for a graduate nurses' dormitory, but as yet the hospital is not financially able to build it for us. However, we are very happy to say we have a substitute which will be about a hundred per cent better than the present dormitory. Through the kindness of Dr. and Mrs. Ludlow and the Presbyterian Mission, it has been made possible for the foreign nurses to move to the Ludlow house, so that the graduate nurses can occupy the foreign nurses home. We do indeed feel most grateful for this kindness and most heartily rejoice with the graduates in this significant move. The house will accommodate only twenty nurses, and because of inadequate dining room accommodations some are allowed to live outside.

We feel that it is only fair for the N. A. K. to know that with the incoming of the present hospital administrators, the American standard of nursing administration in Severance has been changed to more of the Japanese system than the school has ever known. Instead of a nurse being the superintendent of nurses with a final word in administration on the wards and with the graduates, and also instead of a nurse being at the head of the training school, the superintendent of the hospital, who is a doctor, is at the head of these with final authority over all. Nor no longer does a nurse superintendent sign the graduate's diplomas; only the hospital superintendent has this privilege. So then, the hospital superintendent is superintendent of nurses and the so-called "superintendent of nurses" is in reality only dean of the school and an assistant in other things concerning nurses. However, we are grateful that the superintendent has been co-operative and has not interfered with our plans and work, but has allowed us to go in pretty much the same path as before.

We ask your prayers that we may be allowed to continue to grow and make progressive the profession that is dear to us all.

SEVERANCE UNION HOSPITAL, SCHOOL OF NURSING, SEOUL

MAUDE V. NELSON

In March we expect to have a class of eighteen young women to graduate. Due to a strike four years ago of an entire class of twenty-five students, this is our first real graduating class since March, 1932. During the past three years we have had a few special class students to graduate. We feel especially grateful that during these years we have had no interruptions and that out of the class of twenty-five we shall have the eighteen to receive the Nursing and Midwifery diplomas. The Nursing diploma is acceptable anywhere in the Empire while the Midwifery diploma is usable only in Korea. Of the seven students who dropped out of training, one became dissatisfied and

quit while the others had to stop for health reasons. It is interesting to note that among the strikers, four years ago, there was one who really wanted to learn nursing sufficiently to re-enter as a new student and is one to graduate this spring.

After graduating we will be able to use a number of the class for work in our own hospital and hope to be able to place the others. So far, we are not oversupplied with nurses in this country. However, we have only a limited number of available places for positions, namely: hospitals; private duty, comparatively few requests from public for private duty; school nursing, limited number; and Public Health. We feel greatly encouraged that more and more of our graduates are becoming interested in Public Health, for in this field lies our greatest hope of arousing and awakening a sleeping public to cleanliness, sanitation, and health. A few graduates from our various mission schools have been fortunate in getting one year of training from the Public Health Department of the St. Luke's College of Nursing in Tokyo. However, we feel alarmed at the report that this course will no longer be offered to post graduates and if this door is closed to us we shall be greatly handicapped for there is no other available.

For years we have felt the great need of a better dormitory for our graduate staff, and finally our keen desires have been realized. A mission doctor and his wife were willing to move and let their home be used in an appropriate way in order that our need could be fulfilled. Words cannot express our gratitude for this blessing to us. Our graduate staff numbers twenty-five and our dormitory capacity is for seventeen, so we are in need of an enlargement:

In our student dormitory, by much crowding, we have capacity for sixty-five nurses. Here, too, we are in great need for dormitory enlargement so that we can adequately place this number of students and to allow for expansion of the school. In April we hope to take in a class of twenty or twenty-three students. Our students are on probation for six months.

The majority of our students come to us from mission schools and are usually church members. Those who are not Christian when they come to us have every opportunity of becoming so before leaving us. We are fortunate in having a church on the hospital property so that attending church is not difficult for the students. We are fortunate too in having a hospital pastor who is a capable student leader and who has had a number of years' training in America which has better qualified him for the work here. The church pastor in co-operation with the hospital pastor does most of our Bible teaching. Last year they together held pre-Easter services which were most valuable.

The Australian Mission Board has never been able to put a nurse here, so they are offering to pay the expenses of two post graduates for two years' study in Australia. We are handicapped by not having two who know English well enough to send as early as they desire. We are hoping to send one in July and the other one next year.

THE METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, SEOUL

MABEL CHERRY

Korea society has been undergoing such stupendous changes psychologically, economically and socially during the past decade that an institution whose policies and methods were adequate for ten years ago may be quite inadequate today. The autonomous Korea Methodist Church is less than ten years old; it is making its way bravely in a very uncertain society. In order that it fulfil its mission to the so-

ciety in which it has been planted there must be young men and women trained as leaders in this church who recognize the difficult task confronting the church and who also have a vision of the noble task the church has in redeeming this society.

The Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul has been passing through a most critical transition period. In former years it was an institution whose purpose was to train young men for the ministry. In recent years it has joined hands with the Woman's Bible Training School with the hope that there may be established stronger institutions for the training of leaders for the Christian Movement in Korea.

At present there are fifty students, almost an equal number of men and women. All students are high school graduates, a few are college graduates. It is gratifying to know that there are calls for our graduates; more demands at the present than there are students to send although our graduating class this year is unusually large.

Our hope and prayer is that this school may not fail in its responsibility to the Korea Methodist Church and in its responsibility to Korean society.

HOLSTON INSTITUTE, SONGDO

ALICE MCMAKIN, NELLIE DYER

NELLIE DYER, ACTING PRINCIPAL

Holston Higher Common School opened in April with the largest enrolment in its history—four hundred and thirty-one.

In April, Miss Lillian E. Nichols went on furlough and Miss Alice McMakin returned from furlough. Since April Miss McMakin and I have been the two missionaries in the school. There are thirteen Korean teachers and two Japanese teachers on the faculty. At present one city pastor and three city Bible Women are teaching some of the Bible classes. Among these teachers are several of our own graduates.

Seventy-three of the students live happily in our remodeled dormitory. The matron is a Holston graduate and also a graduate of Ewha College.

Miss McMakin has been head of the music department since her return from furlough in the spring. We also have two Korean music teachers, graduates of the music department of Ewha College. At the beginning of the year, over one hundred students signed up for music lessons but we could take only about ninety. Besides the music pupils there is the Glee Club and twelve hours of chorus work. This class work includes sight-singing, ear training, music appreciation, as well as regular choruses. We have taken part in two music contests this year. Our students were entered for voice, piano, and chorus, and the girls did very good work.

Our girls have won several athletic victories this year. Our tennis team won in the tournament open to all the girls' high schools in Korea. Two of the best players were asked to go to Tokyo to a great athletic meet of the Japanese Empire. They did not win but they played almost to the end. Their expenses were paid by people in this city. Our basketball team also won in the Ewha tournament for high school teams.

In December our annual revival was led by one of the teachers in the Methodist Seminary. At the close of the meeting a large number of girls asked to be baptized and received into the church. We are giving them special instruction and they will be received into the church before the end of this school year.

Holston is the only high school for girls in Songdo which has a pop-

ulation of 53,600. Our school has a large place in the educational and religious life of this city. Our opportunity for influencing the home life in Songdo for Christ and the Church is unlimited.

MARY HELM SCHOOL, SONGDO

IDA HANKINS

In many respects the work at Mary Helm School for the past year has been better than that of the previous year, and we have made the statement before that 1934 was perhaps the best year in the history of the school. In 1934 our total enrolment was 115 with a daily average attendance of 85 and in 1935 the total is 167, including the graduating class of 16. Since April the daily average attendance is 124. This is the highest daily attendance in the history of the school. Upon investigation it seems that some of the reasons for the increase are due to the fact that until recently there were in Songdo about fifteen *saudangs*, all but about five of which have been closed by the government. A *saudang* may have from about 15 to 200 pupils. They are not recognized by the government as schools. Some pupils who got a start in such a *saudang*, because of the age limit for entrance into a regular primary school, found that our school was the only one open to them. There are a few night schools which are known as *kang sup sos*, which are not schools in the sight of the government but are considered places of study. Girls have come to us saying that their people would not let them go on the streets at night any longer, but that they had finally gotten permission to study in the daytime, so they came to us. By studying at Mary Helm for two, three, or four years they can graduate from a full primary school course of study.

When school opened in April and there were over 40 for the first grade, there was no classroom that would seat that many, so the partition between two rooms had to be taken down, and the two rooms were made into one. We expect to have to do a similar thing next April. This made us have to do away with the sewing-room, but we felt that it was more necessary to make room for these girls, all of whom were over thirteen, and no other school would take them.

Christmas at Mary Helm School in 1935 was even happier than that of 1934. For a month before Christmas each class was given an opportunity to plan how they were going to make their Christmas money and to whom they were to give it. Nobody knew until the time for the exercises around the Christmas tree just how much money was being given. The total was forty-eight yen and forty sen. This money was sent to four institutions: an orphanage, a tuberculosis hospital, a hospital for lepers, and a school for the blind. One class embroidered a picture which was worth about ten yen. The plan was for each girl in the class to contribute a certain number of hours embroidering the picture. I know this plan would not have worked just anywhere, but these girls could all do well. Each class was asked to make only those things that they knew beforehand where they could sell. We are looking forward to a good work next year.

IVEY HOSPITAL, NURSES' TRAINING SCHOOL, SONGDO

HELEN ROSSER, R.N.

Miss Rosa Lowder being on furlough this year, I have superintended the work of the Nurses' Training School.

Dr. Boehning is reporting the work of the hospital but I, too, can not refrain from giving thanks for the great joy that came to us this year in being granted funds for repairing and improving our build-

ing and equipment. Dr. A. G. Anderson of the Northern Methodist Mission, when visiting our plant recently said, "Aside from Taiku, this is the loveliest small hospital I've seen in Korea."

There have been very few changes in the nurse's class work this year. Naturally, I have added some Public Health courses. Also each of our seniors has had six weeks of field work. One of our former graduates came back for this course prior to taking a position in a Public Health Center. She made a good beginning but had a larger salary offered elsewhere so did not continue, which was a disappointment to me.

Our nurses assist in the Mission Schools' examinations. Also one of the church choirs is composed largely of the nurses. They have been very faithful and an inspiration to the worship service.

Our staff is composed of three men and one woman graduate and eight student nurses. There was no first year class this year but we will take in a larger new class in 1936, when the class of three seniors graduates. I wish this class was larger for I have had many more requests for them to fill positions that I can supply. The superintendent of one hospital wrote: "Can't you let me have another graduate? The graduates from your school always do good work and I wish we had more of them."

PUBLIC HEALTH AND INFANT WELFARE, SONGDO

HELEN ROSSER, R.N.

During this last year we have broken all records in our formula department. Four years ago I was fortunate to be allowed to feed a baby at my own expense, preparing the formula in my own kitchen and going to the home of the baby frequently to teach them to feed it properly. I would find such conditions as the grandmother feeding spinach to the baby after thoroughly masticating it in her own mouth. This year, our work has been self-supporting—fees amounting to Yen 886.92. We have prepared 26,598 bottles of milk which is an average of 73 bottles of milk to 23 babies a day.

Our well-baby clinic has an enrolment of 200 and is held three times a month. During the year 770 have been examined, weighed and measured; 2,078 baths given, and 2,257 visits made in the homes.

Mothers' clubs with an average attendance of 70 are held monthly and institutes annually. This year we had a combined institute of kindergarten and welfare clubs which proved to be very satisfactory.

My assistant and I have taught Hygiene and Infant Care and Training in the Bible Institute under the direction of Miss Bertha Smith; in the Evangelistic Center under Miss Nancy Black; and have helped in some rural classes in connection with Misses Bessie Oliver and Majorie Beaird's work. We have organized three rural well-baby clinics and mothers' clubs and plan to send programs that they can carry out when we cannot meet with them.

There have been some very fine rural clinics but not as an intensive a program as we had hoped because the car was constantly out of repair. Finally, the government refused us license to drive because the car (a "T model Ford") was painted a royal color! It has been such an expense that we decided it was not worth painting. I am thankful to report that we now have a car but due to the fact that our garage is not built according to government requirements, we have been refused license to drive. However, we have promised to build one so we are looking forward to receiving our license in the near future.

I have tried to show you the type of work we are doing. Each day

brings its new problems and a fresh challenge to give of our best, to love mankind as our Master has taught us. This Public Health work is yours. It is you who have made it possible. I appreciate the privilege of representing you on the field.

WOMAN'S EVANGELISTIC CENTER, SONGDO

NANNIE G. BLACK, SUPERINTENDENT

"I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly."

This is the great promise made by our Master to all of us but I think he must have meant it in a special way for the womanhood of the Orient whose lives have been so restricted and bound down by the customs of ages. The bonds are being broken today even here in conservative old Songdo, and our work at the Center is helping to make this possible.

