

*Woman's Home  
Mission Society*

*METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH*



*Fifteenth Annual Report  
A. D. 1901*

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# WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

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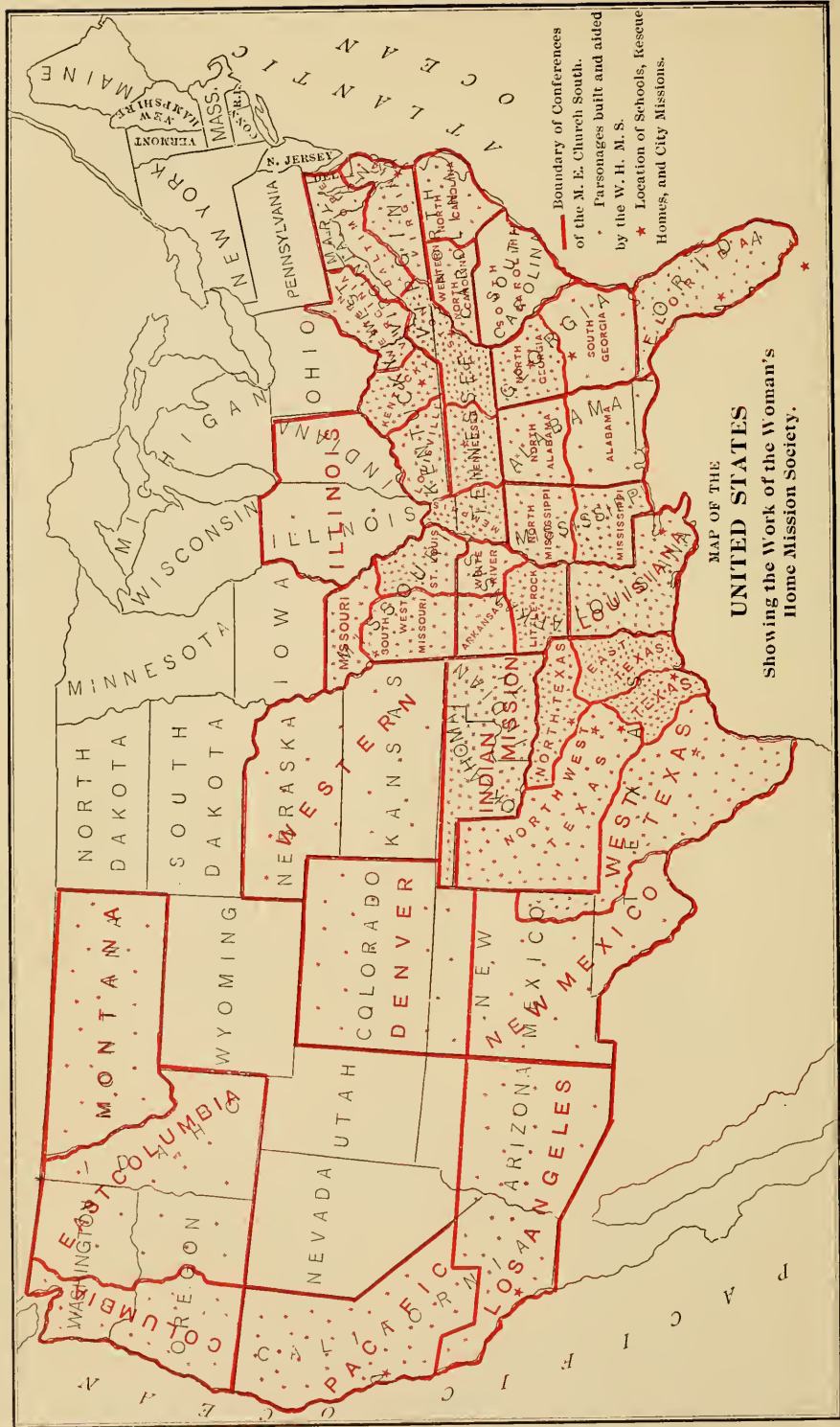
## CALENDAR.

- Week of Prayer, October 6-13.  
Fourth Annual Board Meeting, Richmond, Va.



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— Boundary of Conferences  
of the M. E. Church South.  
• Parsonages built and aided  
by the W. H. M. S.  
★ Location of Schools, Rescue  
Homes, and City Missions.

MAP OF THE  
**UNITED STATES**  
Showing the Work of the Woman's  
Home Mission Society.

# FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY

OF THE

## METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Including Minutes of the Third Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, held in St. Louis, Mo., May 3-10, 1901.

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## SYNOPSIS OF IMPORTANT ACTION TAKEN AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

(See pages 50-72.)

A resolution adopted to request the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School to allow the Woman's Board of Home Missions to place a teacher of Home Missions in that institution. Eight scholarships pledged for one year.

A resolution adopted to memorialize the next General Conference to establish the order of deaconesses.

A resolution adopted to build a Girls' Industrial Hall at Paine Institute, Augusta, Ga.; \$3,000 raised for that purpose, and building to be erected when \$5,000 is secured.

A missionary teacher to be placed in the mining region of the Holston Conference.

A resolution adopted expressing the sense of the body that it is desirable for the Executive Committee to confer with the Board of Missions, the Epworth League Board, the Sunday School Board, and the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, as to the best method of securing the harmonious and full development of the *children and young people* in Christian activity.

The school at Key West named Ruth E. Hargrove Seminary.

Mrs. Hargrove made honorary life member.

The name of the Department of Systematic and Proportionate Giving changed to the Department of Tithing; the Second Vice President of each Conference Society made Conference Superintendent of the Department of Tithing.

The Department of Baby Roll and Life Membership abolished as a separate department, and made a part of the office work of the General Secretary.

Each Board of City Missions to have aid from the General Board on the basis of ten per cent of amount raised the previous year by the local board.

The following appropriations were made: To aid forty-two parsonages, \$4,000; to Cuban schools, \$5,514; to Chinese and Japanese schools, \$1,800; to Sue Bennett Memorial School at London, Ky., \$2,000 and fees; to Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, Dallas, Tex., \$3,600.



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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, GENERAL SECRETARY.

Newton's prophetic song becomes the cry of every heart when it pleads for America's redemption. If she may "smile at all her foes," she must be "with salvation's walls surrounded." Christian in name, yet an open asylum for men of all creeds, she receives into her very bosom those who know not her God. Nay, not only those who know him not, but who would rob her of her fair name, and become a very foe. Since she thus opens her doors to all mankind, it behooves her citizens to show, not by comparative study but by the Christ-filled life, the superiority of the Christian religion. The Saviour replied to John when he would know if he was the Christ, that "the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and to the poor the gospel is preached," as the test of the genuineness of his profession. And to his followers he says: "I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." In no age since the Christ was incarnate has Christianity so nearly accepted this as the test of her life as in our own times, nor was there ever a time when she so needed to demonstrate the acceptance of this precept. The Church is emphasizing more and more that religion consists not alone in delightful emotion but in service, through fellowship and practical sympathy with humanity. In keeping, then, with the demands of the times and our spirit, I would define the scope and aim of the Woman's Home Mission Society as serving humanity, building character, and saving souls.

The report which I would bring of the past year's efforts in this work covers eight months of service by Mrs. Hargrove and four of my own. So wisely and well had she planned the work that when from her own weary and careworn hands it fell into mine no very great loss of time was suffered. As a well-trained force the workers have cooperated with me, and at the end of the fiscal year we report encouraging growth and an almost universal expression of quickened interest on the part of the Church at large. This growth is marked by an increase of almost thirteen hundred members, and a larger collection of dues, which is the test of our strength. Two thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight dollars is this gain over that of last year. This gives us courage, and with hearts of thanksgiving we will press forward with this work for Him who giveth the increase. The pledge to raise \$25,000, for the Twentieth Century Thank-offering has very nearly been met, as \$21,200.34 has been collected. We rejoice in this collection, especially since the funds for the general work

have not been decreased thereby. During the year 2,282 letters have been received by the General Secretary, while she has written 1,328 letters, and 923 postal cards.

*Statistics of Work.*—Adult auxiliaries, 1,372; adult members, 21,812; young people and juvenile societies, 127; young people and juvenile members, 2,900; total members, 24,712; auxiliaries organized during the year, 199; members added during the year, 1,361; life members, 167; Baby Roll members, 5,042; scholarships supported, 9; day schools, 4; night schools, 4; pupils in schools, 1,000; teachers and missionaries, 46; parsonages helped by the Conference Societies, 83; parsonages helped by the Board, 19; total parsonages helped this fiscal year, 102; collections for connectional work, \$54,486.93; collections for local work, \$55,874.64; value of supplies sent out through Supply Department, \$9,232.57; subscribers to *Our Homes*, 5,521.

*Parsonages.*—An idea prevailed through the Church when the name of the Society was changed that we meant practically to do away with the parsonage feature of the work. This is a mistake, as is shown by the material aid given the homes of our preachers this fiscal year. A furnished home becomes a necessity in our itinerant policy, and the aim of our organization is to have a parsonage in every appointment. With the help from the fifty per cent of the Conference dues, and that of the General Board, the Southern Methodist Church has aided almost two parsonages per week the past fiscal year. The largest amount given to any one parsonage was \$200; and the smallest, \$12.50.

*Supplies.*—Following close upon the need of homes comes that material aid given to our preachers who supply those appointments where salaries are inadequate for support. With a preacher's daughter, who has inherited a love and veneration for those who "bring good tidings, and publish salvation" at the head of this department, it is not strange that it has grown to be one of the strongest of the whole work. Last year goods valued at \$9,289.57 were sent by auxiliaries to give comfort in homes where meager salaries denied not luxuries but actual comforts. When God calls one of his messengers to these "hard appointments" he means for some one to share his burden, and through this department the avenues are open to the most tender and delicate ministrations. When we recall that some of our preachers are not paid more than \$100 or \$150 per annum, we can readily see the necessity for this part of our work. If these preachers were to fail to meet these appointments, there would be need of calling in our forces that work for the uplifting of our country, for these are the very people that we must help. The outlying sections, the rural districts not thickly settled, and our missions are needing the presence of these messengers of God.

*Schools.*—Of no department of the work are we so hopeful as that of our schools. Not only do we instruct with text-books those who are providentially thrown into our midst, but with this mental training the real work of character-building is keeping pace.

Prof. J. C. Lewis has met with wonderful success at London, Ky., in preparing young men and women for the battle of life. A revival influence has been felt all the year, and as many of the students go from this

training to smaller district schools as teachers, the influence is enlarging into ever widening circles. It is a blessed thought that "my small contributions have made this school possible," and so may every one feel who has contributed to the connectional part of our work.

Our Cuban schools in Florida are more firmly established for the year's work, and through Miss Bruce and her faithful corps of teachers at Key West and Tampa we have given more light and truth to those whom we must help. Our schools have been as full as our limitations permitted, and lack of means and teachers are serious obstacles to progress.

On the Pacific coast our workers are more hopeful than ever before, and conversions among our pupils show that the work is meeting with God's approval. Surely this work appeals to us as never in the past, as the horrible practice of girl slavery is brought to light. The women of Christian America must come forward as a body and demand that this nefarious practice shall be exterminated.

The Industrial Home and School at Greeneville, Tenn., throws Christian influence and education around the lives of the little waifs upon the great sea of humanity, who would not otherwise know what home and its countless charms mean to a small child. During the year 101 children have found a very pleasant home there.

*City Missions.*—What countless opportunities are open through this avenue to the extension of God's kingdom in our Southland! Twelve cities are enterprising these missions in their various phases, such as kindergartens, house-to-house visitations, industrial schools, and rescue work. Glad notes of victory are sounded as our city missionaries report their work, and a glorious harvest awaits the Church as a result of these efforts. This line of work must be emphasized in our Conferences and a chain of city missions gird our whole section. The masses need the individual, and by this organized effort they are brought together. Not alone for the uplifting of the masses, but for the quickening of the spiritual life of the Church, must we press this forward movement. There is "joy among the angels" over one sinner that repenteth, and can there be joy keener than to have been used of God for the awakening of that sinner? We need trained city missionaries, that they may lead in the work of the women of the Church, not that these women may be relieved of personal obligation. Especially are we grateful for God's blessing on our Dallas Mission. In the training given there to our unfortunate sisters a return of self-respect and character uplift must result. We hope the day may not be far distant when the industries taught may go far toward the maintenance of the home. In Macon a new house for the Door of Hope—our very own—is cause for thanksgiving, and when Christ-filled lives, like that of Miss Anna Philipbar, the missionary in charge, are being spent for the redemption of lost souls, will not the whole body of women in the Church rally to its support?

*Literature.*—*Our Homes*, a welcome monthly visitor, has a circulation of 5,521, and is entirely self-sustaining. This cannot be said of many of our connectional papers, and shows not only wise editorial work but excellent financiering. It fulfills its mission truly, giving full and interesting pre-

sentation to every department of the work of the Society; and a still broader outlook of the noble efforts of other societies and individuals for the world's redemption. Thus are we brought nearer to those who need us and stimulated to greater effort, nobler desires, and more hearty cooperation. Give this paper a wider circulation, and we have an enlarged membership.

Six leaflets per quarter, twenty-four for the year, have been issued from the press for the benefit of the work. We have sought to meet the requirements and create interest in the work through this department. The printed word often takes a message where the voice is denied, and conviction of obligation to God and humanity is thus often awakened in hearts at ease in Zion.

There is a growing interest in the reading course, and the educative influence of this department is already winning friends in behalf of humanity. A new course will be arranged, after careful study and comparison of the many interesting books on sociological subjects, and it is hoped that a great working force may be created through this influence. A course of Bible study will prove especially helpful and suggestive.

*Baby Roll Membership, Life Members, Etc.*—This department has created interest and has been a means of raising money for the general work. All over the Southland there are those who are thus identified with the work, and when these little people grow up to manhood and womanhood, and this organization has reached great usefulness, it will be a happy thought that they were instrumental, in years of unaccountability, in helping to build the foundations. The past fiscal year 5,049 names were enrolled, thus bringing more than \$200 into the treasury. Fifty persons were made life members of the Society this year, while nineteen names were added to the Angel Band. In the number of life members North Georgia Conference Society leads, while Holston has placed more names on the Baby Roll.

*Systematic and Proportionate Giving.*—One thousand seven hundred and eleven persons are pledged to follow this method of filling the Lord's treasury. This department is kept before the membership faithfully by the Superintendent, and surely a rich harvest awaits the Church from such seed-sowing. A seventh of our time and a tenth of our means are required by the law, and we are only faithful stewards when we follow what he has made so plain.

*Extension of Work.*—The Society has been left a bequest by that godly woman, Mrs. Mary Rowzee, of Fairfax, Va. Her devotion to the Church and humanity have been thus demonstrated by her will. It is impossible to say just what the bequest may amount to, as a part will not be available for years yet, and that which passes into the hands of the Board is in farming lands, which must be sold when a purchaser may be found. These bequests mean more to the Society than the mere dollars and cents which they bring, for they reveal that the work is beginning to lie upon the hearts of our people.

We have accomplished great things through the efforts of the Woman's Home Mission Society, but the time has come when extension of work de-

pend entirely upon numerical growth. Now that its position is well defined and its mission established, the whole body of women in the Church ought to rally to its call, and, with united front, go forward to make our country all we would claim for her. One hundred thousand members we must have—are there not that many women in the million and half members of our Church that believe in home missions? Let us have them, sisters! We may if you present the work to others, with all its needs and opportunities as you see them.

We may not hope to enlarge our connectional enterprises, as pressing as are the appeals, and great as are the needs this year, but we must strengthen our stakes. At Ybor City we need another teacher, a kindergarten, or one trained in child development. The work has been crippled there because of our limitations. If we would reach the Chinese women at Los Angeles, we must have a teacher for a day school added to our force. We must strengthen the work at this point to that extent.

As a home evangelizing force, we must define more clearly our relation to our colored sisters that live among us. God has placed them in our midst, not from their or our volition, and we must help them to higher ideals of Christian integrity and to righteous living. To the women of our Southland this work especially calls, and only through them will they be evangelized. Many, many Christian women of our Church are using the opportunities for this in their kitchens, but we need to have back of this effort the united force of organization. As surely as we exist as an organized body, God requires this at our hands.

The real extension of work must be through the quickened conscience and the definitely consecrated life. Are we consumed with a desire to know God? Do we know and love his will? If we were alive with love for him, how much easier this service would be. O, that from this meeting we may go forward to create a new interest, not in our work, but in him, and God speed the day when the glorious things spoken of his Church may be fulfilled, and truly we may say

'Round each habitation hov'ring,  
 See the cloud and fire appear,  
 For a glory and a cov'ring,  
 Showing that the Lord is near:  
 Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
 Zion, city of our God;  
 He whose word can ne'er be broken  
 Formed thee for his own abode.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION TO THE  
WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY, MARCH 31, 1901.**

*Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Church Extension for Account  
of the Woman's Home Mission Society for the Year  
Ending March 31, 1901.*

**I. PARSONAGE DONATION ACCOUNT, GENERAL BOARD.**

**RECEIPTS.**

Balance on hand March 31, 1900.....	\$ 767 49
Received from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	1,182 51
Collected on refunding bonds.....	600 00—\$2,550 00

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

**DONATIONS TO PARSONAGES BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.**

1. Heppner, Oregon.....	\$ 50 00
2. Houston, Tex. (Mission).....	50 00
3. Natchitoches, La.....	100 00
4. Grand Saline, Tex.....	50 00
5. Centerville, Ala.....	75 00
6. Upper Lake, Cal.....	75 00
7. Bryson City, N. C.....	100 00
8. Dallas, Tex. (Oak Lawn).....	100 00
9. Wylam, Ala.....	100 00
10. Van Buren Circuit, Ala.....	50 00
11. Holdenville, Ind. T.....	100 00
12. Guaymas, Mexico.....	200 00
13. El Paso, Tex. (Trinity).....	100 00
14. Oaklette, Va.....	50 00
15. San Francisco, Cal. (Centenary).....	500 00
16. Citra, Fla.....	100 00
17. Wilmington, N. C. (District).....	100 00
18. San Angelo, Tex. (District).....	100 00
19. Cairo, Mo.....	50 00—\$2,050 00
Balance in our hands March 31, 1901.....	500 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,550 00</b>

As you will observe, we have on hand five hundred dollars belonging to your general donation fund, and the following donations heretofore granted by you yet remain unpaid, through failure of the parties to get ready to receive the money: Sacramento, Cal., \$400, granted April 29, 1898; Big Stone Gap, Va., \$50, granted —, 1899; Hoehne, Colo., \$100, granted April, 1900; Spokane, Wash., \$100, granted April, 1900. The two last named grants, to Hoehne and Spokane, will probably be taken in the near future; but there seems no probability that the other two will, and it is for you to determine whether you will carry them longer or rescind them.

**II. PARSONAGE DONATION ACCOUNT, CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.**

**RECEIPTS.**

Balance on hand March 31, 1900.....	\$1,563 19
Received from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	5,122 18
Returned from Chillicothe, Tex.....	50 00—\$6,739 37

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

**DONATIONS TO PARSONAGES BY THE CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.**

1. Lexington, Va., Baltimore Conference Society.....	\$ 75 00
2. Remington, Va., Baltimore Conference Society.....	100 00

3. Medford, Oregon, Columbia Conference Society.....	\$ 49 00	
4. Harrisburg, Oregon, Columbia Conference Society.....	20 00	
5. Lindale, Tex., East Texas Conference Society.....	45 00	
6. Palestine (West), Tex., East Texas Conference Society.....	100 00	
7. Key West Fla., Florida Conference Society.....	114 21	
8. Pine Mount, Fla., Florida Conference Society.....	50 00	
9. Sequatchie, Tenn., Holston Conference Society.....	50 00	
10. Lenoir City, Tenn., Holston Conference Society.....	45 00	
11. Rural Retreat, Va., Holston Conference Society.....	50 00	
12. Rockwood, Tenn., Holston Conference Society.....	50 00	
13. Coal Creek, Tenn., Holston Conference Society.....	50 00	
14. Spiro, Ind. T., Indian Mission Conference Society.....	85 00	
15. Billings, Okla., Indian Mission Conference Society.....	75 00	
16. Lexington, Okla., Indian Mission Conference Society.....	50 00	
17. East Pulaski, Ky., Kentucky Conference Society.....	50 00	
18. Campton, Ky., Kentucky Conference Society.....	50 00	
19. Pittsburg, Ky., Kentucky Conference Society.....	30 00	
20. Redfield Circuit, Ark., Little Rock Conference Society.....	50 00	
21. Onalaska, Ark., Little Rock Conference Society.....	50 00	
22. Hamburg, Ark., Little Rock Conference Society.....	100 00	
23. Melville, La., Louisiana Conference Society.....	100 00	
24. Olla, La., Louisiana Conference Society.....	75 00	
25. Duarte, Cal., Los Angeles Conference Society.....	45 00	
26. Ventura, Cal., Los Angeles Conference Society.....	49 00	
27. Los Angeles, Bellvue Avenue, Los Angeles Conference Society.....	49 00	
28. Grand Rivers, Ky., Louisville Conference Society.....	75 00	
29. Lexington, Tenn., Memphis Conference Society.....	20 00	
30. Decaturville, Tenn., Memphis Conference Society.....	75 00	
31. Manlyville, Tenn., Memphis Conference Society.....	50 00	
32. Forest City, Mo., Missouri Conference Society.....	50 00	
33. Hannibal, Arch Street, Missouri Conference Society.....	50 00	
34. Stevensville, Mont., Montana Conference Society.....	12 50	
35. Avondale, Ala., North Alabama Conference Society.....	50 00	
36. Gritton, N. C., North Carolina Conference Society.....	50 00	
37. Bethlehem, Ga., North Georgia Conference Society.....	50 00	
38. Fashion, Ga., North Georgia Conference Society.....	50 00	
39. Roswell, Ga., North Georgia Conference Society.....	50 00	
40. Mesena, Ga., North Georgia Conference Society.....	50 00	
41. Lyerly, Ga., North Georgia Conference Society.....	50 00	
42. Rabun Gap, Ga., North Georgia Conference Society.....	50 00	
43. Boyle, Miss., North Mississippi Conference Society.....	75 00	
44. Royse, Tex., North Texas Conference Society.....	100 00	
45. Powderly, Tex., North Texas Conference Society.....	50 00	
46. Merit, Tex., North Texas Conference Society.....	75 00	
47. Ponder, Tex., North Texas Conference Society.....	100 00	
48. Lewisville, Tex., North Texas Conference Society.....	125 00	
49. Trenton, Tex., North Texas Conference Society.....	50 00	
50. Crowell, Tex., Northwest Texas Conference Society.....	100 00	
51. Weatherford Mission, Northwest Texas Conference Society.....	100 00	
52. Carlton, Tex., Northwest Texas Conference Society.....	25 00	
53. Silvertown, Tex., Northwest Texas Conference Society.....	100 00	
54. Lubbock, Tex., Northwest Texas Conference Society.....	100 00	
55. Eastland, Tex., Northwest Texas Conference Society.....	75 00	
56. Riesel, Tex., Northwest Texas Conference Society.....	50 00	
57. Clovis, Cal., Pacific Conference Society.....	50 00	
58. Snelling, Cal., Pacific Conference Society.....	75 00	
59. Willows, Cal., Pacific Conference Society.....	72 18	
60. Rockville, Cal., Pacific Conference Society.....	52 00	
61. Steelville, Mo., St. Louis Conference Society.....	50 00	
62. Desloge, Mo., St. Louis Conference Society.....	50 00	
63. Pearson, Ga., South Georgia Conference Society.....	25 00	
64. Lincoln, Mo., Southwest Missouri Conference Society.....	50 00	
65. Knobnoster, Mo., Southwest Missouri Conference Society.....	100 00	
66. Southwest City, Mo., Southwest Missouri Conference Society.....	50 00	
67. Red Rock, Tex., Texas Conference Society.....	50 00	
68. Burkeville, Va., Virginia Conference Society.....	75 00	
69. Drakes Branch, Va., Virginia Conference Society.....	46 88	
70. Kansas City, Kans., Western Conference Society.....	22 69	
71. Moore, Tex., West Texas Conference Society.....	50 00	
72. Lake City, Ark., White River Conference Society.....	50 00	\$4,382 46
Refunded to Mrs. Kirkland, account Texas Conference.....		53 91
Balance in our hands March 31, 19 1.....		2,299 00
Total.....		\$6,735 37

The above balance, \$2,299. has been appropriated by the Conference Societies to sundry parsonages; but they have not yet executed the required refunding bonds, and hence it has not been paid over to them.

## III. PARSONAGE LOAN FUND ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1900.....	\$2,055 83
Collected on loans: Principal.....	6,884 79
Interest.....	920 13
From Mrs. Kirkland, Treasurer, additions to Loan Fund.....	593 50—\$10,454 25

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to annuitants.....	\$ 301 50
Loaned to Parsonages:	
1. Louisville, Ky., Lander Memorial Church.....	1,200 00
2. Natchitoches, La.....	200 00
3. Centerville, Ala.....	200 00
4. Summit, Miss.....	400 00
5. Charleston, W. Va., First Church.....	800 00
6. Bryson City, N. C.....	100 00
7. Dallas, Tex., Oak Lawn.....	150 00
8. Hillsboro, Tex.....	400 00
9. Jonesboro, Ark.....	1,000 00
10. Meridian, Miss., East End.....	250 00
11. Pittsburg, Tex.....	300 00
12. Woman's Board, account of Cuban Mission School, Key West, Fla.....	1,000 00—\$ 6,301 50
Balance in our hands March 31, 1901.....	4,152 75
Total.....	\$10,454 25

From the above it will be seen that the interest received amounts to \$920.13. Out of this have been paid annuities amounting to \$301.50, leaving a net balance of \$618.63.

## IV. EDUCATION AND CITY MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND.

(Managed by the Fidelity Trust and Safety Vault Company, of Louisville, Ky., as Trustee.)

## 1. INCOME ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand April 6, 1900.....	\$ 2 92
Net interest received from April 7, 1900, to April 16, 1901.....	211 30—\$ 214 22

## DISBURSEMENTS.

By Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	\$ 106 42
By Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	93 77
By Trust Company's commissions.....	14 03— 214 22

## 2. INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

Total principal April 6, 1900.....	\$2,120 95
To Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	614 75
To Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	136 40
To Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	90 20
To Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	121 00
To Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	47 00
Total capital April 16, 1901.....	\$ 3,130 30

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Loaned upon mortgages and other collateral securities.....	\$3,050 00
Balance cash on hand April 16, 1901.....	80 30
Total cash and securities.....	\$ 3,130 30

The above is made up from a detailed statement furnished by the Trust Company and on file in the office of the Board of Church Extension.

Respectfully submitted.

P. H. WHISNER, *Corresponding Secretary.*



**THE LOAN AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS.**

**1. Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund**, originally constituted by making the wives of preachers patrons of the fund at \$5 each. It now embraces all contributions to the Parsonage Loan Funds not otherwise directed.

Reported to March 31, 1901, thirty-seven parsonages aided .....\$15,240.

**Harriet C. Hargrove Loan Fund**, constituted by Bishop R. K. Hargrove in memory of his deceased wife, Harriet Scott Hargrove, for many years an active and zealous member of the Central Committee of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Reported to March 31, 1901, eleven parsonages aided.....\$3,710.

**3. Jane W. Barker Loan Fund**, constituted by Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, in memory of her mother; Mrs. Jane W. Barker.

Reported to March 31, 1901, six parsonages aided.....\$1,550.

**4. Angel Band Loan Fund**, constituted by paying twenty dollars for each member. The names represent the loving remembrance of departed ones by parents and friends.

Reported to March 31, 1901, ten parsonages aided.....\$4,850.

**5. Werlein Loan Fund**, given by Miss Mary Werlein, of New Orleans, La.

Reported to March 31, 1901, ten parsonages aided.....\$2,725.

**6. Lucinda B. Helm Loan Fund**, begun by Mrs. Viola Hunt, and contributed to by friends throughout the Church, in grateful memory of the founder of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Reported to March 31, 1901, five parsonages aided.....\$1,000.

**7. Mrs. Creed Fulton Loan Fund**, a daughter's loving memorial, contributed by Miss Sallie S. Fulton, of Virginia.

Reported to March 31, 1901, three parsonages aided.....\$1,500.

**8. Educational and City Mission Endowment Fund.** This fund is kept invested in negotiable securities, and the income is used for purposes indicated by the name of the fund.

**9. Warren Taylor Rogers Endowment Fund.** A wife's loving tribute in memory of her deceased husband.

**10.** There are two uncompleted loan funds—i. e., funds not amounting to one thousand dollars each. These are the Parker (\$330) and the Watkins (\$800) Funds.

**SUMMARY OF LOAN FUNDS AND THEIR INCREASE.**

All interest received after March 31, 1900, is turned into the general treasury, after first paying the annuities.

NAME OF FUND.	When Contributed.	Amount Contributed.	Interest Collected.	Present Capital.	Total Loans.	No. of Loans.
1. * Preachers' Wives'.....	1887-1901	\$ 6,223 66	\$ 1,486 39	\$ 7,710 05	\$15,240 00	37
2. † Harriet Scott Hargrove.....	1895	2,000 00	150 10	2,155 10	3,710 00	11
3. † Jane W. Barker.....	1896	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	1,550 00	6
4. Angel Band.....	1888-1901	2,449 00	197 55	2,646 55	4,850 00	10
5. † Werlein.....	1895-96	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	2,725 00	10
6. Lucinda B. Helm.....	1887-99	1,561 85	86 87	1,648 72	1,000 00	5
7. † Mrs. Creed Fulton.....	1897	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	1,500 00	4
8. * Educational and City Mission..	1898-1901	2,130 30	.....	2,130 30	.....	.....
9. Warren Taylor Rogers Endowm't	.....	1,000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
10. * Uncompleted Funds.....	.....	1,130 00	36 55	1,166 55	1,150 00	4
Total to March 31, 1901.....	.....	\$19,494 81	\$ 1,962 46	\$21,457 27	\$31,725 00	87
Total to March 31, 1900.....	.....	18,506 71	1,962 46	20,469 17	25,725 00	75
Total increase in one year.....	.....	\$ 988 10	.....	\$ 988 10	\$ 6,000 00	12

\* A part is subject to annuity. † Subject to annuity of \$25 for the poor of West Nashville, Tenn. ‡ Subject to annuity.

## REPORTS OF SCHOOLS.

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Cuban Work.—Miss Mary Bruce, Superintendent.

ORGANIZED 1892.

KEY WEST SEMINARY.—MISS BRUCE IN CHARGE.

As we review the year's work, we thank God and take courage. Key West is an island of coral formation and the rock lies very near the surface, so that when a tree is to be planted a pick is more necessary than spade or shovel; but once planted it flourishes and grows beautiful, occasionally yielding to a violent hurricane. So we have been busy, since the conception of this work, digging and planting our foundation good and strong on the Rock Christ Jesus—through faithful teachers who magnify their office. We have an encouraging outlook, but as the young tree needs to be hedged about and protected while it is tender and young, so we need the fostering care of our Board yet awhile, in order that the labor already given may not be lost.

It was our hope to have our new house all finished before the opening in September last; but the best calculations fail sometimes, and, though we began on the day appointed, there was a month of great discomfort in moving around for plasterers and painters, and getting things in even tolerable order. This was borne very cheerfully by all. The house is very comfortable and well suited to its purpose, though one was never built that could not be improved upon. As has been said before, we need a fence.

The school is situated rather far out according to tropical ideas of walking, and that has made some difference in the attendance this year, but that will be less and less as the town grows toward us, and it is bound to come this way. The enrollment has been one hundred and seventy-five, one hundred and sixty being the largest number in attendance at one time. We have not missed one day, and we consider this is a very hopeful showing among the Cubans, especially as the idea of punctuality needs development. There has been a marked improvement in the habits of study; indeed, these had to be formed, and a standard set also in regard to deportment. Too much cannot be said in grateful recognition of the faithful cooperation of each member of the Faculty, and we desire to have them all retained for the year to come. From April of last year (1900) until February of this a charity school was maintained near our Cuban church with an enrollment of fifty children and an average attendance of twenty-eight. This was done because of the great need in that locality, and the distance from us is more than a mile from the seminary, so only those who can go on the cars attend. Even they are obliged to walk seven squares. The money was a private contribution and was well spent, and the school was closed only because the teacher, a Cuban lady, got a better place than we could offer her. We brought some children into the Sunday school who remained faithful.

WEST TAMPA.—MISS VALDES IN CHARGE.

The work here goes on steadily. The enrollment has been one hundred and two, with an attendance of sixty-five. In all of our Cuban schools the enrollment is large in proportion to attendance, because the people move around, and also the frequent strikes affect their regularity. The faithfulness of our dear Miss Valdes and her aunt is most highly appreciated. Through the steady influence of that school there is now a regular congregation, a Sunday school, an Epworth League, an adult and a

juvenile missionary society. We feel that the outlay there is a good one, and always give thanks for our workers at this point, and pray that their kind may increase.

#### YBOR CITY.—MISS TODD IN CHARGE.

The work at this point has had a struggle for this year, caused by the necessity of reducing the staff of workers. Miss Todd has done a fine work, but it is impossible for her to continue to do the work of three teachers. The enrollment is one hundred and three, with an average attendance of forty; for three months she had Maria Delofen as assistant; but she was married, and since then her help has been irregular. Miss Todd, in addition to other teaching, has inaugurated a sewing, cutting, and fitting school, enlisting the help of some of the Leaguers of the Tampa Church; also a class in singing, which is very popular. The need for more help is most imperative. From a long experience we unhesitatingly say that there is no surer way than the kindergarten to reach the whole family, and we ask for the one which was so successful at this point to be resumed. We also ask for a Bible woman. So many of the women never leave their homes to go to the church and thus are left out. The character of the work here is one of constant change, but the seed-sowing goes on; and, blessed be the Lord of the harvest! we do see some results. One girl who was a pupil went to Cuba, and now has a Sunday school in her house, at a point where there are no other workers. Just last week we learned of one of the young men who used to come to the Friday evening socials, a laughing, fun-loving boy who united with the Church and went back to Cuba. He is married now, and has preaching service in his house; and so here one and there another are helping to make a nucleus in various places. We thank God and take courage.

#### SUMMARY.

Key West Seminary: Teachers, 8; assistant, 1; pupils, 175. Charity School: Teacher, 1; pupils, 50. Ybor City: Teacher, 1; assistant, 1; pupils, 103. West Tampa: Teachers, 2; assistant, 1; pupils, 102. Total: Teachers, 12; assistants, 3; pupils, 430.

#### Schools on the Pacific Coast.—Mrs. Ivy D. Ostrom, Superintendent.

ORGANIZED 1897.

Had I my whole time for the purpose, I could write for several days and not exhaust the subject of our mission work on this coast. I have asked the principal teacher in each school to write up her work, but I have not succeeded in getting what I want. They are such busy people, and they dislike to appear to laud themselves. We have four active mission stations on this coast: San Francisco, Alameda, Oakland, Los Angeles. In the three first named our work is among the Japanese entirely; the last is for Chinese.

In Los Angeles the mission is prospering. Your Board has given them the five hundred dollars which was supposed to be sufficient to build a permanent chapel. Since the gift was asked for the fire limits have been extended, and the building must be of brick, therefore it will be necessary to raise three hundred dollars more for the chapel. This chapel will be a grand thing for our mission there. Our pupils will have their own church-home. The pupils themselves and local auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society pay the incidentals, and employ a native Christian Chinese preacher. Some work has been done among women and girls. This should be extended. If we could pay our principal there twenty-five dollars a month, she could devote her days as well as nights to the work, and blessed would be the results. There, as elsewhere, we have consecrated workers, but we need more, and we need the prayers of all God's people every-

where. The condition of Chinese women and girls, except where emancipated by Christianity, is fearful beyond all description. It is safe to estimate that with eight hundred dollars from the Board for the coming year the Los Angeles Mission can multiply its work tenfold.

