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The Jubilee Pageant

A NOTABLE FEATURE OF OUR CELEBRATION IN NOVEMBER

By Mrs. Charles H. Daniels

MANY of our readers have seen the little orange flyer which announces the "Gift of Light," a pageant to be given at Jordan Hall, Boston, on the evenings of November 12 and 13, as a part of the Board's Jubilee celebration.

"Watch for announcements next September in regard to sale of tickets and further information," the flyer concludes.

September is now with us and the "further information" is in order, including some account of the purpose and form of this so-called pageant. To be technically accurate we might not be able to use the popular term "pageant" but might need to resort to some such clumsy phrase as Historical-Symbolical Missionary Episodes.

However, greater than our concern over a suitable descriptive title is our desire that the work be intrinsically valuable to the great missionary project in general, our own in particular; and that the entertainment of the two successive evenings serve to deepen the inspiring influence of the regular sessions in their less dramatic form. We believe these results will be accomplished.

The Purpose of the "Gift of Light" is a broad and serious one: to quicken the imagination to visualize the long sweep of woman's service for woman from early ages up to the present era. The movement starts with isolated acts of service widely scattered in ancient times, in the early Christian era and the Middle Ages; then lingers with the organized efforts of the Woman's Board.

The Author of this admirable production is Miss Anita Ferris of Montclair, N. J., a writer of training and experience in similar lines. Miss Ferris has brought to this work a genuine sympathy with missions, spiritual insight and artistic perception. She has

spared neither time nor pains in studying old records and acquainting herself with native conditions and customs in our mission fields. In the early autumn the committee of young women in charge of producing the pageant, of which Miss Florence Davis of West Roxbury is chairman, will have the assistance of the author in training participants.

Quaint scenes from half a century and a century ago depict the dawn of women's missionary societies in New England churches. The need for their ministries is illustrated by appealing situations in mission fields where the American Board had already established itself but without specialized work for women and children such as only single women missionaries might do. The aim to show growth through succeeding years is worked out by means of glimpses from the results in evangelistic, educational, medical and industrial lines. No reliable story of the growth of Christianity can be told by naming human agencies alone. Hence it is entirely in keeping with truth to summon from the unseen spirit world and personify those diviner graces which have always been the inspiration of loving deeds. Thus is the purpose of the pageant fulfilled, to demonstrate that Unseen Powers have attended the earnest-hearted women who yearned to send the Gift of Light.

Scenic effects, color schemes and choice music are employed in order to surround fact and fancy with a congenial atmosphere.

The Form

Thirteen Episodes with short musical interludes are arranged under three headings, representing progressive phases of Light: The Spark, The Flame and The Radiance.

Part I. The Spark

1. The Service of Womanhood
2. The Winning of Ruth
3. Woman's Service through the Ages

Scenes: (1) Dorcas

(2) Nunia

(3) Abbess Hilda

(4) Gertrude Egede, Norwegian

4. The Founding of the Southampton Female Charitable Association
5. The Need; Dramatic Scenes from Africa, China, India

Part II. The Flame

6. The Founding of the Woman's Board
7. Inanda Seminary To-day
8. A Visit to Uduvil, Ceylon
9. The Children's Missionary in China
10. School Children from Many Lands
11. A Doctor's Day in Madura
12. Van after the War

Part III. The Radiance

13. Finale. The Spirit of Service in glowing light, with full procession

To the music of the Angelus the Spirit of Service enters with a lighted Oriental lamp from which she passes on The Spark to the lamps of a train of attendants, thus symbolizing the dawn of womanhood's service. Music, changing lights, color effect of white and gold, rhythmic movements and artistic groupings combine to make this introductory scene both suggestive and beautiful. The way is thus prepared for a second episode introducing us to Ruth, the Moabitess, the first heathen woman to be won by a woman to the worship of the true God. Selections from the Cantata of Ruth are rendered while Naomi welcomes the new convert and Orpah turns back to join a group of heathen women who are bending before hideous idols.

Again the Spirit of Service appears, and repeats:—

Through all the ages Womanhood has caught
Some fragment of the heavenly Light and passed
It on to others. Each century has had
Its gleam. Some woman's lamp, enkindled at
The Fire Divine, its ray in helpful service
Far has shed on women, men and children.
To her own sex, with sisterly devotion,
She's ever given her best of Light and Life.

Four illustrations of this "sisterly devotion" follow, completing the third episode: Dorcas and her maidens giving garments to poor women and children; Nunia, the missionary slave-girl of the third century, devoted to her ancient Bible and full of faith so that she unhesitatingly kneels to cure the suffering queen who enters in royal state; the Abbess Hilda, teacher of the Scriptures in the Abbey of Whitby, England, in 658, and instructor in womanly arts to little fair-haired girls who come to her with embroidery and spinning, dressed in old Saxon costume of russet, blue and scarlet; Gertrude

Rast Egede, a pioneer woman missionary to Greenland in 1718, surrounded by singing girls, and women eager for her message.

The Spirit of Service bridges the years that follow with these words:—

The nineteenth century dawns and what it brings
 New scenes shall shadow forth. To Christian
 Womanhood there comes a fuller knowledge
 Of God's will and broader education.
 Equipped is she as ne'er before to help
 Her sisters. And so her golden Gift of Light
 Flares onward full and clear and bright.

The old hymn, *Jesus shall reign*, sung by the chorus, ushers in an early New England scene which shows how "The Spark" burned in the hearts of women in "ye olden times." Mrs. Anna Edwards arrives on horseback with her baby to make a hasty call upon Sisters Unison Gould, Abigail Searl and Hannah Lyman, to impart to them her own excitement over the need of spiritual help for Indians in new territory purchased from France.

"It is a challenge to the Church of God," she cried. "Are we equal to the task of making this a Christian land?"

"O Lord, strengthen our hands," prays Mrs. Gould.

Plans for sacrifice follow and all agree upon a "win one campaign" in order to organize the Southampton Female and Charitable Association. Mrs. Gould, left alone, muses:—

"Beyond and still beyond! The day may come when women's hands in our dear land reach out beyond the seas to heathen worlds."

An African drum announces the fifth episode, *The Need*, with its first dramatic scene, showing the Zulu girl who has been sold in marriage to a degraded wretch and her attempt to escape; the second a Hindu mother, sad at the marriage of her little girl of seven and praying in the only way she knows, "Oh, Sita, Sita, guard her!" the third from China, its key-note, "only a miserable girl."

The interlude between Parts I and II is appropriately filled by the singing of verses written by Mrs. Emily Pearson and found in *LIFE AND LIGHT*, 1869.

As the first flare of "The Flame," the Woman's Board of Missions is now organized, January 7, 1868, in the chapel of the Old South Church, Boston, Mrs. Bowker presiding, thirty or more women

present, in fitting costumes for that period. Missionaries speak, arousing much enthusiasm, and plans are formed for an advance movement in woman's service to woman.

The following six episodes portray the working out of the plans laid on that eventful day.

A scene from Inanda Seminary as it is to-day represents with some detail the industries which have signally characterized our work among the Zulus. Miss Fidelia Phelps, principal, and Mother Edwards, missionary of the Board, are central figures around which the action gathers, girls eagerly crowding to show the fruits of their labor, and old graduates returned, telling of Christian work in their villages.

The visit of Miss Lamson and Miss Day, as the Board's representatives, to Uduvil Seminary, Ceylon, forms the subject of the eighth episode. We have the characteristic welcome with garlands, scented water, arch of palm leaves and the recitation of welcoming verses. Little girls perform the Kolatam, a native dance. A bridal procession completes the scene.

A novel feature of school work appears in the presentation of a little play, *The Birds' Christmas Carol*, adapted to native life, and rendered by Chinese children. It is in honor of the Christmas season, and Miss Sewall, the children's missionary, presides over the festivities, the best of which to the children are a Christmas tree and presents from America.

The educational work of the Board is further shown by representatives from the schools of many lands, from the Balkans, Spain, Mexico, Austria, Micronesia and Japan. The Spirit of Service introduces each group of children, who in turn engage in graceful folk-dances or curious games. The costume effect is especially attractive. The purpose to bring out the bright side of child life, in contrast to shadows so often resting upon it, is well carried out.