The Center is a busy place from 9 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock at night. Our people come from every class of society, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, and are of every age, from the few months old babies in the clinic to the old gray-haired grandmothers in the Bible Classes. Our children's work is very encouraging. There are hundreds of little girls in Songdo who are too poor to attend school and we are trying through our children's clubs to give them something that will lift them on to a little higher plane of living. 141 of these little girls between the ages of nine and thirteen come each morning from nine to twelve for study and other club activities. The mothers of these children have met once a quarter for recreation and study of some special subject.

Every Christmas our students bring rice, beans, or millet as gifts to be used for the needy. In the past we have always sold the grain and sent the proceeds to an orphanage, a leper colony, a hospital, or to the refugees in Manchuria. This year we decided to use it here in Songdo, so our Center visitor went out and gathered a small group of dirty, ragged little girls together and started a club for them. She has had her hands full, for these fifteen children brought in sixty more just like themselves. They meet in the afternoon from 2:00 to 3:30. We are planning to give them baths once a week. We are going to use our White Christmas gifts for this club again next year and the four kindergartens of the city have promised to give their gifts, also, to us for this work.

Our kindergarten, with an enrolment of 70 little tots from well-to-do homes, has been self-supporting since last April. Not only have the people raised the funds for the year's work, but they are raising an endowment fund so that the kindergarten can be taken care of in the future. Five of the fathers, who are on the Kindergarten Board, made up Y4,750.00 among themselves at our meeting last July, three of them giving one thousand each. All but one of these men are non-Christian. Giving large sums of money is not a general characteristic of non-Christians, I can assure you. I feel that our mission work is responsible for this spirit of giving even though we have not won these men for Christ as yet. Christian principles are seeping into the whole of society and are undermining many of the old non-Christian ideals.

Our night school for girls and young women who have never studied is one of our most effective pieces of work. There are 116 enrolled, between the ages of 16-35. Through the contacts made here at the Center these young women's lives are made over anew. Many of them

have become acceptable to their educated husbands because of the opportunity for self-development offered here.

Ninety of our girls attend church and Sunday school where we have special classes for them. They also have a wide-awake missionary society, which has won first place among the young people's missionary societies of the district for the last two years. In the spring these girls organized a children's society among our club children, and conduct these meetings each month.

On Friday afternoons Bible Classes for the Christian women of the city are taught by the preachers and Bible women.

Our music department is not large but is doing good work. It is the only place in the city where people not in Holston High School can study music. Piano, organ, singing, music history, and harmony are taught. The older music students are mostly graduates of Holston High School, but we also teach children from the Government Primary Schools. We even took in two boys from the Songdo Boy's School this year because they pled with us.

Last spring a music club for men and women was organized and it has been quite successful. A music worship program was put on one Wednesday evening and all the four churches of the city were invited to attend. The club has great possibilities for the average Korean loves music, but has little opportunity to hear or take part in music programs. Our monthly meetings have been quite interesting.

Our woman's club is a new venture also. There are about forty enrolled. We have also had a club twice a month for the graduates of our night school. There are twenty enrolled.

Our playroom in the attic is open four afternoons a week for any who desire to come. Pingpong and other table games are available and also a small library. The clubs also use this room in the evenings. During the winter months we cannot use it much however because there is no way to heat it sufficiently.

We need more room badly in almost every department, and for lack of playground space we have no outside activities whatever. If we could have a well-equipped gymnasium we could draw any number of working people into clubs. I want to see something done for the graduates of the government primary schools who do not go on to higher school. If we can get added workers and better facilities we can enlarge this part of our work greatly.

Special programs and other activities help to make our Center a busy place. Last spring we decided to celebrate our anniversary in a new way. In May a musical recital was given by Misses Dameron, Wood and Kim of the Ewha College faculty, Mr. Chang, a violinist here in the city, and Miss Min, our Center music teacher. We cleared about Y90 on this entertainment.

Then in June we had an exhibit of our work. Over 5,000 people visited the Center during those two days. It was really a credit to our teachers and students. Each department had its own exhibit and our girls worked valiantly to make it a success. The cooking class had turned one of the classrooms into a tearoom and served curry-rice, peipin-pop, ice cream, and cookies. They served several hundred people during the two days. We didn't clear so very much on the food, but it was a good advertisement for the cooking class. This exhibit was our first attempt at anything so large, but since it was a real success none of us minded the work or the strain under which we had been.

Our music department had its annual recital just before the summer vacation. Every pupil, young and old, took part on the program. We feel that this public recital is an incentive to good work. We offer

a half-quarter's tuition free to the one who makes the most progress during the year.

In the fall we had one of the city preachers to lead a week's meeting for our young people. At the same time we had a young man, who is a wonderful story teller, to come for an hour each morning for our children's department.

For six days in the fall we had a special class in knitting and fancy work of different kinds. There were twenty-five enrolled this year and many useful and beautiful things were made during this time.

In the winter quarter a special cooking class was held in which Korean, Japanese, Chinese and American dishes were taught.

Christmas is always a busy time too with its pageant and other Christmas programs. We have to give the pageant two nights in order to accommodate the crowd. Our chapel seats only three hundred people.

In March there are always graduating programs in several departments. Many gifts have been presented by the graduating classes in appreciation of what the Center has done for them. This year the kindergarten children gave a rocking bench for the playground, the clinic presented a pair of new scales; the night school a leather bound Bible for the chapel; the home economics girls a large mirror and the club children a clock.

I am sure that we have made many mistakes and missed many opportunities for service through our own limitations, but God has been good to us and I believe that he has used us in spite of our weaknesses.

RURAL EVANGELISTIC WORK, SONGO DISTRICT

BESSIE O. OLIVER

As we come to the close of another year and look back upon it our hearts are filled with thanksgiving and praise and we say with the Psalmist: "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men."

On the Songdo District we have four city charges and seven rural circuits with thirty-nine churches. We have eleven pastors, twelve Bible Women, one District worker and a number of part-time and volunteer workers.

With Miss Elho Kim I have visited many of the churches on the district. We have given more time to the main centers on each circuit than to the smaller places as work done in them influences the whole circuit.

Home visitation and personal work, as well as leading special services and teaching, have been part of our program when itinerating among the churches.

In one home visited, several members of the family showed very plainly that they would like for us to leave, until I began talking about gardening. Immediately the mother was interested and took us to see her garden. While talking to her about seed, we were able to let drop a few seed for our Master.

We often see people who need medical treatment and try to interest them in getting in touch with a doctor. Sometimes we bring them to Ivey Hospital.

In a number of the main centers we have a number of short-term Institutes.

1. Bible Institutes, in which we had special Bible Study courses. In most cases these were attended by both men and women.

2. Institutes where classes in Bible and lectures on Home Improvement and Child Care were given in the mornings and classes in foreign sewing were taught in the afternoons. We gave the evening hours to games and recreation.

3. Sewing Institutes, where sewing was taught in the afternoons and in the evenings lectures on Religious Training in the Home, Home Improvement, Child Care and Feeding with demonstrations were given, after which kindergarten songs and games were taught.

4. Knitting Institutes, where mothers and others gathered to learn to knit garments for themselves and their children. During these institutes we had Medical Clinics and Health Lectures.

Evening hours were given to devotional periods and talks on Child Training and Feeding and to the teaching of songs and games. In one place a local doctor interested in the kindergarten has begun to hold clinics for the kindergarten children.

5. Cooking Institutes, in which foreign cooking was taught. Foreign food is served at most of the restaurants and eating places in Seoul and other large centers. There is a demand for foreign cooking and the women are eager to learn and are willing to pay for classes. We try to use food supplies that can be bought or raised locally. We emphasize the need of a varied and a balanced diet. Here we have the opportunity to speak on needs of better gardens and preservation of foods for winter use. In Cooking Institutes we have taught many women to make baking powder. It is expensive and in many rural towns cannot be bought. In these different institutes we have Christians and non-Christians studying together. Both are eager to learn anything that will help them with their children or their homes. Oftentimes we leave the evening hours free for the women to visit us in our room. In this way we come to know them better and to know more of their problems.

During January, February and March women from the Songdo District and the Songdo North District came to Songdo for study in what has been known as the Joy Hardie Bible Institute. We are now giving special emphasis to the training of rural church leaders for work in local churches. I had the privilege of teaching several Bible Classes daily and a class in Home Economics and in Games once a week. At the close of the Bible Institute I gave to my Home Economics class, vegetable and flower seeds with the understanding that they were to report at the next term on the use they had made of them.

In Sunday school work I have a Young Women's Class with an enrollment of fifty-seven. This class is composed of students who are graduates of the Evangelistic Center Night School, Holston and Government Primary Schools and students from the fourth and fifth year classes of the Center Night School.

For the past two years I have been District Secretary of the Songdo District and my regular work on the district has made it possible for me to keep in close touch with the Missionary Societies on the district. We have thirty-five Adult Auxiliaries, three Young People's and eight Children's Societies. The members are doing good work and our district paid its pledge in full this year.

At the Korean Woman's Missionary Annual Conference last June, I was elected Conference Corresponding Secretary. Through this office I have the privilege of coming into very close touch with the Societies throughout the Korean Methodist Church. We have 406 Adult Auxiliaries, eight Young People's and 69 Children's Societies, with a total membership of 8,755.

Before Mission subsidy was discontinued we had eleven Keulpangs

and kindergartens on the District under Church control with an enrolment of 445 and total Mission subsidy of \$624 per year, the local churches or communities supplying the balance needed. Now most of these have had to close for lack of funds or have gone under non-Christian control. We still have a few making a brave struggle for existence. They are a help to the churches and offer opportunities of entrance into non-Christian homes.

Since Miss Clara Howard went home on furlough I have had the supervision of the Songdo City Kindergartens. These kindergartens have also had Mission subsidy discontinued. The friends, Christian and non-Christian, have made provision for the expenses of this school year and are trying to raise an endowment fund. Here too, we need to contribute something, even though it may be a small amount, to keep them connected with the church. Each kindergarten has a wide-awake Mothers' Club, doing good work. Miss Howard has something to her credit in the Kindergarten of Songdo.

We have had special requests for longer term classes, and for more frequent visitation. There is a deeper interest in Bible Study and a promise of a larger enrolment in all class work and in the institute for training of rural church leaders for work in local churches.

During the coming year we want to put on a more unified program for the district. With Educational, Medical and Evangelistic workers united, my desire for the Songdo District is for us to confront it in every phase of its life with Jesus Christ and to make him inescapable.

LUCY CUNINGGIM SCHOOL, WONSAN

EVELYN DACUS, CARRIE UNA JACKSON

CARRIE UNA JACKSON

The year of 1935 has been a most happy one in the school, filled with blessings and many desires fulfilled.

On this side of the world, the Lucy Cuninggim includes the high school of 300 girls, Francis Hitch Primary of 300, and the kindergarten of 75 girls and boys. The school has the confidence and approval of the Government, stands high in the estimation of the people and is a tower of strength in the church.

In June we had a celebration of the 33rd anniversary of the beginning of the school and tenth year of Government recognition. 'Twas a grand occasion and was attended by a large crowd of patrons and officials. Two teachers and one parent were congratulated and awarded gifts for ten years of faithful service in and to the school. On this occasion we had present with us Kim Naome, the matron at the school's very beginning, and three women who were among the eleven girls with which the school started thirty-three years ago—Mina Pak, after finishing her education in America, is an evangelistic worker in Songdo; Eula Kim, after graduating in the school, taught in the church school for years and is now one of the most faithful voluntary workers in the Wonsan Church; Dora Pak is also living in Wonsan and is prominent in the church. The last two have daughters in the school now, and I call that that a "good story."

For years we have wanted to have the girls' Sunday school classes in the church instead of the school chapel so when they graduated they would not graduate from the church. This spring the church and school, together, repaired an old house near the church and made us a Sunday school building and we felt like we had gained a step toward our goal. At Thanksgiving time when a subscription was taken up to help build a new church, the Sunday school classes made

up of our students gave Y80.00 besides the amount of Y206.00 which was subscribed by the entire student body.

Also we have made a good start on our endowment fund so we are quite pleased with the condition of the school financially, educationally and spiritually.

This fall when our Sunday school was reorganized into a Standard Sunday School, I fell heir to the Cradle Department and also to an English Class for high school boys in the Junior Department and I am having such a good time.

WOMAN'S EVANGELISTIC CENTER, WONSAN

SADIE MAUDE MOORE, HEAD RESIDENT

As I pause to review the events of 1935, my heart is filled with joy and thanksgiving for the opportunities of service and the blessed experiences that have come to us in our work in "The House of Abounding Grace."

Our morning schedule begins at nine with a chapel service for the Children's Club groups, which meet five mornings a week for games, stories, songs, and study. There are about 90 in the two groups. These happy, though poor and often dirty and unkempt, little tots, respond eagerly to the Bible stories and worship services, and are diligent in their club activities.

The Homemaking groups, of larger girls, mostly primary School graduates, number about 20 in the two groups. We have a graduate from Ewha Home Economic Department in charge of this work and I also help with some English, Bible, sewing and foreign cooking classes. This week one group prepared a meal and invited the Center workers to be their guests at dinner.