Oakland Mission is steadily growing. We do not expect to increase the number of our teachers there this year. We need a dictionary and an organ there. The appropriation of three hundred dollars for Oakland will perhaps suffice.

Alameda Mission has made a most hopeful growth, and we are most blessed in having a fine Christian Japanese teacher there. This school is badly crippled for want of funds. I long to be able to build a little chapel in Alameda, and to work with a home established. The opportunity to get a fine organ for twenty dollars came to the teachers of this mission, and Mrs. Chamberlin bought it for us, trusting that the Board would reimburse her. We need an additional English teacher in Alameda very much. Rightly managed this would be one of our strongest stations.

If the work were not the Lord's, I would lose hope and courage. The field is so immense, the need of immediate occupancy so great, the workers so few, and means so scant. Homelike missions, chapels, consecrated teachers, consecrated singers, organs, literature, a missionary. I have appealed to the societies on the coast. We have their prayers, but their numbers are few, and our claims but few among the many. May God put it into the hearts of the women of Southern Methodism, wherever found, to do something *now*. These people are here among us to be blessed, and in return to bless us or to drag down the weak of our own race to what will be worse than heathendom for them.

In ten years over six hundred pupils have been *actually under our instruction* in the four schools. Of this number, about sixty are Christians, not all our converts, the greater number being almost persuaded when they came.

#### SAN FRANCISCO.—MRS. OSTROM IN CHARGE.

In San Francisco we have been unable to do any work among the women for lack of a day teacher. We need to establish our missions in more than one part of this great city, and we need sadly a missionary established here to devote all his time to the work. We have the man at hand, but we have no income for him, and he must live in order that he may work. The Japanese are much harder to reach than are the Chinese. In every coast city there is an isolated or distinct quarter called Chinatown, and, by establishing a school or mission (for our missions are much more than schools) in that quarter we have access to the entire Chinese population. The Japanese do not live so, but rent all over the city wherever fancy or cheapness of rent invites, just as do Americans. In our present location we have the opportunity to reach many in the neighborhood of our church. We sadly need just such another station considerably east of Centenary. Where we are we need to furnish comfortably one little spare room that we have. It is empty, and we want to make it a room of rest for those who feel ill or are out of employment. Most of our pupils are domestics, and have no home life, nothing but what they get from us. No matter at what hour of the day I go there, I find some of them there, studying or writing. I feel ashamed at their expressions of gratitude when our surroundings are so bare. Music is a great factor in our work, and we need an organ badly. A good dictionary and a couple of blackboards are among our pressing needs. If we could have a copy of each of the periodicals of our Church furnished *regularly* for the reading table, we would be so glad. To continue without extending our work except along the lines that we are now pursuing will call for an appropriation of three hundred dollars for this year. Another hundred will get us an organ and a dictionary. For eight hun-

dred dollars we can continue our own work satisfactorily and push on, opening another station, looking forward to the time when we may have a chapel of our own in San Francisco. My heart aches for the women and the girls. How are we to reach them without means? How dare we let them alone?

ALAMEDA.—MRS. L. D. CHAMBERLIN IN CHARGE.

Our mission had been in operation about six months on March 1, 1900, and during this month we had seventeen pupils in attendance. Not regularly, O no! Our Japanese boys are working men, most of them in house work, when there can be no regularity about the hours. We have prepared several boys for the high school who have worked in the kitchen all day, but studying diligently between times and till 10 P.M., at the mission school.

We had never had a social for the boys until in May, just before Miss Chamberlin and I left for the summer, we gave the boys of the mission a reception, which they appreciated very much, and to our surprise they volunteered to recite and sing in Japanese. One of the boys gave a "sword dance" which may be interpreted a "sword drill" with a recitation by the actor, telling what he and his sword would do for his home and his emperor.

Mrs. Coxe, Mr. White, and an interpreter kept the mission going all summer. The Japanese interpreter, Mr. Harada, did not get on so nicely with his brother Japanese as we had hoped, so when we returned in September we found two factions in the school; but everything was soon explained, and we began school again with the smallest attendance we had ever had. The interpreter would not serve regularly without a salary. We tried our best to get different pupils to take this place, but it was so clearly an imposition that at last we asked the assistant who taught the beginners to resign and let us secure a Japanese instructor. This we did February 1, 1901. Mrs. Coxe resigned, and Mr. Takezaki took her place, and for the one month he has taught he has given perfect satisfaction. We have had ninety names entered on our roll, and while the attendance is at all times irregular, we have had the best and largest school this past month (February) since our mission was opened.

I forgot to say that we have repeatedly had socials for our boys, and several young ladies of the Apollo (Music) Club have kindly helped us to entertain.

At Christmas Mrs. Reinchild helped me to prepare a beautiful Christmas tree, and the Japanese boys remembered each teacher with very pretty, and some expensive, gifts.

During the last three months the boys have paid a small sum toward the incidental expenses of the school. No one is compelled to pay anything, but enough has been collected to furnish more chairs, more benches and tables.

We have now one First Reader class, a Third Reader, and two classes reading Macaulay. We need another English teacher, and, O, we need a Standard Dictionary! I am proud of our school, and I love it, and I will hope and pray and work for its success. We have a Sunday school which is fairly well attended. Mr. Takezaki conducts it alone now. Miss Chamberlin and I attended several times, but the entire service was conducted in the Japanese language, and we saw and felt we were not needed.

I follow my own plans for religious instruction. Often the boys ask if I will not let them have a conversation before lesson. This is my chance, and I lead them to speak on the subject most dear to my heart, and in a natural and unembarrassed way they open their minds or hearts to me in a way they would not do during Bible reading. One of my brightest boys once said: "I would believe in one God, only I must worship my ancestors." Then I appeared to drop the subject, and began talking of foods; the different effect of various foods, the effect of alcohol, tea, coffee, etc. Then I

said, I resemble my father, and I worship my ancestors to the extent of trying to keep my body as hale and hearty as my father, who was a ruddy, bright, sweet-tempered man of seventy-five, when he died from an accident. I said, I could eat or drink to excess and so dishonor my fair inheritance. I spoke of many things that would ruin the nervous system, but I did not mention opium. One boy looked at me with half-closed eyes till they drooped before my glance, and I knew my lesson had gone home. I could write a volume, almost, telling about the awakening of these minds.

JAPANESE SCHOOL AT OAKLAND, CAL.—MRS. ANNA BANE IN CHARGE.

ORGANIZED MAY 31, 1897, BY REV. H. M. MCKNIGHT.

We have two teachers whose salaries are \$5 and \$10 respectively; total enrolled for one year previous to January 1, 1901, 48; attendance, variable; attention and interest in our teaching always beyond criticism. The boys are always courteous, and generous, contributing toward entertainments at church, or purchasing tickets, and are willing to help with decorating, etc. They bought their own Welsbach burners when we used gas; and also paid a part of my car fare during the year. They show marked interest in Bible study and in singing hymns, and generally attend prayer meeting.

The Japanese are generally slaves to tobacco, yet I know of some who have discontinued temporarily, and two permanently, through influence of the school. One boy certainly seems to have had a change of heart. He has been with us two years now. His people at home have no religion.

I should like for us to have a yearly or semi-yearly union meeting of our three bay schools, with an exhibit of our work. It would be a fine arrangement. Then also let the respective schools exhibit their work to members of Churches in those bay towns. Much of such work could be taken from the Bible, thus weaving in the religions. I find the boys eager, and astonishingly interested in Bible study. Since they have Japanese Bibles I shall soon have them take turns about in interpreting; then they will have to take time to study the Bible-text out of school. I should also like to have on hand some writing paper for use of the boys in uniform written work; they have their own blank books. We need a book stand or rack for the necessary books to rest in during the time they are not in use. I have secured a blackboard without expense to the Board. We are badly in need of an unabridged dictionary; one can be bought secondhand quite cheap. We are using my own set of encyclopedias. Above all we need the prayers of all our people for God's blessing on this work.

LOS ANGELES CHINESE MISSION.—MRS. ANNA S. WOLFSKILL IN CHARGE.

"Do you think it pays?" is a question so often asked of all kinds of mission work, but especially of the Chinese. The most we can say in reply is that the souls of men and women are "more precious than fine gold, even the golden wedge of Ophir." We do not listen to the counting of the shekels, but to the voice of Him who said: "Go, . . . teach all nations, . . . and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end."

The labors of Mrs. Brown as superintendent ceased September 17, 1900, and rather than see the work suffer, I have since that time been in charge. The peculiar, unsettled conditions of the Chinese themselves make it impossible in any of the schools to have systematic or graded work. Here to-day, and somewhere else to-morrow, with no place that they can call home, scarcely any two of them coming into school at the same time, the only thing that we can do with regularity is our closing exercises, which always last a half hour or more. One of the first impressions that a new scholar gets is that to learn English is but a stepping-stone to a Christian life. Jesus is *the* theme in this school—*all else* is subordinate. We have school every night, except Saturday. Thursday evening is our prayer meeting

and testimony night, and we often long to set that little praying band, so ready to pray or speak and so full of faith and hope, down in some of our cold and stilted prayer meetings in our Churches to "warm them up." Sunday evening we have the Sunday school lesson, in addition to which *every one* gives a verse bearing on the lesson. The attendance has been fine until recently there has been a little falling off, and from now until the crops are gathered the number will be small. It is so every year in all the missions, and ours is no exception to the rule.

Since July we have not been able to pay Woo Sing, and so have been deprived of his services or his presence. He is obliged to support himself and family, and is out cooking most of the time. We have two others in training, and they give promise of most efficient service. We have in school one of the literati, said to be a teacher in Chinese classics, and considered the best Chinese scholar in Los Angeles. He is very bright, and, once the Holy Spirit takes possession of him, will be a power. He tells me, "By and by I believe in Jesus."

During the Chinese New Year, which lasts from one week to a month, I was led to keep the mission open every evening, and have a song and prayer service, more to keep our boys together than anything else, for it did not occur to me that others would come. To our surprise, every evening as soon as we began to sing the people began to come. Our mission was one of the chief attractions. Hundreds and hundreds came. As fast as one crowd would make room, others would take their places, many joining in the services, others sitting or standing almost the entire evening listening. Of the good that was done only the recording angel can tell. A few Sunday evenings since we had closed the services, the last "amen" had been said, when some one pounded on the door. One of the boys opened it, and a woman, perhaps forty-five years of age, came in, and said: "Please, ma'am, may I sit down a little while?" We gave her a chair, and she said: "Won't you *please* sing one more song?" I stood out there and heard you sing, and I thought maybe you would let me come in." She was drunk, and her consort had struck her in the face until one whole side was as black as flesh could be, and she was crying so that she could scarcely talk. We sang, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus," and others. "Won't you please sing 'Nearer, My God to Thee?'" came from this poor lost one. So we sang that, and then we prayed, and she prayed, such an agonizing prayer as I have rarely ever heard—"O God, have mercy on me, and save my soul!" She told me that she had fully determined before she came into the mission to take her life that night, said she could not stand it any longer.

Dear sisters, it seems to me that this "one opportunity" is a sufficient answer to the question: "Does it pay?" Who shall say that in the day when the olive tree shall be shaken that two or three berries in the top of the uttermost bough, and four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, may not come from this humble little plant that you in your generosity have made possible to keep alive?

Mrs. Ostrom will give you the financial report. I have given you only a tittle of what is being done, and yet I feel that the report is sufficiently long. The unrecorded, save by Him who notes it all, can never be told.

I have devoted much time to music with our boys. They are all passionately fond of music, and some of them have good voices. With some one to lead, they "tackle" any song; and we are enabled to give three lessons in one—*i. e.*, English, music, and gospel. Three have been baptized and received into the Church during the fiscal year, and give evidence of a changed life. There are from five to eight Christians present at each service. Of their own volition, and at their request, I have just organized them into a "Sunshine Band." The name is of their own choosing, and the banner which bears the name of the band was ordered and paid for by themselves. The object of the society, so they tell me, is to have money always on hand when there is a call for help from India,

China, or elsewhere. So you see the true missionary spirit. An admission fee of twenty-five cents, and ten cents a month dues, is the money consideration. In spite of all my efforts to the contrary, they made me president, and for once at least I am not very much at home in the chair. Our meetings are the first Thursday evening in each month. We shall be glad to be remembered in your prayers, and the reception of new members will always be in order.

Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Elder are doing a splendid work in the home of a Chinese family. This same family send three boys to our school, so we feel that we are making some headway in that family. Mrs. Jackson has promised to send to *Our Homes* an article setting forth her work, and it will make good reading, I assure you.

I have been wonderfully helped by the knowledge that we have a place in your prayers, and beg you to cease not your supplications in our behalf. At times the way opens up, and the favor of the Lord we know is upon us; then again, mountains of difficulties arise, and we know not which way to turn. We have our testing times, but we know that "always our times are in His hand, in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Before another annual report is made we hope to be in our own house.

#### Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.—J. C. Lewis, Principal.

ORGANIZED 1896.

The present school year began September 1, and closes May 20. The enrollment for the fall term was 124; for the winter term, 230. The total enrollment is 253. Two students entered on scholarships, eight were assisted from Students' Loan Fund, and eight received tuition in return for services. The fees collected and paid to treasurer from April 1, 1900, to April 1, 1901, amount to \$3,165.68. The income for the present scholastic year, from September 1, 1900, to May 20, 1901, will be about \$3,300, of which \$2,900 has been collected and paid to the treasurer.

The present faculty includes a principal and eight assistants. Notwithstanding the fact that our pupilage is not as large as that of last year, because of local opposition on the part of a sister denomination, this has been by far our best year. The quality of the work is better, and the general tone of the school, as manifested in school loyalty and moral quality, is higher than anything we have ever had. Conversions have been frequent, about fifty students having been blessed during the year.

#### Holston Conference Industrial Home and School, Greenville, Tenn.—Mrs. E. E. Wiley, Superintendent.

ORGANIZED 1896.

Number of teachers and helpers, 6; children enrolled, 101; sent into homes, 58; adopted, 5; now with us, 38; in school, 32. Amount collected from October, 1899, to October, 1900, \$2,360.40; paid out by checks, \$1,383.68. Balance on hand, \$976.72.

One new cottage has been added during the year. At the last meeting of the Board of Directors the contract was let for burning a brickkiln on our premises for the long-talked-of and much desired "Baby Cottage." We are constantly improving our property. Our buildings are insured. Everything connected with the work is of an encouraging nature, and the outlook is bright. God is blessing our labors for the children.



## CITY MISSIONS.

## Report of City Missions, Nashville.

The Board of City Missions of Nashville, Tenn., held eighteen meetings during the year 1900-1901. In May the President, Mrs. L. F. Davis, resigned on account of failing health. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough was elected to the office. In June Mrs. A. E. Phillips was appointed Matron of the Door of Hope, which place had been filled by Miss Williams, assisted by Mrs. Riggs. The opinion had prevailed in the Board for some time that better results might be obtained if the Door of Hope were in a different locality. September 15, 1900, it was decided to move. A strong committee was appointed, which gave diligent service to the work of securing a house adapted to the needs of a Door of Hope. Upon the report of the committee it was decided to remain in the present Door of Hope for a time.

In January, 1901, the Board was called to meet with the Methodist ministers of the city, at which meeting settlement work was discussed and the Board asked to unite with the ministers in such a work. The matter was put before the auxiliaries composing the Board. Seven of the eight auxiliaries voted to take up the work as it should be planned by the Board. This work will be largely preventive, though the rescue work among fallen women will be given much attention. A committee of representative women was appointed to confer with the ministers and Epworth Leagues, who will be identified with the work that will be undertaken. The committee brought in the following report, which was discussed thoroughly and adopted unanimously at the meeting in March, 1901:

"The committee report to the Board of City Missions that in their judgment no new work should be at present undertaken by the Board; that the only work now belonging to the Board, the South Nashville kindergarten, be continued; that when, in the judgment of the Board, the time comes to undertake new work, such work be enterprised; that if a new Door of Hope be opened, it be opened and run on a more economical basis than the former, and that an effort be made to preserve a better proportion between preventive and rescue mission work.

"We recommend that in the meantime the auxiliaries continue to contribute to the Board, and that if any surplus remains after the kindergarten expenses are met, it be allowed to accumulate for the benefit of such work as the Board may hereafter project.

MRS. JNO. D. HAMMOND,  
MRS. JNO. MATHEWS,  
MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH."

The reports of Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Phillips, and Miss Hendrick will give details of work done in the different departments.

MRS. W. J. STEELE, *Secretary*.

## REPORT OF SOUTH NASHVILLE KINDERGARTEN.

School opened October 1, with twenty-five pupils. The number then increased to thirty, which was as many as we could accommodate. The average attendance was about twenty until Christmas, when we had our full number, thirty. Before Christmas I made forty-two calls, Mrs. Booth always kindly going with me.

The ladies of the Board ought to be congratulated in their selection of this place for a school. It certainly is not only a broad field for kindergarten work, but for missionary operations also.

During the months of October, November, and December we had as visitors six ladies from Tulip Street Church, four from West End, one from

West Nashville, Mrs. Jarrett, Mrs. Booth, and the mothers of several of the children.

The Christmas tree was a great success and will always be remembered by the little folks. They say every day or two: "I wish Christmas would come again." They enjoyed their shoes and dresses as much as the candy and toys.

From the first of the year to the first of March we averaged about eighteen pupils. Most of the children were absent on account of sickness, but some from lack of clothing. Aided by Mrs. Booth, Miss Ryman, Miss Charlton, and Miss Reese, I have kept a few warmly clad. I have been very fortunate in having Miss Reese, Miss Charlton, and Miss Ryman to assist me. I think we shall have a full class again for Easter egg hunt.

EVA HENDRICK.

#### REPORT OF CITY MISSIONARY.

*From March, 1900, to March, 1901.*

Visits to the poor, 398; to the sick, 250; to the fallen, 119; to the Door of Hope, 119; to the hospital, 39; to the jail, 13; to the Crittendon Home, 1; to the police station, 3; to the workhouse, 3; to the penitentiary, 3; to the Industrial School, 1; to the kindergarten, 46; to families in trouble, 13; to the meetings of Relief Society, 15; on business, 128. Total, 1,151 visits.

Funerals attended of poor and fallen, 9; Bible readings at churches and jail, 28; cottage prayer meetings among the poor, 19; papers and tracts distributed, 875.

Garments given away, 50; talks on the work, 3; amount of money contributed by friends and disbursed among the needy, \$27.50; contributions for Door of Hope, \$80; contributions for kindergarten, \$9.60. Total, \$117.10.

Invited 25 children to outing at Glendale Park, and for nice dinner prepared by Relief Society. December 23, went with 65 very poor children to Ward's Seminary, where they were entertained by the young ladies of the school. December 25, invited 40 poor children to an entertainment given at the Normal College. Each child went away with a happy heart and arms filled with good things, singing, "Count your many blessings."

Mrs. S. S. BOOTH.

#### REPORT OF DOOR OF HOPE.

*From March, 1900, to March, 1901.*

Money received for table expenses, \$149.08; donations received, \$64.70; donations received through Mrs. Booth, \$80; girls received during the year, 25; sent to good homes, 6; to their parents, 5; to Mission Home, 2; to County Home, 3; to Bowling Green, 2; returned to the old life, 4; in the Home, March 1, 4; conversions, 14.

Mrs. E. A. PHILLIPS, *Matron.*

#### FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts: Churches, \$772.65; mite box, \$3.55; Mrs. Whittemore's lecture, \$17.08; new home, \$2; board of girls, \$12; tuition, \$6.75; Epworth Leagues, \$27; donations, \$67.65; General Treasurer, \$130; brought over, \$51.98. Total, \$1,090.66.

Disbursements: Salaries, \$628; groceries, \$135.50; rent, \$241; repairs, \$3.50; coal, \$24.75; traveling expenses, \$13.80; telephone, \$24; materials for kindergarten, \$15.75; sundries, \$4.36. Total, \$1,090.66.

Received for Rescue Home, \$158.47; Settlement Home, \$188. Total, \$346.47.

Mrs. WILLIAM J. VAUGHN, *Treasurer.*

## Kansas City Board of Missions.

Another year of work for our Lord has closed with increased interest and blessing to all connected therewith. The statistical report appended does not show a large gain over the previous year, but we believe we are slowly but surely paving the way for settlement work in the near future.

The papers to a valuable lot, the gift of Mrs. Elliott Jones, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, and Rev. Charles Scarritt, are in possession of the Board.

The prevalence of smallpox and other contagious diseases in the district has hindered the work of the district nurse and the visiting of the missionaries for the past two months. Because of her connection with the Scarritt hospital our district nurse is not allowed to work with contagious diseases, but wherever her services have been given she has proved herself a ministering angel. Many are the blessings called down on her head by those who could never know the value of a trained nurse but for this department of our work. Three little ones from our nursery were sent in February with their mothers to the pesthouse, and the nursery put under a partial quarantine, inasmuch as for twenty-one days no children except those who had not been exposed to the three smallpox cases were allowed to attend, and our missionaries were prohibited from all outside work.

The number of children cared for during the year is 3,772, with an average of twelve a day. Miss Lockard's report of the outside work of our two missionaries is as follows: From March, 1900, to March, 1901, number of visits, 1,592; prayers offered, 463; Bible readings, 190; papers distributed, 697; magazines given away, 200; tracts given away, 168; garments given away, 1,234; baskets of food given away, 50; average attendance at Bible class, 7.

I have not access to the treasurer's books to-night (perhaps her report has already been sent you through the Conference Treasurer), but I am sure it is safe to say that the work has received in cash and food supplies as much as \$1,300. This does not include the garments in the above statistics.

The mothers of the nursery children were given one dinner, which proved a most enjoyable occasion and left a bright spot in their weary hearts for many days. We are praying for the faith to lay hold on the things which we believe our Father has in store for us, that we may do all things to his glory.

ELIZABETH BILLINGSLEY, *President.*

## Norfolk, Va.

The work here is young, not having been enterprised nine months. The doors open to settlement work here, district nurses, etc., are inviting, and we trust the day may not be far distant when the good women of Norfolk may see their plans grow into beautiful reality.

## NORFOLK CITY MISSION BOARD.

Report for the quarter ending January 11, 1901, is as follows: House-to-house visits, 183; visits to poor and sick, 233; professional visits, 126; total visits, 542; cottage prayer meetings, 10; meetings addressed, 22; meetings attended, 43; pages of literature received, 2,196; pages of literature distributed, 2,000; garments received, 130; garments distributed, 90; money received for distribution among the poor, \$22.50; money paid out, \$22.50; Sunday school scholars secured, 12; industrial schools organized, 2; Junior Leagues organized, 1; special cases of sickness treated under direction of physicians, 8; hours in the sick room, 110; visits reported by Atlantic City visiting committee, 75.

MARY M. OGILVIE, *City Missionary.*

## New Orleans, La.

My work last year was hampered by many things, but the future has a more favorable promise for me in every respect to do more work and in a more systematic way. I am so thankful, as I examine my heart, to know that my love for the Master increases, that my love for his service increases; his work and his will is a pleasure to me. I have a keener sense of his estimate of the worth of a human soul, and of my responsibility as to these lost ones about me, who are indeed my brothers and my sisters through the kinship of Christ's blood for them and for me. There are so many hindrances to this work, much which often tends to discourage, much of heart-sickening disappointment sometimes; but the divine Teacher was long trying to have me learn the lesson which now is of comfort and help—that is, that I *must* just daily go his errands, carry his messages, leaving the "increase" with him. So my part is to go on as he points out—leads—doing all the little things, whether it be as concerns the cup of cold water, the bowl of soup, the bathing of a fevered head or the feet; or in trying to smooth out the rough places in a discordant home, speaking encouragement to one in despair, helping the fallen to look up, giving food, giving the bread of God's Word, telling about the Saviour. All these for him as he daily leads me—not to know "whether this or that prosper"—I to do the work. The day often fraught with much of care, weariness, labor, yet panting to do his will, I go on "with feeble strength renewed," rejoicing to do his will. My dear sisters, will you pray for me, that I may indeed do more, and that the burden of these souls among whom I work may rest heavily on me?

The report of work for year ending March 1, 1901, is as follows: Number of visits, 331; visits to sick, 111; Bible read to 82 families; prayer with 121 families; garments distributed, 258; papers and tracts distributed, 437; books loaned, 10; Bibles given, 6; groceries given, 43 times; nourishment to sick, 78 times; money given, \$15.80; money spent for various needs of poor, \$14.55; industrial school held, 25 times; garments made by children of school, 30; quilt, 1; prescriptions filled, 25; visits to hospital, 27; visit to workhouse, 1; meals, 400.

L. MEEKIN.

## Report of the City Board of Missions, Waco, Tex.

*For the year ending March 1, 1901.*

Number of visits made, 1,073; business calls, 797; times relief sent to families, 53; garments distributed, 557; hats, 41; pairs of shoes, 60; Bibles and Testaments, 58; yards of goods, 108. Six new suits for boys, 1 pair blankets, 7 quilts, 7 sheets, 1 cradle, 1 mattress were also given. Ten girls were sent to our Rescue Homes. Three worse than motherless children were rescued, and, with the assistance of Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, of the Christian Home Society, placed in Christian homes. Average attendance at Newsboys' Club, 25; average attendance at Sunday school class, 7; average daily attendance at day nursery, 16. All new goods having a cash value, \$226.45. Total, \$226.45. Expended for the relief of the poor, \$91.30; salary of city missionary, \$320.60. Paid on building of day nursery and kindergarten, \$420.75; current expenses, \$398.75. Total, \$1,457.85.

The above figures are a record of only ten months, as the work was discontinued during August and September.

The visits include many visits to the jail and to all our charitable institutions. Quite a number were made among the foreigners. One Chinese girl has become a regular attendant on our Sunday school, and two Chinese men have been to our church once, with a promise to attend in the future. Four Italian boys are the most regular attendants of the Newsboys' Club.

About ten days' hard work was invested in a successful attempt to have the "Reservation ordinance" on our statute books revoked.

Two thanksgiving dinners were furnished by the mission. One was served to the Newsboys' Club, about thirty-one boys enjoying the bountiful supply of good things. The other dinner was given to the little folks at our day nursery to over thirty children.

Our Christmas to the poor was the most enjoyable part of the year's work.

In connection with the United Charities and the Presbyterian Circle of King's Daughters we instituted a plan to see that every poor child in Waco was remembered on the day we celebrate as the anniversary of our Saviour's birth. So far as we were able to learn, not a child was overlooked. More than two hundred and fifty children were remembered with a nice supply of toys and confections, while the newsboys one and all were made happy with a pretty little morocco-bound Testament each, and a trolley ride all over the city on the afternoon of Christmas day. Every boy had one or more horns, with a supply of fruit and candy, and for once the Newsboys' Club was advertised to the city. The good-natured motorman seemed oblivious to the din, and carried us over every line in the city before depositing his precious freight at the central station.

Our Boys' Club, we believe, has been a source of much profit to Waco. There are very few boys here among the street element who have not come under its influence. Recently we celebrated our first anniversary, and over fifty of this class of boys, with as many more of their relatives and friends, were in attendance. We have organized a Sunday school class from the club membership, with an average attendance of seven.

Our investment for "the relief of the poor" seems small, but this is the result of the organization of the United Charities, a city organization in which the Methodist people have a prominent part. Save when the needy we find are members of our own Church, we obtain help for them through the United Charities, and of course these amounts cannot be reported through our organization.

Our Day Nursery is in fine condition, owing chiefly to the efforts of Mrs. T. P. Sparks, of the Fifth Street Methodist Church, and Mrs. Lallie Page, of Morrow Street. These two tireless workers keep and collect a subscription list of thirty dollars per month, contributed in amounts ranging from twenty-five cents to five dollars.

Besides this, and not included in the totals above, the Nursery has, in donations each month (and this is *permanent*), an average of \$8 in groceries from different merchants; \$7.50 in bread from two bakeries, and \$7.50 in meat from two markets; or \$23 per month, amounting during the year to \$276.

The thirty dollars per month pays what is needed for groceries after the above is used; all incidental expenses, such as repairs, insurance, interest on notes, the matron's salary, etc., and gives in a neat little sum to pay on the notes each quarter. In this way the indebtedness on the property has been rapidly reduced during the year, for the amounts thus saved supplement the special subscriptions on the building.

MATTIE M. WRIGHT, *City Missionary.*

#### Report of the Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, Dallas, Tex.

*For the year ending March 1, 1901.*

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I give my report, for we have been very highly favored, giving us the blessed assurance that we are a permanent refuge for cruelly condemned, outcast girls. Our capable and untiring teacher, Miss Louise Matthews, gives a very hopeful and interesting report of her work. She finds the girls eager to learn; therefore the results are most satisfactory. A number who are not regular pupils

write letters, giving them training in spelling and composition. We are anxious for the girls to be fond of books, feeling that it will be a safeguard.

From the outlook we can well hope to have beaten biscuits a well-established industry. We have had our sewing department only two months, but we hope in time to make it a paying industry. We are now filling orders and very busy preparing for the bazaar in April.

The girls are doing some laundry work, but we are so poorly equipped that we cannot hope to accomplish much from this source.

All the garden work, except the plowing, is done by the girls, and they have sawed all the wood we have used this winter. My dear sisters, we are anxious to become independent. The majority of our girls are under twenty, untrained and unshooled, not staying more than seven months (we have some who have been with us two and three years), and many remaining one year. The care of so many babies is another barrier in the way. Last, but not least, we have had only two workers the entire year, excepting two months. Under these circumstances you can well understand why we have not accomplished more. It is our desire to keep in touch with the girls who have left us, and we are all praying for an unbroken band in heaven, not one link missing. Tongue cannot express our love and gratitude to God's true and loyal child, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, who is so willingly spending and being spent for our welfare, spiritually and temporally.

#### STATISTICS.

Number of inmates cared for during the year, 101; girls in the home, April 1, 1900, 34; admitted during the year, 67. Total, 101.

Taken by friends, 29; died, 2; gone out to service, 18; without leave, 1. Total, 50. Remaining March 1, 1901, 51.

Infants in the home, April 1, 1900, 17; born and admitted, 49. Total, 66. Infants adopted, 13; left with mothers, 17; died, 8. Total, 38. Infants in home March 1, 1901, 28.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts: From parents and friends of girls, \$593.85; made from industries, \$138.07. Total, \$731.92. Expenditures: Groceries, \$1,090.70; salaries, \$665; dry goods, \$235.12; drugs, \$112.43; feed, \$93.35; telephone, \$36; electric lights, \$42; plumbing and improvements, \$70.40; wood and coal, \$115.92; meat and vegetables, \$131.99; household furnishing, \$256.81; borrowed money returned, \$75; insurance, \$125. Total, \$3,145.72. Received from the General Treasurer, \$2,640.37. Balance due, \$405.35.

After writing the above I am impressed that it is not within my power to report this work, for it is the unseen that tells the true story. The dear Lord is truly here, being month and wisdom, spirit and power to his weak and erring children. Every one is seeking light and liberty.

MARY MOORE, *Superintendent and Treasurer.*

#### REPORT OF MRS. W. H. JOHNSON, FINANCIAL AGENT.

"God is with us." In no year since the organization of the Ann Browder Cunningham Home and Training School has the work moved forward so satisfactorily.

The Twentieth Century offering has augmented our receipts. The ministers have given me unusual opportunities to put our cause before their congregations, and gladly assisted in collections and in organizing new auxiliaries.

The Home Mission Societies have become more zealous in their support. The success of the work and its splendid results inspire us with pride and gratitude.

During the year I have traveled about ten thousand miles, visited sixty towns, attended nineteen Annual, District, and Woman's Home Mission Conferences; represented Home Mission work on all lines, and our Training School in particular, taking public collections in almost every instance. Next to public church collections, the most effective work has been house-to-house visitation.

Since every successful institution of this kind has its own organ, we send out annually sixty thousand copies of the *King's Messenger*, giving an intelligent understanding of the work, its needs, trials, and successes. We keep before the public a full and clear report of every dollar received, and from whom, thus giving satisfaction to contributors, our auxiliaries, the Church, and protection to the financial agent. To this full and public record of our work we owe, under God, whatever measure of success we have attained.

While your representative has been in this work eight years, our Church has had sole ownership for only five, and, as Rev. Sam P. Jones wisely says: "An institution, like a man, is not born full grown, and ten years are required to put it on a satisfactory basis." We confidently believe that before we reach that age we shall be *almost* if not *wholly* self-supporting. Only since December, when the three-story annex was completed, which gives us chapel, sewing department, and rooms for workers, have we been in condition to do any satisfactory work.

Miss Mary Moore, as Superintendent, possesses a marvelous faculty for organization and discipline. Her firm but gentle rule wins the girls as no former Superintendent has been able to do, while in meeting visitors and in dealing with the many difficult problems in which quick and wise decision is necessary we believe she has no superior.

Miss Louise Matthews, as general assistant and literary teacher, is doing excellent work, and holds a place in the Home that we feel none other could fill.

With a dressmaker and teacher of plain sewing as competent and successful in her department, we will make a record that even our friends have not thought possible. Such a lady we are making every effort to secure. Idleness is wickedness. Work is divine, and, whether we make money or not, work makes character; and for mental, moral, and industrial development we are working.

We repeat, the financial report of the agent is only partial, since she receives subscriptions in a town, and the money is often sent to the treasurer. Hence my report by months is as follows: April, 1900: Cash, \$658.75; subscription, \$500. May: Cash, \$133.50; subscription, \$173.75. June: Cash, \$230.22; subscription, \$695.03. July: Cash, \$219.45; subscription, \$175. August: Cash, \$210.50; subscription, \$19. September: Cash, \$162.44; subscription, \$171.05. October: Cash, \$301; subscription, \$200. November: Cash, \$213.55; subscription, \$54. December: Cash, \$668.10; subscription, \$174. January, 1901: Cash, \$349.05. February: Cash, \$229.50; subscription, \$576.95. March: Cash, \$297. Total: Cash, \$3,672.06; subscriptions, \$2,738.78. Grand total, \$6,410.84.

Two residence lots in Weatherford, given by Mrs. Margaret Sloan, value, \$400.

Expended for building annex: Contract, \$1,600; contributed by contractors, \$117; by Miss Mary Moore, \$50; by General Treasurer, \$400. Total, \$2,167.

#### Fort Worth, Tex.—Nettie B. Harthorn.

The work here is new, having been opened only since the Christmas holidays.

#### REPORT OF THE CITY MISSIONARY.

I have visited from house to house, especially where there was protracted illness, helping in the nursing, thus seeking to gain a hold on

the homes. This is slow work; but winning souls takes time, and we must win to ourselves, and then to the Christ whom our love has helped a little to bring near.

Much of my time has been taken up in attending the meetings of the different societies, or meetings already established, thus becoming acquainted with the ladies of the different Churches, who are my co-workers.

A tabulated report of my work is as follows: House-to-house visitation, 65; visits to sick, 30; cottage prayer meetings held, 15; Bible study classes organized, 2; Bible classes taught, 6; visits to Rescue Home, 4.

We are beginning new work among the outcasts of civilization—families who live in the overflow section of the river near. Their homes, if such they may be called, are built of the poorest lumber, in the rudest manner, whole families being herded together into one room. Poverty, crime, filthiness, and profanity run riot there; and yet little children are to be taught and rescued, mothers won to care for their own offspring, and fathers stimulated to effort and manhood, and others still lower down than these shown the Christ who still loves them.