The dramatization of a doctor's day in Madura, India, shows Dr. Parker at her work. An outcaste woman creeps along the street, keeping her shadow from falling on any one lest it pollute him, as she makes her way to the dispensary; groups of patients enter; Dr. Parker welcomes all and with her nurses ministers to their needs.

Van, Turkey, has been the center of many dramatic scenes in these last years and one of them has been selected for the twelfth episode.

He that goeth forth with weeping,
 Bearing precious seed in love,
 Never tiring, never sleeping,
 Findeth mercy from above.

With these words floating softly from behind the scenes, darkness gives way to dim morning light just outside the city gates, and the Mohammedan call to prayer sounds clearly forth:—

God is most great.
 Mahomet is the Apostle of God.
 Come to prayer! Come to prayer!

Several Armenian girls, returning refugees, awake from slumber and join in worship as they have been taught it in a Christian school. Fatima, a Mohammedan girl, approaches and taunts them, declaring there is no prophet but Mohammed, that their faith is nothing, that their teachers have deserted them. When the missionary suddenly appears, Fatima is impressed by the courage and love that have kept her there in the midst of danger and, voicing the heart-hunger of many Moslem girls with her own, cries:—

“Our God is only great. He does not love us. Give us love! Let me stay with you!”

The finale, Part III, is “The Radiance.” To Mozart’s *Gloria*, by the orchestra, the Spirit of Service enters with a flood of golden light descending upon her. From all sides and up through the audience come the Spirits of Service in single file, lamps lighted, leading the entire procession—between three and four hundred—who have participated in the episodes. They gather on the stage and all join in the Jubilee hymn.

As we go to press we are gladdened by the word received from Mrs. Ursula Clarke Marsh, now in California, that we may expect her to be present at the Jubilee Meeting. Mrs. Marsh went to Turkey in 1868, one of the first seven missionaries adopted by the Woman’s Board of Missions in the year of its organization. A sketch of her life, written by her longtime friend, Mrs. Henry C. Haskell, will appear in the Jubilee Number of LIFE AND LIGHT. Word has also come that Dr. Gurubal Karmarkar of Bombay sailed June 25 to attend this meeting.

Program
 Notes.

Editorials

The program committee for the Jubilee meeting, November 14-16, spent one of the hottest days in July in an all-day session, making plans for this great meeting. The day sessions will be

**The Jubilee
Program.**

held in Park Street Church with a mass meeting in Tremont Temple, Thursday evening. At the first session Wednesday morning Miss Stanwood will give an address, reviewing the Fifty Years at Home, some of the Charter Members and earliest supporters of the Board will be introduced and there will be strong addresses from missionaries, notably, it is hoped, from one of our pioneer missionaries. The Survey of the Work Abroad will be given by Miss Lamson Wednesday afternoon, and an address from President Woolley of Mount Holyoke College is expected at this session. Thursday will be devoted to the Golden Anniversary Gift and the Jubilee Increase Campaign, with suitable presentation and emphasis on both these branches of the Jubilee celebration,—the Jubilee missionaries will be introduced, and probably a Commission Service held. At noon on both Wednesday and Thursday a Service of Intercession will be the closing feature, the leader to be announced later. Dr. John R. Mott has promised to be one of the speakers at the evening session on Thursday if permitted to remain in this country. Mrs. Franklin Warner, a member of the recent deputation to Ceylon, who delighted her audience at Northfield, will give an account of her visit to our missions at this same service. Other speakers already engaged are Mrs. Helen B. Montgomery, Dr. James L. Barton and Dr. C. H. Patton, with a goodly array of missionaries, and Dr. Karmarkar from India, if conditions permit of her journey. There is promise of a memorable occasion and already plans are being made in the Branches for a record attendance.

Delegates should notify Mrs. E. L. Harvey, at 503 Congregational House, of their wish for entertainment, as should all missionaries who expect to attend.

The Committee will reserve some seats at each session for women who are not delegates but who will be in attendance upon the meeting at their own expense. Branch secretaries should make every effort to ascertain who will come from their Branches in this way and

should notify Miss Calder as early in September as possible of such names, as these seats must necessarily be limited in number.

The placard for church vestibules advertising the Jubilee meeting will be mailed soon to churches within forty miles of Boston. Those farther afield will be sent one on application to Miss Ada R. Harts-horn, 503 Congregational House.

A feature of the celebration which no visitor can afford to miss is an original Missionary Pageant, "The Gift of Light," to be given Monday and Tuesday evenings, November 12 and 13, at Jordan Hall (Conservatory of Music), at eight o'clock. Delegates and visitors from a distance will doubtless wish to purchase tickets well in advance to be sure of seats for the Tuesday evening production. The pageant is to be given twice in order to allow people in Greater Boston to see it one evening and the visitors to have a good choice of seats for the second evening, as they will presumably arrive on Tuesday. Monday evening's production will take the place of our usual Young People's Rally for local societies, and Tuesday evening will be visitors' and delegates' night. Tickets at 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1.00 can be secured by sending money and self-addressed, *stamped* envelope to Mrs. H. C. Fabyan, 21 Sparhawk Street, Brighton, Mass. *Specify which night.*

A brief outline of the pageant is given by our President in an article in this issue. It is possible only to hint at the beautiful stage effects, choice orchestral music, gay costuming and other features which appeal to the eye and ear. A local committee is in charge of producing these dramatic episodes, working under the direction of the author, Miss Ferris. It is organized as follows: chairman, Miss Florence W. Davis; business managers, Mrs. H. C. Fabyan and Miss Clara Keene; publicity, Mrs. Frank F. Hill; costumes, Miss Marion Kendall and Miss Adeline Farmer; property, Miss Hannah Pearce and Miss Nellie Morris; chairman of front of house, Mrs. George W. Mehaffey.

The treasury reports as we go to press that \$220,282 of the \$250,000 has been received. When this reaches our Golden Anniversary Gift. Branches there will be less than three months to complete the sum. Please be ready to report to Mrs. W. L. Adam, Pittsfield, Mass., in September just where your Branch stands on this Roll of Honor.

As so many women will not be able to attend this great meeting in Boston, the Home Base Committee is planning a program to be given in local societies during the week beginning November 18. These program suggestions, with material to aid in carrying them out, will be ready about September 15. There are two outlines, one for use at a Sunday evening service and one for an afternoon or evening meeting of the women of the church. These leaflets will be free and may be obtained by application to the Branch secretary in charge of Jubilee matters. A letter from the Home Secretary of the Board will give further details. A specially prepared program for use at the local celebration of the Jubilee in young people's or young women's societies is also in press. Further description of this will be found in the Junior Department on page 415.

In order that even in these sad days we may rejoice together in the completion of fifty years of the Board's life, Branch officers are urged to remember the second week set for winning new members, October 7-14. The Win One Series may be had on application to Miss Hartshorn, and all interested in the success of the Jubilee Increase Campaign will offer special prayer that week for a blessing on the efforts which will be made to complete the number of new members desired for this Campaign,—25,000.

The American Board has received notification by cable of the arrival in Switzerland of the following missionaries from Turkey.

No further word has been received regarding their plans for the future. Arrived July 23, Rev. Henry H. Riggs, Rev. Henry K. Wingate, Mr. Caleb W. Lawrence, Miss Vina Sherman, Miss Edith F. Parsons, Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Baldwin, Miss Harriet J. Fischer; arrived July 25, Mr. William L. Nute; arrived July 27, Mrs. Isabelle T. Merrill and two children, Miss Lucile Foreman, Mrs. Elvesta Leslie and one child, Dr. Ruth Parmelee, Miss Isabelle Harley, Miss Grisell McLaren, Miss Myrtle Shane, Mrs. H. S. Atkinson and three children and Miss Elizabeth Webb.

A card received from Miss Matthews from Monastir, dated June 30, assures her friends that all is well with her, though she is cut off from all word with the homeland.

As already advertised, a pamphlet containing six Outline Programs for the Study of Africa, with valuable suggestions and references, prepared by Mrs. H. H. Powers of Newton, Mass., is now on sale. The Outlines are based on *The Lure of Africa* and *An African Trail*, and every program committee will need both books. See last page of cover for prices.

**Program Material
for Next Year.**

Mrs. Montgomery's *How to Use* will be out in September and will furnish additional material. A long list of books, titles to be found on the last page of cover, are also to be secured from the Loan Library of the Woman's Board, on application to Miss Mary L. Daniels. These may be kept for two weeks without charge, postage both ways being paid by the reader. In this connection we would call attention to an admirable number of the Envelope Series by Secretary Bell, *Our Colonies in Africa*.