A number of girls and young women from the city come to us for music lessons. Our music teacher, also a graduate from Ewha college, teaches these private pupils and also has charge of the singing classes with the various Center groups.

During the year we have had a nurse in charge of the Child Welfare work, holding the Well-Baby Clinics once a month, conducting monthly Mothers Meetings, and visiting in the homes. She has also started a Milk Station, where formulas are prepared for undernourished babies.

The Girls' Clubs, meeting in two groups, once a week, have interesting and happy times, as they meet for their garden projects, and for embroidery and other hand-work classes. One of these groups has been most interested in working up a few simple plays and pageants, which have been used on public programs in our chapel. The Young Women's Club meets once a month. Some 20 high school graduates make up this group. Their programs include a devotional period, a time for games and recreation, and some time for hand work projects in cooking, sewing and art. In November they made attractive newspaper aprons, and had a lesson in making cookies, and at the December meeting they painted Christmas Greeting cards.

Our night school is our largest group. Some 180 girls and women meet each evening for two and one-half hours for study in primary school subjects. The chapel services, Bible classes, and their monthly Missionary Society meetings afford opportunities for religious training and development.

This makes up the regular schedule of our work, but there are irregular and special activities all during the year. In the spring we conducted a special Sewing Institution for city women and in the fall had a week's Cooking Institute. The first week in September

we conducted a series of Bible classes and revival services for women and girls in the city and district. Some 250 enrolled in the classes. This fall the city church officials and teachers and workers in our mission institutions in Wonsan conducted a week's Spiritual Life Conference. This group of some 70 men and women met in our chapel each evening for a week. Our assembly room has been used for a number of weddings and as the meeting place for several social and business group meetings. The Wonsan Woman's Club, a group of about 200, met for their annual business meeting, the church officials had their reception for Bishop Moore and Miss McKinnon here, and the big Christian workers' social was held here.

WONSAN CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, WONSAN

M. ELSTON ROWLAND, SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES

The end of the year 1935 brings many encouraging things for the hospital and its future opportunities for serving to this community and the outlying districts around Wonsan. We have come through troubled waters, as it were, for this hospital suffered greatly during the depression. With personnel depleted and appropriations cut during this trying period, naturally the equipment and supplies were reduced to a low level. It was deemed wise also to close the nurses' training school temporarily and we are now operating with graduate nurses and nurse's aids.

During the past year our missionary doctor has been on furlough and the missionary nurse who has been here for a number of years also went on furlough in the spring. However, the Korean doctors on the staff have kept things going and we have been able to minister to a great many sick and suffering throughout the year.

At the close of the year we are greatly encouraged by the appropriation granted us for equipment and repairs and already we have begun work on new supplies and some smaller articles of equipment. As soon as our missionary doctor gets back we expect to begin in a very real way the installation of some badly needed new equipment and general repairs of the hospital.

We believe there is a great opportunity for a good hospital in Wonsan. From a political point of view, the city is a strategic point and is therefore likely to receive encouragement, or at least non-interference, from the government. From an economic point of view, the hospital is located in the center of the Korean section of Wonsan with the large Japanese section of the city on one end along the bay and a new and large oil refining industry now being constructed on the other end. The city is not overstocked with well equipped hospitals, government or private, and ours is the only Christian mission hospital in a large section of the country, the nearest being the Canadian mission hospital located at Hamheung, some 123 kilometers north of Wonsan. We have opportunity for a large country clinic service as very little of this kind of work is being done or has been done except by our hospital. Our missionary doctor is bringing back with him an automobile for country clinic work and we hope that this work can be greatly developed in the near future.

So rejoice with us and pray with us that we may not miss any of the doors of opportunity that may open unto us in the Wonsan Christian Hospital.

CHULWON DISTRICT

EULINE SMITH

In making a yearly report one begins to think things over in chronological order. In February, just after Chinese New Year, the

usual District class for men and women was held in Chulwon. About 130 attended. The church was crowded at the night services and there was no adequate place for the classes to be held during the day. The course included several classes in Bible, Sunday School methods, Missions, Child Care, Stewardship, singing and games. Genesis and Mark are taught each year for the benefit of any believers who may attend.

During the spring and fall we helped in classes in various places in the country. They were well attended. It is hard for the young women who should study to get away from their homes for any length of time, so we feel that much good can be accomplished by teaching them in their home churches.

Some of us felt that the local women depended on the Bible women for too many things which they could do for themselves. Therefore, we have several churches on one circuit which have not had a Bible woman for a year, and the women there take charge of the work splendidly. We have tried to give them special help during the year. Of the ten Bible women now employed on the District, eight of them are assigned to local churches and two work the District as a whole. One of these works with me in visiting and holding institutes, and is also District Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society. The other is to do follow-up work after revivals.

Because of shortage of funds at home, in 1935 all support of kindergartens and keulpangs was discontinued. Only one of our kindergartens was closed during the year and lack of funds was not the cause. The keulpangs have been continued locally. A kindergarten has been opened in one of the churches. In order to carry on, they had to reduce the salaries of the teachers, but the fact that they have continued these kindergartens and keulpangs indicates that the local people consider them valuable enough to pay for them.

Last spring we hoped to get an Ewha College graduate to help us on the District but were not successful. However, two Ewha and two Seminary students helped during the two months' summer vacation. On one circuit one of the church leaders asked what a young woman like that could do. She had had no experience and was still in school. After she left, however, he continually sang her praises. That particular girl was an Ewha College student.

At Annual Conference last April, two circuits which had been a part of the Chulwon District, were transferred to another District, and we received two other circuits, which makes the number of circuits the same but they are farther away from Chulwon and the distances on each circuit are greater, which means that our territory has been increased. In our visiting since then we made a special effort to visit those two circuits in order to get acquainted with the folks. Once a year we try to visit the various homes with the Bible women in charge but were not able to accomplish that during the past year because of the territory being so great. I am glad to say that Miss Marjorie Beard, whose main interest is Home Demonstration Work, came to Chulwon the first of December and in connection with that work she will also supervise all other work on two of the circuits, which will enable us to do better work on the remaining circuits.

One thing that has impressed me most forcibly this year has been the number of young women who need to be led into different lives. Some have been married and now have broken homes; they have no one to support them and no way to make a living. Other women want to be educated to do special Christian service and have no money to study. They are knocking at a door which we cannot always open.

The last year has naturally had its discouragements but it brought

its joys too, and as we enter the year 1936, it is with hope in our hearts. Plans are under way to build a new church in Chulwon and in two other places on the District. In the spring one of the few Koreans trained in Public Health work is coming to open that phase of work here. We feel that we shall have a greater opportunity to serve this year.

SOCIAL-EVANGELISTIC CENTER, CHULWON

SUSIE PEACH FOSTER, EULINE SMITH, MARJORIE BEAIRD

SUSIE PEACH FORSTER

Our clubs and classes in the Center continue to bring us interesting experiences.

Our weekly club for street boys has given us an insight into some homes which we have been able to help to some extent. Also through this club we came to know an orphan beggar boy who is practically blind and we were very grateful that he was recently admitted into the Boys' Home of the Salvation Army located in Seoul. Especially during these cold months we are glad that we can give a cup of hot bean milk to these boys and to the members of the children's club who come to us from day to day. These rather unfortunate children have improved in manners, knowledge and attitudes to the point that they took a very acceptable part in our Center Thanksgiving and Christmas programs.

Our week's summer camp was attended by fourteen of the teen-aged group and we had a happy and helpful time together. From this club have come some very loyal and active members of our Sunday school.

A noteworthy piece of service was done by several of our Chulwon high school and college students while at home during summer vacation. Under the direction of our Center club leader four of these girls did the teaching in a week's sewing and embroidery class put on particularly for the woman's club with other women and older girls attending. These students, representing our Carolina, Lucy Cuninggim and Ewha schools and one government school, gave of their services gladly and a most worth-while class was the result.

Our English classes, though small, have given me an opportunity to know some non-Christian young people and their families with whom I would not have otherwise come in touch. Is it too much to hope that the message of Christ has made its impression upon these lives?

It has been a joy to sit with a group of substantial young men and women, married and unmarried, and hear them discuss a variety of questions dealing with life of today, such as economics, social conditions, international affairs and relationships, marriage and family relationships, religion, literature and other topics of interest. Out of such discussions we hope that there will grow a deeper realization of the meaning of life, a broader interest in its every phase, a wholesome attitude and adjustment to life, as well as a sense of responsibility for existing conditions and a desire to make some contribution toward uplifting the world.

At Thanksgiving and Christmas we gave the various groups in the Center a chance to contribute toward helping the less fortunate, at Christmas time our offering being somewhat similar to a White Christmas service. We were happy over the hearty responses in the contribution of money and clothing. In a number of cases where help was given representatives from the groups accompanied by their leader made personal visits to the homes, saw the conditions and left their gift. Some visits were made to the poor in the hospital and the

girls made some hearts glad by singing "Jesus is all the world to me."

We like for our missionary home to be a place that people may enjoy and it has made us happy to have our Korean friends, as individuals and as groups, into our home from time to time.

We feel that Chulwon offers a large opportunity for service to a varied constituency and we are now rejoicing over the fact that plans are being made for a larger and better equipped plant in connection with the local church which is to be newly built in the near future. Our hope and prayer is that with a new plant we may realize new opportunities and be a means of bringing to a larger number a happier and richer life in Christ.

CHOONCHUN DISTRICT

OLIVE SMITH

My, how the time does fly; another year is nearing the close. The General Conference united the Hongchun and Choonchun Districts. Miss Edwards moved to Seoul in the spring, and I was appointed to the work which was formerly Miss Edwards' and my old work in addition. Also in the early summer Miss Wallis went to America, so I was left alone, with only two other Americans within easy reach. I had hoped to have someone live with me by next fall at the latest, but I had either to come back alone or leave the station with no worker. I could not make up my mind to do that; so I am here what time I am not out in the country, hoping that I may be the means of helping someone to accept Christ and live the abundant life. Sometimes I think it is not hard to get them to say they want to become Christians but when the meeting closes they go on as before, and their decision has meant nothing to them. But this is not always true, for which I thank our Father.

I have been out in the district quite a good deal, both itinerating and helping in classes and revivals. I do not mean I am preaching revival sermons; that is not in my line. We are short of preachers in the district, and one circuit has only a Bible woman who has charge of all the work. I was out there in the fall and went over the circuit with her. It made me happy to see how the people, especially young people, were interested in the churches as a whole on the circuit.

We had our district class for one week the first of September. There must have been over a hundred besides those living here in Choonchun who came from far and near for the class. One dear old woman walked about sixty miles in order to come to the class. I think she is already seventy. She was the oldest woman who walked that far, but we had younger women and men who walked even longer distances. We had Bible study in the day and revival services at night. I tried to teach the Sermon on the Mount. We had a good meeting and have had some good meetings out on the different circuits. There have been three new groups started on the district this fall, and we rejoice to have so many new believers. We hope to have some strong churches started there soon. In one of the villages the people are already making plans to build a new church.

I can truly say there is a great need for more laborers in this part of our work in Korea. "The field is white, the laborers few, pray that the Lord will send forth laborers into the field."

PYUNG CHUN DISTRICT

BERTHA A. SMITH

There are fifty-six churches, 649 believing homes, and 741 believing women in the Pyung Chun District.

The institutions we have in this district for performing these tasks are the 56 churches and the Joy Hardie Bible Institute. As a working staff, there are ten Bible women, one part-time evangelist, and two part-time workers for children.

The Bible Institute was held for ten weeks during January, February, and March, in co-operation with the Songo District Worker, for the women of both districts. Forty-five women and young girls enrolled, and 37 continued throughout the term. The mornings were devoted to Bible study, and the afternoons to Sunday School Methods, Hygiene, Household Arts, Singing, and other useful subjects. Every Friday afternoon we had a model missionary meeting and a period of games. This institute has served these districts for 28 years and has done much to lift the general average of our church women and increase their value as members of church and society. It has always adapted its course of study to the needs of the times.

One hundred and ninety-one new believers have been brought in, and in several churches there has been a large increase in church attendance. We can see evidence of more interest in Bible study than there has been for some time.

Giving has increased, though even yet two or three circuits fall short of supplying the food necessary for their pastors' families, and only one circuit provides full support for its pastor. Three circuits have begun to help on the Bible woman's salary. Two new church buildings have been erected, and extensive repairs have been made on another.

The district has taken collections for its District Conference, its District Bible Study Class, for the Joy Hardie Bible Institute, and for Ivy Hospital. It has undertaken one new project, and that is work for miners. The only mine within our territory had been opened in the spring or summer of 1934. There was a church building in the village, but its doors had been closed for a long time. At district conference in November it was decided to send a worker and have the church open every night, and provide teaching concerning the Christian religion and other interesting and beneficial subjects, besides preparing reading material and other recreational activities. This work was begun early in 1935, but lasted only a few months, as the mining village was soon transferred to another district. During the time it was carried on seven or eight men decided to believe, and appreciation for the work was shown in gifts for equipment.