You ask for encouraging features of my work. One life, not from the lower classes, has openly professed faith in Christ, and is about to unite with the Church, and I trust will be among those who are such as shall be saved. She is one whom the Master has given me opportunity to win. One poor girl who had once been a Christian, but who had wandered away into sin, said as we knelt together, as she was about to leave for her home, that she knew God had forgiven her, and that through his grace she would stand true. As I gave her a little Bible—a token to keep me in remembrance, I said—she replied that she would not need anything to make her do that, and so I knew that a little love and sympathy had won its way to her heart, and would help her to keep her resolve to live for Christ. I have her address, and shall seek to help her as she steps forth into life again. How our poor, bruised sisters need the tender touch of sympathy that love alone can give! There are other little glimpses here and there into hearts drawn and uplifted that have shown me that, in some quiet little ways, the Master was using me to brighten human lives.

#### Houston, Tex.

The City Board of Houston was partially organized in June, 1900, with five auxiliaries represented by twelve ladies; but not until October was the organization completed, with the following officers: President, Mrs. I. M. E. Blandin, Shearn Church; Vice President, Mrs. Coulter, McKee Street Auxiliary; Treasurer, Mrs. L. A. Woods, Washington Street Auxiliary; Secretary, Mrs. T. D. Hathaway, Shearn Auxiliary.

In order to organize this Board, we made four visits to auxiliaries, held two meetings with the pastors, three meetings with the pastor of Shearn and presiding elder. To secure a full representation, we made five visits to auxiliaries, interviewed three pastors and presiding elders; and in the interest of city mission work, we have written letters to three pastors not in Houston, held four Bible readings, and made six visits to corrective institutions. We have also organized eight "circles," with a view to this work. They are now interested in the social feature, and are taking up the work. One circle furnishes clothing for the jail; one, amusement—such as scrapbooks, pictures, etc.—to poor, sick children, and so on. So I hope that there will be a good report next month.

We held a meeting with the pastors and mission workers of the colored Churches. All were not represented; but the largest and most influential were, and presented a plan of systematic work, which was well received. We hope by next year to be able to report work in that line.

I. M. E. BLANDIN, *Supt. City Mission Work.*



## REPORT OF CITY MISSIONARY, ELIZABETH T. DUPREE.

*From June 21, 1900, to March 19, 1901.*

Visits made, 905; Bible readings, 83. Literature distributed: Bibles, 5; books, 3; papers, 912; Scripture texts, 527. Garments given, 395; baskets of food, 12; baskets of fruit, 9; Thanksgiving dinner for newsboys; Christmas dinner for newsboys; half-fare railroad tickets secured, 5; free railroad tickets, 9; visits to corrective institutions, 32; cottage prayer meetings, 9; quilts given, 8; mattresses, 3; money spent for relief of poor, \$54.-50; girl sent to Dallas Home, 1; money spent for nursing sick, \$6; shoes given, 5 pairs; position secured for unemployed, 1.

We have forty-five boys in our Newsboys' Club, and fifty girls in the sewing school, and these girls and boys largely compose our Sunday school in the afternoon. The little ones are becoming so much more interested in the schools that it requires less effort on our part to entertain them, and, to take it as a whole, we have great reason to rejoice, and say with confidence: "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

## Report of the Atlanta Board of City Missions.

With a heart of gratitude and praise, I make my annual report of the work done by the Board of City Missions of Atlanta, Ga.

For almost three years we have had under our management three industrial schools. During that time we have employed a city missionary who has had charge of the schools, besides doing a great deal of other work. In these schools we have an enrollment of three hundred pupils. Mrs. Evans, the missionary, is assisted by twenty-seven teachers, ladies who have volunteered to do this work for the work's sake. They receive no remuneration whatever. The schools are located in the factory districts.

In September, 1900, we opened a kindergarten and day nursery. This new work necessarily increased our expenses, but each month we have been able to meet demands. Mrs. Johnson, our teacher, is a very capable kindergarten, one who loves her work and loves her pupils. The average attendance is thirty-five. A delightful lunch is furnished every Friday by the ladies from the Board. The day nursery has proved a boon to many mothers. Mrs. Ballinger, our matron, is really a mother to all of them. The babies love her, and fortunate are they that come under her care while the busy mothers are at work. God has been wondrously kind to us—has given us so many friends to help in this good work. The kindergarten and matron make their home in this factory settlement. They hold mothers' meetings, conduct cottage prayer meetings, all of which exerts a wonderful influence for good.

Regular meetings of the City Board, 12; called meeting, 1; executive meetings, 3; average attendance, 30. Amount raised and expended from March, 1900, to March, 1901, \$848.50. MRS. R. P. MILAN, *President*.

## REPORT OF CITY MISSIONARY, MRS. E. M. EVANS.

*From March, 1900, to March, 1901.*

Sessions held in four industrial schools, 116; total enrollment, 300; average attendance, 200; teachers in schools, 25; visitors during the year, 81; garments finished in the schools, 310; garments given to the children, 310; hats trimmed in the schools, 130; hats given to the children, 130; new garments given to the poor, 99; garments in good order, 707; pairs of shoes, 78; pairs of hose, 97; cloaks, 22; hats, 79; quilts, 6; sheets, 2; pair of pillows, 1; pair of pillowcases, 1; mattress, 1; pairs of window curtains, 4; rug, 1; set of knives, forks, and spoons, 1; set of cups and saucers, 1; plates, 3; child's writing desk, 1; dolls, 4; rocking-chair, 1.

Baskets of provisions given to the poor, 45; valued at \$42.85; coal, \$9.80; wood, \$4.50; medicine, 75 cents; money, \$9.74; paid car fare for poor woman, 20 cents; paid for washing for poor, sick woman, \$1.50; hired a negro woman for a week to help a poor woman nurse her sick husband, \$1.25; paid to have a pair of shoes half-sole for a poor little girl, 30 cents; helped to buy a poor little barefoot child a pair of shoes, 60 cents; paid toward funeral expenses of two poor women, \$4; sent a little orphan boy to his grandfather in Cincinnati, and paid railroad fare, \$10.40; sent two little neglected children to the Georgia Industrial Home, and paid railroad fare, \$3.96; paid children's car fare to picnic, \$7; paid for swings for children, 40 cents.

Religious papers distributed, 3,769; leaflets, 1,015; books and magazines, 204; Scripture cards, 287; pictures, 12; Bibles, 5; bouquets of flowers with Scripture cards attached, 103; visits to the sick, 139; visits to strangers, 127; religious visits, 400; visits to benevolent institutions, 12; visits to auxiliaries, 20; visits to kindergarten schools, 7; prayer meetings held, 57; Bible readings, 2; children's meeting, 1; taught a class morning and afternoon in two Sunday schools; attended woman's coöperative meetings, 41; attended City Mission Board meetings, 12; attended Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention in August five days; attended reception given by the City Mission Board to the teachers of the industrial schools; gave a talk on city mission work in three churches; read my annual report at Trinity Church; attended Woman's City Board committee meeting; attended Woman's Missionary Union; attended one meeting of the Florence Crittendon Association; attended the Annual Conference of the North Georgia preachers one day; attended Home Mission District Conference two days, and read my annual report; attended Home Mission Conference at Elberton, and gave a talk on city mission work in three churches; attended the Rome District Conference at Rockmart, Saturday gave a talk on the work of the Woman's City Mission Board of Atlanta, and on Sunday on the work of a city missionary and how I was called into mission work.

Assisted Trinity Home Mission Society in distributing garden and flower seed to the poor; sent a twelve-year-old girl to the Home for the Friendless from Decatur Street; carried a little negro orphan girl to the Negro Orphan Home who had been left alone in a vacant house two weeks without food, only as she begged it.

Wrote twelve postal cards to absent teachers; wrote five letters to Georgia Industrial Home in regard to taking into the home neglected children; wrote three letters to parents in other cities in regard to their daughters, trying to save them; brought fifteen children into the Sunday schools.

Furnished the names and addresses of sixteen poor families to Chief Joyner, who wanted to help them; furnished the names and addresses of three poor families, five adults, and twenty children to First Church Epworth League, who gave each family a Thanksgiving dinner; gave a picnic to one hundred and seven children; gave a Christmas dinner to one hundred and four children at Fulton Mills Industrial School; gave a Christmas dinner to one hundred children at Exposition Mills Industrial School; gave a Christmas tree to seventy-five children at Leonard Street Industrial School; assisted Mrs. Nixon with Christmas tree for kindergarten school.

#### Door of Hope, Macon, Ga.

The work of conducting the Door of Hope in Macon, Ga., is progressing, and with grateful hearts we make our annual report:

Through the generosity of one of our public-spirited citizens, a noble, Christian gentleman, the Board of City Missions has been comfortably housed for the past four years. The desire of the Board, from the first, has been to purchase a suitable home. During the year God has blessed

us with the fruition of our desires, and on New Year's day, 1901, the first public prayer service was held in our new Door of Hope. The house, though small, is very comfortable, with large grounds, on which in time we hope to erect for our girls suitable buildings for different departments of industrial work. Through the wise management of our matron and Board of Managers, the home has never been in debt. We were able to meet our first payment on the building promptly, and with joy we report that the first contribution toward purchasing the home was made as a thank offering by the girls in the home. Other contributions were made, representing sacrifice and self-denial by the children of God. Much of our success is attributable to the management of our efficient and consecrated matron—Miss Anna Phillipbar, a noble, Christian woman, called of God, giving her life to this rescue work. One of our own girls is assistant matron, a strong Christian character, showing plainly by her daily walk and conversation that she is a child of God. The Door of Hope does a work no other institution can do: it indeed opens a door to a higher, purer life to many a weary, wandering girl.

During the year we have been in an unsettled condition on account of moving, and our work has been somewhat retarded, though we feel deeply grateful to God for what has been accomplished. To those unacquainted with this work the results may not seem encouraging, but in so delicate a matter we must of necessity work slowly. Since our organization four years ago we have cared for in the home fifty-four girls, twenty-nine of whom have gone from this home to take their places in the world with other Christian women. Thirteen have been restored to home and loved ones. Eight have been married, and thus have added to the Christian homes of our land. Seven have found employment, and are making an honorable support. One died in a hospital in a neighboring city, testifying by her patient suffering and triumphant death to her changed life.

During the year ending March, 1901, we have collected for all purposes \$1,909.05.

The Board of City Missions feel encouraged to press forward in this work, and trust that the coming year may be the best the Door of Hope has known, and that many weary, sin-sick souls may find our home to be indeed a door of hope, a hope that leads to God and a heavenly home.

MRS. R. F. BURDEN, *Secretary Board of City Missions.*

### Report of San Antonio Rescue Home.

*April, 1901.*

The West Texas Rescue Home respectfully report the following:

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ does not condone sin in any sex; but it offers salvation to all classes of the human race and to the individual penitent who turns from sin and shame and trusts in him for pardon and restoration to the divine favor. The mission of the Church, as the light of the world, is to go into the haunts of darkness and vice as well as the highways and hedges, and reflect the light of divine love upon the path of the wandering and lost, to lead them back to the ways of righteousness. The Holy Ghost gives life and direction to all these blessed means designed to lift the lost from sin, and by His divine energy changes their characters and lives and restores them to purity, friends, and home. Surely the care and expense that the Church bestows for the reformation and salvation of the ruined women in our cities and towns meet the divine approval, and commend themselves to the intelligence and support of those who have been touched by sympathy and moved by the love of God.

This Home was founded by the Holy Ghost. The genuine conversion of Mrs. M. L. Volino, the owner of this beautiful and valuable Home, which she gave to the Church with its costly furniture, and her complete

consecration and devotion to the special work of the rescuing and saving her fallen sisters, and the signal success that has marked her work, prove this statement beyond a doubt.

The Home is a Christian Home in its best sense. The pastor, Rev. H. M. Glass, appointed by Rev. B. Harris, presiding elder of San Antonio District, conducts services every week. The preaching service at 3:30 P.M. on the Sabbath is well attended by many of the best women and men of the city.

With gratitude to the God of all grace we record the conversion of all who are inmates of the Home at the present time. Nor must we omit to mention in this connection the encouraging letters written by the girls who have gone from the Home in which they were redeemed, and in which they were taught the principles of our holy religion. These letters breathe gratitude to the Church, which furnished them the means of their salvation, and aided them in securing situations in good families. They write that, had it not been for the Home and its sacred influence upon their lives wrecked by sin, their bodies would have been in their graves, and their souls lost in shame and ruin forever.

There have been one hundred and forty received and reformed the current year, most of whom have been sent to their friends and loved ones, or suitable homes have been secured for them. Seven have married, one has died, and two have been sent to the Southwestern Asylum, near this city. The Home has sheltered and cared for thirty girls outside of the regular inmates. Seventeen babies have been born of prospective mothers when they entered the Home. A number of other children have been taken care of and nursed, having been deserted by their mothers. At present there are fourteen girls and thirteen children. Our greatest need at this time is a nursery. The rooms for hospital purposes, where the sick and sufferers of any disease may be treated and nursed in quietude, are well adapted to these ends. Physicians in the city, skillful and kind, do the practice of the Home free of charge.

MRS. A. M. IRELAND, *Superintendent.*

#### REPORT OF FINANCIAL AGENT.

I hope to see the Home clear of debt by the Annual Conference, in November. The debt is \$5,338.15, with interest from November 19, 1899. Of this, my predecessor turned over to me \$2,200. At present I have a little less than \$2,500 to raise, of which I have eight hundred subscribed. I think that I can clear everything by June 1.

REV. JOHN M. MOORE.

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#### PLAN FOR CITY MISSION

AS ADOPTED BY THE NASHVILLE CITY BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to submit for your consideration the following plan for work in the city of Nashville:

We have taken as a financial basis the sum of one hundred dollars a month, or twelve hundred dollars a year. The plan includes a kindergarten, an industrial school, mothers' meetings, a depot matron, a city visitor, a circulating library, and settlement influence; and will require:

1. That a house shall be rented in South Nashville with at least four rooms besides the kitchen; a large room for a kindergarten or other gatherings, two bedrooms, and a dining room.

2. That two missionaries be employed—a trained worker to take charge and have oversight of the whole work, and a kindergarten teacher with a missionary spirit, both of whom will reside in the mission home.

3. The duties of the missionary will be to meet the morning and evening trains at the Union Station, and spend the rest of her time, except on Sat-

urday, in house-to-house visitation and evangelistic work. On Saturday she will take direction of the industrial school, assisted by the young ladies' societies of the city in the morning, and the mothers' meetings in the afternoon. In the depot work and as city visitor she should recognize as aids in caring for persons of different classes, for whom provision must be made, the Young Woman's Christian Association, the Christian Woman's Home, the Relief Society, the Door of Hope, and the Florence Crittenden Home. The missionary, in her city visiting, will include fallen women and do all in her power to win them from their evil lives. Those whom she may rescue may be taken to either the Door of Hope or the Mission Home, as circumstances render desirable.

4. The kindergarten teacher will have that department of work, and on Saturday will aid in the industrial school; she will visit the homes of her pupils, and have charge of the circulating library.

5. These two earnest Christian workers, living as *neighbors* with the poor, ignorant people around them, will find many ways to exercise an uplifting influence, and the South Nashville settlement become a center of light and purity.

6. This plan includes the personal coöperation of the members of the Home Mission Society in the industrial school and mothers' meetings as teachers and practical instructors, and in visiting the homes of the poor or the sinful, and in supplying the needy, and as far as possible in the railroad work, should it require their aid. In all this personal work our ladies will come into a fuller knowledge of the conditions and needs of the people they desire to aid and save, and will be better able to secure for the work the sympathy and financial support of the Church, besides receiving a blessing for themselves.

7. The approximate expenses of the work as outlined will be as follows:

	Per Month.	Per Year.
Missionary's salary .....	\$25 00 x 12 =	\$ 300 00
Kindergarten's salary.....	25 00 x 10 =	250 00
House rent.....	12 50 x 12 =	150 00
Coal (average).....	3 00 x 12 =	36 00
Light and water.....	2 00 x 12 =	24 00
Support of house (food and cook hire).....	25 00 x 12 =	300 00
<b>Total expense.....</b>	<b>\$92 50</b>	<b>\$1,060 00</b>
Receipts for the year.....		\$1,200 00
Expenses.....		1,060 00
<b>Balance for contingencies.....</b>		<b>\$ 140 00</b>

The missionary's salary is for twelve months, the teacher's for ten months, but the latter will be given her board during vacation for whatsoever services she may render in other lines of work.

8. This plan puts the work of the City Board on as broad a basis as its available funds will permit, and by concentrating the preventive and the rescue work under one head, with one center of operations, minifies expense and conserves force. If in the future there should be a larger fund at the disposal of the Board, a similar work (in part or in whole) can be established in another needy section of the city. As a Door of Hope has been enterprised by an undenominational Band of Rescue Workers, and the Mission Home is a well-established institution of the same kind, we do not deem it advisable to open another house of a similar nature, but will in our rescue work heartily coöperate with these. If at any time there should be a *need*—not now existing—for opening a Door of Hope, and there is a prospect of financial support, the Board will gladly undertake that work.

9. The needs of the work as planned will be the financial support of the auxiliaries of the Home Mission Society. Each one should be pledged to a certain amount, which should be paid regularly and promptly. In addition to these pledges, individuals, outside of the Society, could be secured in each Church who would make annual subscriptions.

The furniture, carpets, and tableware for the home will have to be donated by the friends of the work. It need not be new. Books and pictures should also be donated for the circulating library and to make the house attractive.

In the estimate of expenses a real estate agent was consulted as to house rent, and a number of housekeepers as to the other expenses.

### HONORED LIST.

#### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. S. A. Dryden,	Mrs. John A. Carter,	Miss Belle H. Bennett,
Bishop W. W. Duncan,	Mrs. M. E. W. Aycock,	Miss Emily Allen,
Mrs. Amelia Downing Kendrick,	Miss Lucinda B. Helm,	Mrs. T. R. Kendall.
Mrs. W. W. Duncan,		

#### LIFE MEMBERS.

1895-96.

The names of two life members were reported as follows:

*Virginia Conference.*—Mrs. Coke Smith, Miss M. F. Dey.

1896-97.

During the fiscal year there were nine life members reported, which were as follows:

*Little Rock Conference.*—Rev. C. E. Patillo, Mrs. C. E. Patillo.

*New York City.*—Mrs. Mattie Vincello Cox.

*St. Louis Conference.*—Mrs. M. A. Wolff, Mr. John Joseph Bauleh.

*Tennessee Conference.*—Mrs. J. H. Dodd, Mrs. J. C. Morris, Mrs. Bettie McF. Yarbrough, Mrs. W. H. Cotton.

1897-98.

The following were made life members during the year:

*East Texas Conference.*—Mrs. W. C. Huntington.

*Florida Conference.*—Mr. C. T. Carroll.

*Indian Mission Conference.*—Mrs. J. E. Vicks, Mrs. J. B. Hester.

*Kentucky Conference.*—Mrs. A. P. Darnall.

*Little Rock Conference.*—Mrs. D. H. McKennon, Mrs. Cadesman Pope.

*Los Angeles Conference.*—Mrs. J. J. N. Kenney.

*Louisville Conference.*—Mrs. J. P. Goodson, Mrs. W. R. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Brandon, Mrs. W. W. Cooke, Mrs. J. T. Cherry, Mrs. T. C. Peters, Mrs. Ada Bishop Ramsey, Mrs. Mary Morton.

*Memphis Conference.*—Mrs. Warner Moore.

*Missouri Conference.*—Mrs. Mary Anne Stone.

*North Georgia Conference.*—Mrs. Thomas F. Pierce, Mrs. Lillie G. King, Master Robert Battery McClure.

*North Mississippi Conference.*—Mrs. L. M. Lipscomb.

*Northwest Texas Conference.*—Miss Roberta Putnam, Mrs. C. R. Wright.

*Tennessee Conference.*—Mrs. D. P. Rankin, Mrs. Mary Phillips, Mrs. T. C. Ragsdale, Mrs. Virginia Bandy, Mrs. Susan Tarver, Mrs. Curtis.

*Virginia Conference.*—Mrs. J. C. Reed.

1898-99.

The names of the following are reported as having been made life members during the fiscal year that has just closed:

*Baltimore Conference.*—Mrs. W. B. Gallaher, Mrs. Mary S. Williams.

*Florida Conference.*—Mrs. J. H. Perkins.

*Holston Conference.*—Mrs. Robert E. Humphreys, Mrs. David Sullins, Miss Mary Cass.

*Kentucky Conference.*—Miss Kate Petry.

*Little Rock Conference.*—Mrs. F. B. Rudolph, Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss.

*Memphis Conference.*—Mrs. Sue Allen Hurt, Mrs. G. T. Sullivan, Miss Tilly Talley, Mrs. L. B. Hotchkiss.

*Missouri Conference.*—Mrs. S. P. Emmons, Mrs. S. A. Newland, Mrs. Jerusha Leiper, Mrs. S. P. Cresap.

*North Alabama Conference.*—Mrs. D. A. Burns.  
*North Georgia Conference.*—Mrs. Georgia Allen, Mrs. C. E. Moore, Rev. C. E. Patillo.  
*North Texas Conference.*—Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Mrs. L. P. Smith.  
*Northwest Texas Conference.*—Mrs. W. L. Nelms, Miss Sadie Fincher.  
*South Georgia Conference.*—Miss Anna Phillipbar.  
*Tennessee Conference.*—Mrs. Lewis Powell, Mrs. A. P. McFerrin, Jr., Mrs. S. S. Booth, Mrs. Abbie Scott Vaughan, Mrs. Irene Cullom.  
 Total number of life members made during the year, 33. Life members are represented in nineteen Conferences. The Tennessee Conference is the banner Conference.

## 1899-1900.

*Baltimore Conference.*—Mrs. W. H. Beehler, Mrs. Moses Walton, Mrs. S. C. Stringfellow.  
*East Texas Conference.*—Mrs. M. Haggard.  
*Florida Conference.*—Mrs. D. A. Cook.  
*Holston Conference.*—Mrs. J. A. Duncan.  
*Indian Mission Conference.*—Lucile Coppedge (Juvenile).  
*Little Rock Conference.*—Miss Lizzie Wilkins, Mrs. S. H. Thompson, Rev. James Thomas.  
*Louisville Conference.*—Mrs. Catherine Wilson, Mrs. William Robinson.  
*Memphis Conference.*—Mrs. J. S. Swayne.  
*Missouri Conference.*—Mrs. W. F. Packard.  
*Mississippi Conference.*—Mrs. Rebecca Parker Gay.  
*North Georgia Conference.*—Mrs. L. G. Johnson, Eva J. McClure (Juvenile), Mrs. W. C. Smith, Mrs. S. R. Belk, Mrs. S. V. Davenport, Rev. W. F. Quillian.  
*North Mississippi Conference.*—Mrs. S. M. Thames.  
*North Texas Conference.*—Mrs. F. H. Welsh, Mrs. J. L. Morris.  
*South Georgia Conference.*—Mrs. H. C. Tindall, Josephus Darling (Juvenile), Helen Mathews (Juvenile), Bessie Tindall (Juvenile), Charlie Hinton (Juvenile).  
*Tennessee Conference.*—Mrs. Annie E. Jones, Miss M. E. Wardlaw, Rev. T. C. Ragsdale, Mrs. Virginia Morrison, Mrs. John Mathews, Mrs. E. B. Chappell.  
*Virginia Conference.*—Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Mrs. W. J. Young.  
*Western Virginia Conference.*—Miss Mary Moore, Mrs. Mordecai Williams.  
 Thirty-three adult and six juvenile life members were made during the year in seven-  
 teen different Conferences, the Tennessee being the banner Conference.

## 1900-1901.

*Baltimore Conference.*—Mrs. C. H. Buchanan.  
*Florida Conference.*—Rev. W. M. Poage, Mrs. C. F. Carroll.  
*Holston Conference.*—Mrs. Mattie White Hardaway.  
*Los Angeles Conference.*—Mrs. J. R. Toberman.  
*Louisiana Conference.*—Darwin Beach Carré (Juvenile), Willis G. Wilmot (Juvenile), Mrs. Philip Werlein, Mrs. Amelia Scott.  
*Little Rock Conference.*—Mrs. D. in Gilman.  
*Memphis Conference.*—Mrs. Sue F. Mooney.  
*Mississippi Conference.*—Mrs. E. H. Munger, Mrs. Ellen D. Drake.  
*Missouri Conference.*—Mrs. R. G. Terrill, Mrs. W. F. Packard.  
*North Carolina Conference.*—Rev. J. E. Underwood, Mildred Spier (Juvenile).  
*Louisville Conference.*—Mrs. Virgil Elgin.  
*North Georgia Conference.*—Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham (Juvenile), Joe Thomas Swift Hayes, Mrs. Nettie Brag Allen, Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mrs. Nancy Swift, Mrs. S. V. Davenport, Faith Johnson (Juvenile).  
*Northwest Texas Conference.*—Mrs. Mary C. Majors (Juvenile), Margaret Barcus (Juvenile), Gordon Baird.  
*North Texas Conference.*—Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Mrs. O. S. Thomas.  
*New Mexico Conference.*—Pattie Geraldine French (Juvenile).  
*St. Louis Conference.*—Mrs. Elizabeth Avis, Mrs. J. O. Chenoweth, Mrs. Florence O. Baulch, Mrs. J. W. Wagoner, Mrs. E. G. Boyle.  
*South Georgia Conference.*—Mrs. J. D. Humphrey.  
*Southwest Missouri Conference.*—Mrs. Charles W. Mehonay, Mrs. G. W. Scott, Mrs. M. F. Cox, Miss Maria Layng Gibson, Mrs. C. W. Scarrit.

*Tennessee Conference.*—Mrs. C. H. Benedict, Miss Edna Glasgow, Mrs. Gross Alexander, Mrs. Joe Stones.

*Virginia Conference.*—Mrs. M. N. Moorman, Mrs. T. G. Minton.

Total number life members this year, 50. North Georgia is the banner Conference for the year, having made nine life members.

Total number of life members on the roll, 167. Tennessee has the largest number: 25.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS.

1900-1901.

Conference.	Donor.	School.
Columbia,		One, London.
North Alabama,	Epworth League of Decatur,	One, Key West.
Northwest Texas,		One, Cuban.
South Carolina,		Two, London.
Virginia,		Three, Key West.

#### NAMES ENROLLED ON PREACHERS' WIVES' LOAN FUND.

*Columbia Conference.*—Mrs. J. W. Wallace.

*East Texas Conference.*—Mrs. Fannie Fowler Cain.

*Florida Conference.*—Mrs. A. E. Householder, Mrs. W. A. Cole.

*Kentucky Conference.*—Mrs. J. J. Sims.

*Little Rock Conference.*—Mrs. J. M. Hawley.

*Louisiana Conference.*—Mrs. J. E. Denson.

*Mississippi Conference.*—Mrs. Jennie D. Norsworthy.

*North Texas Conference.*—Mrs. J. W. Hill, Mrs. W. E. Boggs, Mrs. J. F. Pierce.

*South Carolina Conference.*—Mrs. W. L. Wait.

*St. Louis Conference.*—Mrs. B. A. Hickman.

#### NAMES ENROLLED ON EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

*East Texas Conference.*—Rev. John Helfinstill, Rev. G. R. Hughes, Rev. T. J. Milam, Rev. A. Little.

*Florida Conference.*—Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. F. A. Taylor, Mrs. F. A. Bridges, Rev. J. W. Carpenter, Rev. H. A. Hodges, Miss Mary Bruce, Miss Belle Bennett, Miss Marcia Marvin, Miss Sterling.

*Holston Conference.*—Miss Eva Houk, Rev. D. S. Hearon, Rev. George D. French.

*Indian Mission Conference.*—Mrs. Pickens.

*Kentucky Conference.*—Mrs. J. H. Stamper, Rev. W. L. Clark, Rev. J. P. Strother.

*Little Rock Conference.*—Rev. J. M. Hawley.

*Memphis Conference.*—Mrs. Sue F. Mooney, Rev. W. D. Jenkins.

*Missouri Conference.*—Rev. G. M. Gibson, Rev. S. P. Cresap.

*Montana Conference.*—Rev. W. B. Price.

*North Alabama Conference.*—Mrs. J. D. Simpson, Mrs. Ira Hawkins, Mrs. Anson West.

*North Carolina Conference.*—Rev. D. H. Tuttle.

*North Georgia Conference.*—Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Logan, Mrs. L. G. Johnson, Mrs. W. A. Harris, Dr. J. R. Bigham.

*North Mississippi Conference.*—Rev. Richard Wilkerson, Rev. Tom Cameron, Rev. J. W. Lewis, Rev. Mr. Haynes, Rev. Mr. Burt, Mrs. Mary Wyatt, Mr. William C. Wyatt, Mrs. Clara Short, Rev. E. S. Lewis, Rev. R. H. B. Gladney.

*North Texas Conference.*—Rev. E. L. Spurlock, Rev. T. C. Coppedge, Rev. J. R. Atchley, Rev. Charles Dennis, Rev. T. H. Morris, Rev. M. B. Johnson, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Rev. P. L. Smith, Rev. O. S. Thomas, Rev. J. W. Rowlet, Rev. M. J. Taylor, Rev. J. O. Miller, Rev. J. L. Pierce.

*Northwest Texas Conference.*—Rev. E. A. Smith, Rev. W. B. Andrews.



- Louisiana Conference.*—Rev. C. E. Miller,  
*Louisville Conference.*—Mrs. R. W. Browder, Mrs. W. G. Foote, Rev. G. E. Foskett.  
*Pacific Conference.*—Rev. F. E. Dixon.  
*South Carolina Conference.*—Rev. J. E. Grier, Rev. T. G. Herbert.  
*St. Louis Conference.*—Mrs. M. L. Triplett, Mrs. N. G. Gray, Mr. S. M. Kennard.  
*Southwest Missouri Conference.*—Rev. J. J. Keller.  
*Tennessee Conference.*—Rev. W. C. Cotton, Rev. T. H. Woodward.  
*West Texas Conference.*—Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Scovett.  
*Western North Carolina Conference.*—Rev. T. Y. Rogers.  
*Virginia Conference.*—Rev. J. W. Stiff, Rev. J. M. Latham.  
*White River Conference.*—Rev. M. M. Smith.

### NAMES ENROLLED ON ANGEL BAND LOAN FUND.

- Florida Conference.*—Miss Gertrude Davis.  
*Kentucky Conference.*—Mrs. W. T. Poynter.  
*Louisiana Conference.*—Philip Werlein, Mrs. Fenner Henderson, Mary Watt Hardy.  
*Little Rock Conference.*—James Pope Jones.  
*Missouri Conference.*—Mrs. Charles Bowling, Miss Laura Shirley.  
*North Georgia Conference.*—Missie Carrie Ragan, Anna Ruth Dobbs (baby).  
*St. Louis Conference.*—Mrs. Eliza June Masten, Mrs. Sophy Neinstiel, Mrs. Richard Erickson, Rev. Thomas M. Finney.  
*Tennessee Conference.*—Sidney C. Batson, Repps L. Corban, Mrs. Mattie Davis.  
*Virginia Conference.*—Mrs. L. J. Ligon.  
*West Texas Conference.*—Winnie Belle Patterson.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURERS. FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1901.