This fall for the second time the three Woman's Boards and the American Board combine both in providing for Sunday schools a unified set of graded program material on foreign missions and also in making a joint appeal for gifts for the work dealt with in this material. Nearly a thousand sets of the "Kingdom Building" programs and stories were used by Congregational schools last year and since this new set, entitled "Congregational Pilgrims in Africa," far excels in quantity and quality the "Kingdom Building" series, we anticipate for it a still wider sale and more fruitful use. A free descriptive circular containing an order blank gives details about the various programs, stories and pictures and may be had upon application. As last year, the Boards request a half and half division of Sunday school gifts for foreign work and will apply these gifts in Africa, the Woman's Board using its half to meet the great need for a new building and a new missionary for kraal girls at Chikore, Rhodesia. This co-operative effort on the part of the foreign Boards to provide the wherewithal for a strong presentation of foreign missions in the Sunday schools deserves in turn the earnest co-operation of every lover of missions that it may be used to the full in every school. Woman's Board workers are asked to call this material to the attention of pastors and superintendents and to do whatever else they may be able to facilitate its use.

**Africa in the
Sunday Schools.**

The meeting of the Council will be held October 10-17 in Columbus, Ohio. Eight Congregational churches will unite in entertaining the delegates. There will undoubtedly be questions of grave importance to be considered and two great anniversaries are to be observed,—the Tercentenary of the Pilgrims and the Quadricentennial of the Reformation.

**National Council
at Columbus.**

The American Board will hold its annual meeting in connection with the Council on October 15 and 16 and is arranging a program of unusual interest in view of the events of the past year.

All questions of transportation should be addressed to The Temple Tours, 14 Beacon Street, while the arrangements for local entertainment are in the hands of Rev. C. S. Patton, Columbus, Ohio.

The Committee of Reference and Council, of which Dr. James L. Barton is chairman, have recently sent out a significant Message to Mission Boards, calling attention to the extraordinary conditions now obtaining in the Far East, and the sweeping transformations in the thinking of Asiatic and African races; emphasizing the fact that these peoples have been fighting the white man's war shoulder to shoulder with Europeans, and pointing out the challenge to the Boards which such facts contain. "These conditions demand while the situation is plastic the concentration of the unifying forces of Christendom. . . . We therefore call upon all who love their country, who long and pray for universal brotherhood and an abiding peace among nations, . . . to regard no effort too exhausting and no sacrifice too great for the completest possible mobilization of the forces of the Christian church and for the redemption of the world."

The October issue of this magazine will be a special Jubilee Number, with an artistic cover printed in blue and gold. It will contain a valuable historical sketch of the Board, by Miss Frances J. Dyer, one of the earliest workers in the Board rooms, sketches of three of the Pioneer missionaries, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Andrus and Miss Andrews, some reminiscences from Charter Members of the early meetings, and other interesting material. It will be well illustrated, containing the pictures of the Jubilee missionaries. Extra copies will be on sale at five cents each.

**Jubilee Number of
Life and Light.**

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD

RECEIPTS FROM JUNE 1-30, 1917

	For Regular Work			For Buildings	For Work of 1917	For Special Objects	From Legacies	TOTAL
	Branches	Other Sources	TOTAL					
1916	\$8,795.57	\$1,045.00	\$9,840.57	\$3,325.18	—	\$135.62	\$50.00	\$13,351.37
1917	8,418.82	645.00	9,063.82	3,566.33	—	460.81	189.50	13,280.46
Gain				\$241.15		\$325.19	\$139.50	
Loss	\$376.75	\$400.00	\$776.75					\$70.91

RECEIPTS FROM JULY 1-31, 1917

	For Regular Work			For Buildings	For Work of 1917	For Special Objects	From Legacies	TOTAL
	Branches	Other Sources	TOTAL					
1916	\$5,720.72	\$595.00	\$6,315.72	\$2,400.58	—	\$98.00	\$583.91	\$9,398.21
1917	7,408.45	30.00	7,438.45	3,008.74	\$3.00	147.46	3,001.50	13,599.15
Gain	\$1,687.73		\$1,122.73	\$608.16	\$3.00	\$49.46	\$2,417.59	\$4,200.94
Loss		\$565.00						

TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM OCTOBER 18, 1916 TO JULY 31, 1917

1916	\$87,364.07	\$5,760.90	\$93,124.97	\$41,103.03	—	\$1,655.94	\$16,562.51	\$152,446.45
1917	93,633.92	4,541.87	98,175.79	52,520.27	\$4,308.31	1,888.92	14,945.18	171,838.47
Gain	\$6,269.85		\$5,050.82	\$11,417.24	\$4,308.31	\$232.98		\$19,392.02
Loss		\$1,219.03					\$1,617.33	

RECEIPTS FOR REGULAR WORK AND BUILDINGS JANUARY 1 TO
JUNE 30, 1917

Counting on Apportionment for 1917				Not Counting on Apportionment		TOTAL
From Auxiliary Societies	From Churches	From Church Organizations	TOTAL	From Individuals	From Other Sources	
\$74,167.26	\$3,112.00	\$3,943.15	\$81,222.41	\$10,616.78	\$14,397.28	\$106,236.47

Slogans for the Jubilee Increase

Jubilee Increase Campaign

Woman's Board of Missions

You need us

We need You

Come and join our Auxiliary

Jubilee Increase Campaign

DEMANDS

Just Instructive Canvassing

Judicious Inspiring Competition

Joyous Individual Consecration

Jubilee Increase Campaign

MEANS

Join Our Auxiliary

Increase Our Gifts

Consecrate Ourselves to Missions

The Pilgrims of the Woman's Board of Missions

1867

Picture of Woman in 1867

1917

Picture of Woman in 1917

Birthday Celebration

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 13-16, 1917

A Branch Buys an Automobile

Berkshire Branch is already looking forward to the future of its Jubilee auxiliaries. Many of them are in towns on the tops of the Berkshire Hills, miles away from trolley or train. How to conserve the interest already awakened, to stimulate still further interest, to organize work among the juniors, thus building for the future, has been the great problem. This problem has now, however, been solved in a most delightful way.

At a called meeting of the officers of the Branch, early in July, at the home of Mrs. W. L. Adam in Pittsfield, the needs of the new auxiliaries and the constant requests for personal visits were presented by the Home Secretary. Unanimous was the decision that a Berkshire missionary automobile was the only practical solution of the problem before the Branch, if our new auxiliaries were to be cared for and brought into continuous touch with our missionary work. Through correspondence the matter was brought before a few interested people, who immediately responded with unqualified approval and generous checks. Less than a month from the day of the meeting a five-passenger Ford machine was purchased and will be used throughout the year, purely as a missionary auto. Plans to visit the twenty-six new auxiliaries once or twice a year are already under way. It is hoped also to take missionaries and other missionary workers and perhaps some of the enthusiastic delegates to the Northfield Conference, as opportunity opens, in order to stir up enthusiasm in these remote towns.

Each of the Jubilee Societies has already been placed under the care of an older auxiliary and the missionary automobile will be of great service in the interchange of visits, thus bringing to each the personal touch and new inspiration. The children and young people in some of these distant towns have given evidence of an awakening to the needs of world-wide work, and it is expected that the number of our junior societies will be much enlarged. The County Missionary, under the care of the Massachusetts H. M. S., is to share in these trips, so that our churches, as well as our auxiliaries, can be stimulated. The Jubilee Societies in all of our Branches will need constant help and encouragement for several years. Of what immense value a Missionary Ford can be in attaining this end!

Emma Barnum Riggs

June 7 the cable flashed the words: "Mrs. Emma Barnum Riggs has died." The first thought of those who loved her was, "Why, Emma cannot die!" The second thought was, "How happy she is with her own little Annie, and her father and mother." The third thought was, "Harpoot can never be the same again." It is true that Emma Barnum Riggs cannot die, for she lives in the hearts of hundreds whom she led to Christ; and she is rejoicing to-day with many who for Christ's sake have laid down their lives.