Now that the opportunity for teaching children in Christian primary village schools has practically been closed, the question of how to secure and hold them for the church has been one which our minds have worked continually. In district workers' meeting toward the end of 1934 it was decided to undertake club work for boys and girls under fourteen years of age. A man gifted and experienced in teaching children was sent to study club work in Pyeng Yang, where it was being carried on successfully. He returned with much enthusiasm and all of the material and information available. However, it was not possible to get permission to open club work in our section. This door being closed, we are doing what we can through the Sunday schools. This fall we held a special two weeks' study class for Sunday school teachers, besides the one put on by the educational department of the district. Our object was to supplement this class by giving materials and practical things rather than methods. We have received many letters of appreciation from 32 teachers who attended. We have started some work for girls in one village.

The Woman's Missionary Society has made steady gains in membership, in number of societies, and in gifts. The district meeting which was held in the spring was well attended. The reading of the New Testament was decided upon as the goal in Bible study for the year. As yet there are very few children's societies, but one or two more were reported to have been organized.

In order to get the whole church more interested in missions, the District Conference has set aside the first Wednesday night in every month as missionary night, and programs for these meetings are being prepared.

I have taken part in all the district activities. There has been splendid co-operation among the workers, which has made the year a pleasant one as well as one of progress.

MEXICO

M. BELLE MARKEY

Another year has passed, and it is again time to render an account of our stewardship.

Two years ago I insisted that the time had come when a native worker should take my place as principal of Palmore in Chihuahua. At the request of Srita. Ernestina Sanchez, the new principal, I continued in the school as business manager. During the year conditions became such that it seemed best to discontinue our schools under the Woman's Council. So the school year of 1934-35 was our last one. Beginning with September, the teachers are running the school on the co-operative plan. They have drawn up very business-like laws to govern themselves, and there is a contract with "Educacion y Culture," the corporation holding the property, to which they pay a small rent.

I stayed in Palmore for the weeks following the close of the school in order to settle up all business matters and to attend to some needed repairs.

Before the end of July I moved out to Sanatorio Palmore to help them through a difficult time. This was quite a different type of work for me, but I enjoyed the contact with the student nurses and getting an insight into the splendid work being done in our only hospital in Mexico.

During the closing days of 1935 I came to Saltillo to the meeting of our Council of Co-operation, and am remaining over to teach two courses in the Deaconess Graduate Institute. These institutes, which are to be held each year in different parts of the Border Conference, will mean much in the better preparation of our native workers, and I am glad to have a small part in the work.

In February I shall return to Chihuahua to help in Centro Cristiano during Miss Nixon's furlough, and then will come back to Saltillo to do the same work while Miss Vail enjoys a much-needed rest. I feel as if I have joined the itinerary in true Methodist style. Where I am is of small importance, if I may only be of some real service.

CENTRO CRISTIANO, DURANGO

RUTH ELLYSON

This year has been peculiarly one of proving again that "His mercies are new every morning." With the closing of the Primary Department at Instituto MacDonnel, our institution moved into the more spacious quarters, though badly repaired buildings of the school.

This brought us an enlarged field of labor and secured for us the co-operation of new people.

Visits in the homes, one of the most important features, have totaled 1,168. The Day Nursery has moved steadily forward, and we see definite results, in some cases blessed seed sowing that has already produced good fruit, as well as discouraging experiences on the other hand. We get the consent of nearly all the mothers to take children of kindergarten age and above to Sunday school, and one whole family has united with the church; others have baptized children.

Reading Room, Clinic, and Boys' Work have not come up to former years' work, but Girl's Clubs, work with young people in the English Club, and outstanding work done by Woman's Club constitute a distinct advance. The mothers have placed sanitary garbage cans in the plaza and other important corners, raised sixty-five pesos for much-needed equipment, done personal work with prisoners in State Penitentiary, especially with timely programs and Christmas distribution. Recently they have organized a subcommittee Temperance Society under government auspices, yet with the officers Protestant women. Playground and story hour activities are popular; for the last two months we have held a story hour in a nearby public school. Last month a children's Savings Club was begun.

Close co-operation is maintained with all church activities, every worker having definite and varied responsibilities in League, Sunday school, and other features. Two work in Woman's Missionary Society. Immediately after our successful Church Vacation School in the city, a Mexican deaconess and myself were privileged to conduct another in a distant agricultural village, my first taste of rural work in this needy state. Its worthwhileness made us more aware of the great possibilities of this type of work.

CENTRO SOCIAL, DURANGO

VIRGINIA E. BOOTH

It is with a feeling of deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father, who has led and blessed us, that we look back over the experiences of another year, varied because of a change of work. The first six months were spent in MacDonell Institute as business manager and teacher. In July I was appointed to evangelistic work in the city of Durango and other towns of the state. From the time I was appointed to MacDonell Institute, nearly six years ago, I had received invitations to visit nearby towns to help in evangelistic work. I accepted these as often as my duties in the school permitted, and my experiences were such happy and gratifying ones that I began to desire to be able to devote my whole time to this work, and was very grateful when I was granted the opportunity.

While in the city of Durango I have worked in the different departments of our church, having the direction of a department in the Woman's Missionary Society, also of one in the Sunday school, and of one in the Epworth League, and am a member of the Board of Stewards. These duties, together with my Bible classes and visiting, fill my time while in the city. My opportunities for visits are innumerable. So many doors are opened to me I often wish I were several persons instead of one. As principal of MacDonell Institute for several years, I came in close contact with many homes which now extend me a cordial welcome when I visit them.

In my work outside of the city I made four trips, visiting four different towns. One of these was the town where Rev. Robert W. Mac-

Donell opened work as a young missionary about fifty years ago, and here his life ended so gloriously while he was still a young man. There are still living a few of the members of the congregation he founded, and they took great pleasure in showing me the scenes of Brother MacDonell's labors and persecutions in the name of his Master, whom he so faithfully served. The people of this town are still very fanatical, and danger threatened us in one of our night services, but the Lord overruled, converting the experience into blessing. The attendance at our services increased until the last night there was scarcely room for the new persons who attended.

In all of the towns I visited I was most cordially received in Catholic as well as in Protestant homes, as from each of these towns we have had boarding students in MacDonell Institute. This made it easy to become acquainted with their relatives and friends.

During the month of December I received invitations to visit different towns, sufficient to fill my time during 1936.

Thankful to our Heavenly Father for these gracious privileges, of which we feel very unworthy, it is our earnest prayer that he shall fit us to render service that shall be acceptable unto him.

CENTRO SOCIAL ROBERTS, SALTILLO

LUCILLE VAIL, DORA INGRUM, LILLIE F. FOX

LILLIE F. FOX

There is no more varied work in Mexico and I doubt if in all mission work in the Methodist Church than in the program we are carrying on here. Some days I think we are *all* school; some days, *all* boarding home for girls; other days, *all* social work; others, *all* sports. It truly is a varied program; but, whatever we are, social center or school, we are growing and we are occupying and utilizing all of the properties which is as important as anything else right now. Our Father has indeed been with us and we thank him. We have had to have educational features in order to occupy the entire property. This has made our program rather heavy for us, but it is of financial help to us and an opportunity for contacts with homes and young people. I refer to the Commercial Course. Its enrolment has increased thirty per cent. This is conducted in the former College building. We have the household economics department in the same building. Besides the groups that meet there, the teacher of this department has opened classes in cooking and sewing in various homes and has made them a neighborhood and a neighborly affair. These groups have been very successful. We feel that it is one of our finest pieces of work because we go right into the home and serve the family. Another department is housed in this building, classes in drawing and painting. Several young persons are taking advantage of this opportunity.

The enrolment in English and Piano has increased quite materially over that of last year, also the enrolment of persons of very limited instruction, has grown.

The Day Nursery has not grown as we hoped that it would, but it is something so new here, and many mothers are afraid of us for religious reasons. However, the department is growing, although slowly.

The Clinic for our very poor people is certainly a great blessing to them. The doctor who comes to the Clinic is a Presbyterian, and preaches while he "practices." We have the co-operation of the Board of Health, two dentists, an X-ray specialist, and other doctors. This feature of our program of service was opened in January.

The old dormitory for girls was transformed into a gymnasium. Everyone says it is the best in the city, and people are delighted in the great change. Our old church property which belongs, of course, to the government, is now being rented by us, and we have developed a part of it into a game room for boys. In another part of the building we have one for girls. Shower baths are provided for both boys and girls. A tennis court adds its attraction to young people also.

The total enrolment for the year has been 660. We are growing, you see.

The work in the Gymnasium has been very successful. The boys' director is really a Christian leader and a member of the Committee on Religious Education in our Church. He put on the first championship league games that Saltillo has ever had, and both our teams were successful—*we could not help it, there was nothing else to do*. We are trying to render a real service to the boys and young men as well as the girls of the community.

We also have a small group of boarding girls, two more than last year; and if our group of workers had been sufficient, we could have had twenty. The group of four resident workers was not sufficient to care for more. Six of the girls attend the Commercial Course and one the Normal. This one is training to be a deaconess.

Our faculty consists of the following persons: English, Piano, and Director of the Dormitory for Girls, Miss Lucile Vail; Deaconess Esther Gomez, Spanish and sports for girls; Nurse Virginia Solis, in charge of the Clinic; Prof. Manuel Flores, Director Boys' Work and teacher of drawing and painting; Teacher of Household Economics, Srita. Luz Aguilar; Sritas. Manuela Villanueva and Tabita Huereca have charge of the Commercial Course, and Srita. Navarro handles the office most efficiently. All are earnest Christian workers and cooperate with the church.

It has been a busy year and a varied year. Some departments need to be limited or removed from our institution because legal restrictions regarding the educational work affect the social work. We desire to enlarge and intensify the social work. Under the conditions and with a limited number of workers, we feel that we have accomplished some things but not what we would like. But we are growing and God is with us.

LUCILE VAIL

As I realize the time has come to write another annual report, I feel again that I want first to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for giving me a place of service in his vineyard.

Since my last report some changes have taken place in our work, and my duties are somewhat different from last year. I am teaching English classes in the Commercial Department of our Centro and piano classes. In addition I have the care of seven girls who are boarding in our home. One of these girls is attending the State Normal School and the others are studying in our Commercial Department. My contact with the girls in capacity of House Mother or Home Maker has taught me many lessons and has brought me close to them in many ways. In the everyday experiences there are opportunities of helping to form character, and I constantly realize the need of divine guidance in this part of my work.

In the work of the church I am a member of the official board, have part in the church music and primary department of the Sunday school. During the past year I was Superintendent of Social Service Department of the Woman's Missionary Society. This work gave me a close contact with the women of the church which has meant a

great deal in drawing us closer to each other and forming friendships that are very helpful. Last summer I had the privilege of working in our Vacation Bible School for two weeks in Intermediate and Primary Departments.

Our Centro in Saltillo is not yet two years old, but we feel that our efforts have been blessed, and with grateful hearts to our Father for what we have been able to accomplish we want to press forward to greater things in his name.

DORA L. INGRUM

This has been another year of varied experiences for those who are working in Mexico. I spent the first six months in Saltillo in Centro Social Roberts. The change from an educational to a social program gave me less classroom teaching but some of the problems in making a readjustment made it one of the most difficult periods of my years in Mexico.

About half of my furlough was spent in Missouri, where I visited my brothers, sisters, and other relatives. The rest of the time has been spent at Scarritt College. This is the first time that I have had the opportunity to attend Scarritt in Nashville, and it has meant so much more to me than I had ever hoped it could. The fall quarter seemed very short, but as my furlough must be a few days less than six months, time does not permit another quarter for study.

As I leave Nashville for Saltillo, I hope I am returning with better preparation and renewed physical and spiritual strength for my work with Mexican people.

CENTRO CRISTIANO, CHIHUAHUA

EMMA ELDRIDGE, HEAD RESIDENT; OLA EUGENE CALLAHAN

EMMA ELDRIDGE

The uncertainties of this year and the limited number of workers have hindered the development of new lines of work. However, we have carried on along the lines already established.

Five evenings in every week our playgrounds are filled with happy boys and girls for a period of four hours. For two hours each afternoon an efficient and sympathetic nurse attends the sick who come to our clinic and gives them health instructions. From 3 P.M. to 9 P.M. five teachers are working, giving classes in English, Typewriting, Shorthand, Arithmetic, and Spanish Grammar to the 150 young people who come here to improve their leisure hours after a day's work in office, factory, or schoolroom. Individual English classes are given to professional people at other odd hours.