CONFERENCE.	Amount Remitted of Adult Membership Dues.	Amount Remitted of Young People's and Juvenile Membership Dues.	Total Amount Remitted of Membership Dues.	Gain in Membership Dues During Year.	Loss in Membership Dues.	Amount Remitted of Life Membership Dues.	Names of Life Members.	Amount Remitted of Baby Roll Members.	Amount Remitted for Con- fessional Enterprises.	Amount Remitted for Special Donations Not In- cluded in the Above.	Amount Remitted from Week of Prayer.	Gain over Last Year.	Loss over Last Year.	Remitted for Preacher's Wives' Loan Fund.	Names of Patrons Made During the Year.	Anx. Made Their Pr. Wife a Patron of the L. F.	Amount Remitted for An- gel Band Loan Fund.	Remitted for Hon. L. M.	Names of Honorary L. M.	Rem. for Hon. L. Patrons.	Names of Life Patrons.	Amount Remitted from Adult Mite Boxes.	Amount Remitted from Baby Mite Boxes.
Alabama.....																							
Arkansas.....																							
Baltimore.....	\$ 54 50	\$ 67 93	\$ 122 43								\$ 51 40										\$ 27 35	\$ 36 78	
Baltimore.....	174 20	1 62	175 82								9 47										5 55	1 10	
Denver.....	134 00		134 00								1 70										22	1 50	
East Columbia.....																							
East Texas.....	41 71	6 51	48 22	\$90 16							57 65	\$ 24 95									50 68	12 11	
Florida.....	672 34	88 34	760 68								142 19										4 88	14 87	
German Mission.....																							
Holston.....	952 15	45 14	997 29	303 34							706 63		\$16 56								6 54	21 53	
Illinois.....																							
Indian Mission.....	665 02	19 13	684 15								145 17	8 00									2 30	13 69	
Kentucky.....																							
Little Rock.....	587 56		587 56																				
Los Angeles.....	228 30		228 30																				
Louisiana.....	453 90	13 19	467 09																				
Louisiana.....	568 16	109 93	678 11	74 91							67 75		3 96								4 70	5 34	
Memphis.....	444 58	51 05	495 63																				
Mississippi.....	368 28	24 25	392 53																				
Missouri.....	445 80	7 25	453 05	102 47																			
Montana.....	97 50		97 50																				
New Mexico.....	176 85		176 85																				
North Alabama.....	385 90	27 05	412 95																				
North Carolina.....	261 70		261 70																				
North Georgia.....	1,081 96	5 45	1,087 41	142 70																			
North Mississippi.....																							
North Texas.....	1,055 50		1,055 50																				
Northwest Texas.....	1,428 20	4 10	1,432 30	184 07																			
Pacific.....	323 81		323 81																				
South Carolina.....	389 87		389 87																				
South Georgia.....	567 60	11 00	578 60																				
Southwest Missouri.....	592 72	12 60	605 32																				
St. Louis.....	655 61	12 42	668 03	24 90	\$75 00																		
Tennessee.....	903 57		903 57																				
Texas.....	373 15		373 15																				
Virginia.....	612 41	127 38	739 79																				
West Texas.....	373 84	9 55	383 39																				
Western.....	79 30		79 30																				
W. North Carolina.....	84 89		84 89																				
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<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$16,367 85</b>	<b>\$913 48</b>	<b>\$17,281 33</b>	<b>\$7,042 09</b>	<b>\$75 00</b>	<b>\$430 25</b>		<b>\$294 39</b>	<b>\$5,873 26</b>	<b>\$1,021 94</b>	<b>\$1,355 36</b>	<b>\$135 01</b>	<b>\$19 08</b>	<b>\$75 00</b>			<b>\$296</b>	<b>\$110 75</b>			<b>\$521 12</b>	<b>\$318 27</b>	

# ANNUAL REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURERS (CONTINUED).

CONFERENCE.	Value of Supplies Sent Off and Reported to Superintendent of Supply Department.	Amount Remitted from Scholarships.	Amount of Contingent Fund.	Number of Parsonages Reported.	Total Value of Parsonages Reported.	Amount Expended on Station Parsonages During the Year.	Amount Expended on District Parsonages During the Year.	Amount Expended on Circuit Parsonages During the Year.	Total Number of Parsonages Aided by Auxiliaries.	Amount of Parsonages Helped Out of Conference Fund.	Total Amount Expended on Local Church Work, Such as Furnishing Churches, Etc.	Total Amount of Money Expended on Local Mission Work.	Value of Supplies Given Locally.	Total Amount Raised for Salary of City Missionaries.	Total Amount Raised and Expended for Rescue Work.	Total Amount Raised and Expended for Mission Work.	Report Here Any and All Special Work Not Included in Above Questions.	
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Total.....	\$4,967 06	\$245 50	\$898 70	532	\$1,290,401	\$18,100 64	\$1,484 96	\$3,264 47	133	\$5,746 38	\$18,044 26	\$5,032 75	\$3,144 22	\$1,833 23	\$942 42	\$1090 66	\$1,325 89	\$1011 15

# GENERAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR 1900-01.

*Mrs. W. D. KIRKLAND, General Treasurer, in account with the  
Woman's Home Mission Society, Methodist Episcopal Church,  
South.*

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Check 1, Dr. Whisner, for parsonages, from the Board.....	\$	422	51
Check 2, Miss Bruce, fees of Key West School returned.....		150	00
Check 3, Mrs. W. H. Bumpass, Nashville city missions, \$100; \$20 for Door of Hope.....		120	00
Check 4, Miss Belle H. Bennett, office expenses, \$50; for traveling expenses to Key West, \$50.....		100	00
Check 5, Mrs. F. B. Carroll, expenses to Board meeting.....		27	40
Check 6, Mrs. Kate Blevins, for expenses as organizer in Mississippi Conference..		25	00
Check 7, Miss M. V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope.....		50	25
Check 8, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, Kansas City missions.....		63	00
Check 9, Miss Redford, traveling expenses to Board meeting, \$26.09; salary to April 20, \$50; for travel in North Carolina, \$50.....		126	09
Check 10, Miss Perrin, water tax at Wolf Mission School to July 1.....		12	00
Check 11, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, expenses to New Orleans.....		33	88
Check 12, Emelina Valdes, burial expenses of Cuban woman.....		5	00
Check 13, Miss Perrin, tuition fees of Wolf Mission School.....		17	75
Check 14, Mrs. Mary B. Williams, Chinese and Japanese schools for March.....		90	00
Check 15, Prof. Dyer, expenses to Board meeting at New Orleans.....		50	00
Check 16, Dr. O. E. Brown, expenses to Board meeting at New Orleans.....		50	00
Check 17, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, expenses to New Orleans.....		32	30
Check 18, Mrs. J. J. Tigert, traveling expenses to New Orleans, \$38.27; office expenses for half the year, \$20.....		58	27
Check 19, Miss Maud Fisher, salary for April.....		45	00
Check 20, Miss Marcie Marvin, salary for April.....		35	00
Check 21, Miss Perrin, salary for April, \$45; two assistants, \$25.....		70	00
Check 22, Miss Bruce, salary for April, \$50; two assistants, \$25.....		75	00
Check 23, Miss Dodd, salary for April.....		45	00
Check 24, Miss Ford, salary for April.....		45	00
Check 25, Miss Eddington, salary for April.....		40	00
Check 26, Miss Lilly Williams, salary for April.....		35	00
Check 27, Miss Belle Cheatham, salary for April.....		40	00
Check 28, Mrs. and Miss Valdes, salary for April.....		70	00
Check 29, Miss M. L. Gibson, for Miss Cornelia Godbey, \$25; for Miss McLain, \$1..		26	00
Check 30, Mrs. W. C. Young, from Board for Dallas Mission Home.....		50	00
Check 31, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, expenses for April.....		75	00
Check 32, Miss Emily Allen, expenses to New Orleans.....		35	90
Check 33, Mrs. Arabella Alexander, expenses to New Orleans.....		31	28
Check 34, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Atlanta city missions.....		42	50
Check 35, Dr. Whisner, for parsonages in Louisville Conference.....		53	89
Check 36, Dr. Whisner, Harrisburg parsonage, Columbia Conference.....		20	00
Check 37, Miss Bennett, Twentieth Century Fund sent in by Miss Bennett for London and returned.....		150	00
Check 38, Mrs. Mary B. Williams, Chinese and Japanese schools for April.....		90	10
Check 39, Mrs. W. H. Bumpass, Nashville city missions.....		90	00
Check 40, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for Moore, West Texas.....		50	00
Check 41, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for April.....		50	00
Check 42, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, current expenses of the Mission Home for May, \$250; Mrs. Johnson's expenses for May, \$75; Mrs. Johnson's personal check sent in by her and returned, \$44.85.....		369	85
Check 43, Miss Bruce, expenses to Board meeting.....		35	00
Check 44, Miss Lillie Letton, salary for April.....		35	00
Check 45, Miss E. Vail, salary for April.....		30	00
Check 46, Miss Laura Campbell, salary for April.....		30	00
Check 47, Dr. Whisner, Graves's Index to Parsonages.....		3	50
Check 48, Miss Bruce, fees for March and April returned.....		165	00
Check 49, Dr. Whisner, three parsonages in Memphis Conference.....		145	00
Check 50, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, Kansas City missions.....		63	00
Check 51, Mrs. J. S. Swayne, Memphis Conference expenses.....		29	00
Check 52, Mrs. B. R. Scott, Western Conference parsonage.....		15	21

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Check 53, Mrs. M. V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope.....	\$ 62 72
Check 54, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Atlanta city missions.....	40 50
Check 55, Miss Redford, traveling expenses as general organizer, \$10.55; salary from May 5 to June 5, \$50.....	60 55
Check 56, Mrs. Ivy D. Ostrom, Chinese and Japanese schools.....	90 00
Check 57, Mrs. W. J. Vaughn, Na-hville city missions.....	90 00
Check 58, Gunby, Spofford & Co., insurance on mission buildings.....	93 00
Check 59, Miss Mary Moore, Treasurer, current expenses Dallas Mission Home for June, \$250; Mrs. W. H. Johnson's expenses for June, \$75.....	325 00
Check 60, Dr. Whisner, for Stevensville and Victor parsonages, Montana Conference.....	12 50
Check 61, Mr. J. A. Bowling, Key West cistern, Twentieth Century.....	63 00
Check 62, Miss Florence Campbell, salary for April and May at London.....	100 00
Check 63, Miss E. Beaumont, salary for April and May at London.....	90 00
Check 64, Miss Lillie Letton, salary for May at London.....	35 00
Check 65, Mrs. A. A. Gibson, balance due as organizer for 1899-1900.....	5 00
Check 66, Miss F. B. McIntyre, salary for April and May at London.....	60 00
Check 67, Mr. J. W. Carnahan, salary for April and May at London.....	100 00
Check 68, Prof. J. C. Lewis, salary for April and May at London.....	200 00
Check 69, Miss Bruce, salary for May, \$50; two assistants, \$25.....	75 00
Check 70, Miss Minnie Perrin, salary for May, \$45; two assistants, \$25, at Ybor City, Tampa.....	70 00
Check 71, Miss F. B. Dodd, salary for May at Key West.....	45 00
Check 72, Miss Lilly Williams, salary for May at Key West.....	35 00
Check 73, Miss Emelina Valdes, self and aunt, salary for May at West Tampa.....	60 00
Check 74, Miss Maud Fisher, salary for May, Ybor City, Tampa.....	45 00
Check 75, Miss Belle Cheatham, salary for May, Key West.....	40 00
Check 76, Miss R. L. Ford, salary for May, Key West.....	45 00
Check 77, Mrs. J. W. Wallis, North Alabama Conference expenses.....	42 32
Check 78, Mrs. W. H. Bumpass, Tennessee Conference expenses.....	96 41
Check 79, Dr. Whisner, balance of appropriation to Medford, Oregon.....	6 37
Check 80, Dr. Whisner, balance of appropriation to Grand River, Louisville Conference.....	21 11
Check 81, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, for baby cottage at Decatur, Ga.....	73 38
Check 82, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for May and June.....	100 00
Check 83, Dr. Whisner, for Burkville, Virginia Conference.....	75 00
Check 84, Mrs. H. C. King, West Texas, San Antonio Home.....	15 15
Check 85, W. G. Lee Woods, from West Texas, San Antonio Home.....	34 10
Check 86, Mrs. Ivy D. Ostrom, Chinese and Japanese schools.....	90 00
Check 87, Miss Bruce, for Miss Eddington (deceased), salary for May.....	45 00
Check 88, Miss Perrin, salary for self, Miss Fisher, and two assistants for June.....	115 00
Check 89, Miss Bruce, salary for self for June, \$50; two assistants, \$25, Key West.....	75 00
Check 90, Miss Belle Cheatham, salary for June, Key West.....	40 00
Check 91, Miss Flora Dodd, salary for June, Key West.....	45 00
Check 92, Miss Lilly Williams, salary for June, Key West.....	35 00
Check 93, Miss Emelina Valdes and aunt, salary for June, West Tampa.....	60 00
Check 94, Mrs. M. V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope.....	44 15
Check 95, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, Kansas City missions.....	63 00
Check 96, Mrs. W. A. Rogers, South Carolina Conference expenses.....	74 60
Check 97, Miss F. B. McIntyre, salary for two weeks in January at London.....	15 00
Check 98, Dr. Whisner, Charlotte Circuit, Virginia Conference.....	46 88
Check 99, Miss Bennett, insurance on main building at London.....	140 00
Check 100, Prof. J. C. Lewis, last payment on salary, 1899-1900.....	100 00
Check 101, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, first payment on office allowance for fiscal year.....	125 00
Check 102, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, first payment on office allowance.....	25 00
Check 103, Dr. Whisner, for Medford, Oregon, Columbia Conference.....	22 63
Check 104, Mrs. F. E. Moser, St. Louis Conference expenses.....	69 84
Check 105, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Atlanta missions.....	40 75
Check 106, Dr. P. H. Whisner, Educational Endowment Fund, \$136.40; Angel Band Loan Fund, \$40; Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund, \$7.50, for first quarter.....	283 90
Check 107, First National Bank, Twentieth Century money for first quarter.....	3,176 00
Check 108, Prof. J. C. Lewis, fees returned for current expense at London.....	122 00
Check 109, Miss Bruce, for Miss Eddington for June.....	35 00
Check 110, Mrs. William J. Vaughn, Nashville missions.....	90 00
Check 111, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, expenses for July.....	75 00
Check 112, Miss Mary Moore, Treasurer Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, for July.....	250 00
Check 113, Barbee & Smith, on last year's printing bill.....	500 00
Check 114, Miss Bruce, fees returned, \$75; for chapel desks, \$100, Twentieth Century money.....	175 00
Check 115, Rev. P. H. Whisner, D.D., Redfield parsonage, Little Rock Conference.....	50 00
Check 116, Rev. P. H. Whisner, D.D., Compton parsonage, Kentucky Conference.....	50 00
Check 117, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, half of appropriation to supply department.....	7 50
Check 118, Miss L. S. Homer, Missouri Conference expenses.....	50 54
Check 119, Miss Bruce, salary for July, \$50; insurance on furniture, \$16.60.....	66 60
Check 120, Mrs. A. A. Norris, Louisville Conference expenses.....	50 00
Check 121, Mrs. I. D. Ostrom, Chinese school at Alameda, Cal., for July.....	25 00
Check 122, Mrs. C. Price Brown, Atlanta missions, Chinese school at Los Angeles, for July.....	26 00

Check 123, Mrs. Mary V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope.....	\$ 42 35
Check 124, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Atlanta missions.....	26 00
Check 125, Prof. J. C. Lewis, fees returned, \$53.68; summer travel in interest of school, \$50.....	103 68
Check 126, Mr. J. W. Carnahan, summer travel in interest of school.....	50 00
Check 127, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for July.....	50 00
Check 128, Mrs. W. H. Bumpass, Nashville missions.....	90 00
Check 129, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, Kansas City missions.....	63 00
Check 130, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, office expenses.....	25 00
Check 131, Mrs. M. V. Chance, South Georgia Conference expenses.....	26 00
Check 132, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, expenses for August.....	75 00
Check 133, Miss R. L. Ford, salary for June.....	45 00
Check 134, Mrs. M. V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope.....	28 40
Check 135, J. W. Terry, typewriter for Key West school.....	35 00
Check 136, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Atlanta missions.....	26 00
Check 137, Miss Mary Moore, Treasurer Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, on August allowance.....	84 25
Check 138, Mr. J. A. Bowling, cistern at Key West, Twentieth Century money.....	187 00
Check 139, Miss Irene Crow, traveling expenses to Key West.....	50 00
Check 140, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, baby cottage at Decatur, Ga.....	11 85
Check 141, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Hannibal, Mo., parsonage.....	50 00
Check 142, Miss Mary Moore, Treasurer, on August allowance for Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	154 75
Check 143, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, expenses for September.....	75 00
Check 144, Mrs. W. H. Bumpass, Nashville missions.....	90 00
Check 145, Mrs. J. J. Tigert, Angel Band certificates ordered by the Board.....	47 50
Check 146, Prof. J. C. Lewis, for summer work in mountains.....	100 00
Check 147, Miss L. S. Homer, Missouri Conference expenses.....	58 98
Check 148, Mrs. W. A. Rogers, South Carolina Conference expenses.....	36 37
Check 149, Rev. P. H. Whisner, D.D., Neary Circuit parsonage, Virginia Conference.....	100 00
Check 150, W. G. Lee Woods, Treasurer, San Antonio Rescue Home.....	24 05
Check 151, Prof. J. C. Lewis, fees returned from incidental expenses.....	200 00
Check 151b, Mrs. W. H. Bumpass, half of dues for Tennessee Conference, \$88.80; Door of Hope, \$10.....	98 80
Check 152, Mrs. J. W. Wallis, North Alabama, half of dues.....	41 58
Check 153, Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Virginia Conference expenses.....	25 00
Check 154, Miss Mary Moore, Treasurer Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, on September allowance.....	178 10
Check 155, Rev. P. H. Whisner, D.D., for parsonages aided by the Board, \$110; for Oklahoma from Louisiana Conference, \$59.90.....	169 90
Check 156, Mrs. M. V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope.....	45 75
Check 157, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, Kansas City missions.....	63 00
Check 158, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, North Georgia Conference expenses.....	112 39
Check 159, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Lexington parsonage, Baltimore Conference.....	75 00
Check 160, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Atlanta Missions.....	41 00
Check 161, Mrs. M. H. Honiker, Holston Conference expenses.....	68 94
Check 162, Mrs. J. J. Tigert, last payment on office expenses.....	20 00
Check 163, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for August.....	50 00
Check 164, First National Bank, Twentieth Century for second quarter, less \$357 already paid out from Fourth National Bank.....	2,510 51
Check 165, First National Bank, Conference half of dues of second quarter and balance from first quarter.....	2,769 89
Check 166, Dr. Whisner, Angel Band Loan Fund for second quarter, \$40; Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund for second quarter, \$15; Educational Endowment Fund for second quarter, \$90.20.....	145 20
Check 167, Mrs. W. H. Bumpass, Nashville missions.....	90 00
Check 168, Miss Belle H. Bennett, expense of trip to Texas.....	100 00
Check 169, Miss Bruce, insurance on Key West Seminary for three years.....	120 00
Check 170, Miss Mary Moore, Treasurer, \$82.90 on September and \$104.60 on October allowance for Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	187 50
Check 171, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for September.....	50 00
Check 172, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, for October expenses.....	75 00
Check 173, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, office expenses.....	75 00
Check 174, Rev. P. H. Whisner, for Boyle parsonage, North Mississippi Conference.....	14 83
Check 175, Prof. J. C. Lewis, current expenses.....	150 00
Check 176, Miss Ivy D. Ostrom, Chinese and Japanese for September.....	90 00
Check 177, Mrs. Annie S. Wolffskill, Chinese school at Los Angeles.....	20 00
Check 178, Mrs. Kate Blevins, balance due as organizer in Mississippi, spring of 1900.....	26 90
Check 179, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, expenses to Indian Mission Conference.....	40 00
Check 180, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, Kansas City missions.....	63 00
Check 181, Prof. J. C. Lewis, one month's salary.....	111 11
Check 182, Mr. J. W. Carnahan, one month's salary.....	66 66
Check 183, Miss Florence Campbell, one month's salary.....	50 00
Check 184, Miss E. Beaumont, one month's salary.....	45 00
Check 185, Miss Lilly Letton, one month's salary.....	40 00
Check 186, Miss E. Vail, one month's salary.....	40 00

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Check 187, Miss Frances McIntyre, one month's salary .....	\$ 40 00
Check 188, Miss Jessie Parker, one month's salary.....	30 00
Check 189, Prof. J. C. Lewis, for janitor, one month's salary.....	18 00
Check 190, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, for Atlanta missions.....	27 00
Check 191, Miss Emelina Valdes, salary for self and aunt for September.....	60 00
Check 192, Miss E. P. Todd, salary for September, Ybor City.....	40 00
Check 193, Miss Mary Bruce, salary for September, Key West.....	50 00
Check 194, Miss Maud Fisher, salary for September, Key West.....	45 00
Check 195, Miss R. L. Ford, salary for September, Key West.....	45 00
Check 196, Miss Flora Dodd, salary for September, Key West.....	45 00
Check 197, Mrs. M. V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope.....	43 45
Check 198, Miss Bruce, fees returned for incidental expenses.....	120 00
Check 199, Miss Mary Moore, Treasurer Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School on October allowance.....	52 51
Check 200, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, November expenses.....	75 00
Check 201, Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans missions.....	70 00
Check 202, Mrs. W. H. Bumpass, Nashville missions.....	90 00
Check 203, Mrs. M. V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope.....	11 00
Check 204, First National Bank, balance Twentieth Century Funds to date.....	1,017 55
Check 205, Miss E. P. Todd, Ybor school, fees returned.....	11 20
Check 206, Miss Mary Moore, Treasurer, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, on October allowance.....	90 50
Check 207, Rev. J. L. Burns, Indian Territory, gift of North Georgia.....	10 00
Check 208, Prof. J. C. Lewis, fees for incidental expenses.....	50 00
Check 209, First National Bank, to reimburse Conference half of dues for \$69.25 paid to Los Angeles missions.....	69 25
Check 210, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, expenses of supply department.....	8 00
Check 211, Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans missions.....	720 66
Check 212, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, Kansas City missions.....	63 00
Check 213, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, trip to Birmingham in interest of the Society....	14 00
Check 214, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for November and December.....	100 00
Check 215, Mrs. Mary V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope.....	37 91
Check 216, Mrs. W. H. Bumpass, Nashville missions.....	90 00
Check 217, Mrs. Ivy D. Ostrom, Chinese and Japanese schools for October and November.....	165 00
Check 218, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Decatur Baby College.....	69 20
Check 219, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Atlanta city missions.....	36 75
Check 220, Mrs R. K. Hargrove, clerical help.....	44 25
Check 221, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, Kansas City missions.....	63 00
Check 222, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office expenses.....	25 00
Check 223, Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Norfolk city missions.....	27 95
Check 224, Prof. J. C. Lewis, fees returned for incidental expenses.....	45 00
Check 225, Mrs. James C. Davis, for Miss Clyde, \$12.50; sent in by mistake, \$2.....	14 50
Check 226, Mrs. W. M. Lewis, Chinese city missions.....	10 10
Check 227, Rev. J. W. Moore, Treasurer San Antonio Rescue Home.....	98 40
Check 228, Miss Mary Moore, Treasurer, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, on October and November allowance.....	193 00
Check 229, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, expenses for December.....	75 00
Check 230, Miss Emelina Valdes, salary for self and aunt for November.....	60 00
Check 231, Miss E. P. Todd, November, Ybor City.....	40 00
Dec. 24, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, city missions.....	44 00
Check 232, Mrs. M. V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope.....	23 75
Check 233, Miss Mary Moore, Treasurer Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, on November and December allowance.....	214 70
Check 244, First National Bank, Twentieth Century money.....	4,438 77
Check 245, First National Bank, Conference half of dues.....	2,154 70
Check 246a, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund, third quarter, \$30; Angel Band Loan Fund, \$85.....	115 00
Check 246b, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Educational Endowment Fund, third quarter.....	121 00
Check 247, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, salary for December.....	66 66
Check 248, Miss Redford, services rendered to General Secretary, December, 1900.....	50 00
Check 249, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for December.....	50 00
Check 250, Mrs. M. V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope.....	39 55
Check 251, Prof. J. C. Lewis, fees returned for incidental expenses.....	120 00
Check 252, First National Bank, balance of third quarter's receipts, Twentieth Century Fund.....	247 01
Check 254, Mrs. W. H. Bumpass, Nashville missions.....	90 00
Check 255, Prof. J. C. Lewis, one month's salary.....	111 11
Check 256, Mrs. J. W. Carnahan, one month's salary.....	66 66
Check 257, Miss Florence Campbell, one month's salary.....	50 00
Check 258, Miss E. Beaumont, one month's salary.....	45 00
Check 259, Miss Lilly Letton, one month's salary.....	40 00
Check 260, Miss Emily Vail, one month's salary.....	40 00
Check 261, Miss Frances McIntyre, one month's salary.....	40 00
Check 262, Miss Jessie Parker, one month's salary.....	30 00
Check 263, Prof. J. C. Lewis, one month's salary for janitor.....	18 00
Check 264, Mrs. W. M. Lewis, Los Angeles city missions.....	7 50
Check 265, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, Kansas City missions.....	63 00
Check 266, Mrs. Mary L. Hughes, for Centenary Church, San Francisco, given by Mrs. R. K. Hargrove.....	25 00

Check 267, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, First Church parsonage, Atlanta.....	\$ 22 80
Check 268, Rev. P. H. Whisner, to finish paying off parsonage appropriations made at New Orleans.....	650 00
Check 269, Barbee & Smith, on printing bill.....	800 00
Check 270, Mrs. Ivy D. Ostrom, for Chinese and Japanese schools for December and January.....	180 00
Check 271, Miss Emelina Valdes and aunt, salary for November and December....	120 00
Check 272, Miss E. P. Todd, salary for November and December.....	80 00
Check 273, Prof. Clements, salary for November and December.....	120 00
Check 274, Miss Bruce, salary for August, 1900, and November and December.....	150 00
Check 275, Miss Maud Fisher, salary for November and December.....	90 00
Check 276, Miss R. L. Ford, salary for November and December.....	90 00
Check 277, Miss Flora Dodd, salary for November and December.....	90 00
Check 278, Miss Cornelia Godbey, salary or November and December.....	90 00
Check 279, Miss Irene Crow, salary for November and December.....	80 00
Check 280, Miss Ross, salary for November and December.....	80 00
Check 281, Miss Mary Moore, Treasurer, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, on November, \$59.39; on December and January, \$500.....	559 39
Check 282, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, for office expenses, third payment.....	25 00
Check 283, Mrs. E. P. Todd, Ybor City, fees returned.....	4 05
Check 284, Miss Bruce, for range, gift of St. Louis Conference.....	82 80
Check 285, Prof. J. C. Lewis, salary for one month.....	111 11
Ch ck 286, Mr. J. W. Carnahan, one month's salary.....	66 66
Check 287, Miss Florence Campbell, one month's salary.....	50 00
Check 288, Miss E. Beaumont, one month's salary.....	45 00
Check 289, Miss Lilly Letton, one month's salary.....	40 00
Check 290, Miss E. Vail, one month's salary.....	40 00
Check 291, Miss Frances McIntyre, one month's salary.....	40 00
Check 292, Miss Jessie Parker, one month's salary.....	30 00
Check 293, Prof. J. C. Lewis, one month's salary for janitor.....	18 00
Check 294, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, for Atlanta missions.....	44 00
Check 295, Mrs. M. V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope.....	54 50
Check 297, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, expenses for January.....	75 00
Check 298, Mrs. W. T. Henderson, to furnish chapel.....	32 00
Check 299, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, to furnish chapel.....	225 00
Check 300, Miss E. P. Todd, school fees returned.....	13 45
Check 301, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for January.....	50 00
Check 302, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, salary for January.....	66 66
Check 303, Mrs. Gross Alexander, expenses Editor of Leaflets.....	50 00
Check 304, Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, salary New Orleans city missions.....	30 00
Check 305, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, salary Kansas city missions.....	63 00
Check 306, Mrs. Mary V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope.....	49 55
Check 307, Mrs. W. H. Bumpass, Nashville missions.....	90 00
Check 308, Miss Mary Bruce, for Anita Ferriss.....	6 25
Check 309, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, salary for February.....	66 66
Check 310, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for February.....	50 00
Check 311, Miss Mary Moore, Treasurer, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	157 04
Check 312, Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans missions.....	200 00
Check 313, Prof. J. C. Lewis, salary for January.....	111 11
Check 314, Mr. J. W. Carnahan, salary for January.....	66 66
Check 315, Miss Florence Campbell, salary for January.....	50 00
Check 316, Miss E. Beaumont, salary for January.....	45 00
Check 317, Miss Lilly Letton, salary for January.....	40 00
Check 318, Miss Emily Vail, salary for January.....	40 00
Check 319, Miss Frances McIntyre, salary for January.....	40 00
Check 320, Miss Jessie Parker, salary for January.....	30 00
Check 321, Prof. J. C. Lewis, janitor's salary for January.....	18 00
Check 322, Mr. Scoville, salary for January.....	20 00
Check 323, Mrs. K. H. Brown, Atlanta missions.....	128 00
Check 324, Miss Belle H. Bennett, office expenses.....	150 00
Check 325, Mrs. W. H. Bumpass, city missions.....	90 00
Check 326, Mrs. R. H. Brown, Macon Door of Hope.....	49 50
Check 327, Mrs. Gross Alexander, Editor of Leaflets, balance of appropriation.....	50 00
Check 328, Miss E. P. Todd, Ybor City, fees.....	15 15
Check 329, Prof. J. C. Lewis, for incidentals.....	50 00
Check 330, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, salary for January.....	75 00
Check 331, Miss Mary Moore, Treasurer, balance due on February to Mission Home.....	92 96
Check 332, Mrs. H. C. King, for San Antonio Home.....	39 25
Check 333, Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Norfolk missions.....	21 15
Check 334, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, Kansas City missions.....	63 00
Check 335, Mrs. Ivy D. Ostrom, Chinese and Japanese work for February and March.....	180 00
Check 336, Miss Emelina Valdes and aunt, salary for January and February.....	120 00
Check 337, Miss E. P. Todd, salary for January and February.....	80 00
Check 338, Miss Sealy, salary for January and February, Key West.....	80 00
Check 339, Miss Irene Crow, salary for January and February, Key West.....	80 00



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Check 340, Miss Ross, salary for January and February, Key West .....	\$ 80 00
Check 341, Miss Ford, salary for January and February, Key West .....	90 00
Check 342, Miss Flora Dodd, salary for January and February, Key West .....	90 00
Check 343, Miss Cornelia Godbey, salary for January and February, Key West .....	90 00
Check 344, Miss Mary Bruce, salary for January and February, Key West .....	100 00
Check 345, Miss Maud Fisher, salary for January and February, Key West .....	90 00
Check 346, Mrs. J. W. Wallis, contingent fund and city missions .....	11 75
Check 347, Mrs. S. H. Scott, North Carolina, sent in by mistake and returned .....	94 73
Check 348, Barbee & Smith, printing and mailing leaflets .....	317 52
Check 348, First National Bank, on dues of fourth quarter .....	1,500 00
Check 349, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, railroad agents' expenses of Western and Central Passenger Association, in securing reduced rates to St. Louis meeting .....	22 00
Check 349, Mrs. M. V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope and contingent .....	27 62
Check 350, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office expenses .....	25 00
Check 351, Mrs. M. V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope .....	39 20
Check 352, Prof. J. C. Lewis, salary for February .....	111 11
Check 353, Mr. J. W. Carnahan, salary for February .....	66 66
Check 354, Miss Florence Campbell, salary for February .....	50 00
Check 355, Miss E. Beaumont, salary for February .....	45 00
Check 356, Miss Lilly Letton, salary for February .....	40 00
Check 357, Miss Emily Vail, salary for February .....	40 00
Check 358, Miss Frances McIntyre, salary for February .....	40 00
Check 359, Miss Jessie Parker, salary for February .....	30 00
Check 360, Prof. J. C. Lewis, janitor's salary for February .....	18 00
Check 361, Mr. H. H. Scoville, salary for February .....	20 00
Check 362, Miss Johnson, one month's salary to January 23 .....	22 40
Check 363, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Ann Browder Loan Fund, \$56; Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund, \$20; Educational Endowment Fund, \$47 .....	123 00
Check 364, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, office expenses .....	10 00
Check 365, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for March .....	50 00
Check 366, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, salary for March .....	66 66
Check 367, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, salary for March .....	75 00
Check 368, Miss Mary Moore, Treasurer, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, March .....	250 00
Check 369, Mrs. R. H. Brown, Atlantic missions .....	60 00
Check 370, First National Bank, Twentieth Century, fourth quarter .....	6,158 12
Check 371, First National Bank, Conference half of dues .....	1,650 00
Total .....	\$52,867 79

## RECEIPTS.

CONFERENCE.	Dues.	Specials.	Loan Funds.	Educational Endowment Fund.	City Missions.	Total.
Alabama.....	\$ 344 38	\$ 362 42		\$ 10 00		\$ 716 80
Arkansas.....	30 58	4 60			\$ 1 00	36 18
Baltimore.....	647 58	870 33				1,517 91
Columbia.....	175 82	107 18	\$ 5 00			288 00
Denver.....	124 00	50 42				174 42
East Columbia.....	27 75					27 75
East Texas.....	428 47	1,144 49	5 00	20 00	256 40	1,854 36
Florida.....	771 33	825 32	35 00	35 00	9 05	1,675 70
Holston.....	1,000 29	962 62		15 00		1,977 91
Indian Mission.....	685 55	370 83		5 00		1,061 38
Kentucky.....	564 48	1,037 36	30 00	10 00		1,631 84
Little Rock.....	587 56	674 82	27 50	5 00	39 80	1,334 68
Los Angeles.....	228 30	153 33			86 85	468 48
Louisiana.....	469 09	1,024 11	65 00	5 00	1,020 66	2,583 86
Louisville.....	678 11	1,234 77		5 00		1,917 88
Memphis.....	495 63	464 39		5 00		965 02
Mississippi.....	300 20	392 68	5 00			697 88
Missouri.....	481 05	244 07	21 00	16 00		762 12
Montana.....	111 38	54 30		5 00		170 68
New Mexico.....	164 85	161 40				326 25
North Alabama.....	412 95	436 07		13 60	7 25	869 87
North Carolina.....	236 41	313 01		5 00		554 42
North Georgia.....	1,087 41	1,769 47	25 00	11 00	733 43	3,626 31
North Mississippi.....	400 80	851 28		50 00		1,302 08
North Texas.....	1,020 73	2,104 51	35 00	75 00	1,208 04	4,443 28
Northwest Texas.....	1,285 92	1,496 42		13 00	468 40	3,263 74
Pacific.....	329 81	139 82	5 00	5 00		479 63
South Carolina.....	389 97	319 98	5 00	10 00		724 95
South Georgia.....	578 62	465 15			581 48	1,625 25
Southwest Missouri.....	605 32	688 41		5 00	605 00	1,903 73
St. Louis.....	668 03	558 80	85 00	15 00		1,326 83
Tennessee.....	903 57	2,668 63	60 00	10 00	962 50	4,604 70
Texas.....	373 15	344 50			81 10	798 75
Virginia.....	739 99	679 71		10 00	49 10	1,478 80
West Texas.....	388 89	267 75		10 00	127 70	794 34
Western.....	79 30	30 57				109 87
Western North Carolina.....	84 90	22 86		5 00		112 76
Western Virginia.....	113 82	113 85				227 67
White River.....	210 85	207 91	5 00	5 00		428 76
From other sources.....						5,622 09
Total.....	\$18,216 84	\$23,618 14	\$413 50	\$378 60	\$6,237 76	\$54,486 93

## RECAPITULATION.

Amount received from Dues.....	\$18,216 84
Amount received from Specials.....	23,618 14
Amount received from Loan Funds.....	413 50
Amount received from Educational Endowment Fund.....	378 60
Amount received from City Missions.....	6,237 76
Amount received from other sources.....	5,622 09
Total amount received this year.....	\$54,486 93
Balance on hand April 1, 1900.....	1,531 15
Grand total.....	\$56,018 08
Amount disbursed.....	52,867 79
Balance on hand April 1, 1901.....	\$ 3,150 29

MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND, *General Treasurer.*

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have this day examined the books of the Treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and find proper vouchers and receipts for all money paid out; also bank balance in accord with statement of the books.

J. H. KIRKLAND.

D. M. SMITH,

*Auditing Committee.*

May 16, 1901.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF CONFERENCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.**

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1901.