Emma Minerva Barnum was born in Harpoot, Turkey, December 9, 1866, the daughter of Rev. H. N. Barnum. The companionship between parents and daughter was beautiful. Then came the separation that comes to all missionary children, while she was being fitted for her life's work at Dana Hall and Lasell. Her home at this period of her life was with her uncle Mr. James Bird, who had a school for boys in Auburndale. Her own brothers were in Turkey and because of them her heart went out to the boys in the school and she became a "big sister" to them.



Mrs. Riggs and Little Annie

She was also a great help in the Young People's Society of the Auburndale Church, and she deeply felt her responsibility. Her sweet life made her very dear to a large circle of friends. When her parents were about to return to their missionary work, after a furlough, there came the struggle between America and friends—Turkey and parents. She decided that it was her privilege to go to Turkey with them, thus the first motive that led her to Turkey was love for her parents. When the decision was once made, she was "radiantly happy," and they sailed August 31, 1889. Thus began a beautiful

life of missionary service. Her life was wholly given up to God and He used her in a wonderful way. It was her custom to rise early, at five, and spend an hour alone with God. Her Bible was loved, studied and lived. This was the secret of her fruitful life.

Pictures of her, down through the years, come to mind:—

She opened the first kindergarten in the Harpoot field. Children were always dear to her heart. Through the children, she reached the mothers also. She loved to teach the Bible, and her pupils through her life and words were led to the Saviour. Her love went out to the women in the fields, in the villages and in distant cities. Hundreds of miles she traveled with her father or Miss Seymour that she might tell them of Christ. During the days of the massacre of 1895, she was a "tower of strength" to others. Her love kept her close to her parents as if to shield them from harm. Her calmness inspired others. She "looked at death and found it sweet." For months, her time was given to relief work, helping her father and Dr. Gates in the accounts. Hundreds, yea, thousands, came with their tale of horrors and sufferings. Her great heart took them all in, and cheered and comforted each one.

One year she spent a few months in another station, Marsovan, for her health; while there she took great comfort in visiting the hospital and caring for the patients. The physician in charge said, "You have mistaken your calling, you ought to have been a nurse."

She had charge of the Girls' Department of Euphrates College during the furlough of the principal. The teachers and pupils were delighted with her administration. Her efficiency was remarkable. She excelled in every department of work.

Finally, love claimed her, and she became the wife of Mr. Henry Riggs, president of the College. Because of her own happiness, she opened her home to those who had no homes, and made it the center of joy and helpfulness. God gave her a little daughter. Then her love went out to the mothers in a new way, and how she helped and taught them!

After a furlough, during which she renewed the friendships of early days and made new friends, her husband resigned as president. They moved from the "White House" down the hill. It was a joy

to them to live nearer the people, and they lived for the people. Their home was open at all hours, to all classes.

What shall I say of these last years? God took her treasures one by one—father, mother, child, aunt. Thus the Lord prepared her, with her husband, to comfort the Armenian friends during the war, with its deportations and martyrdom. Only God knows how she sustained and strengthened men, women and children. She lived so near God that He spoke through her to them. The frail body was not strong enough for the strain, and God took her to Himself after a severe illness of ten days. Heaven is nearer and the world better because of her life. One who has known her for years said of her, "I never knew any one so absolutely self-forgetful and who so rejoiced in living for others." Another said, "She loved the people as one who had not been born among them could hardly be expected to do." Still another said: "Without her, Harpoot Station seems to be gone. She was the closest to a perfect Christian I have ever known."

"For her to live was love."

—By one who knew and loved her for almost thirty years.

Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Woman's Board of Missions will be observed at its annual meeting, to be held in Boston, November 14-16, 1917. The sessions will be in Park Street Church during the day time, with a mass meeting in Tremont Temple, Thursday evening, November 15. In connection with this Jubilee Meeting there will be an historical pageant in Jordan Hall, on two consecutive evenings, Monday and Tuesday, November 12 and 13. All regularly accredited delegates from Branches at a distance and all women missionaries of the American Board and the Woman's Board will be entitled to entertainment from Tuesday afternoon until Friday noon. Applications should be sent before October 10 to Mrs. E. L. Harvey, 503 Congregational House, Boston, Mass. Mrs. Harvey will be glad to advise those who are planning to provide entertainment for themselves as to hotels and boarding places.

Glimpses of the Summer Conferences

SUMMER SCHOOLS FOR WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

BECAUSE of the growth of the Northfield Summer School which last year taxed the accommodations to the utmost, a new school was held in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, July, in the buildings of Wilson College, with an enrollment of over 500. At the last minute telegrams were sent to late applicants telling them not to come. The president of the College is much interested in the new conference, and plans to have the sessions next year begin a few days after the college commencement so that sufficient helpers will be on the grounds and all who desire to come can be accommodated.

AT NORTHFIELD, JULY 10-18

The enrollment of 1076 was larger than was anticipated because of the new conference in Pennsylvania. There were 595 girls in the seven camps, a larger proportion than in any previous conference. Aloha Camp, under the leadership of Miss Pullèn, numbered 160 girls. A new camp of Friends, Camp Friendly, began its life at Northfield this year with 35 girls in attendance. .

One of the most significant classes was one of about 300 on World Friendship led by Mrs. W. H. Farmer. Members of this class carried away definite suggestions for stressing this important subject in church prayer meetings, women's clubs, etc.

Frequent reference was made to Miss Jean Mackenzie, author of *An African Trail* and *African Adventures*, the study books for the coming year, and personal letters and a message from the entire conference were sent to her.

About \$500 was contributed at the Missionary Rally Sunday evening for Armenian Relief. An individual gift of \$2,000 for the new building for the Christian Women's College at Madras, India, and a pledge of the annual support for five years of a Y. W. C. A. secretary in China, were other outstanding expressions of the impressions received.

Among the Congregational speakers were Dr. Patton, Dr. Ussher and Dr. Calkins. At the Congregational Rally Mrs. Franklin Warner, who has recently returned from a visit to the mission field, gave a most instructive and inspiring account of some women whom she met. Miss Mary Preston led a class of 80 girls, eighteen years old and under, in the study of *The Moffats*. Mrs. Montgomery had about the same group in a Bible class each morning.

The Conference was stronger than any previously held in its spiritual emphasis, which was felt especially in the Bible and mission study classes and in the Round Top services. Among the younger delegates were many who heard and answered the call to definite consecration of their lives to God, and many gave serious consideration to the appeal for service on the foreign field.

The closing message by Dr. Speer on Missions and the War brought home to the delegates the challenge of many of the leaders that the coming months must find missionary leaders making greater sacrifices of time, money and life in the advancement of God's kingdom.

H. B. C.

THE OCEAN PARK CONFERENCE

Despite war conditions and the fear that attendance would be much smaller than in previous years, the Ocean Park Conference of the Missionary Education Movement enrolled 210 delegates and leaders, only a dozen or so less than last year. For ten days, from July 20 through 29, this group of young people, drawn largely from the churches of Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, with a few also from the other New England states, gave themselves earnestly to work and play. The Congregationalists stood second in the number of delegates, 77 being enrolled, while the Baptists had 90 odd. Congregationalists, however, were strongly represented in the leadership of the Conference, with Rev. A. M. Parker, of Malden, serving as presiding officer, Rev. F. H. Means as executive secretary, and Rev. E. F. Bell, Rev. Arthur Bailey, Mrs. Bailey, Miss Easton, Miss Pierce and Miss Emerson serving as class leaders.

As in all of the Conferences of the Missionary Education Movement, the morning sessions at Ocean Park were given to mission study classes and open parliaments. The afternoons were reserved for recrea-

tion, and the evenings were set apart for the sing on the beach, the life work meetings and the evening auditorium address.

At the closing leaders' meeting the reports of attendance and work in the various classes were most encouraging. The young people had given themselves earnestly to the class work as well as to the general meetings and to the attractive recreation features. Several leaders reported classes that were the "best yet" in their Conference experience. Furthermore, at the closing session of the Conference when the young people had a chance to state what the Conference had meant to them, for a full three-quarters of an hour one after another rose to tell of the inspiration gained in the ten days, and of the new purpose to go back to the home church and pass on the message.

Every Conference center has its unique features. The outstanding characteristic of life at Ocean Park is the house party. Because no dormitories are provided, it becomes necessary for groups of young people to hire cottages and set up housekeeping for the ten days. This feature has become one of the most attractive for our groups of young people, as is shown by the fact that house parties numbering fifteen or more would come from a single town, bringing along the house mother and perhaps a cook. Good-natured rivalry among the house parties adds considerable zest to life at Ocean Park. The "Sandpipers" vied with the "Blue Birds," and everyone could testify to the lung power of the "Portland Wide Awakes" when dinner was ready and some member of the household was playing truant. The twilight sings on the beach or the late evening gatherings around a bonfire were added attractions.