One evening each week we have our large social room open for the young people to drop in and play ping-pong, checkers, jig-saw puzzles, and other such games. Our Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Little Housekeepers have their regular sessions each week and sometimes organize parties and camping trips. In Our Day Nursery a daily average of about sixteen children are bathed, given their three meals, cared for while they play, put to bed for afternoon naps, and taken to the nurse for inspection, while their mothers are at work in factories or as housemaids.

Our educational work is self-supporting and contributes something to the maintenance of other departments. No fees are charged for the recreational activities. People pay according to their ability for the services of the Clinic and Day Nursery, but the income from these departments is only a small fraction of the expenditures.

Although Mexican law places our institution under very rigid re-

strictions with regard to religious teachings, the various missionaries and national workers that form our group take an active part in the Missionary Society, Sunday school, and Epworth League. And a very good Daily Vacation Bible School was organized and directed by our Mexican deaconesses, assisted by a missionary. So far we have not been prohibited from doing these things as individuals.

We are beset by uncertainties on every side, and yet we pray that God will help us to hold fast to those things that are sure and strengthen us to go forward, using the opportunities that still are ours.

The greatest opportunity that comes to me is that of personal conferences with the young people with whom I am associated and correspondence with those who have been my students in the past. An increasing number of persons are permitting me to share their problems regarding health, economy, and family and social relations. Together we are trying to find the Christian solution for these problems and make connection with the Divine Source of Strength.

OLA EUGENE CALLAHAN

Teaching English has been the greater part of my work ever since I came to Mexico. In the private classes the friendships formed are often deepened and enriched as we share with each other our experiences and our opinions.

Since my return to Mexico in January, 1935, after having passed six busy months in the United States, my work has been in the Centro Cristiano in Chihuahua. In addition to the class work I have had the responsibility of directing the English Club, a group of our students who come together for simple programs once a month, thus giving more practice in their use of the language.

The Girl Scouts are not numerous, but have shown an intelligent interest in their work, and as the ones now enrolled pass some of their tests and realize something of the purpose and ideals of this organization. The girls have done some good work in cooking, in making toys not only for themselves, but a few for the children in a sort of state orphanage for boys located in the city, and they have done a little work in nature study. We want to do more social service work, become acquainted with city or state institutions and help in some way as we can.

In the summer of 1935 I had the privilege of being a member of the Annual Epworth League Conference of the northern part of Mexico, held in Durango. The young people were an inspiration as I watched them conduct the business meetings, heard them discuss difficult problems facing the youth of today, observed their fine spirit of give and take. Now as I work with the League in our little church, I sometimes have to recall that conference and bear in mind that the young people are developing even if it requires some pushing and keeping on.

Visiting in the homes is another one of my pleasures. I like to visit in the homes that are comfortable and fellowship with the members of that home, and I like just as much to go to the homes of my poorest friends. That "poorest" probably means much poorer than many of you have ever seen.

There have been opportunities for friendly service throughout the year as I have directed the work of the Social Service Department of the Woman's Missionary Society.

FOREIGN STATISTICS

EDUCATIONAL WORK

NAME OF INSTITUTION	When Founded	Number of Grades		Native Teachers	Boarding Pupils	Day Pupils	Total Pupils	Native Receipts
		Mis. and Amer. Teachers	Native Teachers					
BRAZIL								
Colegio Americano, Porto Alegre.....	1886	10	4	19	44	203	247	\$ 11,436 17
Colegio Bennett, Rio de Janeiro.....	1921	11	8	18	64	255	319	23,156 93
Colegio Centenario, Santa Maria.....	1922	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colegio Isabella Hendrix, Bello Horizonte.....	1903	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colegio Piracicabano, Piracicaba.....	1881	11	.....	.....	49	274	323	.....
Instituto Metodista, Ribeirao Preto.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Day School, Institutional Church, Porto Alegre.....	1904	6	1	6	.....	122	122	285 60
Day School, People's Central Institute, Rio de Janeiro.....	1906	5	4	12	.....	556	556	.....
Total for Brazil.....	.....	.....	17	55	157	1,410	1,567	\$ 34,878 70
CHINA								
Atkinson Academy, Soochow.....	1896	10	1	2	.....	514	514	\$ 6,806 50
Centenary School, Changchow.....	1908	6	1	10	.....	337	337	2,040 00
Davidson School, Soochow.....	1891	10	2	28	58	446	504	17,587 50
Daisy Davies School, Nanziang.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Faith Johnson School, Changshu.....	1913	6	1	10	.....	323	323	3,498 66
Humbert School, Changchow.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laura Haygood Normal, Soochow.....	1902	14	6	41	109	357	466	15,792 11
McTyeire High School and Primaries (2), Shanghai.....	1891	12	12	76	378	767	1,145	144,529 60
Nanziang Day School, Yoh Li.....	1911	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Susan B. Wilson School, Sungkiang.....	1903	9	2	16	79	182	261	7,782 99
Taichang Kindergarten and Day School.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Virginia Nabors School, Wushih.....	1910	6	1	7	.....	235	235	2,210 00
Virginia School, Huchow.....	1895	12	3	21	62	383	445	8,831 63
Zang Teh School.....	1912	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total for China.....	.....	.....	29	211	686	3,544	4,230	\$209,078 99
CONGO BELGE								
Minga Station.....	1923	6	1	9	60	157	217	\$ 14 23
Minga Girls' Home.....	1923	4	1	1	54	.....	54	.....
Tunda Station.....	1927	10	2	10	60	67	127	.....
Tunda Girls' Home.....	1927	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wembo Nyama Station and District Schools.....	1914	.....	3	55	.....	1,787	1,787	.....
Wembo Nyama Girls' Home.....	1915	.....	1	1	61	.....	61	.....
Total for Congo Belge.....	.....	.....	8	76	235	2,011	2,246	\$ 14 23
CUBA								
Colegio Buenavista, Havana.....	1921	10	5	8	20	147	167	\$ 19,880 64
Colegio Eliza Bowman, Cienfuegos.....	1907	11	5	10	12	207	219	6,192 23
Colegio Irene Toland, Matanzas.....	1899	10	4	11	52	196	248	10,447 30
Total for Cuba.....	14	29	84	550	634	\$ 36,520 17

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NAME OF INSTITUTION	When Founded	Number of Grades		Mis. and Amer. Teachers		Native Teachers		Boarding Pupils		Day Pupils		Total Pupils		Native Receipts	
JAPAN															
Hiroshima College for Women, Hiroshima	1886	14	8	54	75	685	760					\$ 18,474		92	
Kindergartens, Hiroshima District		1-3	3	12		309	309					\$ 3,566		85	
Kindergartens, Kobe District		1-3	12	21		356	356					\$ 3,424		86	
Kindergartens, Matsuyama District		1-2	3	5		125	125					\$ 636		13	
Lambuth Training School, Osaka	1921														
Palmore English Institute, Kobe	1923	6	5	11	8	252	260					\$ 7,056		00	
Total for Japan			31	103	83	1,727	1,810					\$ 33,158		76	
KOREA															
Carolina Institute—High, Primary, and Kindergarten, Seoul	1898	12	3	25	150	731	881					\$ 5,706		50	
Choonchun District Day Schools															
Chulwon District Day Schools															
Ewha College, Union, Seoul															
Frances Hitch															
Holston Institute, High, Songdo	1904	4	3	19	73	442	515					\$ 7,168		33	
Holston Institute, Primary, Songdo	1904	6		7		516	516					\$ 2,000		00	
Ivy Hospital, Nurse Training School, Songdo															
Lucy Cuninggim High School, Wonsan	1910	4	2	13	73	227	300					\$ 6,485		00	
Mary Helm School, Songdo	1906	6	1	4	28	139	167					\$ 837		11	
Methodist Theological Seminary, Woman's Department	1908	4	5	7	48	2	50					\$ 225		00	
Seoul District Day Schools															
Songdo District Day Schools															
Woman's Christian Hospital and Nurse Training School															
Wonsan District Day Schools															
Total for Korea			14	75	372	2,057	2,429					\$ 22,421		94	
MEXICO															
Colegio Progresso, Parral	1890														
Instituto Laurens, Monterrey	1885	9	1	11	24	152	176					\$ 24,982		12	
Instituto MacDonell, Durango	1887														
Students Home, Chihuahua	1934			1	55		55					\$ 4,225		46	
Total for Mexico			1	12	79	152	231					\$ 29,207		58	

FOREIGN STATISTICS

SOCIAL EVANGELISTIC WORK

NAME OF INSTITUTION	Missionaries	Native Workers, Paid and Volunteer	Pupils	Members of Clubs	Group Meetings	Attendance	Hospital Patients	Treatments in Clinics	Visits	Native Receipts
BRAZIL										
People's Central Institute, Rio de Janeiro	4	18	556	160				*		†
Evangelistic Workers	1	12	80		5				700	
Total for Brazil	5	30	636	160	5				700	
CHINA										
Dowdell Center, Soochow		5			163	195			1,300	
Huchow Institutional Church		4	285		111	1,140			1,919	
Kong Hong Institutional Church, Woman's Department	1	4	28	32	83	150		67	12,100	
Moka Garden Embroidery Mission	1	8	23	23						
Wushih	1	7	300		59	45			900	
Evangelistic Workers	2	14	824		616	752			10,336	
Total for China	5	42	1,460	55	1,032	2,282		67	26,555	
CONGO BELOE										
Minga Hospital and Out-Stations										
Tunda Hospital and Out-Stations										
Wembo Nyama Hospital and Out-Stations										
Total for Congo Belge										
CUBA										
Quinta Tosca, Matanzas	1	6	20	170						\$ 2 60
JAPAN										
Airin Kwan, Oita	2	4	288	250	560					\$ 375 10
Zin Rin Kwan, Kure										
Evangelistic Workers	3	3	524	70	208	897			1,412	
Total for Japan	5	7	812	320	768	897			1,412	\$ 375 10
KOREA†										
Choonchun Evangelistic Center, Chulwon	1	2	82	180	3	25				
Social Evangelistic Center, Seoul										
Woman's Evangelistic Center, Songdo										
Woman's Evangelistic Center, Wonsan	1	9	270	58					35	\$1,925 00
Evangelistic Workers	3	22			15				500	
Total for Korea	5	33	352	238	18	25			535	\$1,925 00
MEXICO										
Centro Cristiano, Durango	2	20	122	135				896		
Centro Social, Chihuahua	3	8	185	56				2,522	962	
Center Social, Monterrey	1	54	179	80						
Center Social Roberts, Saltillo	3	9	153	110				3,970		
Evangelistic Workers	2	13	397	24	809	518			5,640	
Total for Mexico	11	104	1,036	405	809	518		7,388	6,602	

*Under Department of Public Health.

†Handled locally.

‡Few reports received.

Portions of the Constitution of the Board of Missions That Bear on the Woman's Work

SECTION I

THE GENERAL BOARD

¶ 513. ARTICLE I. (1) The missionary operations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, formerly administered under the Board of Missions, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Woman's Home Mission Society, shall continue to be administered by the corporation heretofore characterized and organized under the name of "Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," hereinafter termed the Board, which shall have charge of all foreign missions of the Church and of such missions in the home field as are not provided for by the Annual Conferences. The Board shall carry on its operations under three departments—viz., (a) Foreign Missions, (b) Home Missions, Evangelism, and Hospitals, (c) Education and Promotion. Each Department shall have two sections, General Work and Woman's Work.

(2) The Board shall be located in Nashville, Tennessee. Its annual meeting may be held when and where the Board shall determine.

¶ 514. ART. II. (1) The Board shall be composed of the President and Vice-President, the Bishops, a General Secretary, to be elected by the General Conference, the President of the Woman's Missionary Council, the General Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, the General Secretary of the General Board of Christian Education, the General Secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, the Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, and one manager from each Annual Conference in the United States, of whom thirteen shall be laymen, thirteen women, and the remainder traveling preachers, all of whom shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference on nomination of the Committee on Missions, which shall have as a basis of choice one preacher and one layman, nominated by each Annual Conference in the United States, and one woman on nomination of each Annual Conference Woman's Missionary Society in the United States. The Department Secretaries and the Treasurers shall be elected quadrennially by the incoming Board on the nomination of its Committee on Nominations, one of whom shall be the General Secretary. The officers and members of the Board shall continue in office until their successors are elected. Twenty members shall constitute a quorum. The Department Secretaries and the Treasurers shall have the privilege of the floor without vote. The General Conference shall elect the President and the Vice-President of the General Board, on nomination of the Committee on Missions.

(2) On nomination of its Nominating Committee, one of whom shall be the General Secretary, the Board shall elect a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Treasurer for the Section of Woman's Work (who shall be a woman), two Secretaries for the Department of Foreign Missions (one of whom shall be a woman), two Secretaries for the Department of Home Missions, Evangelism, and Hospitals (one of whom shall be a woman), two for the Department of Education and Promotion (one of whom shall be a woman); and such assistants as it shall determine upon by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting; *provided*, that the Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and Treasurer

for the Section of Woman's Work shall have been previously recommended by the Woman's Missionary Council.