CONFERENCE.	Number of Adult Auxiliaries.	Adult Members.	Juvenile and Y. P. Auxiliaries.	Juvenile and Y. P. Members.	Total Members.	Added During the Year.	Lost During the Year.	Meetings Held During Year.	Aux. That Held Every Meeting.	Aux. That Held No Meeting.	Life Members Made Dur. Year.	Total Number of Life Members.	Total Number on Baby Roll.	Subscribers to Our Homes.	Taking Home Mission Reading Course.	Adult Mite Boxes in Use.	Baby Mite Boxes in Use.	Pledged to Proportionate and Systematic Giving.	Boxes of Supplies Reported.	Scholarships Supported.	Papers and Leaflets Distributed.	Annual Reports Distributed.	Aux. Observing Week of Prayer.	Contributing to Con. Enterpr's.	District Secretaries Reporting.	Annual District Meetings Held.	Number of District Parsonages.	Number of Visits Made to Sick and Strangers.	Visits Made to Corrective and Benevolent Institutions.	Cottage Prayer Meetings Held or Bible Readings Given.	Number of Garments in Good Condition Distributed.	Number of Needy Relieved.	How Many Cities have B. of M.?	Aux. Represented in Each.	City Missionaries Employed.	Union Meetings Held Dur. Year.
Alabama.....	25	450	1	96	476	11	11	13	13	1	1	25	100	18	93	33	35	35	6	1	450	10	6	2	2	5	5	23	75	382	192	1	1	1	1	1
Arkansas.....	44	643	7	148	821	187	101	335	11	1	6	415	161	22	151	147	80	80	6	2	4,009	8	1	8	5	5	2,243	23	75	382	192	1	1	1	1	
Baltimore.....	37	643	7	148	821	187	101	335	11	1	6	415	161	22	151	147	80	80	6	2	4,009	8	1	8	5	5	2,243	23	75	382	192	1	1	1	1	
California.....	21	213	9	92	222	47	34	144	7	1	1	220	151	2	791	77	27	27	1	1	1,000	36	7	1	1	1	100	125	12	198	43	100	100	100	100	
Denver.....	14	175	1	12	187	50	14	109	1	1	1	50	50	3	15	50	50	50	1	1	1,000	36	7	1	1	1	100	125	12	198	43	100	100	100	100	
East Columbia.....	14	175	1	12	187	50	14	109	1	1	1	50	50	3	15	50	50	50	1	1	1,000	36	7	1	1	1	100	125	12	198	43	100	100	100	100	
East Texas.....	40	750	4	111	841	176	39	64	27	1	4	68	261	39	86	59	85	85	5	4	4,925	350	21	5	6	6	6,616	9	161	1,706	349	349	349	349	349	
Florida.....	76	1,045	9	302	1,347	215	91	313	4	5	28	243	56	93	47	118	2	2	2	31	900	22	50	6	1	5,880	380	115	1,524	367	1,524	367	1,524	367		
German Mission.....	77	1,310	14	332	1,542	558	252	730	56	6	7	747	551	168	45	181	23	60	60	6,654	400	36	87	9	6	6,980	61	249	1,995	750	750	750	750	750		
Illinois.....	76	639	1	16	639	73	100	116	16	16	1	9	101	20	30	28	33	3	2	187	3	3	1	5	1	431	65	217	113	217	113	217	113	217		
Indiana Mission.....	40	564	14	190	754	100	97	361	85	47	1	76	106	47	156	149	130	6	1	2,499	50	17	32	6	1	880	8	41	204	5	5	5	5	5		
Kentucky.....	38	487	11	222	719	119	222	390	13	13	1	10	40	270	87	51	25	9	9	4,335	105	15	28	4	1	1,691	22	525	647	251	647	251	647	251		
Little Rock.....	17	315	5	104	315	104	19	101	3	3	4	49	81	13	34	13	34	4	1	1,469	8	2	2	2	1	1	808	155	151	733	45	1	1	1	1	
Los Angeles.....	37	658	8	225	883	135	69	170	182	12	14	1	10	192	150	15	59	134	4	4	5,082	84	8	5	4	4	2,005	55	61	807	81	807	81	807	81	
Louisiana.....	39	584	6	142	726	98	57	376	154	70	1	142	105	63	39	36	47	11	1	2,758	748	11	2	1	5	5	1,076	77	758	169	673	169	673	169	673	
Memphis.....	36	703	3	70	672	96	33	184	15	7	1	2	142	105	63	39	36	47	11	1	2,043	4	4	8	6	6	2,914	130	136	672	169	672	169	672	169	
Missouri.....	29	454	2	33	497	125	33	313	25	5	8	162	92	30	64	36	37	37	31	7	2,043	4	4	8	6	6	2,914	130	136	672	169	672	169	672	169	
Montana.....	7	92	1	16	92	20	20	121	2	2	1	5	66	6	6	3	30	21	4	1	5,225	90	6	4	2	2	342	35	72	35	72	35	72	35	72	
New Mexico.....	15	236	1	18	236	8	18	121	2	2	1	5	66	6	6	3	30	21	4	1	5,225	90	6	4	2	2	342	35	72	35	72	35	72	35	72	
New York.....	29	530	8	188	718	306	136	366	16	16	1	2	67	92	108	87	7	2	3,000	26	7	7	4	4	10	2,700	6	108	367	401	367	401	367	401		
North Alabama.....	16	348	1	47	395	94	50	151	8	8	2	87	94	108	87	51	25	9	9	4,335	105	15	28	4	1	1,691	22	525	647	251	647	251	647	251		
North Carolina.....	81	1,125	4	97	1,212	574	256	396	72	72	2	283	213	39	275	112	19	30	24	3,984	100	16	30	8	5	4,968	111	128	448	178	448	178	448	178		
North Georgia.....	81	1,125	4	97	1,212	574	256	396	72	72	2	283	213	39	275	112	19	30	24	3,984	100	16	30	8	5	4,968	111	128	448	178	448	178	448	178		
North Mississippi.....	109	900	190	900	1,800	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282
North Texas.....	66	1,455	5	90	1,455	499	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	1,099	282	
Northwest Texas.....	116	1,346	2	57	1,403	183	124	739	135	33	2	11	125	6	57	57	57	57	5	5	2,848	40	3	4	3	3	1,966	28	4	428	28	428	28	428	28	
Oafla.....	24	478	1	14	478	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	
South Carolina.....	22	341	1	14	355	51	14	150	8	8	1	1	14	68	8	39	54	66	4	1	5,500	75	2	10	2	10	1,966	6	154	1,085	472	1	3	4	12	
South Georgia.....	31	496	1	20	516	616	78	48	150	8	8	1	14	68	8	39	54	66	4	1	5,500	75	2	10	2	10	1,966	6	154	1,085	472	1	3	4	12	
South Missouri.....	28	657	3	51	708	265	157	408	28	18	5	5	172	50	56	56	56	56	5	1	1,836	96	14	31	4	5	4,518	48	113	1,506	294	1	7	2	2	
S. W. Missouri.....	55	781	2	35	816	234	157	586	62	48	8	5	220	151	18	86	25	124	15	1	1,836	96	14	31	4	5	4,518	48	113	1,506	294	1	7	2	2	
Tennessee.....	33	978	5	105	1,083	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296	296
Texas.....	31	460	1	66	526	222	161	322	4	2	4	29	46	123	3	19	18	23	1	1	1,912	75	16	20	6	4	1	1	3,454	144	1	11	2	2	2	2
Virginia.....	29	397	1	239	790	91	41	173	9	9	1	7	145	167	123	94	80	35	2	6,383	70	13	3	1	6	3,937	12	1	139	1	1	1	1	1		
West Texas.....	39	591	7	397	797	71	23	23	3	3	3	3	18	13	13	13	13	13	2	2	787	3	3	1	6	6	3,937	12	1	139	1	1	1	1	1	
W. N. Carolina.....	7	86	8	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	
Western Virginia.....	9	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	
W. N. Carolina.....	22	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	
Total.....	1,572	21,912	127	2,900	24,712	5,557	2,065	9,292	502	87	48	143	3,479	5,509	1,622	1,880	2,043	1,724	159	151	131,720	131	720	143	570	116	20,554	3,116	2,891	35,910	8,607	13,641	64	16	30	

**MONEY RAISED AND EXPENDED SINCE ORGANIZATION.**

	Connectional Work.	Local Work.
1887.....	\$ 261 55	
1887-88. ....	3,837 51.....	\$ 5,381 40
1888-89. ....	4,258 40.....	5,348 85
1889-90. ....	2,954 88.....	11,599 43
1890-91. ....	4,361 48.....	6,144 16
1891-92. ....	3,727 51.....	10,541 69
1892-93. ....	4,628 20.....	23,824 69
1893-94. ....	4,995 37.....	15,098 93
1894-95. ....	10,377 64.....	9,580 16
1895-96. ....	19,301 72.....	32,825 38
1896-97. ....	18,703 68.....	43,210 49
1897-98. ....	20,971 19.....	48,828 88
1898-99. ....	31,566 82.....	34,180 55
1899-1900. ....	39,314 96.....	56,441 55
1900-01. ....	54,486 93.....	55,874 64
Total.....	<u>\$223,747 84.....</u>	<u>\$358,880 80</u>
Grand total.....		\$582,628 64
Amount contributed to Loan Fund .....		\$ 21,457 27
Value of goods sent through Supply Department for ten years. ....		27,494 95
Value of goods sent through Supply Department for 1900-01.....		9,289 57

STATISTICS FROM 1886 TO 1901.

Number of members .....	24,712
Receipts for connectional work.....	\$223,761 00
Receipts for local work.....	358,880 00
Total receipts ..	582,641 00
Number of parsonages built and aided.....	1,147
Money donated to parsonages.....	\$107,385 23
Money loaned to parsonages..	31,625 00
Value of supplies distributed outside of receipts above stated...	36,784 52
Number of boarding and day schools supported.....	4
Number of night schools supported .....	4
Number of pupils enrolled.....	1,000
Number of teachers employed.....	32
Number of city mission boards..	11
Number of Rescue Homes and Doors of Hope.....	3
Number of missionaries employed.....	14

STATISTICS FOR 1900-1901.

The Society built during the year 1900-1901 more than two parsonages a week. East of the Mississippi river there are 2,985 charges; 727 are still to be supplied with parsonages. West of the Mississippi River there are 1,864 charges; 371 are still to be supplied.

Total number of members, March 31, 1901.....	23,280
Teachers and missionaries employed .....	32

Sent the past year 229 boxes of supplies; goods valued at \$9,289.57. Total names on the Baby Roll, 5,159. City mission work was carried on in twelve cities. Last year there was \$6,237.76 passed through the general treasury for the maintenance of this work. Total receipts of the general treasury for all purposes amounted to \$54,486.93.

*Whites.*—Mountain school. Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky. Total number enrolled, 282. Income from fees, \$3,300. Principal and 8 teachers.

*Cubans.*—Three schools. Ybor City, West Tampa, and Key West. Eight teachers and four assistants. Total number enrolled, 442.

*Chinese and Japanese Schools.*—Four night schools. Eleven teachers and one Chinese minister. Total number enrolled, 366.

*Dallas Mission Home.*—The Home will accommodate 40 inmates. It is always full, and many are turned away. It has two teachers.

VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SOCIETY.

School for Cubans, at Tampa, Fla.....	\$ 8,000
Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky.....	25,000
Rescue Home, at Dallas, Tex .....	15,000
Ruth Hargrove Institute, at Key West, Fla.....	11,000

* Industrial Home and School, at Greeneville, Tenn .....	\$ 7,000	\$59,000
* San Antonio Mission Home, San Antonio, Tex.....	12,000—	19,000

Grand total.....	\$78,000
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\* The two latter become the property of the Society as soon as the debts are paid by their respective Conferences.

THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS  
OF THE  
M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

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INTRODUCTORY.

To those members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions who gathered together in New Orleans in April of 1900, it seemed fit and pleasing that the body should again find a home by the generous Mississippi in 1901. Indissolubly connected in history and interest with the quaint Crescent City in the far South is St. Louis, the natural metropolis of the Midwest, commanding the magnificent water way to the Gulf. Every visitor to St. Louis realizes that in this great hive of human industry a stirring impulse is already beginning to manifest itself in preparation for the World's Fair in 1903, to celebrate the centennial of the Louisiana Purchase that made Spanish-French New Orleans a reluctant American city, and sent our infant country following the star of Anglo-Saxon empire westward.

The visitors to the Board meeting felt linked to New Orleans in a more vital way than by a century of history. Some of the officers and delegates had been in attendance upon the great Missionary Conference in Tulane Hall, and were still breathing the atmosphere of that epochal season of grace. While the attendance in St. Louis was smaller than had been hoped for, the earnestness and unity of purpose of those present made the session a memorable one. There were about forty officers and delegates present, and a score or more of visitors from abroad.

St. John's Church was made a delightful home for the Board, through the unfailing courtesy of its pastor, Dr. I. S. Hopkins, the coöperation of the presiding elder, Dr. J. W. Lee, and the untiring efforts of Mrs. Lee and her committee of arrangements. The thoughtful hospitality of the various Churches was shown in the tasteful luncheons served every day at noon, by which the delegates were spared time and fatigue. A handsome programme prepared by Dr. Lee, and illustrated with pictures of St. Louis Methodist churches, was given to each delegate, and will serve as a souvenir of the third annual meeting.

On Saturday afternoon a boat excursion gave opportunity for seeing the water front of the city and points of interest near, and for social mingling with friends and acquaintances. Part of an hour was spent by an attentive crowd in listening to Miss Emma Tucker, in her searching Bible reading on the hiding of the prophet Elijah by the brook Cherith and his

preservation by the widow of Zarephath. The time seemed all too short when, under the fair skies of a fading sunset, the boat drew to the wharf, and the peaceful bosom of the "Father of Waters" was exchanged for the rush and roar of the tide of human life that surges ceaselessly through the streets of a great city.

There was time for visiting only one of the many philanthropic institutions of St. Louis. On Wednesday the members of the Board, with the pastors of the city and many friends, were entertained by the Board of Managers at a luncheon at the Methodist Orphans' Home, generously endowed and supported by its founders and friends. The motto over the door of the dining room, making "Christ the unseen Guest at every meal," gave a peculiar charm to the hospitality, and doubtless helps to bring "high thinking" into the lives of the happy children nurtured here.

The Board was encouraged and helped throughout the session by the presence and hearty sympathy and coöperation of the Methodist pastors of the city.

On Friday evening, after the devotional service, led by Dr. Young, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, in fitting words, introduced Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, the General Secretary, who made a brief report of the year's work and pleaded for enlargement. Miss Bennett followed with a review of the history and purposes of the Society and a presentation of its claims upon the thought and life of the womanhood of the Church.

Saturday night Miss Jane Addams, of the Hull House, Chicago, addressed the body on the subject of "Child Labor." As she brought near that social world upon the rim of which the average "respectable" Christian stands aghast or indifferent, and into the throbbing heart of which Christly men and women are beginning to enter with faith in Him who is the Light of the world, there came to every earnest hearer the conviction that there must come to the individual and to the race a social conscience born of the throes of a realized brotherhood.

Sunday morning Dr. Shailer Matthews, Professor of New Testament Greek in the Chicago University, preached to an attentive audience from John x. 10. His message was a cheering call to more abundant service. Christ was shown as the door into peaceful security, and also as the door out into blessed activity. We abide with him that we may be calm and strong and equipped for service. Christians of to-day, grappling with the problems of civilization, must seek to bring the great life of the world into the life more abundant that only the Son of God can give. Dr. Matthews spoke at night on the duty of evangelizing the cities.

At the close of the morning sermon Miss Bennett made a brief, forceful talk upon the different fields of service entered by the Home Mission Society, and stated that it was the wish and intention of the Board to enter a new department of work which had long interested many of its members. Just as soon as \$5,000 could be secured, it was purposed to build a Girls' Hall at Paine Institute, Augusta, Ga., where negro girls could be trained in industrial branches. She wished to give \$500 to that enterprise, half of that amount to be given in memory of her old nurse, "Mam-

my Ritta." Miss Helm gave \$100 in memory of her old nurse, "Aunt Gilly," and Dr. Palmore subscribed \$500 in memory of "Aunt Phyllis," his nurse. Other gifts followed, amounting in all to about \$1,700 that day. This sum had reached to \$3,040 before the members of the Board left St. Louis.

Two "Workers' Conferences," held on Friday and Tuesday afternoons, confirmed the wisdom of substituting these meetings for the reports of Conference delegates in business session. At the first was read a thoughtful paper prepared by Mrs. R. A. Somerville, on the "Opportunities and Obligations of a Conference President," and the discussion following this was helpful in suggestions. Mrs. Hammond made a talk on the Home Mission column in the Church papers. At the second conference Mrs. F. P. Clarke read a paper on the "Opportunities and Obligations of a Conference Secretary;" and Mrs. Kendall discussed, in one of her best talks, the "Opportunities and Obligations of a District Secretary."

On Monday night the Cuban schools in Florida and the Rescue Home and Training School in Dallas were brought before the body by Miss Mary Bruce and Mrs. W. H. Johnson. The note of conquering faith and joy sounded by these who face the difficulties in the field awakes gratitude and inspires hope in the hearts of those who hear. To them, and to all like them enduring hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, there comes the shining of the face which those have who take counsel not of fear, but of eternal Wisdom, and know whom they have believed.

Throughout the session there was an abiding sense of loss in the absence of the beaming face and strong counsels of the retired leader of the Home Mission forces, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove; but there was cause for deep gratitude that God had so manifestly guided in the choice of a new General Secretary.

Surely the good hand of our God is upon us for good!



## OFFICIAL MINUTES.

### FIRST DAY, MORNING SESSION.

IN St. John's Church, St. Louis, Mo., at 9:15 A.M., Friday, May 3, 1901, the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was called to order by the President, Miss Belle H. Bennett.

The hymn, "O Spirit of the living God," was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. C. E. Pattillo.

As the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel of John was read by Miss Bennett, and the all-consoling, all-sufficient Christ was brought close, deep questioning doubtless stirred in each heart as to the way in which his disciples meet the fullness of his revelation and take of the things of the Spirit to give unto a hungry world. Miss Bennett led in earnest prayer for God's abiding presence in the daily sessions of the Board.

The roll call showed all the general officers present except Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Second Vice President. The two editors, two superintendents, and twenty-two Conference representatives responded to the roll call. The Conference delegates were as follows:

- Alabama Conference, Mrs. H. D. Moore, President.
  - Baltimore Conference, Mrs. J. T. Williams, President.
  - East Texas Conference, Mrs. George Call, Corresponding Secretary.
  - Florida Conference, Mrs. E. K. Griffith, Corresponding Secretary.
  - Holston Conference, Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary.
  - Indian Mission Conference, Mrs. G. B. Hester, Treasurer.
  - Kentucky Conference, Miss Kate Petry, Corresponding Secretary.
  - Little Rock Conference, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Corresponding Secretary.
  - Louisiana Conference, Mrs. F. A. Lyon, President.
  - New Mexico Conference, Mrs. Mary P. Cobean, First Vice President.
  - North Alabama Conference, Mrs. J. H. Reville, Corresponding Secretary.
  - North Georgia Conference, Mrs. F. P. Clark, Corresponding Secretary.
  - North Mississippi Conference, Mrs. E. W. Foote, President.
  - North Texas Conference, Mrs. L. S. Barton, Corresponding Secretary.
  - Northwest Texas Conference, Mrs. F. G. Rollins, Treasurer.
  - South Georgia Conference, Mrs. W. Dessau, Corresponding Secretary.
  - Southwest Missouri Conference, Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, Corresponding Secretary.
  - St. Louis Conference, Mrs. S. P. Wildley, Corresponding Secretary.
  - Tennessee Conference, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, First Vice President.
  - Virginia Conference, Mrs. M. N. Moorman, Corresponding Secretary.
  - West Texas Conference, Mrs. E. G. Lowe, Corresponding Secretary.
  - White River Conference, Mrs. S. H. Babcock, Corresponding Secretary.
- The hours for holding sessions were fixed: from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., and from 2 to 3:30 P.M.

The rules of order were read by the Secretary.

The bar was fixed, and by request the delegates moved within the bar.

Mrs. Virginia Price, of St. Louis, gave cordial and fitting words of welcome. She referred to the first general convention of the Home Mission Society, held in St. John's Church in 1893, when Miss Lucinda Helm began to see of the travail of her soul in its passion for the needy, and God's Spirit in a marvelous way so guided in all the proceedings of that convention that a larger and holier impulse was given to the work of the organization throughout the Church.

Mrs. Gross Alexander responded most felicitously in behalf of the Board, bringing the scope and the needs of the Society before the workers, and emphasizing the necessity of spiritual power.

The name of Mrs. Belle Royal, delegate from the Denver Conference, was added to the roll.

A motion was made and carried that the editors and superintendents be allowed a voice in the proceedings of the body.

Mrs. Hammond, First Vice President, was called to the chair, and Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, General Treasurer, made her report. Copies of the Fifteenth Annual Report were distributed among the delegates, and the General Treasurer read a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Twentieth Century Fund. Upon motion, the report of the Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance and Extension of Work, to be announced later. (See report.)

Miss Leona Sprake was introduced as page.

The President read a paper reviewing the work of the year, and making suggestions as to the future work of the Society. On motion, this paper was referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a telegram be sent to Mrs. Hargrove, expressing our deep affection for her, our grateful sense of obligation to her, and our sincere sorrow that she cannot be present at this session, and that a special committee be appointed to frame a fitting message to be sent in the name of the body.

EMILY M. ALLEN,  
MRS. J. D. HAMMOND.

The President appointed on this committee Mrs. F. P. Clarke, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Mrs. J. T. Williams, Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, Miss Mary Bruce, and Miss Kate Petry.

The minutes of the *ad interim* session of the Board were read by the Secretary.

#### *Called Meetings of the Board, 1900-1901.*

THE Woman's Board of Home Missions met in called session November 1, 1900, with Miss Belle H. Bennett, President, in the chair, and the following members present: Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, and Mrs. James Atkins.

A letter from Miss Bruce in regard to the finances of the Key West school was read by the General Secretary. No action taken. A commu-

nication was heard from Mrs. Reville in regard to the establishment of a Door of Hope in Birmingham, Ala.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Hammond, and after discussion was adopted:

Whereas we have duly considered the communication of Mrs. Reville in regard to the establishment of a Door of Hope in Birmingham, Ala.; therefore,

*Resolved*, That in view of the demands already on the Board, our auxiliaries cannot undertake any new work, nor direct their funds into any other than the regular channels, and that in view of the expensiveness of this class of work no other institution of the same kind be undertaken by the Board until the one projected at Dallas, Tex., be placed on such a basis as will insure its permanent maintenance.

Mrs. J. D. Hammond was appointed to attend a joint meeting with the ladies of the Birmingham District and present this resolution as the decision of the Board.

The report of Miss Bennett on the Dallas Home, which she had recently inspected, was heard with much pleasure and gratification.

Certain Conferences having asked the Board for help in paying the expenses of Conference organizer, a motion was made and carried that no such help could be given by the Board because of a lack of funds. It was moved and carried that Mrs. Yarbrough be allowed discretion as to boxes to be sent in exceptional cases. In view of pressing emergencies, the following persons were granted the liberty of directing their twentieth century thank offerings to the payment of the salaries of teachers in institutions under the control of the Board—viz., Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Miss Mary Helm, Mrs. James Atkins, and Mrs. J. D. Hammond.

The resignation of the General Secretary, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, to take effect December 1, 1900, was presented as follows, and accepted:

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

I respectfully present my resignation as General Secretary of the Society, to take effect on October 11, 1900. I hoped, when in New Orleans, to be able to complete the term of office for which I had been elected, and which would close in the spring of 1903, or I should have tendered my resignation to the Board while in annual session. Since that time my physicians insist upon my abandoning work which involves so much responsibility. I have been lovingly anxious to complete two quadrenniums of service, having been appointed General Secretary by the General Conference which met at Memphis in 1894 (though elected October 11, 1893, and serving by authority of the Central Committee). I must leave the work for the sake of my health, which is seriously threatened, but I hope not yet undermined. My reluctance to take this step is due to the fact that I love the work, sometimes I think, better than I do myself.

Through God's blessing, in the face of almost insurmountable difficulties our members have grown in seven years from 11,107 local and connectional members, most of whom were local, to 23,315 connectional members; our annual receipts from \$5,048 to \$40,901; from having no possessions to owning property valued at \$80,000; and our local funds have increased from \$3,926 to \$20,549.

The work yet to be undertaken by our Woman's Home Mission Society appeals to heart and brain, and is almost appalling in magnitude, and gladly would I work on and on. I shall watch the outward growth of the

Society with eager joy, and pray God's richest blessings upon officers and members.

Yours affectionately,

MRS. R. K. HARGROVE.

The following resolution concerning the resignation of Mrs. R. K. Hargrove was read and adopted:

Whereas our beloved General Secretary, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, has been obliged, in obedience to the urgent demand of her physicians, to resign her position as Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That in view of the exigencies of Mrs. Hargrove's health, and of her duty to those nearest her, we accept her resignation, to take effect December 1, and that we do so with a grateful sense of God's goodness to us and to the work we are trying to do for him, in that it has so long been blessed with her wisdom and consecration. We thank him for the blessing which has attended her abundant labors, as well as for the inspiration of her example, and for the devotion which has known fatigue and discouragement only to conquer them. We feel that we should ill have learned the lesson her faith has taught if we allowed our fears to overcome us in this time of sorrow; so that, irreparable as the loss seems to our work, we do trust that he who has been so gracious to us in the yesterdays that are past will raise up an efficient worker to take her place in the coming to-morrows, and that the work to which she has given her whole strength and time for so many years will not be allowed to suffer when her tired hands lay it down.

We rejoice to know that while she retires from the office she does not give up the work, and that her prayers are ours now as always; and we earnestly pray that the blessing of God may rest upon her; that the Lord himself will give her peace at all times and in all ways; that in his own time her health may be restored so that she may resume the active work for which she is so well qualified, and that this time of waiting may issue, both for this life and for the fuller life beyond, in a broader and nobler service of the God she loves.

MISS BELLE BENNETT, *President*;

MRS. J. D. HAMMOND, *First Vice President*;

MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND, *Treasurer*;

MRS. JAMES ATKINS, *Corresponding Secretary Tenn. Conf.*

The President appointed Mrs. Hammond and Miss Helm to correspond with other members of the Board, and to ascertain who would be the most suitable to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Hargrove.

The Board adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

MRS. JAMES ATKINS, *Recording Secretary pro tem.*

The Woman's Board of Home Missions met in pursuance of a call of the President December 1, 1900, with Mrs. J. D. Hammond, First Vice President, in the chair.

The committee appointed to correspond with reference to supplying the vacancy in the office of General Secretary presented its report, recommending the selection of Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, of Macon, Ga. The following number voted either in person or by proxy—viz., Miss Belle H. Bennett, President; Mrs. J. D. Hammond, First Vice President; Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, General Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, General Treasurer; Miss Emily Allen, Recording Secretary; Mrs. L. P. Smith, Corresponding Secretary Texas Conference; Miss Mary Helm, alternate Louisville Conference; Mrs. James Atkins, Corresponding Secretary Tennessee Confer-

ence. All the votes cast were for Mrs. MacDonell, and she was declared elected. On motion, Mrs. MacDonell's salary was fixed at \$800 per annum.

By a unanimous vote Miss Elizabeth Redford was elected clerical helper to Mrs. MacDonell for one month, or longer if necessary, at a salary of \$50 per month. It was moved and carried that the offer so generously made by the Book Agents of an office room for the General Secretary be accepted with thanks. The Board adjourned.

MRS. JAMES ATKINS, *Recording Secretary pro tem.*

A called meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions was held January 12, 1901, with the President in the chair, and the following members present: Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Mary Helm, and Mrs. James Atkins.

A letter was read from Dr. Whisner in reference to a gift of \$100 to the annuity fund.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. J. D. Hammond and Mrs. MacDonell, and carried:

*Resolved*, That the Woman's Board of Home Missions hereby adopt the plan of the Board of Church Extension in accepting gifts on the annuity plan; so that on all such gifts received henceforth we shall pay six per cent interest in the case of persons sixty years of age and upward; five per cent when the age is between fifty and sixty years; four per cent when between forty and fifty; three per cent when between thirty and forty, and two and a half per cent when between twenty and thirty years.

The following resolution introduced by Miss Helm was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the interest accruing upon the Parsonage Loan Funds shall henceforth be used for donations to parsonages.

A motion was made and carried that the General Secretary be requested to write to all superintendents of departments asking an explicit statement estimating the expenses in her department for the next fiscal year.

The condition of the Key West school was presented by the Treasurer. The Board adjourned to meet Monday morning, January 14, 1901.

#### SECOND DAY'S SESSION, January 14, 1901.

The Board met Monday at 9:30 A.M., with the President in the chair and the following members present: Mesdames MacDonell, Kirkland, Atkins, and Miss Helm. The discussion of the financial condition of the Key West school was continued. The Treasurer presented reports from Dallas Home, London School, Ybor City, and Pacific schools.

Rev. T. L. Moody was introduced and heard with reference to help on the West Nashville parsonage.

The Board adjourned to meet Tuesday morning.

#### THIRD DAY'S SESSION, January 15, 1901.

The Board was called to order by the President. A report from the Board of City Missions in regard to purchasing a suitable house for a rescue home was presented by Mrs. Volney Williams. No action was taken.

A letter was read from Mrs. Wolfskill in regard to a Chinese chapel in Los Angeles. The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas the need for a permanent room in which to hold our Chinese school in Los Angeles seems imperative; and whereas the local workers in that city have secured the refusal, for a limited time, of the one available building lot to be had in Chinatown;

*Resolved*, That we appropriate from the Twentieth Century Fund the sum of \$500 to erect the building; and that the General Secretary be instructed to telegraph this action to Mrs. Wolfskill, the Superintendent.

MISS MARY HELM,  
MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND.

The Board adjourned till 9:30 Wednesday morning, January 16, 1901.

MRS. JAMES ATKINS, *Recording Secretary pro tem*.

#### FOURTH DAY'S SESSION, January 16, 1901.

Wednesday at 9:30 A.M. the Board was called to order by the President.

The report of the Treasurer showed that several small sums had been contributed to the Twentieth Century Fund for various institutions in our Church. The following resolution in regard to these amounts was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to forward the following sums to the specified schools and objects as indicated by the Twentieth Century Thank Offerings:

Greenville School.....	\$146 00
Negro Industrial School.....	10 00
South Georgia Conference Female College.....	1 00
Indian Industrial School.....	1 75
Vanderbilt University.....	12 50
El Paso School.....	18 50

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,  
MRS. J. D. HAMMOND.

The Board adjourned to meet Thursday morning at 9:30.

MRS. JAMES ATKINS, *Recording Secretary pro tem*.

#### FIFTH DAY'S SESSION, January 17, 1901.

The Board met Thursday morning January 17, with Miss Bennett presiding.

The Treasurer read a letter from Dr. Whisner stating the balance on our indebtedness to parsonages. The General Secretary was authorized to remit to Dr. Whisner the amount necessary to meet this obligation. It was moved and carried that the General Secretary return out of the Twentieth Century Fund the \$3,000, with interest, borrowed from the Loan Fund to complete the Key West school. A motion that the President and Secretary be authorized to correspond with the proper authorities of the M. E. Church with reference to the establishment of a school on the lot given them at Key West, and ask that their educational efforts be directed in behalf of the negroes only, was carried.

The Secretary read a letter from Miss Bruce stating that the amount on the piano purchased for Key West school was past due. The Board authorized the Secretary to pay the amount out of the Twentieth Century Fund directed to Key West, also that the \$50 given to furnish the Fannie

Featherstone room be forwarded. A motion to pay \$2,500 on the balance of debt due for the Key West building was carried.

The Board adjourned.

MRS. JAMES ATKINS, *Recording Secretary pro tem.*

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A called meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Board was held at the M. E. Publishing House April 10, at 9 A.M., the President, Miss Bennett, in the chair, and a quorum present. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Hammond.

The President reported that in visiting a number of the Annual Conference meetings in the last few weeks she found the work growing and the outlook more hopeful than ever before. The morning was spent in a careful review of the financial status of the Board, and the meeting adjourned without any formal action at 12:15 P.M., to meet the following morning at nine o'clock.

The Home Mission Board met at 10 A.M., Thursday, April 11, Miss Bennett in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mrs. MacDonell.

A motion was made and carried that the money borrowed from the Twentieth Century Fund during the third quarter for teachers' salaries (\$1,085.77) be returned to that fund, from the money received during the fourth quarter for general expenses; and the General Secretary was so instructed.

A motion was made and carried that the Secretary be instructed to give an order on the Treasurer to repay from the Twentieth Century Fund directed to Key West \$530, the remainder of the \$3,000 due the Loan Fund, with interest.

A motion was made and carried that the remainder of the Twentieth Century Fund due Greeneville (\$235.61) and the money due the Kansas City Mission be paid at once, and the Secretary was so instructed.

After a discussion of plans and estimates for the coming year, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

MRS. J. D. HAMMOND, *Recording Secretary pro tem.*

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Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, General Secretary, on being presented to the body, expressed her joy in all the work of her office, and her appreciation of the trustful and cordial manner in which she had been received by the workers in every section of the Church.

Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough made her report as Superintendent of the Department of Supplies. It showed large increase in interest and in results. The report was adopted. (See report.)

Dr. I. S. Hopkins, pastor of St. John's Church, was presented, and he welcomed the body in his own behalf and in that of his Church. The following ministers were introduced: Dr. J. H. Young, Dr. J. J. Tigert, Dr. R. D. Smart, Dr. J. W. Lee, Rev. J. H. Early, Rev. W. P. Pipkin, Rev. T. Lord, Rev. C. E. Pattillo, Rev. J. Stephan, Rev. W. H. La Prade, Rev. T. E. Sharp. The presence of these brethren, and the hearty words of encouragement and sympathy from some of them, were highly appreciated.

After the President announced changes in the programme, Rev. T. E. Sharp led in the noon devotional service. Psalm cxlvi. (the Christian worker's Psalm) was read, and stress laid upon the absolute dependence of all right service upon the strength of the almighty God. After prayer the body adjourned with the benediction by Mr. Sharp.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After the Workers' Conference was over, at four o'clock, the Board was called into business session by the President.

When the roll was called, the names of Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Financial Agent of the Dallas Mission Home, and Mrs. M. S. Palmer, Corresponding Secretary of the Missouri Conference, were enrolled.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The committees were announced as follows:

*On Parsonages.*—Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Mrs. S. P. Wilfley, Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, Mrs. F. A. Lyon, Mrs. J. T. Williams.

*On City Missions.*—Mrs. F. P. Clark, Mrs. J. H. Reville, Mrs. H. D. Moore, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Mrs. W. Dessau.

*On Education.*—Mrs. George Call, Mrs. L. S. Barton, Mrs. E. K. Griffith, Mrs. E. W. Foote, Miss Kate Petry.

*On Literature and Press Work.*—Mrs. Mordecai Williams, Mrs. Belle Royal, Mrs. A. A. Gibson. Consulting members: Mrs. Gross Alexander, Miss Helm.

*On Memorials.*—Mrs. S. H. Babcock, Mrs. L. M. Clark, Miss Emily Allen.

*On Resolutions.*—Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Mrs. M. M. Moorman, Mrs. E. G. Lowe.

*On Missionary Candidates and Teachers.*—Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, Mrs. H. D. Moore, Mrs. W. Dessau.

*On Finance and Extension of Work.*—Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. Mary P. Cobean, Mrs. F. G. Rollins, Mrs. E. K. Griffith, Mrs. E. G. Lowe, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. G. B. Hester, Mrs. M. S. Palmer, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Miss Kate Petry.

*Platform Courtesies.*—Mrs. J. W. Lee, Mrs. S. T. Jameson, Mrs. R. H. Bostick.

The following ladies were requested to act as agents for *Our Homes* during the session: Mrs. T. R. Kendall, Mrs. John Mathews, Mrs. Clara Lee, Mrs. S. T. Jameson.

After announcements the meeting was adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Rev. W. P. Pipkin.

#### SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION.

The meeting was opened at ten minutes past nine by singing "He leadeth me." The President called upon Miss Allen to lead in the opening prayer. After different members of the body had quoted Scripture passages bearing upon "peace," prayer was offered by Dr. Tigert.

The roll was called, and the name of Mrs. L. M. Clark, Corresponding Secretary of the Louisville Conference, was added.



Misses Laura Lee and Mary Alexander were introduced as pages.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

A resolution in regard to the Department of Supplies was referred to the Committee on Literature and Press Work.

The report of the editor of *Our Homes* was read as follows:

#### REPORT OF OUR HOMES.

##### FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL STATEMENT.

Balance in bank April 1, 1900.....	\$ 311 74
Receipts from April 1, 1900, to April 1, 1901.....	2,759 43
Total .....	3,071 17
Expenses from April 1, 1900, to April 1, 1901.....	2,713 13
Balance in bank April 1, 1901.....	\$ 358 04
Number of subscribers April 1, 1900.....	5,919
Number of subscribers April 1, 1901.....	5,521
Decrease.....	398

MARY HELM, *Editor and Agent.*

The number of subscribers by Conferences was given by request of the body.

The report of the Auditor was read and accepted.

#### REPORT OF AUDITOR.

I have examined the books of *Our Homes*, kept by Mrs. S. P. Vaughan, from April 1, 1900, to April 1, 1901, and find them correct. The checks and deposits agree with the book of the bank. D. M. SMITH.

April 5, 1901.

Miss Helm spoke in highest commendation of the efficient service of Mrs. Vaughan.

Mrs. J. J. Tigert read her report as Superintendent of the Department of Baby Roll and Life Membership Certificates. She also tendered her resignation, expressing her regret at having to give up a work so dear to her heart. The report was adopted. (See report.)

On motion, Mrs. Tigert's resignation was accepted, and the following resolution was read and adopted:

The Home Mission Society highly appreciates the personal labors of Mrs. J. J. Tigert, and the great work she has done in developing the Baby Roll; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we shall ever hold her in loving remembrance, and that our prayers shall follow her, that God may abundantly bless her as wife and mother, giving her wisdom and fortitude in her holy work.

MRS. F. P. CLARK,  
MRS. L. P. NORFLEET.

Upon motion of Miss Allen, Baby McTyeire Tigert was made a life member, and more than the necessary amount was soon upon the Secretary's table.

An invitation from Mrs. O'Fallen, President of the Board of Managers of the Methodist Orphans' Home, to luncheon Wednesday, May 8, was read, and, upon motion, the invitation was accepted with thanks.

Dr. J. H. Young, pastor of Centenary Church, brought before the body the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Church Extension and City Missions of St. Louis:

Whereas our pastors in the city of St. Louis have long felt the pressing need of consecrated women helpers whose lives are wholly given to the Master's cause to assist them in pastoral visiting and in mission work: therefore be it

*Resolved*: 1. That the St. Louis local Church Extension and City Mission Society most heartily approves the organization in our Church by the General Conference of the order of deaconess.

2. That we hereby petition most earnestly the St. Louis Annual Conference at its next session to memorialize the General Conference which meets in Dallas May 4, 1902, to take steps to authorize the establishment of the order of deaconess.

Miss Helm and Mrs. W. H. Johnson made strong speeches indorsing the action of the St. Louis pastors. By request of the President, Miss Helm led in fervent prayer for God's guidance in this important movement. On motion, the subject of the resolutions was referred to the Committee on Memorials. Dr. Young pledged the coöperation of the St. Louis preachers in securing the favorable action of the General Conference.