One mid-week evening of the Conference was set apart for the presentation of "The Test," a new play with North African setting, written by Miss Helen Wilcox, who was herself the director of dramatics at Ocean Park. The play was well presented, and the evening was made still more impressive through the giving of several of the choruses from the Livingstone Episode of the "Pageant of Darkness and Light," and the recitation of the Prologue and Livingstone's Soliloquy, by Mr. Bell.

The closing sessions of the Conference brought much inspiration. Rev. Ralph Harlow, of Smyrna, spoke twice on the closing Saturday evening, and preached the sermon on Sunday. He brought a vital message to the Conference.

As at other Conferences of the Missionary Education Movement a special place is made for young people between sixteen and twenty, who are organized into the "Servants of the King" group, having their special Bible and mission study classes, and occasionally their own devotional services. The leaders of this group this year found as always a great opportunity for service in working with these alert young men and women.

Ocean Park has found its place. Scores of young people who could never meet the expenses of the long trip to Silver Bay are here able to get the great inspiration of a missionary conference. Steadily increasing interest in missions and in missionary education is bound to show in the churches which this Conference serves. M. E. E.

THE "M. E. M." AT SILVER BAY

Beginning with the two-hour steamer trip across beautiful Lake George, the queen of American lakes, through to the last minute of the bustle of departure, the Silver Bay Conference proved to be a ten-days' round of inspiration. Between four and five hundred men and women, boys and girls, gathered from July 6 to 16 at this beautiful spot, flanked by mountains and facing the lake, for the sixteenth annual Conference of the Missionary Education Movement.

Very few of the events of the Conference can be given here—practically nothing of the ensemble of atmosphere, of association with real people doing the real work of Christ's kingdom, of the impulse for reconsecration which is Silver Bay.

Each day really began with the service of Intercessory Prayer at 8.15. At nine and at ten came the classes on a variety of subjects, all related to missionary education, offering principles, problems and methods for the pastor, leader or potential leader in the local church. The personnel of leadership, together with the attractive lists of subjects, made it a hard task to choose but two of the twenty-eight courses offered.

The general conference sessions at eleven were of great interest, for there were considered, with opportunity for discussion, subjects vitally important to the church worker or to any Christian indeed, subjects such as Stewardship, The Mission Study Class, Prayer.

For the afternoons after "rest hour," the Recreation Committee planned "hikes" to Inspiration Point, launch rides to old Fort Ticonderoga, water sports, an exciting tennis tournament, and "stunts" when all threw dull care to the winds. Denominational picnics filled one afternoon. Mr. Payne gave the "Pilgrim Band" the freedom of his beautiful grounds, and there the Congregationalists, 87 strong, learned to know each other better, indulged in games and ice cream cones, and, as they sang their own song, defied the rather damp, drizzly weather to the sound of

"So sing, it is the thing
That puts the great big thrills into your heart.
There's no reason why you should not,
For harmony is a Congregational art."

It is impossible to do any sort of justice to the evening sessions; to the Life Work meetings, where a young man or woman facing the future in a serious way could find so much real help; to the Vesper Service on the hillside—the "stone steps" facing the glory of lake and mountains at sunset—where celebrated speakers, some of them notable missionaries, held all with their messages of inspiration; to the Denominational Meetings with their discussion of immediate practical needs and plans of study for next year; to the platform sessions which brought the day to a fitting and impressive close. There is space for but two of them all.

Friday evening was given over to Missionary Dramatics, under the direction of Miss Helen S. Wilcox. First the presentation, following the Vesper Service, of the Mohammedan play, "The Test," acted and staged by members of the "Faculty." After it the entire assembly walked down to a distant point to gather round the Camp Fire. There about the huge blaze, with the odor of pines in our nostrils and the spell of the forest in our hearts, we saw what appeared to be "really truly" Indians act the impressive Home Mission play of our own frontier history, "Two Thousand Miles for a Book." It was done with all the realism which the woodland scene, the camp fire, the Indian warrior costumes, and real Indian love songs sung by an unseen forest singer, could lend to it.

On the second Sunday evening, the closing session, the final impres-

sions were made. A few brief talks by missionaries from the home land and from foreign posts reviewed the work and needs of their fields. Miss Soulsby of England and Miss May McKerrow of Scotland brought messages from the women of their countries—messages arising from their war-time experience. The whole Conference and its meaning for us as we go “down from the mountain” to our daily tasks was impressively summed up by one of our Congregational leaders, Dr. Day of Bridgeport, Conn.

One thing one could not fail to catch throughout, the key-note of the Conference, was the unparalleled need of the world in this present crisis and the obligations laid on each one of Christ’s followers to meet that need with the service of life, money and prayer. The need was brought out again and again, in the Intercessory Prayer Meetings, in the smaller prayer groups, in the Vesper Services and Life Work meetings, in such stirring war-time appeals as that of Mr. Eddys in the Sunday Vesper Service. It was most forcefully emphasized in the talks by missionaries, such as Dr. Ewing of Lahore, India, and that great Africa missionary, Dr. Kumm of the Sudan United Mission. Most of all, it was at the Tuesday evening session in Dr. Cornelius H. Patton’s survey of the world situation and the outlook for the future, as he pointed to the hopeful signs and large opportunities awaiting us in the Orient. The obligation of the Christian Church with its personal application in the life of each one present formed in a very real sense the opening and closing message of the Conference. It sounded forth on both Sundays in the sermons of Dr. William A. R. Goodwin, rector of St. Paul’s P. E. Church of Rochester, and Dr. John M. Moore of the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York, the presiding officer of the Conference. Dr. Goodwin expressed the answer of every Christian to his Lord, in view of His supreme sacrifice, in the simple self-abnegating question, “Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?” Dr. Moore put, in the form of another question, the whole challenge which should come to each Christian as he contemplates the world’s needs and what others, not under Christ’s banner, are doing to meet that need. Surely “even the Gentiles” are doing as much as many Christians. At the Silver Bay Conference, after coming face to face with the world situation, as never before perhaps, and having faced the call for our gifts, our prayers

and our lives, we needed just that question to carry away to meet our often neglected opportunities,—“What *do ye* more than others?”

R. I. S.

MOUNT HERMON FEDERATE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The Federate School of Missions held its eleventh session at beautiful Mount Hermon in the California Santa Cruz mountains, July 16–21, and we were happy to have with us as a speaker Miss Miriam Woodberry, secretary of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, who spoke Monday evening on “Treasures in Trust.” Miss Woodberry has not been with us before for eight years. She was introduced to the audience by our beloved chairman of Mount Hermon Federate School, Mrs. O. W. Lucas, herself an honored Congregationalist, treasurer of the W. H. M. U.

Our daily text-book classes in *An African Trail* and *Missionary Milestones* were taught by that brilliant summer school speaker, Mrs. Hallie Linn Hill of New York City. Having seven denominations affiliated in our School of Missions, we are greatly benefited by seeing and hearing the different missionaries. Among the missionary workers present were Rev. Joseph Clark, pioneer Baptist missionary from the Congo, Africa, who gave us two addresses on that region and the work; Dr. Gilbert Brink, educational secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, who gave an illustrated stereopticon lecture on “The African in America”; Dr. Silas Johnson, for twenty-three years medical missionary in the Kamerun district, West Africa, where Miss Jean Mackenzie is stationed; Miss Isham, Methodist missionary at Bangalore, South India; Miss Lucy Hammond, Presbyterian missionary in Central Cuba; Miss Lillian Haifley, representing the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews, who is to labor among the Jews of Los Angeles, Cal.; Miss Elizabeth Smith, principal of the (Presbyterian) Forsythe Memorial School for Mexican girls in Los Angeles; Miss Maude Hart, principal of the (Presbyterian) North Fork Indian School among the Mono Indians, California; Miss S. V. Haas and Miss Gumbrell of China.