(3) The Board shall fix their salaries and the salary of the General Secretary. It shall assign the Secretaries to their particular fields of work.

¶ 515. ART. III. (1) The Board shall determine the fields that shall be occupied and the number of persons to be employed in each, estimate the amount necessary to support the missions under its charge, and consider all matters pertaining to its work. The President, upon the request of the General Secretary and three members of the Board, shall have authority to call an extra session.

(2) The Board shall have authority to regulate its own proceedings; to sue and be sued; to make by-laws in harmony with its charter and constitution; to fill vacancies in its membership; to remove any officer and fill any vacancy in the official staff; to appropriate money for current expenses; to establish missions; to enlist, train, and employ missionaries for service in the home and foreign fields, for evangelistic, educational, and medical work and other related forms of service; to build churches and residences for missionaries; to build and maintain hospitals and have general supervision of all hospital work in home and foreign fields; to build and maintain schools, training schools for Christian workers, and social settlements; to promote and maintain Goodwill Industries and other forms of community service; to co-operate with other denominations or agencies in the support of such institutions; to provide for superannuated missionaries, their widows, and orphan children; to provide for the education of the Church in missions in promoting the work of the Board through specialized missionary education as needed through missionary organizations and departments of the Board; and to solicit and raise money for carrying on all the work under its care.

¶ 516. ART. IV. The General Secretary shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Board and shall be the administrative and legal executive thereof. He shall be held responsible for co-operation, co-ordination, and efficiency in all the work of the Board and its several departments. He shall be charged with the cultivation and education of the Church in missions and with the promotion of plans and methods of financing the Board and increasing missionary liberality. He shall have such assistance as the Board may determine upon, and all Secretaries and employees of the Board shall be responsible to him for the discharge of their respective duties.

¶ 517. ART. V. The Treasurers shall hold the funds in safe deposit in the name of the Board of Missions, subject to the authorization of the Board and the order of the General Secretary. They shall furnish an annual report to the Board and perform such other duties as the Board and the General Secretary may direct. They shall give bond to the Board in such sums and upon such conditions as the Board may fix. The accounts of the Treasurers shall be examined by a public accountant chosen by the Board, and his report shall be presented to the Board. The Treasurers of the Board shall in no instance honor a draft for an amount larger than the balance on hand to the credit of the department for which it is used, and neither he nor any other agency shall in any year borrow for maintenance more than seventy-five per cent of the expected annual revenue of the Board for that year.

¶ 518. ART. VI. The revenues for the General Work of the Board shall be derived from apportionments distributed to the several Annual Conferences for collection in every congregation, from Church schools, gifts, donations, annuities and specials, and from freewill offerings. (¶ 819.)

¶ 519. ART. VII. The revenues of the Section of Woman's Work shall be derived from dues, pledges, special offerings, and specials from Auxiliary, District, and Conference Missionary Societies, from devises, bequests, annuities, gifts, and collections at meetings held in the interest of the societies; *provided*, that the funds raised by these societies shall be appropriated to the work already established by them or hereafter to be entered upon by the Board of Missions, Section of Woman's Work.

¶ 520. ART. VIII. (1) The Foreign Secretaries shall administer the work of the Department of Foreign Missions. There shall be a committee of thirteen, five of whom shall be women, which committee, in conjunction with the Secretaries and the Bishops in charge of the foreign fields, shall be responsible for the policy and plans of work in these fields. The Bishops in charge of the foreign fields shall confer with the missionaries and native workers concerning the needs of the fields and shall represent their views to the Board. They shall be responsible for promoting and carrying out the plans agreed upon, and for supervising the work and appointing workers.

(2) The Secretaries of Home Missions, Evangelism, and Hospitals shall administer the work of the Department of Home Missions, Evangelism, and Hospitals. There shall be a committee of thirteen, five of whom shall be women, which committee, in connection with the Secretaries, shall develop plans and policies for the department.

(3) The Secretaries of the Department of Education and Promotion shall have charge of the missionary cultivation of the Church (with special reference to the Church school, Lay Activities, Woman's Missionary Council, Auxiliary and Conference Missionary Societies, schools, colleges, universities, in co-operation with the General Conference Boards concerned and other agencies), according to the regulations of the Board. This Department shall be charged with:

(a) The education of the Church in missions by means of literature, Church schools of missions, institutes, and other methods.

(b) The enlistment and training of candidates for the work at home and abroad.

(c) Editing the *World Outlook* and other literature, as may be authorized.

There shall be a committee of thirteen, five of whom shall be women, of this department.

¶ 521. ART. IX. In addition to the departmental committee, there shall be the following standing committees: Executive, Estimates, Candidates, Nominating (one of whom shall be the General Secretary), and By-Laws, the functions of which committees shall be defined by the Board.

¶ 522. ART. X. There shall be a General Missionary Council composed of the chairman of each Annual Conference Board of Missions and the Conference Missionary Secretary, the Secretaries and Treasurers of the Board of Missions, and the members of the Departmental Committee on Education and Promotion. The Council shall hold an annual meeting for the purpose of promoting the missionary work of the Church and its extension throughout the connection. The expenses of Annual Conference representatives shall be paid by their respective Boards. The General Secretary shall be the Chairman of this Council.

¶ 523. ART. XI. (a) The work hitherto carried on by the General Hospital Board shall become the responsibility of the Board of Missions, Home Department, and the General Hospital Board as a separate general board shall be discontinued after all legal and constitutional requirements as to the transfer of vested property rights from

the General Hospital Board to the Board of Missions have been met. This transfer shall be made as soon as possible.

(b) The Golden Cross Society shall become a part of the work of the General Board of Missions, Home Department.

SECTION II

WOMAN'S WORK

¶ 524. ART. XII. The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, are authorized to organize and conduct missionary societies among women and children in the Annual Conferences and in the Churches in the interests of home and foreign missions, and to carry on such activities as will help in establishing a Christian Social Order around the world. These societies shall promote missionary intelligence and activity and secure missionary funds, by means of membership offerings, life and honorary membership fees, from devices, annuities, bequests, voluntary offerings, and collections at meetings appointed in behalf of the society.

¶ 525. ART. XIII. There shall be a delegated body to be known as the Woman's Missionary Council. It shall be composed of a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, two or more Secretaries, Superintendents of Bureaus, the President or alternate, the Conference Secretary or alternate of the Woman's Missionary Society of each Annual Conference, the President and Secretary of the Deaconess Conference, ten women elected at large by the Council, the women members of the Board of Missions, the Treasurer of the Section of Woman's Work, the Secretaries of the General Board of Missions, and such assistant secretaries in the Department of Education and Promotion as the program of the Woman's Missionary Council may require.

¶ 526. ART. XIV. (1) The Council shall hold annual meetings for the purpose of hearing reports from the home and foreign fields and from the societies, to consider the fields, lines of work, and various enterprises. It shall make recommendations to the Board of Missions regarding all its work, including estimates needed for its prosecution. It shall plan and promote its activities and those of the Conference and auxiliary societies. It shall also consecrate the women who have been accepted for service as deaconesses and missionaries (Woman's Work), and shall make recommendations to the Board concerning their employment and support.

(2) The Council shall enact its own by-laws and provide a constitution and by-laws for the Conference and Auxiliary Societies, all of which shall be in harmony with the Constitution of the Board of Missions. The Council shall plan to enlarge the membership of the societies, to increase the income from them, and to further the work of missionary education among women and children.

(3) At its annual session preceding the General Conference the Council shall elect its officers by ballot. All property hereafter acquired by the Woman's Missionary Societies through devises, bequests, annuities, gifts, or purchase, shall be held by the Board of Missions for the use and benefit of Woman's Work.

¶ 527. ART. XV. The office of deaconess is hereby authorized. The office and work of the deaconess shall be under the direction of the Department of Home Missions, Section of Woman's Work. When accepted for service, a deaconess shall be a single woman or a widow not less than twenty-three years of age nor more than fifty. She must be a member of our Church, in good standing, and have shown fitness for her duties by active service in some Christian work. She must have good health, a high school education, two years of college

work, and must have completed the prescribed course of study in an accredited training school. She must be recommended for consecration by a Quarterly Conference. A deaconess uniform shall be prescribed, but the wearing of it shall be optional. Relinquishing all other pursuits, she shall devote herself to such work as the Church may determine. Anyone applying for recommendation from a Quarterly Conference should have considered this step carefully and believe herself called of God to this work. A deaconess desiring to retire from the work shall be permitted to do so at the close of the term of her appointment, when she shall surrender her certificate. If found unsuited to the work and calling of a deaconess, she shall be retired and her certificate revoked.

SECTION III

ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD

¶ 528 ART. XVI. (1) Each Annual Conference shall organize a Board of Missions, auxiliary to the General Board, to which it shall report annually. It shall keep the General Board of Missions informed of the status of its work, of unoccupied territory or other needed work, and shall by every means promote the work of the General Board throughout the Conference, and seek in every way to carry forward the missionary work of the Church. The Conference Board shall consist of one layman from each district, and an equal number of clerical members; *provided*, that each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least eight members who shall be elected quadrennially by the Annual Conference at the first session after the General Conference.

(2) The Annual Conference member of the General Board of Missions, the Conference Lay Leader, the Conference President of the Woman's Missionary Society, and the Conference Missionary Secretary shall be members, *ex officio*, of the Annual Conference Board of Missions. (¶¶ 686, 687.) The work of the Board shall be subject to the approval of the Annual Conference. Missions shall be established only with the consent of the Bishop in charge. (¶¶ 817-819.) This provision shall in no wise interfere with the activities of the Board in the interval of the Annual Conference sessions.

Relation to the General Board of Christian Education

¶ 420. For the purpose of promoting effective co-operation by the General Board of Christian Education, and the General Board of Missions, and the Woman's Missionary Council, in matters in which the work of these agencies is closely related, there shall be a Committee of Co-operation composed of the Executive Staff of the General Board of Christian Education and two other members who shall be appointed by the Board and an equal number representing the missionary interests, who shall be the General Secretary of the Board of Missions, two members of the Woman's Missionary Council, one of whom shall be its President, and four other members who shall be appointed by the Board of Missions. This committee shall be known as the Joint Committee of Co-operation and Counsel. It shall meet at least once yearly and shall make definite recommendations to the two Boards on the following items:

(a) Christian literature for foreign fields and plans for promoting the work of Christian education in foreign fields that are under the supervision of the Board of Missions.

(b) The Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise and those special objects to be agreed upon by the two Boards, as elsewhere provided, and plans by which these specials shall be placed and cultivated.

(c) Plans for securing missionary material for use in Christian

education publications and otherwise in missionary cultivation from fields in which the Board of Missions operates.

(d) Plans for promoting missionary education in the local Churches and in colleges and theological schools, including courses of study and the publication of books and literature directly bearing on missionary education.

(e) Plans for relating all missionary cultivation initiated by the Board of Missions in the local Church so as rightly to enlist the Church in this cultivation.

(f) Church school extension and the work of the rural Church.

¶ 421. The General Board of Christian Education and the Board of Missions shall be authorized to co-operate through the Committee on Co-operation and Counsel, in the missionary education of children in accordance with the following plan:

(1) A representative of the Woman's Missionary Society elected by it shall represent the Society on the Church Board of Christian Education.

(2) The work shall be carried on through the officers and teachers of the Children's Division.

(3) The Woman's Missionary Society shall elect a Secretary of Children's Work who shall be identified with the work of the Children's Division of the Church School, and be recognized by the Church Board of Christian Education as a member of the several groups of workers in the Children's Division.

(4) A program for study plan and materials bearing the imprint of both Boards shall be worked out jointly by a committee representing the two Boards. They shall take the form of missionary units begun twice during the year in Sunday sessions of the Church School and extended to extra sessions for supplementary study and activities.

(5) Offerings shall be taken at the regular fourth Sunday sessions and in extra sessions at the completion of each unit, and to be channeled through the Church School Treasury as part of the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise, which is distributed according to ¶ 428 of the *Discipline*.

(6) The promotion shall be directed by:

(a) The officers in charge of Children's Work elected by the General Board, who shall actively promote and interpret the plans for missionary education of the children which have been developed jointly, using the channels of the two Boards in conferences, institutes, schools, and promotion materials which have been prepared jointly.

(b) By Conference officers of both Boards through the channels which these Boards afford in their respective Conference organizations and by any opportunities for joint promotion.

(c) By superintendent and teachers of primary and junior departments of the local Church school, working together with a woman elected by the Woman's Missionary Society for missionary education of children. This woman shall be identified with the work of the Children's Division of the Church school, and be recognized as a member of the several groups of workers.