Dr. Tigert made a talk expressing his appreciation and that of Mrs. Tigert of the compliment paid in making their baby a life member, and giving assurance of their continued interest in the organization. Miss Bennett and others expressed gratitude for Mrs. Tigert's work in the Society, and for Dr. Tigert's unfailing sympathy and helpfulness.

Mrs. Clark, Chairman of the committee to select a message to send to Mrs. Hargrove, read the following as their selection:

To Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, West Nashville, Tenn.

Always held in loving remembrance, the love of Christ constraineth us to say: Philemon iii. 7; 1 Thessalonians i. 3.

A motion to make Mrs. Hargrove an honorary life member was made by Miss Allen and warmly seconded, and in a few minutes the life membership was more than completed.

Miss Billingsley, of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, was presented, and furnished valuable information, upon inquiries from members of the body, as to the work of the school and its opportunities and capacity for helping forward the work of the Home Mission Society. Helpful discussion of the possibilities of uniting the proposed deaconess movement with the Training School followed.

The hour arrived for the noon devotional service, but, owing to the necessity for early luncheon in order to take the boat excursion, the body adjourned with the understanding that Miss Tucker would hold a service on the boat.

### THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION.

The body was called to order at twenty minutes past nine, the President in the chair. "I love to tell the story" was sung. Mrs. Berry, of St.

Louis, conducted the opening service. After leading in prayer, she read a lesson from the first chapter of the second Epistle of Peter. The glory to which each child of God is called as his rightful inheritance was the subject of thought, and stress was laid upon the privilege of adding to faith, which is the gift of God, the virtues and graces of character that reveal the glory of God to the world.

Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe, Superintendent of Systematic and Proportionate Giving, was presented, and the President voiced the happiness of the body in greeting her for the first time in four years at an annual session. Mrs. Ratcliffe said that she was rejoiced to be in actual touch again with the workers, and she thought that, as she had been absent for four years, she should like to do four years' talking in behalf of her department.

Mrs. G. B. Hester, Treasurer of the Indian Mission Conference, by request of the President, gave an encouraging talk as to the religious development of the Indian Territory and the growth there of the Home Mission Society.

Mrs. Royal, of the Denver Conference, spoke approvingly of the proposed action of the Board in deciding to undertake work in behalf of the negro, stating that this step would quicken the work of the Society in Colorado.

Miss Bruce was asked to report the work of the Cuban schools. Questions asked and answered as to memorial rooms and other rooms furnished by individuals and by Conference Societies brought out the fact that the Key West Institute has a large, warm place in the thought and affection of the people.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson made an earnest plea for the enlarging and establishing of the Dallas Mission Home and School. Miss Bennett followed with the forcible suggestion that Christian women make special and untiring effort to see that State institutions of a reformatory character are brought under Christian influence.

A memorial from the Tennessee Conference Society in regard to the management of the Baby Roll, presented by Mrs. Yarbrough, was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Mrs. E. E. Hoss, of Nashville, was presented to the body, and made a talk about the Morton Memorial Church to be built at Monteagle.

Mrs. Gross Alexander made her report of the year's work as Editor of Leaflets, and it was referred to the Committee on Literature and Press Work. (See report.)

An afternoon session was called for.

A resolution as to reducing life memberships to twenty dollars, signed by Mrs. F. P. Clark and Mrs. Dessau, was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

At this point Miss Bennett stated that she was sure the Board would be glad to turn aside from business for a while to pay loving tribute to the memory of one who was for a long time a saintly inspiration not only to St. John's Church and to St. Louis, but to the Methodist women of Missouri and of the South—Mrs. Elizabeth Avis. Miss Bruce, Mrs. John Mathews, Mrs. Norfleet, Miss Helm, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Royal, Mrs. Har-

ris, Miss Billingsley, and others voiced the grateful appreciation of this mother in Israel by the womanhood of the Church. The suggestion that her name be enrolled on the Angel Band met with a spontaneous response, and more than the required amount was soon on the Secretary's table. As the memory of this venerable saint came back like an atmosphere of peace, a verse of the hymn, "Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep," was sung softly, and into the minds of all was borne again the truth that the life poured out in service for humanity, the planted life of "the good seed of the kingdom," is the only life that is crowned with the immortal joy of love.

This truth was stressed by Miss Tucker as she led the noon devotional service, and dews of grace fell upon all hearts as the word of God entered into minds inquiring what he would teach at this time. Dr. Tigert pronounced the benediction, and the meeting stood adjourned.

### *THIRD DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.*

The Board met promptly at two o'clock, the President in the chair. "O for a closer walk with God" was sung, and Miss Allen led in prayer.

The roll call was omitted. The reading of the minutes was deferred until the next session. Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Extension of Work, read and explained the paper, a copy of which had been put into the hands of every delegate, prepared by the Executive Committee, giving estimates of the year's receipts and expenditures and suggesting appropriations for the coming year.

The report of the committee with regard to Cuba, Japanese and Chinese, and the London schools was referred as a whole to the Committee on Education. The item in regard to the Dallas Home and School was also referred to this committee.

The item in regard to establishing an industrial department at Paine Institute was discussed at length. By request, Miss Tucker was given five minutes, in which she spoke warmly in favor of the resolution. Miss Bomar, of Brazil, Mrs. Norfleet, Mrs. Kendall, Miss Helm, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Wheelis, Mrs. Palmer, Miss Allen, Mrs. Foote, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Dessau, Mrs. MacDonell, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Hester, and Mrs. Hammond all spoke to the resolution. Drs. Young and Tigert strongly advocated the proposed action. Although a few had questioned the wisdom of undertaking this new work at the present juncture in the history of the Home Mission Society, when the resolution was put, it was carried without a dissenting vote.

Rev. J. H. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson, of Fulton, Mo., were introduced. Mrs. Wagoner, of St. Louis, when presented to the body, made an earnest plea in behalf of the White Ribbon work.

A communication from the St. Louis Conference in regard to kinds of work coming within the legitimate province of the auxiliary society was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

The following resolution was adopted:

That the General Secretary be instructed that only such orders for leaflets, Wolff Record Books, Annual Reports, etc., as may be made through the Conference Secretaries shall be entered on the Conference Society accounts for literature.

MRS. J. H. REVILLE,  
MRS. H. D. MOORE,  
MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON.

Mrs. L. P. Norfleet was taken from the Committee on Missionary Candidates and Teachers, and appointed Chairman of the Committee on Literature and Press Work. Mrs. L. M. Clark was added to the latter committee. The meeting adjourned and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. T. Lord.

#### FOURTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

At 9:15 the meeting was called to order by the President.

Miss Thompson, of St. Louis, led the devotional service, giving and interpreting a message from the Song of Solomon. Dr. Lee led in prayer.

The roll was called, and the minutes of Monday's session were read and approved.

The report of the Greeneville Industrial Home and School was read by Mrs. Gibson.

A resolution in reference to the boxes of supplies, once referred to the Committee on Literature and Press Work, was by reconsideration brought back to the body, and much discussion ensued as to what sort of boxes should be reported to the Department of Supplies. On motion, an amendment was adopted, asking that Mrs. Yarbrough's report be published in *Our Homes* instead of in leaflet form, and the resolution was adopted as amended, as follows:

Whereas the auxiliaries in many of the Conferences persist in reporting boxes of supplies sent to institutions belonging to Annual Conferences: therefore be it

*Resolved.* That Mrs. Yarbrough's report be printed in *Our Homes*, with the request that supplies for these local institutions shall be reported only as local work, and not through the Department of Supplies.

MRS. J. H. REVILLE,  
MRS. H. D. MOORE,  
MRS. E. K. GRIFFITH,  
MRS. GEORGE CALL.

Miss Petry read the report of the London School as made by Miss Bennett, the Superintendent of Mountain Work. On motion, this report and that of the Greeneville school were accepted. (See report.)

Miss Petry read a personal letter from one of the teachers, Mrs. Vail, testifying to the deeply religious influence of the school. By request, Miss Bennett gave a talk, giving something of the history of the institution during the year and its prospects for the future.

The Superintendent of the Department of Systematic and Proportionate Giving, Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe, was called for, and made a very interesting report, followed by an earnest talk as to the importance of the department.

The report was adopted. (See report.)

The following resolution was adopted:

That we rejoice in the presence of Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe, the Superintendent of the Department of Systematic and Proportionate Giving; that we thank God for graciously restoring her to health and strength, and that we pledge our loyal and loving cooperation in bringing about the highest and best results in this important department.

EMILY M. ALLEN,  
MRS. J. T. WILLIAMS,  
MRS. L. P. NORFLEET.

A message from Mrs. Hargrove was read by the Secretary:

NASHVILLE, TENN., May 6, 1901.

To the Woman's Board of Home Missions, St. Louis, Mo.

Loving greetings returned to all and to each separately. Hebrews xiii. 20, 21, and Ephesians iii. 14-21. MRS. R. K. HARGROVE.

Mrs. Yarbrough was asked to lead in special prayer for Mrs. Hargrove's restoration to health and God's gracious blessing upon her.

The reports of City Missions being the order of business, the following cities were reported: Kansas City, by Miss Billingsley; San Antonio, by Mrs. E. G. Lowe; Atlanta, by Mrs. James Jackson.

One of the most helpful facts brought out by Mrs. Jackson was the beautiful unanimity of spirit that the work of the Board of City Missions had brought to the women of the different Churches.

Miss Bennett spoke of the blessed results of City Missions and stated that many indications seemed pointing toward a magnificent opportunity for service by the Home Mission Society. She announced the pleasing fact that Dr. Palmore's subscription of \$500 made on Sunday to an industrial department for girls at Paine Institute was already paid.

The venerable, white-haired Mrs. Boyle, of St. Louis, was presented to the body, and testified that in the prison of an aged invalid's chamber there could be realized the truth of the old song,

And prisons will palaces prove,  
If Jesus will dwell with me there.

As her heart overflowed in thanksgiving for God's goodness, the faith shining in her face and thrilling in her words was voiced in "Fear not, I am with thee," and the hymn, "How firm a foundation," naturally came to express in song the quickened faith of all who heard.

Dr. J. W. Cunningham, the Nestor of St. Louis Methodism, who said he was, with one exception, the oldest Southern Methodist in the world, asked the privilege of speaking to the body. He told something of his life since his birth in Elizabethtown, Ky. He referred to the memorial church to be dedicated the following Sunday in Elizabethtown, bearing the name of Lucinda Barbour Helm. A window in that church is to be a memorial to the pioneer preacher, Marcus Lindsay. Through the ministry of this man a negro, John Stewart, was converted, and became a missionary to the Indians. A prominent chief was led to Christ through John Stewart's labors; and Mrs. Boyle, then a child of twelve, hearing this Indian preach in his native tongue, understood only one word, *Yasu*,

(Jesus); but under the power of the Spirit was moved to yield her heart and life to Him who made of one blood all men, and with whom there is no respect of persons. Dr. Cunningham greeted Miss Helm, and told how once, when in her mother's home in the days when she was shut in as an invalid, he was praying for her as one in affliction, she had gently chided him by saying: "Nay, not an affliction but a blessing." The hearts of those who heard the sweet story thanked God anew for the conquering power of his grace that has given Miss Mary's brave, beautiful life to the world.

In order to make Mrs. Boyle and Dr. Cunningham life members of the Society, \$50 was soon raised. Miss Tucker closed the meeting with a Bible reading on "Soul-Winning."

#### FOURTH DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

The "Workers' Conference" merged almost imperceptibly into the business session, beginning at three o'clock. The President called for voluntary prayers for District Secretaries, and there was an earnest response.

The reading of the minutes was deferred.

The Committee on Finance and Extension of Work made its fourth report. It was adopted and referred to the Committee on Parsonages.

The fifth report of the committee, concerning an appropriation for educational work in the mining section of the Holston Conference and the desirability of placing a teacher of Home Missions in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, was adopted.

The following pledges were made to support eight Home Mission scholarships for a year:

Home Mission Auxiliary of St. John's Church, St. Louis.

Home Mission Auxiliary of Centenary Church, St. Louis.

Mrs. George T. Sprake, of St. Louis.

Conference Society of the St. Louis Conference.

Conference Society of the North Georgia Conference.

Conference Society of the Missouri Conference.

Conference Society of the Louisiana Conference.

Conference Society of the North Alabama Conference.

It was decided to have a business session in the evening.

Resolutions in regard to the Department of Systematic and Proportionate Giving were referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Mrs. Moorman made a report of City Mission work in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Dessau reported the work of the Door of Hope in Macon, Ga.

The session adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Hopkins.

#### FOURTH DAY, EVENING SESSION.

Dr. Hopkins opened the service by reading a selection from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. "I love to tell the story" was sung and prayer was offered.

On motion, the roll call was dispensed with, and the reading of the minutes was deferred to a succeeding session.

A letter was read by the Secretary from the Railroad Commissioner in regard to failure to secure reduction.

The report of the mission work in New Orleans was made by Mrs. F. A. Lyon. Her account of the way in which permanent location was secured was exceedingly interesting. Inquiry developed the fact that, while the Home Mission Societies had raised most of the money, the property was held by the Church.

At this juncture Miss Bennett asked the General Secretary to read a letter in regard to a legacy to the Woman's Home Mission Society by Mrs. Rowzee, of Virginia. Dr. Tigert advised in regard to the acceptance of the legacy, and Mrs. Williams bore testimony to Mrs. Rowzee's great interest in the subject of missions. On motion, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

In reporting the work done in Nashville, Mrs. Yarbrough read a plan adopted by the Board of City Missions as probably suggestive to other workers.

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

Whereas this Board has determined to use the interest accruing upon Parsonage Loan Funds for donations to parsonages:

*Resolved*, That Rule 1 of By-Laws governing the Parsonage Department be amended by striking out the last sentence.

The meeting adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Tigert.

#### *FIFTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.*

At nine o'clock the meeting was opened by Miss Mary Bruce, who, after prayer, read the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah as a lesson especially adapted to Home Mission workers. She unfolded some of its precious promises as to the rich inheritance to which God calls his children. She testified to the faithfulness of God in giving her opportunity for abundant service, despite defective eyesight, which her friends thought would be an insuperable barrier to her usefulness. Miss Bennett called for testimony as to the helpfulness of the chapter, and quick, spontaneous expressions were given.

The roll was called and the minutes of the previous morning session were read and approved. There was a correction in those of the afternoon session as to the number of scholarships for one year pledged to the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and these and the minutes of Tuesday evening's session were approved.

Miss Bennett made explanation in regard to the growth and management of the Loan Funds.

A letter from Miss Mary E. Avis, expressing her gratitude for the respect and love shown her mother by placing her name on the Angel Band Roll, was read by the Secretary. A letter was also read from Mrs. Mordecai Williams stating that personal affliction had caused her to return home after beginning her journey to St. Louis. On motion, the Secretary was requested to send a letter to Mrs. Williams expressing the regret of the body at her absence.



Miss Helm explained the map hanging in front of the audience showing the boundaries of the Annual Conferences and the number of parsonages built. She spoke also of the great New Orleans missionary meeting and of the forward impulse given there to all branches of Christian activity.

The President gave fifteen minutes to hearing from those of the body who had attended the New Orleans meeting. Mrs. F. P. Clark, Mrs. Call, Mrs. Babcock, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Hester, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Mrs. Lowe, and Mrs. Griffith gave bits of information and experience. Miss Bennett called Mrs. Hammond to the chair. By request, Mrs. Hammond told of the features of the Conference that impressed her most, especially those bearing upon the work of the Home Mission Society. Miss Jane Addams on settlement work, and Mrs. Florence Kelley on the Consumers' League, were quoted from, and the purpose and operation of the League explained.

Miss Bennett resumed the chair. The report of the Committee on City Missions was read by Mrs. F. P. Clark. It was considered by items. Item 1 was adopted as amended. Item 2 was recommitted for more definite expression. Item 3 was recommitted. Item 4 was adopted as amended. Item 5 was recommitted. Items 6 and 7 were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Parsonages was made by Mrs. Pember-ton. Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 were adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted subject to revision by the Board of Church Extension. (See report.)

The Report of the Committee on Memorials and By-Laws was made by Mrs. Babcock. Items 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 were adopted, item 4 was lost, and the report as a whole was adopted.

The Board adjourned at twelve o'clock to go to luncheon at the Methodist Orphans' Home. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Young.

#### FIFTH DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

Miss Tucker led the opening service, reading the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. Minds were rested and hearts uplifted as she talked of the silence, the faith, the hope, the patience, the victory of *love*.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Mrs. Rainwater, President of the Board of Managers of the Training School of the Young Woman's Christian Association of St. Louis, was presented, and addressed the body on the wisdom and usefulness of that organization.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Finance and Extension of Work in regard to appropriations to Dallas was read and adopted.

The place of the next annual meeting was considered. Invitations were extended from Richmond, Atlanta, and Birmingham. Richmond, having received the largest number of votes, was, on motion, unanimously selected.

The report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates and Teachers was read by Mrs. H. D. Moore. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 were adopted. Items 5 and 6 were recommitted.

Mrs. Norfleet, Chairman, made the report of the Committee on Litera-

ture and Press Work. Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 were adopted as read. Item 2 was adopted as amended. The committee was instructed to add favorable mention of the *King's Messenger* and also to call for publication in leaflet form of Miss Bennett's address at New Orleans. A resolution signed by Mrs. Call and Mrs. Dessau requesting that all leaflets be published in booklet form was adopted and made a part of the report of the committee, and the report as a whole was adopted. (See report.)

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved.* That adult mite boxes be kept in the office of the General Secretary, and that all orders for them be sent direct to her.

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,  
MRS. W. DESSAU,  
MRS. L. M. CLARK.

The General Secretary made the following report as to bills for literature, and it was accepted:

Bills for literature.....	\$643 42
Receipts for same.....	619 00
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	\$ 24 42

Wolf Record Books, \$188.70.

The meeting adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Lee.

#### SIXTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

Promptly at nine o'clock the devotional service was opened with the hymn, "Draw me nearer." Miss Tucker read from the second chapter of St. John the miracle at Cana of Galilee, drawing the lesson of unquestioning obedience and large faith, and then led in prayer.

The roll was called and the minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates and Teachers was reconsidered. The report was read, considered, and adopted item by item, and adopted as a whole. (See report.)

The election of a General Secretary was then entered upon, and twenty-two votes—the unanimous vote of members present—were cast for Mrs. R. W. MacDonell. A season of earnest prayer followed, and at the close of this Mrs. MacDonell, in a few modest words, thanked the members for their expression of confidence in her and pledged her best efforts in behalf of the Society.

The report of the Committee on Education was read by Mrs. J. T. Williams. It was considered by items. Items 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 were adopted as read; item 3 was adopted as amended; and item 1 was adopted with instructions to change the phraseology so as to express more precisely the intention of the committee. On motion, the report as a whole was adopted. (See report.)

The following resolution was adopted as to temperance work:

Inasmuch as the importance of working against the terrible influence of the liquor traffic is now as never before arousing the conscience of the Church and all workers for the good of humanity; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we, as a Board of Home Mission workers, do declare ourselves, with no uncertain sound, as ready to *do* whatever we can at any time or place to crush out this terrible evil that is bringing heartache, poverty, and ruin into so many homes, and is constantly increasing the need of city mission and rescue work.

MRS. A. A. GIBSON,  
MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH,  
MRS. G. B. HESTER.

A resolution in regard to work among young people and children was ruled as unconstitutional.

The report of the Committee on City Missions as to two recommitted items was made, and the items were adopted as amended. The report, as a whole, was adopted as amended. (See report.)

The following resolutions were adopted:

Inasmuch as the hope of the Woman's Home Mission Society is in the children; be it

*Resolved*, That we request the coöperation of the superintendents of Junior Epworth Leagues in instructing the children in home mission work.

MRS. A. A. GIBSON,      MRS. A. ROYAL.  
MRS. F. P. CLARKE,    MRS. G. B. HESTER.  
MRS. M. S. PALMER,

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Board that, before the next General Conference, our Executive Committee should confer with the General Board of Missions, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, the Epworth League Board, and the Sunday School Board to see if the work of these boards cannot be so adjusted as to secure more harmonious and permanent results in the missionary instruction and activity of the children and young people of our Church.

EMILY M. ALLEN,  
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Finance and Extension of Work was made, considered, and adopted item by item, and adopted as a whole. (See report.)

The following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That Mrs. W. D. Murrell, of Denver, Colo., be requested to undertake an inquiry into the conditions of our Southern factory and mining populations, and to report the same at our next annual meeting.

EMILY M. ALLEN,  
MRS. J. D. HAMMOND.

*Resolved*, That we return thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Knowles for their interest in our Mission Home and Training School at Dallas, Tex., and for their generous gifts of time and money to this institution, so dear to our hearts.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,  
MRS. J. D. HAMMOND.

The last report of the Committee on Memorials and By-Laws was made and adopted, and the report as a whole adopted. (See report.)

The recommitted item in the report of the Committee on Education was brought in and adopted, and the report as a whole adopted. (See report.)

The following was adopted:

That Mrs. E. E. Hoss be requested to keep the work of the Society before the Church in the columns of the *Christian Advocate*.

BELLE H. BENNETT,  
EMILY M. ALLEN.

On motion, the election of superintendents and editors was entered upon, with the following results:

Miss Mary Helm, Editor and Agent of *Our Homes*.

Mrs. Gross Alexander, Editor of Leaflets.

Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of Department of Supplies.

Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe, Superintendent of Department of Tithing.

Miss Mary Bruce, Superintendent of Cuban Work.

Miss Belle H. Bennett, Superintendent of Mountain Work.

Mrs. J. D. Hammond was elected chairman of the Committee on Literature and Press Work, and Mrs. E. B. Chappell, of Nashville, was elected a member of that committee.

Dr. J. H. Kirkland and Mr. D. M. Smith were elected auditors.

Miss Bennett urged that the Conference Societies seek to collect all the dues, making moneys correspond with members; to collect the contingent funds, and to make every effort to bring the extra amount contributed for another year up to *one dollar* per member. Most of the Conference delegates pledged to do their best in bringing about this happy condition. Miss Bennett urged that the claims of the Educational Endowment Fund be constantly kept before the people. It was announced that thirty-one subscriptions to *Our Homes* had been secured during the meeting.

Mrs. Tigert reported that thirty-eight names had been added to the Baby Roll, making a total of 5,159 names received during the six years of her services. She stated also that two names had been enrolled on the Angel Band Roll, and there had been made one juvenile life member, two adult life members, and one honorary life member.

Miss Bennett announced that up to that time about \$1,900 had been secured for the girls' industrial department at Paine Institute.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Gibson, and was adopted by a rising vote.

Miss Bennett expressed her joy at the beautiful spirit that had characterized the meeting from first to last. She spoke of the personal obligation felt by herself and other members of the Board to Mrs. Lee and the others who had contributed largely to the comfort and success of the body.

The minutes were read and approved.

The hymn of service, "Go labor on, spend and be spent" was sung, and its high teaching came afresh to remind of the fellowship the Christian worker must have with the Master. Dr. Hopkins offered a brief, earnest prayer, and pronounced the benediction, and the third annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions stood adjourned.

BELLE H. BENNETT, *President*;

EMILY M. ALLEN, *Secretary*.

## REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

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### *Department of Supplies.*

“Every individual is intended of God to be a minister of good to the world; if he is not such, he is out of harmony with himself and his environments and his God.” Every human being has a mission in this world which is special to his fellow-man, and designed of God to be uplifting and helpful. It has been said the world needs sympathy more than bread; but if our hearts are in touch with the Father heart, we shall not be content with simply the giving of sympathy. Our fingers and feet will sympathize with our heart, and we shall be eager to give the “cup of cold water” in the Master’s name.

This department offers many opportunities to those who long to send the gospel into all of the open fields, even in our own country, and to the hundreds of foreigners pouring in on us every year. The preachers on the frontier and hard fields need sympathy, and even more the comforts of life, and we who cannot go can through this medium greatly aid and comfort them. This department has grown in value as in widespread usefulness to our Church, and during the past year two hundred and twenty-nine donations valued at \$9,298.57 have been sent, but figures cannot tell the good it has done. Dr. Gordon has said: “The best work which is done in this world can no more be represented in figures or statistics than the sunbeams can be weighed in the scales or the sunset be measured in avoirdupois.”

The contents of the boxes are steadily improving as the department is more fully understood, a large proportion of the articles and goods now being entirely new. On the whole, this is the most satisfactory year’s work we have ever reported. The letters received in this office from auxiliaries sending boxes show plainly that the loving appreciation on the part of the preachers and their families fully repays them for their effort and self-sacrifice.

It will be seen from the report that Holston Conference has sent the largest number of donations, but all of these, with one exception, were sent to the Greeneville Industrial Home and School. St. Louis Conference leads all Conferences in value of contributions, having sent sixteen boxes valued at \$1,216.18. North Texas and North Georgia are close behind, both having sent eighteen donations: North Texas’s valued at \$1,095.23, North Georgia’s valued at \$1,036.66. The auxiliary of Terrell, North Texas Conference, sent the most valuable contribution of any single auxiliary, having sent two boxes valued at \$345; St. John’s, St. Louis, next, having sent four boxes valued at \$324.15. I take pleasure in mentioning especially the work of Centenary Church, Paris, Tex., North Texas Conference. They sent five boxes valued at \$315.05; three to

Galveston sufferers, one to needy preacher, and one to the A. B. C. Mission Home, Dallas, Tex.

Number of blanks sent preachers, 85; number sent auxiliaries, 86; number in hands of auxiliaries, 13; number in office, 6. The Home Mission Societies sent many boxes to gladden the hearts and make more comfortable the desolate homes of our friends in Galveston after the dreadful storm of September, 1900. The Greeneville Industrial Home and School was generously supplied by the fifty-nine boxes sent by the Holston Auxiliaries. The Texas Conference sent a goodly number to the A. B. C. Mission Home in Dallas, though not as many as usual if all sent were reported through this department. Others were sent to London School and Key West, and one box to Cuba to a needy preacher (a converted Cuban), now a useful preacher in our Church there, and of course many were sent to our needy preachers.

It is often asked: "Why send all of the boxes West, away from our own Conference, when our preachers need help?" You will find below a list of all boxes sent from each Conference, also a list of all Conferences receiving aid. Please notice how few boxes are really sent to the far West. 'Tis true the distance is great, expense of sending is of course considerable; but the necessities of our frontier preachers should appeal to our sympathies, to command a more liberal supply of boxes. We should realize how very weak our Church is there, and as climatic conditions are very trying, the expense of living so much greater than with us, therefore a large number of our strong Churches should see that these noble men and their families are supplied this fall.

Contributions of money, boxes, barrels, and provisions have been sent and received by Conferences as follows:

CONFERENCE.	No. of Boxes.	Value of Boxes.	Cash Given.	No. Boxes Received by Preachers.
Alabama.....	5	\$ 216 16	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	...	.....	.....	7
Baltimore.....	6	429 22	.....	.....
Columbia.....	...	.....	.....	2
East Columbia.....	...	.....	.....	3
East Texas.....	11	292 80	.....	6
Holston.....	60	1,043 23	.....	1
Indian Mission.....	5	120 66	.....	53
Kentucky.....	12	110 60	.....	8
Little Rock, Ark.....	9	462 12	.....	.....
Los Angeles.....	1	200 00	.....	.....
Louisiana.....	4	182 75	\$15 00	.....
Louisville.....	4	347 75	.....	1
Mississippi.....	2	148 76	.....	.....
Missouri.....	4	156 80	.....	1
New Mexico.....	9	183 35	.....	3
North Alabama.....	2	30 00	7 00	.....
North Carolina.....	1	21 65	.....	.....
North Georgia.....	18	1,026 66	10 00	10
North Mississippi.....	5	73 00	.....	5
North Texas.....	18	1,095 23	.....	3
Northwest Mexican Mission.....	...	.....	.....	1
Northwest Texas.....	11	465 75	10 00	1
South Carolina.....	2	146 10	.....	.....

CONFERENCE.	No. of Boxes.	Value of Boxes.	Cash Given.	No. Boxes Received by Preachers.
South Georgia .....	3	\$ 238 60	.....	...
Southwest Missouri .....	9	233 20	\$10 00	1
St. Louis .....	16	1,216 18	.....	5
Tennessee.....	8	615 45	5 00	4
Texas .....	...	.....	.....	1
Virginia.....	3	273 51	.....	.....
Western Virginia .....	2	30 00	.....	2
White River.....	1	40 80	.....	.....
Total .....	229	\$9,232 57	\$57 00	118
Grand total value and cash.....			\$9,289 57	

Of the 229 boxes sent, 118 went to the preachers in the various Conferences mentioned above, 59 to Greeneville Industrial Home and School, 13 to the A. B. C. Mission Home in Dallas, 25 to the Galveston storm sufferers, and the 14 remaining to London School, Tampa, Key West, Cuba, and our City Mission Boards.

Many of the Conferences have Conference Superintendents of Supplies, and to some of these we are greatly indebted for the success of the year's work. Letters come frequently to this office as to the duties of Conference Superintendent. Of course different circumstances and locations require different plans, but it is very necessary for the Conference Superintendent to communicate first with all the auxiliaries in her Conference before she is ready for work. She should get the names of either the President or Corresponding Secretary, and do all she can to explain the work of the department and arouse an interest in the work. If after this any Society wishes to send a box, the General Superintendent, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, 230½ North Cherry St., Nashville, Tenn., should be written to, and she will send blank and instructions, or name and address of such party should be sent to the General Superintendent. All application blanks must be sent by the General Superintendent of Supplies directly to the party preparing the box. The Conference Superintendent should keep in touch with each auxiliary and urge the sending of boxes promptly and in any way she can aid them in the preparation and sending. She should also see that they are promptly and correctly reported to the General Superintendent as soon as sent, and each quarter a report of all supplies sent be made to the Conference Corresponding Secretary. It is her duty also to send a report to the General Superintendent of Supplies not later than the 15th of March, June, September, and December. The reporting blank sent by the General Superintendent with each application blank should be filled out by party sending the box, each article and its value, and returned as soon as the box is sent to the General Superintendent, *not* to the Conference Superintendent. It is often very important for the General Superintendent to have these for reference. The value of the box as a whole is all that is needed by the Conference Superintendent. She should correspond with the presiding elders in her Conference, especially those in whose district there are missions or poor circuits, and secure the name and address of preachers who are really in very needy

circumstances. Send name and address of such men to the General Superintendent. If there is a Mission School or Rescue Home belonging to the Woman's Home Mission Society in the Conference of any Conference Superintendent of Supplies, she should secure boxes for those institutions and report the same to the General Superintendent, never forgetting, however, the needy preachers and their families. If the Conference Superintendent will see that the following instructions are carefully carried out in each case, she will have done much to improve and enlarge the usefulness of this grand and noble work.

Mrs. J. H. YARBROUGH, *Supt.*

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

1. The Woman's Home Mission Society wants to make the standard of donations as high as possible, and insists that nothing be sent that is not both valuable and suitable, purposing that quality, serviceableness rather than quantity, be the standard.

2. Guard against publicity, and let only the Corresponding Secretary and President, or two or three members who assume the responsibility of the work, know the name of the preacher to whom donations are sent.

3. Money intended as personal gifts should be sent without delay to the Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Nashville, Tenn.

4. Ship boxes, barrels, and packages direct to the parties for whom they are intended. Goods should be clearly marked with the name of the recipient in full, also name of city and State, with name of sender. And ask the railroad agent in each case to follow shipment with a tracer.

5. Donors should prepay the entire cost of shipping, and get from the railroad or express company a bill of lading or express receipt. Care should be taken to mark each package (with red paint) "Charges Paid Through," so that no extra charge can be made by agent at place of destination.

6. Notify at once parties to whom you send the goods, and inclose bill of lading or express receipt, requesting acknowledgment of the receipt or non-receipt of the goods. If lost, see that the railroad or express company look it up at once.

7. It is important that your gift be made as early as possible, so as to reach those in need before the severity of the winter begins.

8. Fill out, and send to Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, the blank for reporting supplies.

9. The donation and value of same should also be reported at once to the Conference Corresponding Secretary.



Report of Baby Roll and Life Membership.

BABY ROLL REPORT.

CONFERENCE.	1899-1900.	1900-01.	Increase.	CONFERENCE.	1899-1900.	1900-01.	Increase.
Alabama.....	38	49	11	North Carolina.....	48	52	4
Baltimore.....	197	280	83	North Georgia.....	262	392	130
Columbia.....	15	19	4	North Mississippi...	192	232	40
Denver.....	17	32	15	North Texas.....	170	199	29
East Texas.....	96	103	7	Northwest Texas....	170	199	29
East Columbia.....	8			Pacific.....	39	46	7
Florida.....	51	57	6	South Carolina.....	6		
Holston.....	611	763	152	South Georgia.....	143	176	33
Illinois.....	2			Southwest Missouri	98	163	65
Indian Mission.....	60	85	25	St. Louis.....	180	226	46
Kentucky.....	91	132	41	Tennessee.....	263	363	100
Louisville.....	188	275	87	Texas.....	15	44	29
Louisiana.....	110	145	35	Virginia.....	119	143	24
Little Rock.....	79	160	81	West Texas.....	35	36	1
Los Angeles.....	82	85	3	Western.....	15		
Memphis.....	125	174	49	Western N. Carolina	18		
Mississippi.....	173	194	21	Western Virginia....	1	40	39
Missouri.....	68	88	20	White River.....	14	45	31
New Mexico.....	16	67	51				
North Alabama.....	49	67	18	Total.....	3,764	5,098	1,334

Total names on the Baby Roll, 5,098.

The six Conferences ranking highest are:

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|-----------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Holston.....       | 763 | 4. Baltimore.....         | 280 |
| 2. North Georgia..... | 392 | 5. Louisville.....        | 275 |
| 3. Tennessee.....     | 363 | 6. North Mississippi..... | 232 |

Holston made the largest gain, 152 names; North Georgia next, 130 names; and Tennessee third, 100 names.

Have sent out 1,574 boxes, 1,220 baby membership certificates, 50 life membership certificates, and 19 Angel Band certificates.

The following little anecdote is related of a certain bishop, who, while traveling through a certain mountain district, had stopped at one of those primitive cabins which affords so fine a field for missionary labor. Though noted for both versatility and adaptability, the good bishop, in the midst of *this* company, found himself at a loss for a topic of general interest. Finally a young mother entered with a baby in her arms. At once the bishop felt the situation was relieved, and in his most genial and affable manner he said: "Seeing you with that baby reminds me of my wife and myself with our first baby. When it cried, we sent for the doctor, and when it didn't cry, we were sure something was wrong and sent for the doctor again. When it slept unusually long we feared trouble, and immediately the doctor was called in: and when it didn't sleep, we knew that was unnatural, and so once more the doctor was summoned." The young woman, who all this time had been regarding him with a countenance blank and irresponsible, without the change of a feature, dismally replied: "*We never waz that big a fool about our baby.*"

In my anxiety and solicitude for this child of my adoption I have sometimes been reminded of the practical but homely philosophy of this simple woman. After prayerful consideration of the subject, however, I feel

that I must now take advantage of this opportunity to present to you my resignation as Superintendent of the Baby Roll.

Endeared as this work has become to me, it is not without reluctance that I have arrived at this decision. Be assured that it is not on account of diminished interest in the work, or lack of appreciation of past kindness, but recognizing that the needs of this growing organization are so imperative as to collide with the demands of home, which *no* woman is at liberty to disregard, I am compelled to sacrifice inclination to duty. Before taking leave of this work, that I hold most dear, I shall ask you to indulge me a few moments while I present to you a brief review of the fruits of our labors, a contemplation of which cannot but fill us all with astonishment and gratitude, and inspire us with hope for the happiest possibilities in the future.