We considered ourselves extremely fortunate in having what no other Summer School of Missions has had, a lecture from Dr. Silas

Johnson, soon to return to Africa. His work lies in the great forest belt, where people are as much shut in "as meat within an egg," as one black man expressed it. Dr. Johnson began his first school with seventeen little black boys in a tiny bark house, using some wooden letters that a young man had cut out. Boys began to crowd in. They sometimes slept in a saw-bin and went out and gathered wild sweet potatoes to eat. The longing for schools spread like wildfire. When Dr. Johnson last left Africa, there were 300 schools, all self-supporting, with nearly 17,000 pupils enrolled. On Sundays the little schoolhouses are used as churches. From actual count the average number of people hearing the gospel is 77,000. There is a fine industrial school.

Dr. Johnson did not baptize any one for several years after going there. His first church was organized with four women, one man and one boy. People came from far and wide to see these six taken into "the tribe of God." Now there are 24 churches with about 10,000 church members. In 1915, with troops all through the country, the great black church at Elat gave \$4,000 to Christian work, \$2,000 more than the year before. The Cameroon district has, of course, passed from German to French government.

Registration in Mount Hermon School of Missions was 110. Free stereopticon lectures at night drew others. The Congregational ladies on Mount Hermon Federate School's Executive Committee are Mrs. O. W. Lucas (chairman), Mrs. F. B. Perkins, Mrs. H. M. Tenney, Mrs. W. C. Morken (treasurer).

MARY E. BAMFORD.

A Song of Thankfulness.

*For kindly patience shown this day
By those in higher places;
For warm forgiveness by the way,
And friendly smiling faces;
For sweet content's unenvying eye
At sight of power and wealth;
For human hearts that note the cry
Of broken hopes and health;
For all our work has brought to us,*

*For all temptation wrought in us,
For thoughts and books and things of
beauty,
For cheerfulness in the way of duty;
And now for the stars that sing overhead,
For love of our home and ease of our bed,
For cool of the night and weariness,
Good God of our lives, Thy name we bless.*

—The Churchman.

“The Tribe of God” in West Central Africa

WAYMARKS FROM THE LATEST REPORTS

THE African Trail, along which Jean Mackenzie is conducting countless women and children this year, leads directly to the south from Kamerun to Angola, Portuguese West Africa, about twelve degrees below the equator. The inhabitants, the Ovimbundu, belong, like the Bulus, to the Bantu race, and in this mission our workers come into closer contact with the untutored pagan than in any other field under the American and Women’s Boards. Congregational missionaries were the first to acquire the native speech, Umbundu, and reduce it to written form. This mission, first opened in 1880, has labored under peculiar difficulties, for Angola has been notorious for its slave trade and rum traffic and corrupt government officials were hostile to missionaries, but a new and more hopeful era has opened.

DIFFICULTIES OF SUCCESS

Like the Presbyterians at Kamerun where Miss Mackenzie is, the difficulties confronting our missionaries in Angola arise largely from success. Thus at Bailundo, owing to the rapid increase in membership, it is impossible to have all who would come to communion do so at the same time. A certain number is assigned to each station for each communion, and a scheme has been drawn up whereby all members can communicate once a year. This illustrates both the growth of the work and the need for more workers! There are at present six mission stations, with 83 outstations having resident evangelists and teachers, and 186 native workers employed.

Chisamba is able to report the beginning of a new work at Mukinda, three hours from the station. Mukinda, who gave his name to the village, is perhaps the largest native trader in Bié and years ago was operated upon by one of our doctors. To pay the price of having a school weighed heavily upon him. Such a great moral sacrifice seemed too great, but the step has been taken and a large house given for a schoolroom. On Sundays large numbers attend the gospel preaching and there is every hope that the work will rival that at the

important station of Ciyuka, the district governed by the late Chief Kanjundu.

NEW BUILDINGS

To meet the numerical growth of the work more buildings are necessary. Kamundongo is busily engaged with the erection of a fine new temple with a seating capacity of about one thousand, while other buildings are being pushed forward to meet absolute needs. Bailundo is erecting a new kindergarten building and plans for a new dispensary next year. The extension to the church building has proved a great boon. Chisamba plans to erect and suitably equip a large new schoolhouse to accommodate the ever-growing number of pupils. At Sachikela owing to the crowded condition of the school the girls have to use one side of their kitchen for a schoolroom! A new schoolhouse is an urgent necessity. The mission is proud of its new buildings of burnt brick with tile roofs at Dondi, and some one writes they are the finest in that part



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of the country. Only a beginning has been made as yet for the Boys' Institute—one wing of the school building has been erected besides carpenter and blacksmith shop and two dwelling houses. On the other side of the river is the Training School for Girls with its one building for dormitory and class use and one residence where the matron, Mrs. Marion M. Webster, lives. These two new school plants are an important waymark in the history of the mission, since they stand for the training of pastors and teachers and will offer the first boarding school of higher grade than primary for West African girls.

LEARNING TO WORK

The tendency among a primitive people is to despise work as fit only for slaves and the common herd. Missionaries, remembering those years of patient labor by the Son of God in Nazareth, have not been slow to correct this spirit. To teach a man a trade is sometimes the beginning of higher aspirations. Trades such as carpentry and masonry are taught, whilst agriculture on scientific principles is inculcated. Four of our outschools have started to grow wheat and rice. One teacher did a good business making tapioca out of mandioc roots.

The Chisamba Industrial Department has made for the Dondi Institute school desks, doors, windows and necessary frames. A swamp near the station has been partially drained, and the straightening of the stream gave a sufficient flow of water to drive a water-wheel, so one was constructed and attached to a grinding mill. Corn has been successfully ground and the mill will prove a valuable asset. At Dondi model fields will be laid out and instruction given in fruit-tree culture and in raising other useful food-stuffs suitable for the climate.

THE MAGIC OF PRINT

One of the first aims of a mission is to give the Bible in the vernacular to the natives and issue text-books of various kinds. The magic of print appeals to the native. Wherever he goes he carries a book. It is really a talking book and his only support for weeks and months when away from other Christian influences.

In the work of Bible translation the entire mission is under a lasting debt of gratitude to the pioneer and veteran missionaries who have led the way in translation work. Dr. Stover has translated the whole of the New Testament into Umbundu and individual books of the Old Testament. To these Dr. Sanders has added several Old Testament books.

Text-books are being rapidly produced. During the year 619,000 pages of literature have been printed on the Mission press at Kamun-



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dongo. A great variety enters into the total, ranging from a Health Primer to a Life of Christ. A monthly newspaper is popular among the natives. The printed word goes where the missionary cannot. The Ovimbundu are widely known as traders. Large caravans start for the interior on trading expeditions lasting from one to two years. The Christian native carries with him his Bible and hymn book and en route, when in camp at night and during the long stay in the trading camps, the holy song is sung and the holy Word read. Cases of conversion have been known to occur through such testimony.

Passing through one of the Portuguese administrative forts one is surprised to see a group of native soldiery one of whom is reading. What is he reading? Nothing but a small book issued by our mission press dealing with the Christian faith and hope. Can such an influence be measured? Among the soldiers are men from far-off Moçambique on the opposite coast, others are drawn from the banks of the Congo, whilst others come from various tribes of Angola. The printed page speaks to them all of the things of God.

THE OUTWARD REACH

Many of the Christian slaves of these parts have been returning to the interior of Africa, to the districts from which they were brought in the days of childhood. In the last two years probably more than fifty slaves, many of them church members, some of them teachers in charge of outstation schools, have returned to the Congo territory, Katanga region. Having been connected with the mission here, they naturally allied themselves with a station of the Methodist Episcopal Church established there.

“It was very gratifying to us,” writes a Chisamba worker, “to have



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letters from the missionary in charge of that station stating how these returning slaves were helping the work there and that, though our work naturally has suffered with such an exodus, yet the Kingdom of Christ is being extended in the regions beyond."

Collections have been taken in many stations for the suffering Armenians, thus still further enlarging the sympathies of the native church and bringing a reflex blessing. The Sachikela station reports that in spite of famine conditions which have sorely tried the native church members, help was sent to Turkey. Their generosity has abounded even in their poverty.

ONE GIRL'S INFLUENCE

Some years ago a little girl visited the Chisamba station. Her stay lasted about a year. Coming under the influence of the missionaries and the native Christians, she opened her heart to the truth and the love of God, and sought to follow the new path. It being necessary for her to return to her native village, distant four days, she was given a hymn book and a copy of the Gospel of John. Surrounded by dark heathenism it would have caused no surprise had she conformed to the ways of her neighbors. Think of all the beer drinks with their attendant obscenities and the conversation of the women she has to meet from day to day in the fields and village! Yet not only has she held her own, she has become a messenger of the New Words to her neighbors.