By-Laws of the Woman's Missionary Council

- President** 1. The President shall preside at the session and actively advance the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall serve as a member of the General Board of Missions and of the joint Committee on Cooperation and Counsel.
- Vice-President** 2. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President. She shall actively advance the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council. Should the office of President become vacant during the year, the Vice-President shall carry the duties of the office until the next annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council.
- Recording Secretary** 3. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all sessions of the Council and shall keep the Journal of the sessions in permanent record, the same to be signed by the President. She shall give notice of the meetings of the Executive Committee. She shall send a copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee to each of the members of the Council. She shall prepare a condensed report of the called session of the Council and of the Executive Committee, to be presented at the annual session of the Council, and she shall present all recommendations of the Executive Committee to the Council.
- Treasurer** 4. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Council in safe deposit made by her as Treasurer subject to authenticated drafts and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Treasurer. She shall make quarterly and annual reports.
- Calendar Clerk** 5. There shall be a Calendar Clerk whose duty it shall be to prepare the calendar rules and to take charge of the business calendar at the annual Council meeting.
- Superintendent of Christian Social Relations** 6. The Superintendent of Christian Social Relations shall develop and direct the work of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations. She shall co-operate with the boards of the Church and with other agencies that are working toward social reforms and the development of a social conscience.
- Members at Large** 7. The ten women members at large, elected by the Council, shall extend the work by attending conference, district, and other meetings when practicable and shall seek to advance the interests of the work in every way possible. The election of any of these women to the Board of Missions shall not create a vacancy.
- Education and Promotion Secretaries** 8. The Secretaries in charge of Organization, Children's Work, and Literature shall provide suggestive plans and policies for the missionary education of the Church through the Woman's Missionary Societies.
- Organization Secretary** 9. (1) The Secretary in charge of Organization of the Missionary Societies shall promote the work through the Council and Conference Societies. She shall receive from the Conference Secretaries reports of their work, a summary of which shall be published quarterly and annually.

She shall direct the work of the Conference Superintendents of Supplies. She shall supervise mission study and Bible study. She shall develop spiritual resources, including intercession, family worship, and stewardship throughout the societies. She shall plan for conference and special meetings and shall co-operate with the boards of the Church and with other Christian agencies in meetings held in the interest of missionary education and organization.

(2) The Secretary of Children's Work shall actively promote the missionary education of children through the Conference and auxiliary secretaries of Children's Work of the Woman's Missionary Societies in accordance with the co-operative plans of the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Missions. She shall co-operate with other organizations and agencies for the promotion of world friendship among children; she shall co-operate on the Children's Committee of the Joint Committee on Co-operation and Counsel, and in the preparation of literature according to plans worked out by the committee; she shall gather materials from the fields to be used with World Friendship units and supervise World Friendship projects.

Secretary of Children's Work

(3) The Candidate Secretary shall have charge of the enlistment and cultivation of candidates for missionary work at home and abroad. She shall visit schools and colleges and shall be intrusted with the responsibility of dealing with students not only in the field of missions, but also in the whole realm of religious education and life service. She shall co-operate with the boards of the Church and with other Christian agencies in the conduct of meetings in the interest of life service.

Candidate Secretary

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(4) The Secretary in charge of Literature shall supervise the creation and publication of leaflets and other literature necessary for the missionary education of women and children. She shall direct the publicity work of the Council. She shall maintain a depository of missionary literature for sale and distribution and shall superintend the distribution of literature and supplies necessary for the work of the Conferences. She shall co-operate with the boards of the Church and with other Christian agencies in meetings held in the interest of the creation and distribution of literature and in publicity work.

Literature Secretary

10. (1) The Executive Committee of the Council shall be composed of the officers of the Council (as listed in Par. 525 of the Discipline), the Calendar Clerk, ten members at large, and three women members of the Board of Missions, provided they are serving as President or Conference Secretary of their respective Conference Societies. The Council shall elect these three members by ballot.

Executive Committee

(2) A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

(3) The Secretaries of the Woman's Work of the Home and Foreign Departments of the Board of Missions shall be members of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council.

(4) This Committee shall hold a mid-year meeting to review the work of the year and to attend to any other necessary business.

To Fill
Vacancies

11. When vacancies among officers, members at large, or standing committees occur during the year they shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual session of the Council; *provided* that in the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall fill the office until the next annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Appropriations
and Expenses

12. (1) The Council in annual session shall make recommendations to the Board of Missions of appropriations for the maintenance of Woman's Work in all fields, for the expense of administration, for Education and Promotion, and for a contingent fund.

(2) Recommendations for appropriations one year shall not exceed the income of the previous year from all sources except annuities, bequests, devises, and the sale of property.

(3) The necessary expenses of the Executive Committee of the Council and the traveling expenses of officers, members at large, candidates, returned missionaries, and speakers at the annual meeting of the Council shall be met from the treasury.

Called
Sessions

13. Extra sessions of the Council may be called upon the written request of seven members of the Executive Committee or of twenty-seven Conference members. This request must be in the hands of the President and Recording Secretary at least fifteen days before the meeting.

Bureaus

14. (1) Bureaus may be created where lines of work develop which require special supervision

Bureau of Chris-
tian Social
Relations

(2) There shall be a Bureau of Christian Social Relations consisting of six members, who shall be the Chairmen of the Standing Committees on Industrial Relations, Rural Development, and Interracial Co-operation, International Relations and World Peace, and Christian Citizenship and Law Observance; and the Superintendent of Christian Social Relations.

It shall be the duty of this Bureau to outline Christian social activities, and to promote plans for the prosecution of the same; to assist in the development of lines of research, study and activities of these committees; to aid in harmonizing and organizing the results of their work for presentation to the Council; to develop such work for social welfare as may not be covered by them and to devise ways in which the constituency may help in the realization of Christian social relations.

Standing
Committees

15. (1) There shall be Standing Committees whose duty it shall be to consider, investigate, and to prepare recommendations concerning special matters of business placed in their hands.

(a) The Standing Committee shall serve during the quadrennium. Each committee shall elect its chairman.

(b) The chairman of a Standing Committee may call one meeting annually, the expenses of which shall be met from the treasury of the Council.

Industrial
Relations

(2) There shall be a Standing Committee on Industrial Relations consisting of seven members.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to study and gather facts regarding industrial conditions in communities at home and abroad in which our Church is at work. It shall suggest ways and means for the promotion of more Christian attitudes and relationships. It shall report to the Council. The results of its investigations shall serve as suggestions which shall be carried out through the Bureau of Christian Social Relations.

(3) There shall be a Standing Committee on Rural Development consisting of seven members.

Rural Development

It shall be the duty of this Committee to study country life problems in America and on mission fields with a view to strengthening Christian forces in rural areas. It shall report to the Council. The result of its investigations shall serve as suggestions which will be carried out through the Bureau of Christian Social Relations.

(4) There shall be a Standing Committee on Interracial Co-operation.

Interracial Co-operation

It shall be the duty of this Committee to study relations among various racial groups in communities in the home field in which the Council is at work and to devise ways and means for the promotion of more Christian attitudes and relationships. It shall conduct experiments and demonstrations in Christian race relations, the results of which may be incorporated into the program of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations and made available through that Bureau. It shall report to the Council.

(5) There shall be a Standing Committee on International Relations and World Peace.

Committee on International Relations and World Peace

It shall be the duty of this Committee to keep in touch with national and international agencies promoting pacific relations between the nations and to serve as a channel through which information may be given and peace sentiment created in the Church, to formulate courses of study for the missionary societies to be put into effect through the Bureau of Christian Social Relations.

(6) There shall be a Standing Committee on Christian Citizenship and Law Observance.

Committee on Christian Citizenship and Law Observance

It shall be the duty of this Committee to develop among the constituency an understanding of the fullest meaning of Christian Citizenship, to demonstrate the power of Christian women in forming public opinion, to promulgate the sacredness and power of the ballot. It shall engage in a study of national and state laws, shall teach and practice law observance, and shall watch proposed legislation which the Council may assist in enacting into righteous laws. It shall report to the Council. The results of such investigations shall serve as suggestions which shall be carried out through the Bureau of Christian Social Relations.

(7) There shall be a Standing Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work consisting of nine members, one of whom shall be the Home Secretary, Board of Missions; five of whom shall be members of the Committee on Deaconess Work of the Woman's Section, Home Department of the Board of Missions; and three members of the Council.

Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work

It shall be the duty of this Committee to promote the deaconess movement and make recommendations to the Board of Missions concerning the employment and support of deaconesses.

Committee on
Constitution
and By-Laws

(8) There shall be a Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of seven members.

To this Committee shall be sent, not later than sixty days before the annual session of the Council, all proposed amendments to any constitution or by-law made by the Council. A complete list of these proposed amendments, together with the recommendations of the committee, shall be sent to the members of the Council before its annual session.

Committee on
Literature

(9) There shall be a Standing Committee on Literature composed of the Superintendents of Bureaus; Secretaries of Literature, Organization, and Children's Work, and three members from the Council.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to plan the programs and literature ordered by the Council.

Committee on
Finance and
Estimates

(10) There shall be a Standing Committee on Finance and Estimates for Woman's Work consisting of the President, the Vice-President, and ten members at large of the Council.

It shall be the duty of this committee to study the financial policy of the Council, to keep informed with regard to its investments, to recommend plans for increasing the income, and to receive and act upon estimates as presented by the Treasurer and Secretaries. It shall transmit its recommendations to the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

Committee on
Laws

(11) There shall be a Standing Committee on Laws consisting of three members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to watch all proposed legislation and to call attention to any overlapping, conflicting, and unnecessary legislation. It shall be the further duty of this Committee to prepare for use, under the proper headings in the Annual Report, a copy of the Standing Rules.

Committee on
Scarritt
College

(12) There shall be a Standing Committee on Scarritt College for Christian Workers, consisting of the elected members of the Board of Trustees who are also members of the Woman's Missionary Council.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to consider and report upon all matters relating to Scarritt College for Christian Workers requiring action by the Council.

Committee on
Lectureships

(13) There shall be a Standing Committee on Lectureships consisting of five members, one of whom shall be the President of the Council.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to direct the policies of all Council Lectureships, including the Bennett-Gibson Lectureship, to choose the lecturers, to decide upon the expediency of publication, to administer funds, and to report to the Woman's Missionary Council.

Committee on
Status of
Women

(14) There shall be a Standing Committee on the Status of Women.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to study the status of women, including the bases of woman's place and the questions that affect her place in society and in the

Church. The Committee shall also promote such lines of activity as will improve her status in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It shall report to the Council.

Committee on
Co-operation
with Other
Agencies

(15) There shall be a Standing Committee on Co-operation with Other Agencies consisting of three members, one of whom shall be the President of the Council.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to keep in touch with the Civic and Welfare organizations and with women's Church organizations engaged in lines of work similar to those of the Council; to recommend Council participation in such gatherings or conventions as are expedient; and to recommend the personnel of delegations to those meetings. It shall report to the Council.

Committee on
Spiritual Life
and Message

(16) There shall be a Standing Committee of Spiritual Life and Message consisting of seven members, one of whom shall be the Secretary of Organization, and one the Secretary of Literature.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to keep in touch with the spiritual movements of the time, to develop a clearer understanding of the implications of the teachings of Jesus for every realm of thinking, to endeavor by prayerful research to develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living. In co-operation with the Secretary of Organization it shall make plans for deepening the spiritual life of the womanhood of the Church. It shall report to the Council.

Committee on
Candidate
Work

(17) There shall be a Standing Committee on Candidate Work composed of the Home, the Foreign, and the Education and Promotion Secretaries, with the heads of the Departments of Home and Foreign Missions at Scarritt College, and three additional members who are Conference representatives in the Council.

This Committee shall have charge of the enlistment and cultivation of candidates for missionary service at home and abroad, and the consideration of scholarships which shall be granted to those applicants only who have met the spiritual, intellectual, educational, and physical requirements of the Council and who have had the required experience for missionaries and deaconesses.

Commissions

16. (1) There shall be Commissions appointed or elected to study matters requiring fact finding and research. They are expected to prepare a digest of assembled facts, together with the thinking of the Commission, as a basis of conclusions or recommendations to be presented annually to the Woman's Missionary Council and which shall be carried out by conferences and auxiliaries.

(2) There shall be a Commission on Unoccupied Mission Areas.

Unoccupied
Mission
Areas

It shall be the duty of this Commission on Unoccupied Mission Areas to investigate and tabulate facts regarding the areas in which our Church is working at home and abroad, with a view to determining what are the most needy unoccupied fields of missionary effort in order that it may call the attention of the proper agencies of the Church to these neglected fields and seek to stimulate effort to meet the needs. It shall report to the Council.

Special
Committees

17. Such special or *ad interim* committees as may be deemed necessary may be ordered by the Council in annual session. The chairman of the special or *ad interim* committee may call one meeting annually, the expense to be met from the treasury of the Council.

Session
Committees

18. The work of the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session shall be conducted by Session Committees appointed by the Executive Committee.

a. Each Session Committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary, who shall be members of the Council with no secretarial relation to the Board of Missions.

b. These committees shall receive recommendations from the Secretaries and Superintendents of the Council and from the women Secretaries of the Board of Missions.