At the time of my appointment to this office by the Central Committee at its meeting in Louisville in 1895, I found a few names scattered through one or two Conferences, which were gathered together and constituted the initial members of the Baby Roll, an organization which is now represented in all the Conferences but two, the German Mission and the Montana (whether from lack of material or want of funds, I am not able to state). In the six years of its existence the number of names enrolled in all the Conferences has grown under God's blessing from six to five thousand one hundred and twenty-three, the increase for the past year alone having been one thousand three hundred and thirty-six. Before consigning this vigorous and healthy organization to the care of another I would remind you that it represents not only consecrated innocence, truth, and beauty, but growth—growth in its most vital sense. "A growing child," once observed Bishop Haygood, in referring to a prosperous institution of learning, "is always hungry." As its needs must increase in proportion to its usefulness, I trust you may not consider it necessary to cut short its allowance during the coming year, but rather to strengthen and aid its development into the full scope and power of usefulness of which it is capable. I wish to express the strong obligation I feel myself under for assistance received from the heads of departments in the various Conferences, and to each and every one who has contributed so essentially to the promotion of this success. Especially are my thanks due to Mrs. D. Sullins, of the Holston Conference, and Mrs. E. F. Goodson, of the New Mexico Conference, for their support and hearty coöperation in responding to all the demands made upon them, and their ability in discharging the duties of their offices over which they presided. I bespeak for my successor the confidence and sympathy which has ever been mine. Lastly, I would call your attention to By-Law 13 of our Constitution, in which each member is requested, not only at her appointed time for prayer but during the still and solemn waking hours of the night, to bear upon her heart and mind these little souls committed to our care. *God bless them every one!*

Mrs. J. J. TIGERT.

*Report of Leaflet Work.*

A continued effort has been made this year to conserve the best interest of the Society by representing the various departments of the work and bringing the heaviest pressure to bear where most needed. The subject of systematic and proportionate giving has been largely stressed. Five leaflets have been prepared pertaining to the subject, and a thousand more published than any previous year, and we trust that the increased interest felt throughout the connection in regard to this much-needed means of grace is partly due to this literature.

During the year an especial leaflet was furnished for the *Week of Prayer*, two were prepared on the Baby Roll, two were sent out on our Chinese and Japanese work, one on the Dallas Home and Training School, one on organization, and eleven on the general work. 103,000 leaflets for adults and 30,000 for juveniles have been published and sent out, including 615,500 pages. The cost for publication has been \$164.75. This expense has been largely covered by the various Conferences when ordering this literature. In studying over the list I find that every Conference orders a certain number of leaflets quarterly, although with some the proportion is small to the membership of the Conference.

West Texas takes the lead in the use and distribution of this literature. Its membership is 438, and the number of leaflets ordered quarterly for that Conference is 542, which would supply every member in the entire Conference with a copy and have 104 left for distribution elsewhere. The Baltimore Conference stands next, ordering 60 more than one for each member of every auxiliary in the Conference. The Northwest Texas and the South Carolina Conferences order about as many leaflets quarterly as they have members.

Three hundred and fifty letters and sixty postal cards have been written during the year by the editor in regard to the work.

We have received this year some very encouraging letters from workers in different sections telling of the good certain leaflets have accomplished. In one letter, received from a Conference Corresponding Secretary, she said that Col. Henry R. Harris, who was Third Assistant Postmaster General under Cleveland, remarked in speaking of our Home Mission work that if the Society did nothing but send out the leaflets each month, it would be doing a great work. His wife is one of our District Secretaries, and he sees the literature she receives. Another Conference Secretary said that she considered the leaflets the largest source of inspiration furnished and that her auxiliaries all used them regularly.

Every leaflet that leaves the editor's desk goes out freighted with prayer, and when we hear that comfort and inspiration for the work have followed in the wake of its course there is always a feeling of profound gratitude. It sometimes proves unfortunate that some of the leaflets are not stereotyped or printed in larger numbers, as orders come in for certain leaflets after the supply has been exhausted.

Not long since a very urgent letter was received from a minister offering to buy fifty or one hundred copies of a certain leaflet to distribute among his membership, but there was not a copy of it left in the General Secretary's

office. To keep from incurring any expense that can be avoided, the number published each quarter does not far exceed the demand made by the various Conferences.

I should like to recommend that the Literature and Press Committee examine each quarter's leaflets, and decide in regard to having certain ones stereotyped.

I wish to make three suggestions in regard to the leaflet work for the ensuing year:

*First*, That our workers, especially those in the large departments of work, such as the London, Cuban, and Chinese schools and the Dallas Home, consider it a part of their duty to send to the Editor of Leaflets occasional interesting items in regard to their work. This has been done at times, but it is generally after several letters have been written urging them to do so. I think these women have an idea that it is sufficient to send reports and material to Miss Helm for *Our Homes*; but we must remember that the leaflets go to many places where the paper does not and cannot, as they are circulated free of charge to the individual, and it is of great importance that the interest in these educational centers be kept up and be made to grow. Therefore the latest, spiciest, best news that can be gathered in these schools should be culled and sent to the Editor of Leaflets. It requires good material and a good deal of thought to make an effective leaflet, and to be supplied with the latest developments in the life of the various schools helps very largely.

The *second* thing I wish to emphasize is that where unusually fine papers are prepared for Conference meetings in the various Conferences, these be sent for publication in leaflet form, if in accord with the discretion of the editor.

*Third*, That our women, including officers and members, do more direct personal work in regard to the distribution of this literature.

We all know the power of personal appeal. In every interest of life we must realize that the individual, the unit, is the center of influence. If you speak to a class or a society about keeping and using this literature, it makes some impression; but when you go *personally* to some one and take one of these leaflets that you may have laid aside and that you feel is especially adapted to her needs, it may prove to be the means of touching her heart and bringing her life into closer consecration to the Master's service. Don't throw this literature aside. After the monthly meetings save some of the best leaflets, have a place for them, and if a need comes up, use them.

I often think of the power of you Conference Secretaries. It was said by some one that a true Conference Secretary is like a poet, born and not made. However that may be, the model Corresponding Secretary is something of a patriot. She loves her country and does her part in the work of Home Missions, to increase its greatness and goodness. She regards the auxiliaries in her Conference as in a sense her kingdom in which she is to labor as a true daughter of the King. She sees that her District Secretaries are regularly and abundantly supplied with literature, and throws her energy into giving them needed help and inspiration. She

visits her auxiliaries and gives them an encouraging word. She knows the dates of their birth, and how old they are, and what they are fed upon, and how fast they grow. Like a tender, watchful mother, her personal care and influence is a felt power throughout her Conference. With the Conference officers rests the loving burden and care of building up the auxiliaries into a living *force*.

Do we, my sisters, realize to what an exalted place we are called—the upbuilding of a new race? for it is nothing less than this that our Home Mission Society has undertaken.

It is said that the United States government adds one thousand new post offices to its roll every year. It stirs our national pride to know this, but does it stir our hearts as Christians? Think of it! A thousand new centers of population mean one thousand new openings for Christian effort. Active forces for evil recognize their opportunity, and one thousand new saloons and other danger points are opened without delay, reminding us of Christ's words: "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light."

In every department of this Home Mission organization our ability to increase its power lies in our *personal* work. The Master himself set this example in a most striking way. His whole sacred teaching that was to redeem the race was given to individuals, to be given again through individuals. He opened the treasure-house of his wisdom, to one Pharisee at night and upon another occasion to one woman by the well, who although irresponsible at first became so imbued with the power of his words that she went out from under the inspiration of his presence an *evangelist* and brought her whole city to Christ. The initial impulse of the Master's teaching and work upon earth was, and is still, this thought of the preciousness of personality.

Let us remember this, during this first grand year of the new century, and get into vital touch with our workers as never before.

ARABEL W. ALEXANDER.

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#### *The Sue Bennet Memorial School.*

While there have been some very unpleasant features connected with our school at London, Ky., during the past year, the work on the whole has been very successful. The unmistakable good results of five years of hard and faithful work on the part of a well-equipped and conscientious faculty are manifest, not only in the development and growth of character in the students, some of whom have been in the school from the beginning, but in the stronger and deeper school sentiment in the community and the surrounding country. The normal students enrolled during the winter term who have or expect to have public schools during the coming year represent, at a conservative estimate, a student body of three thousand. To give these teachers a better equipment, to incite in them a larger interest in their work and a clearer conception of the wonderful opportunity given them in their daily walk and conversation to witness for Christ, is one great aim of the school.

Many conversions have taken place during the year, and as this report is being written God's Spirit is moving on the hearts of teachers, pupils, and community with reviving power. That we mean *Christian* education none can doubt who visit the school. Christ in the midst, the unseen Guest in every class room and cottage, is our prayer and desire.

In the early part of the new year a tornado struck the main school building, doing the roof, ceilings, etc., great damage. Only temporary repairs have been made. A home on the school grounds for the Principal is still the largest and most imperative need of the institution. We have never had the means to put a fence around the grounds, and the old fence is now in such a state of dilapidation that without constant repairs it is almost worthless. Some sidewalks are greatly needed, as the pathways and grounds become almost impassable during the winter and in rainy seasons. Miss Sarah Hughes, our Kentucky Conference Treasurer, and her sisters, members of a family who abound in good works and generous deeds, have given \$300 as a part of their Twentieth Century Thank Offering to build a memorial cottage to their father on the grounds. This cottage will be the beginning of a barracks system, as a boarding department for young men. Four years ago we secured part of the lumber and material necessary to put up the Principal's home. We greatly hope that from the Twentieth Century Offering enough of the undirected funds may be appropriated to this school to put up this building, make the necessary repairs, and secure other comfortable equipment.

BELLE H. BENNETT, *Superintendent.*

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#### *Systematic and Proportionate Giving and Mite Boxes.*

This department is fast becoming firmly established in our Society and strongly entrenched in the hearts of its members.

Auxiliary Second Vice Presidents are universally taking up the duties assigned to them by the fourth clause in the by-laws for auxiliaries, and earnestly advocating our methods for the encouragement of consecration in "giving" according to scriptural instructions. As the result a marvelous growth was apparent during the past year.

Many Conferences have designated their Second Vice Presidents as Superintendents of this department; and wherever this action has been taken, these officers have entered upon the work with enthusiasm and energy.

It seems but necessary to become convinced of duty and usefulness for these women to step forward gladly and give of time and money to the advancement of the Lord's cause.

Our column in *Our Homes* is proving a mighty weapon of power in enlisting the sympathy and interest of the members at large. In many instances this is the means by which consciences are quickened and hearts softened into liberality. It is true in giving as in serving, our members need but to be enlightened to respond in grateful recognition of the love and the gifts and the mercy of the Creator.

The beautiful new mite boxes designed last year are being welcomed in all auxiliaries throughout our connection. Their substantial form adds to their value, and their bright color carries cheer into many homes. It is gratifying that many orders came for these boxes for local use as well as connectional, for we are endeavoring to inculcate the principles of regular weekly offerings to meet all the demands of Church and society.

Our plan of reporting is by postal cards for Conference officers and plain cards for auxiliaries. Finding it unsatisfactory to rely on Conferences to have auxiliary report cards printed, we have added this to our other expenses, and now furnish them in large numbers, hoping thereby to secure full and accurate quarterly reports.

Deeming it wise to further magnify systematic, proportionate giving, and believing the minimum of gifts should be the "tenth," we have organized a league of Cheerful Givers, who pledge themselves to give not less than one-tenth of their income to God, and to use their influence to induce others to do the same. It will be seen that this debars no one from greater liberality, even to the giving of one's all, while it will prove to many how meager their gifts have been in the past. These pledge cards have been printed at the expense of the department. Again we have been compelled to purchase literature from other denominations to supplement that furnished by the Leaflet Committee. We have also had printed in booklet form two articles written by the Superintendent which seems to have met the approval of friends of the cause who suggested their usefulness as leaflets.

The little stewardship books are still in demand, and our supply almost exhausted. It is our purpose to enlarge this little book, and we ask that the Board have it published.

The distribution of mite boxes, literature, and books, and our expenses, far surpass those of previous years, as will be seen by the following tables:

Number of mite boxes sent out (466 sold) .....	4,627
Number of stewardship books sent out.....	1,877
Number of leaflets sent out.....	5,140
Number of report cards sent out (Auxiliary, 222; Conference, 88).....	310
Number of letters written.....	154
Number of postals written.....	37
Number of manuscripts prepared.....	19
Number of tithing cards .....	737
 Total.....	 12,801

EXPENSE.

Postage .....	\$ 43 10
Cost of mite boxes (4,627).. ..	69 40
Leaflets bought.....	5 77
Letter file.....	50
Record (made to order).....	8 75
Leaflets printed (2,000).....	12 50
Report cards printed (1,000).....	2 50
Pledge cards printed (1,000).....	2 00—\$144 52

## RECEIPTS.

Endowment fund (interest).....	\$ 70 00
Postage refunded on mite boxes.....	29 88
Sale of mite boxes .....	6 99—\$106 87
	\$ 37 65

To build up for this department a permanent and strong foundation has required nearly five years of arduous and unremitting labor. That it is meeting with success is cause for thanksgiving and reason for still wiser planning.

In our humble opinion it is not sufficient that your Board indorse the plans of the Superintendent; they should go farther and authorize their adoption. People like to be told emphatically what is expected of them: therefore for our members to reach a high plane of efficiency, they must hear from our chief leaders "bugle blasts" of no uncertain sound. "Except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" It is not enough that the Superintendent is employed to do the work, back of her must stand every member of this Board, to inspire, to lead on in this campaign against "withholding more than is meet, which tendeth to poverty." Frequent appeals from both Secretary and President emphasizing the necessity for liberality in proportionate giving, as urged by this department, would effect a mighty change in present methods. The success or failure of home missions, all missions, depends very largely on this very thing, proportionate giving.

Why are missions to-day limited still in degree and circumscribed in area? Because of lack of money. We cannot put it too strongly. We are convinced that, when money is freely and cheerfully given to send others into the field to glean for the Master, there will, in equal proportion, be those ready to go. Are there not many now awaiting but the chance to lay their lives upon the altar of the living God? Do not our own missionaries, both abroad and in difficult places in our own country, suffer from lack of funds to provide for their families' comfort—nay, actual necessities? Are not our schools, our rescue homes, our city missions, crying to us for money to meet their needs? It is only too true that money plays a conspicuous part in our affairs, no matter how much we attempt to make it subjective and secondary in importance. We might as well face facts and arm ourselves against unpleasant features. *Our Society needs money, needs it every year, and must have it.* How shall we get it? By proportionate giving; no other method should be considered, for this is God's way. Having decided upon the proportionate giving, we next consider: What is a just proportion? That is a question each must decide for himself. This only can we ask in bare justice: that the minimum of gifts should be not less than one-tenth, and given "not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." Ten cents out of every \$1, \$1 out of every \$10, \$10 out of every \$100, \$100 out of every \$1,000, \$1,000 out of every \$10,000, etc. Many say: "But I prefer giving all I can spare, and



not be bound by any rule." All well and good if you choose to "spare" a liberal per cent, even to a fifth or a third or a half, but there are those who, by not looking to their expenditures, spend their substance in "riotous living," and find it very inconvenient to spare even a twentieth to their Lord, to whom they owe everything. Many are systematically robbing God, weekly, monthly, yearly, of tithes and offerings. They hesitate not in adopting that unwise and wicked system, while quibbling over our just and honest one. It is a fact that, when tithing has once been adopted, larger proportionate gifts follow when greater success comes. Giving with this system begets desire to give more and more as prosperity blesses. The Lord takes care of his own, and when we are disposed to evidence gratitude by liberality, he sees to it that we do not suffer. Giving is reflex in action: it blesses him who bestows as well as the recipient. There is no pay equal to ministering to God's children.

We believe that if our plan were put into execution fully and emphasized by this Board the problem of raising money would be solved. Shall we not try it? Is it not worth the effort?

MRS. W. C. RATCLIFFE, *Superintendent.*

# REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

## PARSONAGES.

1. We, the Committee on Parsonages, urge that the Conference Secretaries instruct their Conferences in the laws governing applications for donations to both the Board and Conference Societies, and insist on the use of the new application blanks (yellow ones for Conference Societies), that none be sent incomplete nor after the required date.

2. We recommend that the by-laws governing the parsonage department be printed in leaflet form, and be sent out with each application blank.

3. That we refer the various loans asked for to the Board of Church Extension, with the request that they be granted when practicable.

4. That the \$4,000 appropriated for parsonages be distributed as follows:

### GRANTS MADE BY THE BOARD.

CONFERENCE.	CHARGE OR LOCATION.	Donation.
Arkansas.....	Green Forest.....	\$ 100 00
Columbia.....	Myrtle Point, Oregon.....	200 00
East Texas.....	Burke (Homer Circuit).....	50 00
Florida.....	Brooksville.....	50 00
	Bronson.....	100 00
Holston.....	Key West.....	250 00
Illinois.....	Coal Creek.....	50 00
Indian Mission.....	Casey.....	50 00
	Holdenville.....	100 00
	Comanche.....	100 00
	Ada.....	100 00
Little Rock.....	Noble.....	100 00
	Paul's Valley.....	100 00
	Camden, Ark.....	100 00
Louisiana.....	St. Francisville.....	75 00
	Leesville.....	75 00
	Glenmora.....	50 00
	New Orleans (Parker Memorial).....	250 00
Missouri.....	Grand Cane.....	50 00
Montana.....	Wright City.....	75 00
North Alabama.....	Big Elk.....	75 00
	Boaz.....	50 00
North Georgia.....	Dadeville.....	50 00
	Colloden.....	75 00
Northwest Texas.....	Stamford.....	100 00
	Wortham.....	50 00
	Robert Lee.....	50 00
	Abilene.....	50 00
North Texas.....	Roby.....	50 00
	Dallas (District parsonage).....	100 00
Pacific.....	Hanford, Cal.....	200 00
	Dos Palos.....	200 00
South Carolina.....	Van Wyck.....	50 00
	Charleston.....	100 00
Southwest Missouri.....	Cheraw.....	50 00
	Butler.....	150 00
Tennessee.....	West Nashville.....	100 00
Texas.....	Austin (Hotchkiss Memorial).....	75 00
Virginia.....	Lunenburg.....	75 00
West Texas.....	Sutherland Springs.....	75 00
Western North Carolina.....	Oiln.....	75 00
White River.....	Bono.....	75 00
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>\$4,000 00</b>

Number of parsonages, 42.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,      MRS. J. T. WILLIAMS,  
 MRS. F. A. LYONS,              MRS. L. P. NORFLEET,  
 MRS. S. P. WILFLEY,              *Committee.*

FINANCE AND EXTENSION OF WORK.

[This report was rearranged by the chairman for the sake of more compact form. It does not agree with the minutes in order and number of parts, but is unchanged in substance and language.]

REPORT NO. 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1. The Committee on Finance recommend for appropriation for Cuban work \$5,514, to be apportioned to the various schools as follows:

Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West (fees included).	\$4.070 00
West Tampa (fees included).....	600 00
Wolf School, Ybor City, Tampa.....	844 00
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Total for Cuban work.....	\$5,514 00

2. For the Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky., \$2,000 and fees.

3. For work on the Pacific Coast, \$1,800, to be apportioned as follows:

San Francisco.....	\$ 480 00
Alameda.....	340 00
Oakland.....	300 00
Los Angeles.....	380 00
Red Bluff.....	300 00
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Total for Pacific Coast.....	\$1,800 00

4. For the A. B. C. Mission Home and Training School, at Dallas, Tex., \$3,000 for current expenses, this appropriation to include all money received from industries, which is to be sent to the General Treasurer; but it shall not include donations of supplies, nor such sums as may be paid by inmates or their friends for board or doctors' fees.

5. We recommend, in addition, the appropriation of \$600 for the A. B. C. Mission Home and Training School; \$300 for a teacher for the dress-making department; and \$300 for incidental expenses, subject to the order of Mrs. W. H. Johnson.

6. We recommend that \$4,000 be appropriated for parsonages.

7. We recommend the following appropriations for running expenses of the Board:

Office expenses of President.....	\$ 250 00
Salary of General Secretary.....	800 00
Office expenses and clerical help, General Secretary*	500 00
Salary of Treasurer.....	600 00
Office expenses of Treasurer.....	80 00
Printing leaflets and annual reports.....	750 00
Editor of Leaflets.....	100 00
Expenses of Supply Department.....	75 00
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Total.....	\$3,155 00

\* It will be seen by item 8 that the expenses of the Life Member Certificate and Baby Roll department, and also the bulk of the expenses of the department of Systematic and Proportionate Giving and Mite Boxes, have been added to the expenses of the General Secretary's office.

8. We recommend that since Mrs. J. J. Tigert's resignation has been accepted, the department of Life Member Certificates and Baby Roll be abolished as a department, and that the work be done in the office of the General Secretary by an assistant, who shall send out the Wolff record books and mite boxes, and do other necessary work under the supervision of the General Secretary. Mrs. JOHN D. HAMMOND, *Chairman*.

REPORT NO. 2. EXTENSION OF WORK.

1. We recommend that the Board discontinue the work of paid organizers, and that new organizations be effected through Conference and district officers. Their traveling and office expenses should be paid from the Conference expense fund, or from the Conference half of dues where the Conference is too weak to have a sufficient expense fund.

2. We recommend that \$300 be appropriated for the salary of a missionary to be placed in the mining region of the Holston Conference.

3. We recommend that this Board memorialize the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School to allow this body to place in the school a teacher of home mission work, and that a contingent fund of \$750 be appropriated to pay the salary of said teacher in case the Board of Managers grant our request.

4. Whereas there is a conviction on the part of the members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions that the time has come when the women of the M. E. Church, South, should by organized effort take their place beside the brethren of the Church in endeavoring to assist the colored people to a higher plane of Christian living;

We recommend the establishment of a girls' industrial department at Paine Institute, Augusta, Ga., as soon as \$5,000 shall be secured for the building. Mrs. JOHN D. HAMMOND, *Chairman*

REPORT NO. 3. TWENTIETH CENTURY THANK OFFERING.

We make the following statement, and recommend the following appropriations from the Twentieth Century Fund:

1. For fence at Key West (undirected funds).....	\$ 250 00
Previously expended (undirected funds) .....	2,537 83
Previously expended (directed funds).....	4,824 24

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Total for Key West.....\$7,612 07

2. A. B. C. Mission Home and Training School.	
For laundry for Industrial Dept. (directed funds)...	\$ 500 00
For painting (directed funds).....	200 00
For insurance, three years (directed funds).....	300 00
For endowment (directed funds) .....	\$1,400 96
For endowment (undirected) .....	99 04— 1,500 00
Previously expended (directed funds) .....	1,707 00
Previously expended (undirected funds) .....	400 00

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Total for Training School, Dallas.....\$4,607 00

3. Sue Bennett Memorial School.

For cottage for students (directed funds).....	\$ 300 00
For repair of damage by cyclone (directed funds) ...	500 00
For fencing and board walks (directed funds).....	500 00
For Principal's house (directed funds)....	\$ 708 69
For Principal's house (undirected funds)..	1,791 31— 2,500 00
Previously expended (directed funds) .....	150 00

Total for London School.....\$3,950 00

4. The projected building of a chapel at Los Angeles having met with unexpected difficulties, we recommend that the \$500 forwarded for that purpose be returned to the General Treasurer, and held subject to the needs of our Pacific Coast work.

5. We recommend that the \$2,381.61 of undirected Twentieth Century Fund remaining in bank be held subject to the order of this Board.

Mrs. JOHN D. HAMMOND, *Chairman*.

CITY MISSIONS.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions realizes as never before the importance of city mission work such as the times demand. Be it

*Resolved:* 1. We recommend that industrial schools, kindergartens, and day nurseries be established in needy districts.

2. We recommend that the plans of work reported by the representatives of the various city mission boards be given a place in the Fifteenth Annual Report, and attention be called to these plans by the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

3. We recommend that appropriations be made for city mission work on this basis, that to the amount of money raised for current expenses the previous year by each board of city missions an additional ten per cent be granted by the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

4. We recommend that the money for current expenses of the city boards of missions heretofore sent to the General Treasurer, or of any city boards that may be organized in the future, be hereafter reported by voucher to the Conference Treasurer, who shall report the same to the General Treasurer, and that blank forms for these vouchers be provided by the General Secretary and the Treasurer.

5. We suggest that Bible readings be given for negro women, and that other methods be devised to help them to better lives.

6. We herein express the thanks of this body to Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, Mrs. Elliott Jones, and Rev. Charles Scarritt for their offer to assist our work in Kansas City, and trust that our Board in that city may be able to meet the conditions attending the gift of the lot, and our work in Kansas City be established on a firm basis.

Respectfully submitted. Mrs. F. P. CLARK, Mrs. H. D. MOORE,  
Mrs. J. H. YARBROUGH, Mrs. W. DESSAU,  
Mrs. J. H. REVILLE,

## MISSIONARY CANDIDATES AND TEACHERS.

Having examined the papers of the various applicants to the Board, your committee beg leave to recommend the following:

1. The reappointment of the faculty of Key West School, with the exception of Miss Cornelia Godby, who has resigned to take up other work.

2. That the teachers in charge of the schools at Ybor City and West Tampa be reappointed, and that Miss Bruce, the Superintendent, be empowered to make any necessary changes in the adjustment of teachers in the schools under her supervision.

3. That the faculty of the Sue Bennett Memorial School be reappointed, the vacancies caused by resignation to be filled by Miss Bennett, the Superintendent.

4. That Miss Mary Moore, the Principal, and Miss Matthews, head teacher, of the A. B. C. Home and Training School, at Dallas, be reappointed.

5. That the appointment of teachers or missionaries for the work on the Pacific Coast be referred to the General Secretary and the superintendent of that work.

6. That Miss Minerva Clyde, Miss Estelle Haskins, and Miss Rosa Lowe be appointed to city mission work, the time and place of said appointments to be left to the judgment of the Executive Committee.

7. That Mrs. Tom Cooper, of Louisville, whose papers have been carefully examined, be appointed to take charge of the primary work in Ybor City.

8. That Miss Essie Roberson, whose application we have considered, be advised to take one more year in the Scarritt Bible and Training School before receiving an appointment under this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. D. MOORE,

MRS. W. DESSAU,

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT.

## EDUCATION.

Your committee, after a careful consideration of the reports of the superintendents of the various schools under the direction of the Woman's Home Mission Society, recommend their continuance and support as follows:

1. As the school at Key West has been known only as the Key West Seminary, we recommend that the institution be officially named, after one whom we delight to love, the "Ruth Hargrove Seminary." As the situation at Key West, as given by Miss Bruce, will require the full amount asked for for the present year, in order that the labor given may not be lost, we recommend the appropriation of \$4,070, fees included, and we feel that this outlay will be a good one in the hands of so faithful a superintendent. We also recommend that the teachers and helpers necessary for the maintenance of the school be employed as before.

2. In view of the steady, faithful work of Miss Valdes and her aunt, we recommend the continuance of the school at West Tampa, with the appropriation of \$600 and fees, as recommended by your Finance Committee.

3. We recommend the continuance of the school at Ybor City, with an appropriation of \$844 for salaries of two teachers, insurance, water tax, and incidentals.

4. We heartily commend the work of the Sue Bennett Memorial School, and rejoice in its hopeful growth and the high Christian standard of its teachers. We recommend the appropriation of \$1,500 and fees, and \$500 contingent.

5. In view of the urgent demand for day and night schools on the Pacific Coast, we recommend the continuance of the four schools at San Francisco, Alameda, Oakland, and Los Angeles, with the new work, or rather the taking up of a work already projected, at Red Bluff, with the following appropriations: Oakland, \$300; San Francisco, \$480; Alameda, \$340; Los Angeles, \$380; Red Bluff, \$300. Total, \$1,800.

6. We rejoice in the good work being done in the A. B. C. Mission Home and Training School at Dallas, Tex., and the noble work of Mrs. W. H. Johnson, who has spared not herself at any time to advance the interest of the Home. We recommend that \$3,000 be appropriated for the current expenses of the A. B. C. Mission Home and Training School, this appropriation including all money received from industries, which is to be sent to the General Treasurer. This will not include donations of supplies nor such money as shall be paid by the inmates or their friends for board or doctors' fees.

7. That Mrs. W. H. Johnson, editor of the *King's Messenger*, shall be re-appointed Financial Agent and head of the industrial department of the A. B. C. Mission Home and Training School. Three hundred dollars shall be granted her by this Board for a dressmaker. Other employees shall be paid from the \$3,000 appropriated for current expenses. Mrs. Johnson shall be empowered to travel at her discretion, present the work before the Church congregations, urging that the Twentieth Century Offering shall be given for an endowment fund. Mrs. Johnson shall not collect publicly for a building fund, and no other building shall be projected except by this Board in annual session assembled. That \$300 shall be appropriated for incidental and other expenses, subject to Mrs. Johnson's order.

8. That no *new* inmates shall be received into the Home, except those whose board is paid, until the number of the adult inmates whose board is not paid in cash be reduced to forty, and that the number of those whose board is not paid in cash shall not be allowed to rise above that figure. We also recommend that a course of training covering two years be adopted, and that the inmates of the Home be kept there for that length of time, or longer if necessary, unless, in the judgment of the Board of Managers, this rule may, in individual cases, be safely set aside.

9. That the report of Mrs. Wiley, Superintendent of the Industrial Home and School at Greeneville, Tenn., shows an encouraging growth, and we trust the much-desired baby cottage may soon be built.

MRS. GEORGE CALL,    MRS. L. S. BARTON,  
MISS KATE PETRY,    MRS. J. T. WILLIAMS.  
MRS. E. W. FOOTE.

## LITERATURE AND PRESS.

The literature of a nation determines the character of its people.

As consistent Church workers we need the information and inspiration of a full knowledge of our Church literature in all of its departments: therefore,

1. We indorse and commend the excellent work done by the Committee on Literature and Press Work.

2. We heartily commend the official organ of the Society, *Our Homes*, and urge the Conference officers to more strenuous efforts in increasing its circulation.

3. We commend the *King's Messenger* as a power for good and an inspiration to those who labor for humanity.

4. We commend the work of the Editor of Leaflets, and recommend that the leaflets be published in booklet form.

5. We suggest that there be prepared, as soon as practicable, a leaflet on "Supplies," one on "Mountain Work," and one on "City Mission Work in the South;" also that Miss Bennett's address at New Orleans be published in booklet form.

6. We commend the Reading Course and recommend that it be revised as soon as possible, and be more generally adopted by the auxiliaries.

7. We prayerfully urge the Home Mission women to greater diligence in daily study of the Word which is able to give wisdom, guidance, and direction in every emergency of life.

8. We suggest the printing of 4,400 Fifteenth Annual Reports and the usual number of blanks for the various departments.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. L. P. NORFLEET, *Chairman*;

MRS. A. A. GIBSON, *Secretary*;

MRS. F. P. CLARK,

MRS. A. ROYAL.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

## No. 1.

Whereas there is a widespread and deepening conviction in Southern Methodism of the need of trained Christian women who shall coöperate with the pastors in bringing about the largest and most permanent results in the work of the Church; and whereas this Board of Home Missions has longed to see the largest opportunity for service given to consecrated womanhood; therefore be it

*Resolved:* 1. That this Board hails with joy the resolution adopted by the Local Board of Church Extension and City Missions of St. Louis, asking that the St. Louis Annual Conference, at its next session, memorialize the General Conference which meets in Dallas in May, 1902, to establish the order of deaconess in the M. E. Church, South.

2. That we pledge our hearty sympathy and support to this movement.

3. That our Executive Committee and the editor of *Our Homes* and the Editor of Leaflets be appointed a committee to prepare, and present to the



next General Conference, a memorial from this body asking for the establishment of the order of deaconess.

#### No. 2.

While we are satisfied that a revision of the Wolff record books is necessary, and that the plans presented by the committee from the Southwest Missouri Conference are an improvement on the forms now in use; also in view of the fact that there are already enough books in print to last another year, we recommend:

1. That the committee from the Southwest Missouri Conference be authorized to issue printed pages of their plans for the books of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and submit the same to each Conference Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, with a request for a careful examination of the same and her vote on the adoption of the plan.

2. That the result of this vote shall be made known to the Executive Committee, and, if a majority shall approve, the Executive Committee shall order the new books issued in time for the next fiscal year, beginning March 1, 1902.

#### No. 3.

In reply to the communication from the St. Louis Conference Society asking this body to determine whether it is the legitimate work of the Home Mission Society to help furnish churches, pay insurance, and raise money to assist in the pastor's salary, we suggest that these matters should be left to the discretion of the auxiliary, and that By-Laws 3 and 11 to the Constitution of Auxiliaries give ample provision for all the work usually done by the Pastor's Aid.

#### No. 4.

We recommend:

1. That the name of the Department of Systematic and Proportionate Giving and Mite Boxes be changed to the Department of Tithing.

2. That By-Law 2 to Constitution of Conference Societies be amended to read as follows: "The Vice Presidents shall, in their order, perform the duties of the President in her absence, and the Second Vice President shall be the Superintendent of the Department of Tithing to coöperate with the General Superintendent of Tithing."

We recommend concurrence in the following:

1. That each Conference Superintendent of the Baby Roll be allowed to secure from the General Secretary a sufficient number of certificates and baby mite boxes to supply her own Conference.

2. That these supplies be charged to the Conference securing them; and in case the certificates be lost or misplaced, the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be held responsible for the number lost.

MRS. S. H. BABCOCK,  
MRS. L. M. CLARK,  
MISS EMILY M. ALLEN.

## RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas God in his infinite goodness has prospered our work and brought us safely through another year; therefore be it

*Resolved:* 1. That we give him the gratitude and praise of our hearts for all his mercy and loving-kindness and strive more earnestly to reflect the glory of his image in our lives.

2. We extend our thanks to the ladies of the Home Mission Society of St. John's Church for the great pleasure of visiting the noted, progressive city of St. Louis, and of studying her renowned benevolences; also to Dr. J. W. Lee for preparing the artistic programme which will be a valuable souvenir of our delightful gathering in this city.

3. To the Reception and Entertainment Committee for their untiring labors in meeting the trains, securing homes, and otherwise looking after the comfort and pleasure of the delegates and visitors.

4. To our hostesses, who with gracious hospitality have opened to us their homes and hearts.

5. To the ladies of the Southern Methodist Churches of this city, who have daily provided delightful luncheons, and made possible for us the enjoyable boat ride and reception.

6. To the managers of the Methodist Orphans' Home for the privilege of visiting that far-famed institution, looking into the happy faces of the children so safely and comfortably housed, and for the gracious hospitality extended.

7. To the donors of the sweet, fragrant flowers that have each day, by their silent beauty, lifted our hearts in gratitude to the Giver of all good gifts.

8. To Dr. Hopkins for his cordial greeting in behalf of the brethren of the ministry, and to Mrs. Price for her warm words of welcome to the Christian homes of St. Louis.

9. To Dr. Shailer Mathews for a sermon that made us long to realize the height, breadth, and depth of that "life more abundant."

10. To the ministers who have encouraged us by their presence and kindly words, and to Mrs. Boyle and Dr. Cunningham for their words of inspiration and the benediction of their presence.

11. To Miss Emma Tucker, who has faithfully and lovingly, each day, fed us upon the "bread of life."

12. To the organist and choir for inspiring music rendered, and to the pages for cheerful and efficient service.

13. To the city papers and reporters for kindly notices of our daily work, and to the sexton for services early and late.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. A. A. GIBSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. M. M. MOORMAN, *Secretary*;

MRS. E. G. LOWE.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, INSTRUCTIONS,  
CONSTITUTIONS, ETC.