When a missionary was able to visit that village he found large numbers who could sing hymns and had some knowledge of the new way. Because of this girl's influence there are to-day at Chisamba several boys from her village in training for Dondi Institute, who will in due time become pastors and teachers.

BEGINNING AT DONDI

Great hopes center around the new Girls' Training School at Dondi. It opened last November with twenty-seven girls in attendance ranging in age from fourteen to eighteen years. They have come from four stations and are mixing happily together. The

entrance requirement is fourth-grade work, and the standard will be raised as rapidly as the rising generation of children grow and develop mentally. Bible study is given a large place in the curriculum and much is made of industrial work. Besides instruction in basketry, sewing and pottery, the students have plenty of practice in housework and field work, which is so arranged that they work in shifts. Mrs. Webster writes about the sweepers, the water carriers, the pounders and the cooks and, with a true gardener's enthusiasm, describes the big school garden with its mandioca, cow peas, kaffir corn, sweet potatoes, beans and peanuts. Miss Stimpson has left her own school at Kamundongo to assist Mrs. Webster until a permanent teacher can be sent out. Such a teacher, Miss Almira Holmes, is now waiting in America for transportation arrangements to be made—a woman with college training, with experience in teaching at Hampton Institute and with a strong desire in her heart to work among primitive peoples.



Making Patchwork at a Station School

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New England's Gift to the Pacific Coast

Two rare women, a generation apart, born in the same state and educated in the same school, after giving long years of the choicest service to our Board, have this year received their coronation.

SUSAN TALCOTT FISHER

A native of Rockville, Conn., Susan Talcott Fisher came of typical New England parentage, from a home characterized by religion, learning, thrift and devotion to the inner circle. She married early and came in 1872 to Oakland, Cal., where eight of her eleven children grew to maturity, received a liberal education and found, each in turn, a place of unusual prominence and usefulness in the world's work. A remarkable roll it is—this page from the family register: Florence (Mrs. Oscar F. Sites) of San Anselmo; Cara M. (Mrs. Sidney L. Gulick), long of Kyoto, Japan, now in the home land; Ethel T. (Mrs. Lewis R. Scudder) of Madras, India; Miss Grace M. Fisher, prominent in Y. W. C. A. work, and her mother's companion; Leonard C. of Oakland; Rev. Miles B., National Secretary of the Sunday School and Publishing Society; Galen M. of Tokyo, Japan; and Ralph Talcott of Oakland, who also is enlisted in Y. M. C. A. interests. Most significant for the children was the consistent home environment into which went good life, high ideals, patient planning, merriment and a wholesome religious spirit.

Mrs. Fisher's home was the frequent stopping place of missionaries going to or from their field. Its hospitality was extended to many delegates attending church gatherings. Through long and busy years the women's societies, her Sunday school class, and her church, were the objects of steady devotion. She was one of the organizers of the church missionary society and of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific of which she has been Vice-President or Honorary Vice-President for almost thirty years. To these societies she has been a constant inspiration by her frequent generous gifts and by her abiding love and deep interest.

During the years of invalidism of Mrs. Fisher's later life, her home on the heights overlooking Oakland was a kind of shrine, to which many friends have resorted, never failing to find in her presence good cheer, interest in folks and in world affairs, and a sagacious Christian philosophy. Psalms and hymns learned long ago have of course been freshly cherished. The remarkable fact has been her eager interest in learning beautiful poems. During the last ten years she has committed to memory numbers of shorter poems and several of considerable length, such as "Drifting," by Read; "Call me not Dead," by Arnold; and "The Vision of Sir Launfal," by Lowell.

Funeral services of special uplift and power were held June 2, by Dr. Van Horn, in the sunny, flower-filled home, where the whole atmosphere was that of life victorious and death triumphant.

Laura North Richards

Early in this new year with the Christmas greetings still fresh from her pen, on the afternoon of January fourth, there slipped from among us one greatly beloved. Simple and modest in demeanor, and in her estimate of her own abilities, few have had a larger influence or a wider circle of friends.

Into a choice family of New England antecedents, interested in church and missions and all good things, Miss Richards was born in Norwalk, Conn.; but, with the exception of a few years in New York City, her youth was passed in the old home in Stratford. The youngest in a family of four, she was the treasured sunbeam of her home, the tender care of a wise and capable mother, and the joy of sister and brothers who added their devotion to the training of the beautiful girl. Her cheery ways made her a favorite with the girls, and as she grew older she became the acknowledged leader. When nineteen she united with the Congregational Church at Stratford, Rev. Frank S. Fitch being the pastor at the time; and it was a strange and beautiful incident of our farewell to her that Dr. Fitch was present to conduct the service. Her interest in missionary work dates back to her pastor, who never lost an opportunity to introduce missionaries direct from the field, and who made use of every possible means to instruct his people along these lines.

Miss Richards's life was greatly enriched by travel. She became very familiar with all western Europe, and upon one journey made the most of an opportunity to study Italian art. This prepared her for the keen interest she took in the Pacific-Panama Exposition, lingering longest in the Italian buildings and courts. On another trip she went over missionary ground, spending some time with Dr. and Mrs. Gulick in Spain, and only their conviction that her health would not admit of continual residence there prevented her from entering actively into the work.

About this time a great change came into her life. The Richards family had a genius for friendship, and so it was not strange that it was not one family, but a group of the most intimate friends who came together to make their home in Saratoga, Cal. The sheer beauty and fertility of the upland spread out under the kindly atmosphere of the February sky, so different from the frozen New England they had left, appealed most impellingly to the men who came as explorers and led them to make such an enthusiastic report that during the following summer all migrated to the charming spot that has been their loved home ever since. They have seen the foothills and gulches cleared and planted, the pretty homes built, the roads made a delight to all of us, and the church into which they put their strength become a strong center, sending into the ministry and the mission fields young men and women of whom all are proud.

It was the hospitality of this home that demonstrated so splendidly the charm of a day's outing among the blossoms that the idea became crystallized into the far-famed spring festival that stands unquestioned in uniqueness and simplicity, giving joy and inspiration to those who have not always at hand the strength of the hills, and the pure delight of budding nature. Many of us will never forget the lovely picture that Miss Richards made when with her neighbors she stood by the beautiful highway and showered the passing travelers with fruit blossoms. It was a type of her radiant life that gave freely to all who came within the charmed circle of her influence. She was one of the organizers and officers of a fine literary society, the Foot-Hill Study Club. And we do not need to add that in church and Sunday school she could always be depended upon for superb leadership. Her hand was felt all along the line, beginning with the

Cradle Roll, and on up through the Junior work which she aided for a long period; but her choicest direction was given to the young women who studied with her, and year after year she allowed no other interest to interfere with this ministry. Of course she was at the head of the Woman's Missionary Society; but she was wise, and happy to pass on the opportunity to younger women who have grown through her assistance and have come, like her, to be strong leaders.

It was natural that she should desire special training to meet these varied demands, and so she took a year of study in 1900 in the Pacific Theological Seminary at Berkeley. Her circle of friends became greatly enlarged at this time, and easily the experience led up to the larger task which she little dreamed awaited her.

In 1904 she was elected President of the Woman's Board of the Pacific. After four years, the claims of home and loved ones called her away for a year, and then it became her mission to shape the scope and policy of the newly formed California Branch of W. B. M. P. As the first and only President, she served with great faithfulness and success, accomplishing the difficult task of bringing the Branch and Home Union into close affiliation, arranging common meetings and proving that common officers were perfectly possible, an outstanding illustration of what harmonious co-operation can do to simplify multiplicity in officers and interests in church work.

The spirit in which Miss Richards approached her work is reflected in her yearly messages to the Board and the Branch. When she became President of the W. B. M. P., she wrote, "Only as every woman in every church is a willing, interested and intelligent giver, is our ideal reached." Thus she launched the Every Member Campaign that has come so prominently before us in the last decade. At the close of her first year in this untried experience, she says, "We cannot tell you in these few words all that the year has brought to us of delight."