Amendments to
By-Laws

19. The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual session.

Constitution and By-Laws for Conference Societies and Auxiliaries

CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the woman's missionary work of the Conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of:

(1) Auxiliary delegates representing one or more societies, the number to be determined by each Conference, according to its requirements.

(2) A District Secretary from each district.

(3) All Chairmen of Conference Standing Committees.

(4) Any officer or member at large of the Woman's Missionary Council residing within the bounds of the Conference.

(5) Any editor of the Woman's Department of the Church paper residing within the bounds of the Conference.

(6) The ranking woman officer of any Mission Board which includes Woman's Work located within the bounds of the Conference.

(7) And the following officers: A President, a Vice-President, a Conference Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Secretary of Young Women's Groups, a Secretary of Children's Work, and Superintendents of Study, of Literature and Publicity, of Christian Social Relations, and of Supplies.

BY-LAWS OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

1. The Executive Committee shall transact business in the interim of the annual session. Five shall constitute a quorum.

2. The Conference officers shall be elected by ballot at an annual meeting. The election shall take place annually, biennially, or quadrennially as the Conference shall decide. The officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President and Conference Secretary shall be members of the Woman's Missionary Council. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be elected to Conference offices. If after such election an officer moves outside the Conference bounds, such removal shall be considered her resignation from her Conference office.

3. Two members of the Executive Committee or from among the District Secretaries of the Conference shall be elected at each annual session as alternates to the Woman's Missionary Council. Alternates from Missionary Societies in foreign fields may be elected from among the members of the Missionary Society at that time in the United States.

4. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Vice-President, the Conference Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and shall actively advance the interests of the work. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

6. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence and shall assist in actively promoting the interests of the Conference.

7. The Conference Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society and supply the auxiliaries with information. She shall promote Christian Stewardship, shall use all possible means for the organization of Adult auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and shall make quarterly reports of the work to the Conference by the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January to the Organization Secretary of the Council. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and shall be responsible for a report of the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

8. 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.

9. The Treasurer shall receive the funds of the Society, keeping an account of each auxiliary and submitting the same annually to an auditor. She shall handle only such funds as are used for programs of work authorized by the Council. She shall disburse funds on the written order of the President and the Conference Secretary. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society, and shall send itemized reports promptly, on the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, therewith transmitting such funds as are collected for the general treasury. She shall also send an itemized statement to the Conference Secretary and to the President.

10. The Secretary of Young Women's Groups, in co-operation with District Secretaries, shall through the auxiliary Presidents or the Chairmen of the Young Women's Groups actively cultivate young women in the conference for membership in the adult auxiliaries. She shall report quarterly the status and progress of the work to the Organization Secretary of the Council.

11. The Secretary of Children's Work shall actively promote and interpret the co-operative plan for missionary education of children, and shall report quarterly to the Council Secretary of Children's Work and to the Conference Secretary.

12. The Superintendent of Study shall promote mission study and Bible study. She shall report quarterly to the Education and Promotion Secretary in charge of Organization.

13. The Superintendent of Literature and Publicity shall make a careful study of the literature published by the Board of Missions, Woman's Work, with reference to the needs of the Conference, and make recommendations to the Secretary in charge of Literature. She shall be responsible for the distribution of the literature throughout the Conference and shall promote the dissemination

of missionary news through the Church and secular press. She shall be responsible for the promotion of the *World Outlook*. She shall make quarterly reports to the Education and Promotion Secretary in charge of Literature.

14. The Superintendent of Christian Social Relations shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions. She shall co-operate with the civic and social agencies for reform and shall seek to bring the women of the Conference into relations with them. She shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Christian Social Relations.

15. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and needed supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report quarterly to the Secretary in charge of Organization.

16. The District Secretaries shall organize Adult Auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in their districts. They shall present a report of their work at the District Conference and may hold annual meetings in the district. Districts may be divided into zones according to their size, and leaders provided for each zone. The District Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence with the auxiliaries and send a quarterly report to the Conference Secretary and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society.

17. Conference Societies shall not project new work nor respond to special calls for aid unless authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

18. The membership funds of all adult auxiliary societies, funds contributed to make life members, honorary life members, and honorary life patrons are a part of the general fund, which cannot be directed by the Conference.

19. Provisions for a Conference Expense Fund shall be made by each Conference according to the requirements. No part of directed missionary offerings shall be used for Conference expense.

20. The thank offering during the Week of Prayer shall be applied to specific objects to be determined each year by the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

21. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Council.

ADULT AUXILIARIES

CONSTITUTION

Any number of women may form an Adult Society auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Missionary Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers herein provided:

1. This society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the ——— Church, auxiliary to ——— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary is to hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the women and children in a study of the needs of the world, in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions supported by the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any woman, twenty-four years of age and over, or one under

twenty-four years of age who has assumed the responsibilities of adult life through marriage or vocation may become a member of the auxiliary by giving prayer, service, and a contribution to the annual budget.

4. The auxiliary shall assume the responsibility of the payment of a definite pledge to the Conference which shall include membership offerings, covering relief and retirement and conference expense funds, free will offerings, and Scarritt maintenance. Scholarships for Scarritt College shall be raised as auxiliary or conference specials. An offering shall be taken during the Week of Prayer for special objects designated by the Council. Opportunity shall be given for offerings to be directed by the auxiliary and individuals for the support of special work approved by the Council.

5. Anyone may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of twenty-five dollars, and an honorary life member by payment of one hundred dollars, and an honorary life patron by the payment of three hundred dollars, provided the money is paid for this special purpose. Such membership is an honor and does not release the holder from the obligations of active membership.

6. A name may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of twenty-five dollars for this specific purpose.

7. The auxiliary shall carry on local work. This work may be done through a committee, the funds to be raised as the auxiliary directs.

8. The auxiliary shall elect one of its members to serve on the Church Board of Christian Education (1934 Discipline ¶ 421 (1)).

9. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Secretary of Children's Work, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and Superintendents of Baby Specials, of Study, of Literature and Publicity, of the *World Outlook*, of Christian Social Relations, of Supplies, and of Local Work.

10. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to the consideration of plans and financial pledges for the year. At the November business meeting, either annually or biennially, the election of officers shall be held. Officers shall be installed at the beginning of the new year.

BY-LAWS

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the auxiliary and shall actively advance its interests. By virtue of her office, the President is a member of the Quarterly Conference. When there is more than one adult auxiliary in a Church the President of the auxiliary first organized shall be the member of the Quarterly Conference.

The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in her absence.

2. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary. She shall send to the District Secretary full reports the first of January, April, July, and October. She shall send to the District Secretary and Conference Secretary the names and addresses of all newly elected officers of the auxiliary. She shall also send to the Conference Superintendents the names and addresses of their corresponding Auxiliary Superintendents.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and see that each meeting is properly announced.

4. The Treasurer shall collect all missionary money of the auxiliary,

*Amended March 15, 1937
by inserting words "A Secretary
of Young Women's Groups"*

keep an account of the same, and make an itemized report monthly to the auxiliary. She shall remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October, giving an itemized statement of the amount, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

5. The Assistant Treasurer shall have charge of local funds. She shall make a monthly report to the auxiliary, and she shall furnish the Treasurer a quarterly statement to be included in her report. She shall pay out money from the local treasury upon an order signed by both the President of the auxiliary and the chairman of the local committee.

The auxiliary as a society shall not assume obligations for the assistance or support of outside organizations, such as orphanages, hospitals, travelers' aids, Y. W. C. A., etc.

6. The Secretary of Children's Work shall actively promote and interpret the co-operative plan for missionary education of children, and shall report monthly and quarterly to the adult auxiliary and shall send a written report quarterly to the Conference Secretary of Children's Work.

7. (1) The Superintendent of Baby Specials shall be responsible for the cultivation of the parents of children under six years of age for interest in and contributions to the Kindergarten and Child Welfare Work of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall report monthly and quarterly to the adult auxiliary.

(2) Children under six years of age may be enrolled as life members by the payment of five dollars, and their names may be placed on the Memorial Roll for five dollars. These funds shall be sent by the Auxiliary Treasurer with her quarterly report to the Conference Treasurer.

8. The Superintendent of Study shall be responsible for the organization of Mission study and Bible study classes. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Study.

9. The Superintendent of Literature and Publicity shall be responsible for the dissemination of missionary news throughout the Church and community. She shall present the Missionary Bulletin in the auxiliary meetings and send items to the Church and secular press. She shall make quarterly reports to the Conference Superintendents of Literature and Publicity.

10. The Superintendent of the *World Outlook* shall be responsible for the circulation of the *World Outlook* throughout the local church. She shall, with the assistance of a committee, make a canvass of the entire membership, securing renewals and subscriptions. In co-operation with the pastor, she shall seek to present the magazine in attractive ways to the Sunday school, the prayer meeting, the missionary society, and the congregation. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Publicity.

11. (1) The Superintendent of Christian Social Relations shall stimulate and direct the study of social questions. She shall work for social reforms by securing the participation of auxiliary members in civic and social welfare movements of community and State. She shall have charge of the studies and programs committed to the auxiliary through the Bureau of Christian Social Relations. She shall serve as Chairman of the Committee on Christian Social Relations. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Christian Social Relations.

(2) Funds for the use of the Committee on Christian Social Relations in constructive relief work and social reform may be drawn from

amended March 15, 1937, by the addition of the words "older children may be made life members by the payment of \$10.00" after the words "five dollar" in line "20".
Further amended by striking out the word

changing word "quarterly" to "annually"

the Local Treasury, provided the use of the funds is strictly in accordance with the provisions of By-Law 5.

12. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and necessary supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields, under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

13. The Superintendent of Local Work shall have charge of the social features of the auxiliary. She shall supervise whatever share the auxiliary may have in the care of the church and parsonage. The Assistant Treasurer shall be a member of the Committee on Local Work.

STANDING RULES

COUNCIL

1. Standing committees shall meet for organization before leaving the place of meeting of the Council. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum, with the provision that the quorum of no committee be less than three. The action of the quorum of each committee shall be submitted to all members of each committee.

2. Candidates who meet all requirements educationally and physically, and who are recommended by the faculty as eligible, shall receive, when possible, assignments to fields at the beginning instead of at the close of the senior year, contingent on the indorsement of the faculty, medical examiners, and Committee on Missionary Candidates at the close of the senior year.

3. No recommendations for action shall be placed in the body of the annual reports of the officers of the Council.

4. Each and every memorial or resolution referred to a session committee of the Council shall be listed and reported back to the Council in a committee report.

5. The chairman of the Session Committee on Laws shall be given supervision of the preparation of a collection of the Standing Rules to be printed in each annual report of the Council.

6. A Council member from each conference shall make the pledge for her conference at the Council meeting. The pledges taken at the Council meeting shall include all funds for authorized Council work.

7. Unused balances and refunds in the regular appropriations each year shall be added to the basis of appropriation for the following year and be subject to reappropriation, it being understood that the amount shall not be added until the contingent fund shall have been estimated.

8. The Secretary of Education and Promotion shall provide literature for the United Day of Prayer appointed by the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions and the Council of Women for Home Missions. This may be ordered from Literature Headquarters.

9. A yearbook of programs for auxiliaries shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the Secretary in Charge of Literature.

10. In accord with the Council policy of granting in occasional instances the taking of special objects of support by individuals, auxiliaries, districts, or conferences, all money collected for specials shall be used for those objects directly authorized by the Council. In case any individual, auxiliary, district, or conference desires to direct an offering to some particular activity in Council work, some arrangement to that end shall first be made with the Administrative Secretary in charge of the field in which the activity is located.

CONFERENCE

1. The Woman's Department in each Church paper shall be edited by one woman only. She shall be selected by the President and Corresponding Secretary of the patronizing Conference.

2. In each Conference Society a committee of three, one of whom shall be the Conference Secretary, shall be elected to visit the home institutions within its boundary and co-operate with them for the advancement of their work.

3. A campaign for mission study shall be urged in October and special effort made to organize classes in every auxiliary.

4. One handbook and one yearbook shall be furnished free to the President of each auxiliary.

5. Two copies of the *Adult Handbook* shall be furnished free of cost to each auxiliary.

6. The week beginning with the first Sunday in November shall be observed as a Week of Prayer.

7. The following schedule of quarterly events shall be observed as an annual basis of cultivation: (a) First Quarter—An Officers' Training Day in District or Zone Groups. (b) Second Quarter—A Membership and Enlistment Campaign. (c) Third Quarter—A Training Day for Mission Study Leadership. (d) Fourth Quarter—Week of Prayer and Harvest Day.

8. The standard of efficiency in Christian Social Relations shall be: (a) the sending of four quarterly reports to the Conference Superintendent; (b) a study of the *handbook for Superintendents and Committees of Christian Social Relations*; (c) definite service performed; (d) regular representation from the Committee in a mission Study Class; (e) the study of one of the special packets of literature recommended by the Bureau; (f) regular meetings of the Committee.

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