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

*Be it known*, That we—Miss Lucinda B. Helm, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Nathan Scarritt, Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Belle H. Bennett, Richmond, Ky.; Mrs. Ellen Burdette, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. John Carter, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Maria Carter, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. M. A. Wolff, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. E. E. Wiley, Emory, Va. — whose names are hereto subscribed, citizens of the United States, under the authority of the statutes of the State of Kentucky, in that behalf, do hereby constitute ourselves and such other persons as may hereafter become members of the corporation here formed, into a body politic and corporate, and do hereby assume to and for the said corporation all the rights, powers, and privileges granted and conferred by the laws of the State of Kentucky upon corporations of the kind hereby formed and created, and under and in pursuance of said statutes do hereby make and adopt the following articles of incorporation:

1. The name of the corporation shall be the "Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

2. The principal office and place of business shall be the city of Louisville, Jefferson County, Ky.

3. The objects of the corporation shall be to unite the efforts of Christian women and children in the collection of funds by private effort, personal solicitation, membership fees, donations, devises, and bequests for procuring homes for itinerant preachers, and otherwise aiding the cause of Christ by establishing and maintaining schools, missions, hospitals, and other agencies for the propagation of the gospel and the elevation of mankind.

4. The objects of the corporation being purely religious and charitable, it shall have no capital stock.

5. The corporate existence of the Society shall begin May 1, 1895, and shall continue for a period of ninety-nine years.

6. The management and control of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a Board of Managers to be known as the Central Committee of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Said Committee shall consist of a President, a General Secretary, a General Treasurer, and nine Managers, all of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation organized under a special act of the Legislature of Kentucky, approved February 20, 1884, in accordance with the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Said appointment of officers and managers shall be made by said Board of Church Extension quadrennially at its annual meeting held in the city of Louisville, Ky. All vacancies occurring therein shall be filled by the committee.

7. The highest amount of debts or liabilities which the incorporation may incur shall not exceed \$2,500, and the private property of the incorporators and their successors shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts.

8. The corporation shall have the right to buy, receive, and hold any and every kind of property (real, personal, or otherwise); and shall have full power to sell, convey, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of same whenever it is deemed advantageous or expedient, a majority of the Board of Managers, known as the Central Committee of the Society, consenting thereto at any regular or called meeting, and they may at any such meetings authorize and empower the President and General Secretary to make a deed or other proper instrument of conveyance thereof.

9. The incorporators whose name appear in the preamble—together with the names of Miss Emily Allen, Forsyth, Ga.; Miss Rebecca Robertson, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. J. S. Key, Sherman, Tex.; and Mrs. George P. Kendrick, Louisville, Ky.—shall constitute the Central Committee until their successors shall be duly appointed; and Mrs. E. E. Wiley shall be President, Mrs. Nathan Scarritt shall be General Secretary, and Mrs. George P. Kendrick shall be General Treasurer.

LUCINDA B. HELM,	MRS. JOHN CARTER,
MRS. NATHAN SCARRITT,	MRS. MARIA CARTER,
BELLE H. BENNETT,	MRS. M. A. WOLFF,
MRS. ELLEN BURDETTE,	MRS. E. E. WILEY.

## INSTRUCTIONS IN REGARD TO FUNDS.

All Money Must Be Sent According to the Following Directions:

**The Regular Fund.**—The Regular Fund is constituted by dues of adult, young people, and juvenile members. This fund must be sent by the auxiliaries to the Conference Treasurer, and by her to the General Treasurer. All money from life memberships, honorary life memberships and honorary life patrons, Baby Roll dues, mite box collections, and donations to which no special direction is given must be sent to the General Treasurer through the regular channels.

**Special Donations.**—These must be used as the donors direct. Special donations intended for any purpose *within* the Conference must be sent to the Conference Treasurer, and by her sent to the general treasury to be returned to the Conference Treasurer for expenditure. Special donations intended for any purpose *outside* the Conference should be sent to the Conference Treasurer, and by her forwarded to the General Treasurer. Money should not be sent by auxiliaries to the field—that is, in response to any person applying for special aid—but through the Conference Treasurer to the General Treasurer, from whence it will go as directed, and credit be given. Special donations remitted to the Conference Treasurer or General Treasurer must be accompanied by the name and wish of the donor. *This is very important if credit is desired.*

### LOAN AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

**The Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund** is constituted by donations of five dollars each to make individuals "patrons" of this fund. Names of patrons will be recorded and published in the Annual Report the year they are received.

**Our Angel Band Loan Fund.**—This name is given to a memorial fund constituted by a contribution of \$20 for each name sent. The \$20 may be paid at once, or in installments as desired. The names given as members of this band represent the loving remembrance of departed ones by parents, children, relatives, or friends, who, in this way, erect to their memories a lasting monument of good deeds. Those not able to constitute Named Loan Funds are by this fund afforded an opportunity to honor their dead.

**Named Loan Funds.**—The sum of one thousand dollars and upward, donated by one or more persons, may, by direction of the contributors, constitute a separate loan fund, and be named by them. No part of the amounts secured and set apart as constituting the Loan Fund is ever donated for any purpose, or used for current expenses, but is preserved without diminution a perpetual fund, held and reserved wholly for temporary loans. Parsonage loan funds are administered by the General Board of Church Extension subject to appropriation by the Board of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

**Educational Endowment Fund and City Mission Endowment Fund** have been created. These two last funds are not loan funds, but vested funds, the interest of which will be used for the objects indicated. Patrons to these funds can be made by the payment of five dollars.

All money intended for these loan funds must be sent to the General Treasurer, either direct or through the Conference Treasurers. Names of patrons for Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund and members of Our Angel Band and Educational Endowment Fund should accompany the money.

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**Mite Boxes** are furnished free to all wishing to use them for the benefit of this society, on application to Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe, 2309 South Clarkson Street, Denver, Colo. Any desiring wooden boxes can have them at cost.

**Boxes of Supplies.**—Transportation should be prepaid on all supplies, and the amount, and to whom sent reported to the Conference Secretary, requesting her to forward same to Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent, Cherry Street, Nashville, Tenn.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPERINTENDENTS OF BABY ROLL.

The Auxiliary Third Vice President shall have in charge the Baby Roll. She shall collect the enrollment fee of twenty-five cents per member, and give quarterly to the auxiliary Treasurer the number of names enrolled during the quarter and the amount of fees to correspond. She shall at the same time send list of names and addresses to the Conference Superintendent of Baby Roll. She shall keep a correct roll of baby members, secure the continued use of the baby mite boxes, and turn the moneys collected monthly in them over to the auxiliary Treasurer.

When the number of names, and enrollment fees to correspond, have been sent to the Conference Treasurer by the auxiliary Treasurer, then the Conference Treasurer shall forward to the General Treasurer the total *number* of baby members made in the Conference during the quarter (not the *names*), with amount of membership fees to correspond. She shall at the same time write the General Superintendent of Baby Roll to forward to the Conference Superintendent a number of baby certificates corresponding with fees sent. (For instance, if she has two dollars and fifty cents, she will order ten certificates.)

When the Conference Superintendent receives mite boxes she also receives baby cards, which are to be sent to the Third Vice Presidents of auxiliaries to be filled out and returned to her, and in turn by her to the General Superintendent for enrollment. As names are constantly being added to the Baby Roll, the General Superintendent must be informed quarterly.

The Conference Superintendent of Baby Roll will send baby certificates to the Third Vice President of auxiliary, who has the Baby Roll in charge, and who will fill in names, etc., and turn over to proper parties.

## *CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND MISCELLANY.*

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### **CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.**

ARTICLE I. This organization shall be known as the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. II. The object of this Society is to enlist and organize Christian women and children in securing homes for itinerant preachers, in providing religious instruction for the neglected and destitute, and in otherwise aiding the cause of Christ.

ART. III. This society shall be under the supervision and direction of women, known as the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a General Treasurer, and a Corresponding Secretary, or alternate, of each Conference Society.

ART. IV. The general officers of said Board shall be elected quadrennially by the Board at the session next succeeding each General Conference. The Corresponding Secretaries and their alternates shall be elected by the Conference Societies as their laws may provide. Superintendents of departments shall be elected annually by the Board, which shall also define their duties.

ART. V. The funds of the Society shall be derived from membership dues, special contributions at meetings appointed in the interest of the society, mite boxes, donations, devises, bequests, or by other means approved by the Board; and the creation of Loan Funds.

ART. VI. The Board shall have authority to raise and administer two Loan Funds, one for parsonage building, and another for Home Mission work. These shall be held separate from the funds raised for general distribution, and shall be used only in loans on adequate security, to be determined by the Board of Church Extension. The administration of the Loan Fund for parsonages shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Church Extension.

ART. VII. It shall be lawful for said Board to accept contributions to its funds from any persons capable of making the same, subject to annuities, payable to the order of person or persons making such donations; but all amounts so received shall be loaned by said Board, on adequate security or securities, and the aggregate amount of annuities that the Board shall assume to pay shall never be allowed to exceed one-half of the annual interest received on the loans made by said Board.

ART. VIII. The funds appropriated by this Board to parsonages shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Church Extension, and shall be administered by the same.



ART. IX. All property (whether real, personal, or otherwise) shall be held in the name of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation organized under the laws of Kentucky.

ART. X. All dues, special contributions, and other moneys collected by or for the use of the general work of the Woman's Home Mission Society shall be sent to the General Treasurer to be expended by the direction of the Board. Fifty per cent of the dues sent in by each Conference Society, less the amount paid out for Conference expenses, shall be held subject to the order of the proper officers of said Conference, for aiding parsonages within the bounds of the same, but any such funds unappropriated by said Conference at the close of each fiscal year shall be subject to the order of the General Board, and shall be used by said Board to aid the work in more needy Conferences.

ART. XI. The Board shall meet annually, to review and forecast the work, examine reports, estimate resources, appropriate receipts, project work for the year, decide the fields to be occupied and the provisions for each, select the missionaries, the teachers, and other agents to be employed for executing each part of the work, and devise the ways and means for accomplishing the same. It shall have power to make by-laws for the Society, and to provide constitution and by-laws for the Conference and auxiliary societies.

ART. XII. Fifteen members of the Board shall constitute a quorum to transact business at an annual meeting, and five members at a monthly or called meeting.

ART. XIII. The duty of the General Secretary shall be to correspond with missionaries and teachers and other employees of the Society, and with the Conference Secretaries; to furnish Conference Societies with all the needful information; also to secure from them such details of their work as will be necessary to make quarterly and annual reports to the Boards and acquaint herself with the condition, needs, and opportunities of the mission fields, and publish the same for the information of the membership. She shall sign all orders on the General Treasurer, and attend to the legal business of the Society. She shall report annually such details as should be incorporated in the reports of the Board of Church Extension, of Missions, and of Education.

ART. XIV. The General Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society, furnish quarterly and annual reports to be published with those of the General Secretary, pay such bills as the Board may approve, and make such disposition of the funds in her hands as the Board may direct. At the close of the year the accounts shall be audited by one or more competent persons selected for that purpose.

ART. XV. When a vacancy among the general officers or superintendents of departments shall occur in the interim of the annual meetings, the Board shall fill such vacancies until the next annual meeting.

Resolved that ¶¶ 389 to 397 of the Discipline, both included, be and they are hereby repealed.

## BY-LAWS TO GENERAL CONSTITUTION.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings and actively endeavor to advance the interests of the Society. She shall countersign all drafts on the treasury.

2. The Vice Presidents in their order shall perform all the duties of the President in her absence, and such other duties as may be assigned them in the Board.

3. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all the annual meetings of the Board, and shall keep the minutes of all meetings in book form.

4. The General Treasurer shall send notice to the Conference Treasurer whenever money is sent to the Board of Church Extension from the 50 per cent dues of that society.

5. Special donations must be appropriated as the donors direct. Donations made for connectional work must be sent through the Conference Treasurer to the General Treasurer.

6. The traveling expenses of the general officers to and from all the meetings of the Board and of the superintendents of departments and editors to and from the annual meetings of the Board shall be paid from the general treasury.

7. Whenever the interests of the work demand it, the President or the General Secretary may call a meeting of the Board to provide for emergencies in the interim of the annual meeting.

8. No new work shall be undertaken until it has been presented to the Board at its annual meeting, and been accepted by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

9. The connectional work shall be divided into two classes, A and B. Class A shall include the institutions deeded to the Board and under its full control. Class B shall include those local enterprises which are accepted by the General Board and become connected with it by passing their funds through the hands of the General Treasurer.

10. *Resolved*, That a standing committee of three be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the general officers and Superintendents of the Society and report to the Board at its annual meetings.

11. No principal of any institution shall buy land, contract for a building, purchase furniture, or otherwise incur indebtedness without a written order from the Superintendent, and no Superintendent shall assume a debt for her department except at a personal liability.

12. The Board shall from time to time, as may be necessary, create special departments of work and appoint superintendents to take charge of the same.

13. The President and the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society within the bounds of which the annual meeting of the Board is to be held, after consulting with the President and the General Secretary, shall fix the date of the meeting and make necessary arrangements therefor. If for any cause it should become necessary to change the place of meeting, it may be done by the officers of the Board.

14. The programmes for the annual meetings of the Board shall be made by the President and the General Secretary in consultation with the President and the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society within the bounds of which the meeting is held.

15. A Committee of Literature and Press Work shall be formed, consisting of five members, and the Editor of the Leaflets, the General Secretary, and the Editor of *Our Homes* shall be *ex officio* members of the committee. The chairman and one other member shall be elected annually.

16. During the annual meetings of the Board a half hour at noon shall be set aside for devotional services.

17. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

##### FOR BUSINESS SESSIONS OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

1. Roll call.
2. Report of General Treasurer.
3. Report of General Secretary.
4. Report of Superintendents.
5. Announcement of standing committees.
6. Presentation of papers to be referred to committees.

##### FOR REGULAR DAILY SESSIONS.

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of minutes.
3. Reports from standing committees.
4. Reports from special committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.

##### RULES OF ORDER.

- (a) Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
- (b) All resolutions shall be presented in writing.
- (c) Ladies shall rise when addressing the Chair.
- (d) No member shall leave the room without permission of the Chair.
- (e) All reports of committees and such other papers as are to be incorporated in the minutes of the annual session shall be carefully copied as last read and approved by the body before being placed in the hands of the Secretary.

#### CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE 1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society, auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which shall have charge of the work of the Society within the Conference, hold annual meetings, appropriate money to pay incidental expenses, and determine amounts to be appropriated within its bounds.

ART. 2. The Conference Society shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and of a District Secretary from each presiding elder's district. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

ART. 3. The President, the two Vice Presidents, the Corresponding

Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be elected by ballot. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation.

ART. 4. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business at a called meeting. One member of this quorum must be either the President or the Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 5. The Conference Society shall use the dues for procuring parsonages and paying incidental expenses. Any auxiliary or auxiliaries within its bounds shall not project or accept work or respond to special calls for aid without the approval of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

ART. 6. The Conference Society shall devise a plan for raising an expense fund. No Conference Society shall elect or appoint as its representative at the Annual Board meeting any person not a member of said Conference Society.

#### BY-LAWS TO CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, actively advance its interests, and countersign all drafts on the treasury.

2. The Vice Presidents shall, in their order, perform the duties of the President in her absence, and the Second Vice President shall be the Superintendent of the Department of Tithing, to cooperate with the General Superintendent of Tithing.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee in a suitable book.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature by sending it direct to the Presidents of auxiliaries or to the District Secretaries, as the Conference Society may direct. She shall endeavor to organize auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and forward a detailed report of each organization by name to the General Secretary and to the Treasurer of the Conference Society. She shall send quarterly reports to the General Secretary by the 15th of March, June, September, and December; also an annual report in March, giving statistics in full. She shall make to the Conference Society such reports as that body may require. She shall also make for incorporation in the minutes of the Annual Conference the necessary report to the Conference Board of Church Extension in regard to appropriations made to parsonages in the Conference. She shall give due notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of executive meetings. She shall draw all orders on the treasury.

5. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Society, keep a book account with each auxiliary, and submit the same annually to an auditor appointed by the Society. She shall write quarterly to the Treasurer of each auxiliary giving special attention to new auxiliaries. She shall remit to the General Treasurer by the 15th of March, June, September, and December all dues, that the General Treasurer may hold in reserve, subject to the order of the Conference officers, the fifty per cent due each Conference Society. She shall also send quarterly to the General Treasurer all special donations for connectional work, contributions to Loan

Funds, offerings of Week of Prayer, and moneys for life memberships, stating carefully the purposes of the same, the names of donors and of life members.

(The Conference Treasurer shall send to the General Treasurer total *number* of baby members (not the names) made in Conference during the quarter, with amount of membership fees to correspond. She shall, at the same time, ask the General Superintendent of Baby Roll to forward to Conference Superintendent a number of baby certificates corresponding with fees sent. For instance, if she has two dollars and fifty cents, she shall order ten certificates.)

6. The Conference Society may elect Superintendents to coöperate with the Superintendents of the Board. They shall send quarterly reports of their work to the General Superintendent of their department by the 15th of March, June, September, and December.

7. The District Secretary shall organize auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Home Mission Society in her district. She, or a representative appointed by her, shall present a report of the work at the District Conference. She shall hold an annual meeting in the district composed of delegates from the auxiliaries, and shall encourage each auxiliary to hold annually an all-day meeting, and once a quarter a public meeting, thus creating sentiment in favor of the work. She shall ask each pastor in her district to preach a sermon on Home Missions once a year in each Church, and ask for a free-will offering. If the Conference Society so direct, the District Secretary shall conduct the correspondence with the auxiliaries in her district. Literature and information must be sent direct to the Presidents of Auxiliaries. She shall send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary. It shall be her duty to do all in her power to obtain subscribers to the official organ of the Society, *Our Homes*. She shall send her book annually to the Conference meeting to be approved.

8. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Board.

9. If, during the year, an office becomes vacant, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy.

10. During the annual meetings a half hour at noon shall be set aside for devotional services.

### AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women may become an auxiliary to the Woman's Home Mission Society, by electing a President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and by the payment of the regular dues—viz., ten cents monthly per member.

#### CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Society of the —, Auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to raise funds for procuring parsonages where they are most needed, and to encourage women and chil-

dren to active and earnest effort to advance the cause of Christ in our own land.

ART. 3. Any one paying regularly ten cents per month may become a member of the society; and any one paying \$25 in one year may become a life member, and shall receive a certificate for the same, which may release the holder from further payment of dues.

ART. 4. The officers of this society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall together constitute an Executive Committee of the society.

ART. 5. The meetings of this society shall be held monthly, or oftener if the interests of the society require it. The February meeting shall be the annual meeting, when the officers shall be elected for the following year; a report of the work of the year shall be read and a copy of the same be given to the pastor.

#### BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings and superintend the work of the society, laying special emphasis upon the study of the reading course by the auxiliary.

2. The Vice Presidents shall in their order assume the duties of the President in her absence, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned them.

3. The First Vice President shall have in charge the local interests of the auxiliary, and shall, *ex officio*, be the chairman of the committee for local parsonage and benevolent work.

4. The Second Vice President shall cooperate with the Conference Superintendent of Systematic and Proportionate Giving in supplying the auxiliary with information upon this subject, and seeking to bring the members to this method of giving. She shall try to secure individual and auxiliary use of the mite boxes.

5. The Third Vice President shall have in charge the Baby Roll and Life Membership Certificates. She shall collect the enrollment fee of twenty-five cents per member, and give quarterly to the auxiliary Treasurer the number of names enrolled during the quarter and the amount of fees to correspond. She shall at the same time send list of names and addresses to the Conference Superintendent of Baby Roll. She shall keep a correct roll of baby members, secure the continued use of the baby mite boxes, and turn the moneys collected monthly in them over to the auxiliary Treasurer. It shall also be her duty to interest, enlist, and organize the children and young people.

6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the regular and called meetings, see that the congregation is notified of the time of the meeting, both from the pulpit and through the Sabbath school, and send her book annually to the district meeting to be approved.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society, and send to the Conference Secretary and to the District Secretary full reports before the first day of March, June, September, and December. She shall also send to these officers the name and address of the auxiliary President. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be approved.

8. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues, securing at least ten cents a month per member, keep a book account of the funds of the society, and remit to the Conference Treasurer before the first of March, June, September, and December. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be audited. She shall send quarterly to the Conference Treasurer the number of names placed on Baby Roll, with amount of enrollment fees to correspond.

9. It shall be the duty of the Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers to make a written report to the monthly business meetings of their local auxiliaries.

10. The society shall elect an agent for *Our Homes*.

11. There shall be a Local Committee to cooperate with the First Vice President as chairman in looking after the parsonage and the benevolent work of the Church. This committee shall be elected quarterly, semiannually, or annually, as the auxiliary may prefer. It shall have its own Treasurer for local funds, which may be raised in any way the auxiliary deems best. Such by-laws may be adopted governing the work as the local needs may require, provided they do not conflict with the by-laws of the general work.

12. There shall be a Visiting Committee appointed monthly, whose duty it shall be to visit from house to house, to distribute reading matter sent out by the society, and other Church literature, enlist members for the society, and induce persons to attend church and Sabbath school. A full report shall be made at each meeting of the society. It shall be the duty of the Visiting Committee to report to the pastor the names of strangers and all cases of sickness and destitution that they may find. The members of the committee on their rounds should also endeavor by the reading of God's Word to comfort, strengthen, or bring to Christ those whom they may visit. The Visiting Committee may be subdivided into smaller committees to visit specific places. A committee on temperance and other committees may be appointed as the needs may require.

13. All the members are requested to pray for the work of the society at the hour of retiring and when they shall lie awake at night, praying especially for the members of the Baby Roll. Those who are shut in by age and ill health should be asked to bring the work and the workers daily before God.

14. The officers of the auxiliary shall be elected by ballot.

#### CONSTITUTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the Young People's or Juvenile Home Mission Society of —, Auxiliary to the — Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to interest the young people and children of the Church in missionary and temperance work among the ignorant and degraded in our own country, to secure their help in carrying it forward, and to cultivate piety and systematic giving.

ART. 3. Every young person or child paying regularly five cents a month dues may become a member of this society.

ART. 4. Any one may become a life member of the society by the payment of \$10.

ART. 5. The officers of this society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee to plan the work of the society.

ART. 6. Meetings of the society shall be held monthly or oftener. The annual meeting shall be held in February, when annual reports shall be read and officers elected for the coming year.

#### BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the society, and in every way seek to promote its interests.

2. The Vice Presidents shall, in their order, preside in the absence of the President, and perform such special duties as may be given them by the society.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep in a book a true record of the proceedings of the society, provide her pastor with notices of the meetings, and annually send her books to the district meeting for approval.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on the correspondence of the society, send reports of the work of the society once a quarter (before the 1st of June, September, December, and March) to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and District Secretary, and send to these officers the name and address of the auxiliary President. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting for approval.

5. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues, securing at least five cents a month per member; keep a book account; send funds once a quarter (before the 1st of June, September, December, and March) to the Conference Treasurer. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be audited.

6. An agent for *Our Homes* shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions to the paper.

7. The juvenile society may elect a Lady Manager to direct its interests. She shall guide its affairs in harmony with the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

8. The membership of the auxiliary shall be divided into bands of helpers, definite duties being assigned to them at each meeting.

#### BY-LAWS GOVERNING THE PARSONAGE DEPARTMENT.

The following rules are hereby prescribed for carrying out such of the provisions of the Constitution of this Society as relate to parsonages:

##### CONCERNING LOANS.

RULE 1. All loans in aid of parsonages shall be made by the General Board of Church Extension, subject to the same rules and conditions prescribed by it for loans in aid of church building. Said Board shall have authority to take bonds and mortgages payable to itself for all loans; to collect principal and interest of same when due, by suit or otherwise; and to pay annuities on Parsonage Annuity Certificates out of interest received by it, rendering an annual report of all its acts performed under these rules in be-



half of this Society, and remitting annually to the General Treasurer of this Board all interest collected on parsonage loan funds, less annuities paid.

#### CONCERNING FUNDS FOR DONATION BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

RULE 2. (1) All money specially contributed to be used for donations in the parsonage work; (2) all donations refunded upon mortgages taken under Rule 7; (3) such amount of dues received by the General Treasurer and subject to appropriations under Article X. of the Constitution as shall be determined upon by this Board from year to year at its annual meetings; and (4) all unappropriated balances remaining to the credit of the several Conference Societies on the 1st day of April of each year shall together constitute a fund for donations to aid in building parsonages, and shall be disposed of in grants for that purpose by the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The Board may, in its discretion, grant such donations at its annual meetings in anticipation of its receipts for the ensuing year; but in no event shall the aggregate grants thus made in advance exceed in amount the total amount received under the third item of this rule during the preceding year.

#### CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE GENERAL TREASURER.

RULE 3. The General Treasurer shall, at the end of every quarter, or oftener as she may see fit, remit to the Board of Church Extension all moneys coming to her hands under Rule 2, or for the loan funds; and no moneys received for the use of the parsonage department shall be used for any other purpose.

#### CONCERNING THE APPROVAL AND GRADING OF APPLICATIONS TO THE WOMAN'S BOARD FOR DONATIONS.

RULE 4. Every application for donation hereafter presented for consideration at the annual meetings of this Board must first receive the approval of the Conference Woman's Home Mission Society; of the Conference Board of Church Extension of the Conference from which it comes, and such approval must be given at a regular meeting of said Board or its Executive Committee when held in the month of March for the consideration of applications for aid to the General Board of Church Extension. Said Conference Boards or Committees are hereby requested to consider all parsonage applications from their respective Conferences, and to forward such as they may approve so as to reach the General Secretary of the Home Mission Society by April 1st of each year. Each application so approved should have the signature of the President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer of the Conference Society, and the action of the Conference Board written thereon, certified by the President and Secretary, and all the applications from a given Conference should be, by the Conference Board, graded and marked in the order of their relative importance. This rule shall not apply as to grading and time of approval in cases of unforeseen calamity occurring too late for compliance with its provisions. The General Secretary is hereby directed not to put on the calendar any application not in conformity with this rule.

#### CONCERNING EMERGENCY APPLICATIONS TO THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

RULE 5. The Woman's Board of Home Missions will not consider applications for donations at other than annual meetings except in cases of press-

ing emergency, of which it shall be the sole judge. Every such emergency application must be approved by the Conference Board of Church Extension or the bishop in charge of the Conference from which it may come.

DONATIONS BY WOMAN'S BOARD SUBJECT TO REVISION BY GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

RULE 6. All donations granted to parsonages by this Board shall be subject to approval of the General Board of Church Extension, as provided in Article VIII. of the Constitution; and no notice of any grant shall be given the parties interested until such approval shall have been given. The Board of Church Extension shall have the power to change the amounts granted and to offer loans instead of donations, when considered judicious, provided the aggregate amounts granted by the Woman's Board shall not be increased.

CONCERNING TITLES AND REFUNDING MORTGAGES.

RULE 7. All donations granted to parsonages by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, or by the Conference Societies, shall be subjected to the same conditions as to titles, debts, insurance, and refunding mortgages as are imposed in like cases by the rules of the Board of Church Extension: *provided*, that mortgages shall not be taken for donations of less than fifty dollars; and that in cases of peculiar difficulty and hardship, any of the provisions of this rule may be modified in favor of the grantees, with the concurrent consent, in writing, of the General Secretary of the Woman's Board, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and, if the grant be made by a Conference Society, of the Corresponding Secretary of such Society.

CONCERNING DONATIONS BY CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

RULE 8. Each Conference Society shall, at its annual meeting, carefully examine all applications for donations to parsonages and grant such as are worthy, to an amount not exceeding the sum at their disposal, or which they may reasonably expect will be at their disposal by the 31st day of March following, under Article X. of the Constitution, or from any other source; all such grants to be made subject to the provisions of Rule 7. In case of great emergency, the Woman's Executive Board of the Conference Society shall have the power to make an appropriation in the interim. No application shall be considered unless signed by the trustees and approved in writing by the presiding elder, the pastor, and the Quarterly Conference of the charge. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference Society shall forward to the General Secretary the applications so granted, with the amount granted each indorsed thereon. The General Secretary shall, after making a list of the same in a book to be kept for that purpose, forward them to the Board of Church Extension, which shall, when supplied with the necessary funds, pay over the same to the parties entitled thereto, upon compliance with the requirements of Rule 7.

APPLICATIONS TO BE WRITTEN UPON AUTHORIZED BLANKS.

RULE 9. All applications for aid to either the Woman's Board of Home

Missions or to Conference Societies must be written upon blanks prepared by the General Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference Society shall be provided with a supply, at the expense of her society, for gratuitous distribution in the bounds of the Conference.

#### BABY ROLL.

The name of any child five years old or under may be placed on the Baby Roll by the payment of twenty-five cents. A card for the name of the baby will be sent to be filled out and returned, that it may be recorded by the Superintendent of the Baby Roll. A tiny mite box will be sent to receive the baby's pennies, which must be remitted quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, to be sent by her to the General Treasurer. These mite-box collections constitute the dues from the Baby Roll. When a child is six years old his or her name must be entered upon the roll of the juvenile society. Names can be entered on the Angel Band Roll for five dollars.

#### CITY MISSION WORK.

In all our cities and towns where two or more auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society exist they may unite for the promotion of city mission work according to the following plan:

1. There shall be a Board of City Missions consisting of three members from each coöperating auxiliary society, to be chosen by said auxiliaries at the first regular meeting in January of each year. The preachers in charge of the Churches in which the auxiliaries are located and the presiding elder of the district may be advisory members.

2. The Board shall elect at its first meeting in February of each year a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

3. The Board shall hold at least one regular meeting each month. It shall be authorized, with the approval of the executive officers of the Woman's Board, to choose and employ missionaries and fix their salaries.

4. It shall employ as missionaries only those whose testimonials have been considered and approved by the executive officers of the Woman's Board.

5. A monthly report shall be made to each auxiliary by its representatives.

6. An annual report of the work shall be made to the District Conference.

7. The Board shall apportion to each auxiliary the amount necessary to be paid by it for salaries of those employed.

8. The Board shall urge the auxiliaries to secure funds by private subscription and other suitable methods for support of the work, to collect promptly and pay to the Treasurer of the Board.

9. The Board shall also report annually its work to its Conference Society and to the Woman's Board through the General Secretary.

#### DUTIES OF HOME MISSIONARIES.

1. House-to-house visitation, reading of the Bible and prayer with families, Bible readings, holding prayer meetings, mother's meetings, organizing and superintending industrial schools, etc.

2. They shall report monthly to the Board of City Missions, and quarterly to the General Secretary, giving a full account of their labors during the past month.

3. They shall work with the presiding elder and the Board with special reference to the establishment of such permanent preaching places and Sunday schools as may be projected by Quarterly Conference or local Church Extension Boards.

✓ REQUIREMENTS OF HOME MISSION CANDIDATES EMPLOYED BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

I. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the society should give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

1. Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a home missionary?

2. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?

3. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as set forth in Part I., Chapter I., of the Discipline?

4. When and where were you born?

5. What are your domestic relations and obligations?

6. Have you a thorough English education?

7. In what schools have you taught, and how long?

8. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?

9. Can you cut and fit dresses, and teach sewing?

10. Are you able to give instructions in housekeeping, including cooking?

11. Have you had experience in the care of the sick?

12. Are you willing to be transferred from one position to another if in the judgment of the Board such a change is deemed advisable?

II. 1. The candidates should furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; (2) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3) good health; (4) educational fitness; (5) ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6) aptness to teach.

2. Each candidate is requested to write a letter giving a brief sketch of her life and her call to the work, which, with her photograph, is to be sent with her testimonials.

3. The testimonials of a missionary candidate should be considered and passed by her Conference Society before they are brought before the Board.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

CITY MISSION WORK.

✓ 1. The Bible in reference to doctrines generally; and special study of the Acts and the Epistles, their analysis and designs.

2. The life of Christ as portrayed in the Gospels.

3. Wesley's Doctrinal Standards, Sermons I.-XII.

4. Book of Discipline, Chapters I., IV., VI., XI.

5. McTyre's "Catechism on Church Government."

6. McTyeire's "History of Methodism."  
 7. "Notes on Nursing," by Florence Nightingale.

## Books of Reference:

- Young's "Christ of History."  
 "The Methodist Armor," Hudson.  
 "Pyle on the Gospels."  
 "How to bring men to Christ," Torrey.

## MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS.

- § 0 25 constitutes a baby membership.  
     60 constitutes a young people or juvenile membership.  
 1 20 constitutes an adult membership.  
 10 00 constitutes a young people or juvenile life membership.  
 25 00 constitutes an adult life membership.  
 100 00 constitutes an honorary life membership.  
 300 00 constitutes an honorary life patron to the loan fund.

## SCHOLARSHIPS.

§25 constitutes a scholarship in the mountain, Cuban, Chinese, or Japanese schools.

## OUR HOMES.

*Our Homes* is the official organ of the society. The editor is elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board. This paper is published monthly. The address of the Editor and Agent is: Miss Mary Helm, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn. Terms, fifty cents per annum in advance.

## LEAFLETS.

Mrs. Arabel Alexander, Editor, Vanderbilt Campus, Nashville, Tenn. Leaflets can be obtained from the Conference Corresponding Secretaries or from the General Secretary, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, Nashville, Tenn.

## READING COURSE.

## FIRST YEAR.

*Bible Study*.—"Harmony of the Gospels." Burton & Stevenson. Price, 75 cents. "Life of Christ." Stalker. Price, 65 cents. Help recommended: Torrey's "How to Study the Bible." Price, 50 cents.

*Home Mission Study*.—Annual Report, OUR HOMES. "Deaconesses in Europe and Their Lessons for America." Jane Bancroft Robinson. Price, 90 cents. "Friendly Visiting among the Poor." Mary E. Richmond. Price, 85 cents.

## SECOND YEAR.

*Bible Study*.—Acts, Epistles, and Revelation, with the use of helps in Teacher's Bible. "Life of Paul." Stalker. Price, 55 cents. Help recommended: Torrey's "How to Bring Men to Christ." Price, 50 cents.

*Home Mission Study*.—Annual Report, OUR HOMES. "Child Labor." Willoughby & DeGraffenried. Price, 75 cents. "Jesus Christ and the Social Question." Peabody. Price, \$1.25.

These books can be obtained at the above prices if ordered from Barbee & Smith, special rates having been given on some of them.

## READING COURSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

*First Year.*—"Life and Work of Lucinda B. Helm." By Arabel W. Alexander. \$1. "The Workers in the East." By W. A. Wyckoff. \$1.25.

*Second Year.*—"Out of Mulberry Street." By Jacob Riis. \$1. "The Workers in the West." By W. A. Wyckoff. \$1.50.

All these can be ordered of Barbee & Smith, Nashville, Tenn.

## BOOKS AND PERIODICALS RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE AND USE IN SOCIETIES.

*Home Missions Monthly*, Box L., Station D, New York.

*Woman's Home Missions*, Delaware, Ohio.

*Tidings*, 2411 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

"The Poor in Great Cities: Their Problems, and What Is Doing to Solve Them." Essays by various writers.

"English Social Movements." By R. A. Woods.

"How to Bring Men to Christ." By Torrey.

"Our Brother in Black." By Bishop Haygood.

"In Darkest England." By Gen. Booth.

"The Problem of Religious Progress." By Daniel Dorchester, D.D.

"Modern Methods in Church Work." By George W. Meade.

"Punishment and Reformation." By F. H. Wines.

"The Social Teachings of Jesus." By Shailer Mathews.

"The Study of Child Nature." By Elizabeth Harrison.

"Tramping with Tramps." By Josiah Flynt.

"Social Settlements." By Henderson.

"Factory People and Their Employers." By Shuey.

## TITLE TO PROPERTY.

The title to all property, real, personal, or otherwise, should be taken and held in the name of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation organized under the laws of Kentucky.

## FORM OF DEVISE AND BEQUEST.

I hereby devise and bequeath unto the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the state of Kentucky, the following property, absolutely, and in fee simple—viz.,  
 .....[Here describe the property so that it may be identified, if it be land or specific personal property; or give the amount if it be a bequest of money; or, if it be a bequest of stock or bonds or notes or other securities, describe the same and give the value thereof. In other words, in any case simply describe the property so it can be told what is intended to be given.]

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