In 1906 her message is, as we should expect, of peculiar interest. "With grateful hearts we bring you the greeting of the year. How much there is to be thankful for! The terrifying disaster which came to our coast in April has made us more thoughtful of our mercies, more tender of each other, and more hopeful for continued blessings. Shall not these spared lives be of greater service than

ever before, to Him who has kept us in the hollow of His hand? Shall we not show our gratitude to Him by more loving thought for the interests of His Kingdom? We are very grateful for the loving sympathy shown us at the time of the earthquake. Letters from far-off Brousa and Micronesia, and from nearer Japan as well as from various parts of our own country, have shown us that the Board of the Pacific is remembered and loved all around the globe, and is upheld by their prayers." At this time she makes the stirring announcement that in spite of the great financial stress of the year, the Woman's Board has not only met its appropriations but has cleared the debt with which it was encumbered at the beginning of the year, and has sent an *extra* gift to the American Board.

With the clear-cut phrase "We want to be in line with other denominations" comes the forecast of a broader opportunity which, unknown to her, was almost at her door. It is another illustration of the way in which the Master prepares the servant even as He prepares the work. In the summer of 1907 Miss Richards met with the presidents of the Presbyterian and Methodist Boards at Mount Hermon to organize for the women of Northern California a summer school of missions along the lines of Northfield and Winona. None of these leaders had met before, they scarcely had heard each others' names, but the recognition of sisters and co-workers beloved was instantaneous, and they became staunch friends for life. The next year others joined them in the working out of a schedule of most helpful meetings, and it was Miss Richards that gave the key-note in the very first service, "Hid with Christ in God."

As a presiding officer she created atmosphere; no church, however small or poorly equipped, seemed poor or bare when she stood before us; no program could be a failure when she lent it the inspiration of her personality.

And yet, after we have taken account of all her splendid activities, after we have summed up all her gracious and noble and devoted deeds, it is not for what she did that we remember her, but for what she *was*. If you went to her for help or counsel, how swiftly and surely her quick "Yes, yes, I know," made you feel in your inmost heart that she understood and that she could help. If you felt downcast or doubtful, how profoundly her "It's all right!" heartened

you, and lifted you into her serene peace and trust. Or, if you fell to criticising your erring fellows, how sweetly her "Poor things!" shamed you into a broader charity and a new loving patience. She absolutely refused to criticise any one. Her sunny disposition grew in her increasingly as she grew older. Her radiant Christianity absorbed the best of every one she met, and ignored the bad; if she saw a good trait, she immediately wanted it herself.

No one could meet her without being refreshed by the spontaneous cheeriness of her manner; those who knew her well came to know that this attitude of mind was habitual; to those of us who have rejoiced in the close companionship of the inner circle of her friends, this quality seemed to be a part of the very essence of her character. No discomforts of Sierra camping, or the blistering heat of a ride through the Sacramento Valley, no anxiety about herself or others, no physical exhaustion, could bring forth a word of complaint; on the contrary, the first reaction to every emergency was a word of cheer. The fine triumph of this spirit was shown again and again in the last summer camp when she found at every turn something for which to be thankful.

She loved God's outdoors, the flowers, the birds, the mountains, with a peculiar reverence and tenderness. Most of all she delighted in astronomy, not as a study, but an acquaintance, so that the stars in their courses became her friends; it was pure joy to greet them each new season, and she talked with Orion and with Scorpio and with their train as with old familiar friends. It was hard to be patient with those who did not know them as she did; but on the other hand she conceded the greatest admiration to those who knew the merest fragment of some science unfamiliar to her.

After nearly a year of failing health, and after the last precious Christmas with her beloved had passed, she was told the doctor's verdict. She wrote to a friend that she was dazed at first, and was trying to adjust herself to the thought—"Some day (when is only known to the dear Heavenly Father) the doors of the higher life will open to me and I will slip through."

Our Field Correspondents

Miss Alice E. Cary, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Otis Cary, has been teaching domestic science at the Doshisha Girls' School at Kyoto, Japan, during the past year. We quote from the *Mission News* these extracts from a letter from her. Miss Cary hopes next year to assist at our Girls' School at Osaka, having applied for permanent appointment as a missionary of the Woman's Board of Missions:—

What do I teach? English and cooking! Are you going to echo the question I usually hear, "What do *you* know about cooking?" Amazement and incredulity I am used to, but, as you know, it is usually the things which we do not feel ourselves prepared to do that we are called upon out here to meet. But if you will come with me to our new Domestic Science Building, with its big, sunny dining-room, furnished in light-colored mission, through the butler's pantry, with its plentiful supply of Japanese dishes and lacquer ware, into the spacious kitchen, I am sure you will agree with me that in such a place one could not but be able to teach almost anything. Of course, sometimes strange dishes turn out as a surprise to us, but I often wonder how well we could do in Japanese cooking, with little or no idea of even how the dish was to look when we were through.

Perhaps both girls and their teacher were a little staggered one noon, to receive word from the President that he would like us to serve a dinner for twenty-five trustees the following evening. As you all know, it is a very different thing to make and frost a cake, with the whole afternoon before one, cooking and serving a seven-course dinner, the only kind we thought suitable for our distinguished guests. Literally, we rolled up our sleeves and plunged in. Two weeks later, a similar request came again, this time the guests being the governor of Kyoto Fu, Prince and Princess Konoé and twenty members of the faculty. We took it as a subtle compliment, and, having learned much in our first experience, we were able to do it much better and easier.

In the last two years, friends in America have often asked the question, "Are not the Japanese girls very different from us?" I always long to bring them out here to see the girls, for that would be answer enough. Any doubts I may have had in my mind were quickly and forever dispelled in my first month here. I find the same enthusiasms, the same questions and longings, which characterized my own school

days. I cannot see but that the girls are just as uproariously glad over their tennis victories as we were on like occasions, or just as sympathetic and ready to help as their sisters across the Pacific; also as radiant over "cuts" as any students the world over, as was very evident this morning as I announced my absence for three days. My own face reflected their joy, not because I was to have a holiday (though I must admit I'll not be very sorry for that), but that again Mission Meeting has come. To any child of the Mission, I need not explain the thrills that still attend that magic week. Even growing up cannot rob me of that pleasure. So, all aboard for Arima!

From the same number of *Mission News*, which, by the way, is devoted largely to communications from the Mission children and is very interesting reading, we take the following by Miss Agnes Allchin who has been helping at the Baikwa Girls' School, Osaka:—

"Fifteen scholars were enrolled the first day." That was in 1878. In 1917, forty years later, we have the same school in three buildings, with an enrollment of 380 pupils. This year there is an increase of one hundred over last year, and it is expected that the school will still continue to increase. The erection of a new building will be begun next month, with the hope that the girls may enter it by next October at the latest. On account of the tremendous growth of the Osaka population, and the increased desire for education, all the schools of the city are filled to their utmost capacity. The Baikwa this year, for the first time, has picked her students, turning away many. This, therefore, has raised the school's standard of scholarship. The school being called Christian does not seem to affect its popularity. In fact, it seems to help rather than detract, for it gives the school a better moral standard than ordinary government schools:

Besides the regular *kōtō* department, there are courses open to those who have graduated from any regular *kōtō* school. At present there are only two courses,—*kaseika* (domestic science), and *eibunka* (special English). It is, however, the desire of the principal of the school to enlarge these courses, so as to form a department which shall eventually be a college. There seems to be a great need for such a girls' college in this city, and it is hoped that not many years will pass by before such a hope is realized.

The two upper classes have formed themselves into a body, which is now affiliated with the National Y. W. C. A. This part of my work I enjoy the most, because it brings me into closer touch with the girls, and is the sort of work I prefer. We have organized ourselves, so that we have four officers and five chairmen of committees, which are called the Small Cabinet. This Small Cabinet, together with all the committee members, forms the Large Cabinet. Recently, the girls of our Y. W. C. A. entertained fifty little tots from the Hakuaisa Orphan Asylum, demonstrating that one of our objects is practical helpfulness.

Mrs. Florence H. Learned writes from Kyoto, Japan, July 8, 1917:—

Imadegawa Kindergarten is going on as well as it can just now in our living rooms and out under the trees on pleasant days. The old building is torn down and only the frame of the new building is up. If all goes well, the new building will be ready by the beginning of the fall term. The new location is much more suited to the needs of a kindergarten than the old one. There are some improvements too that will make the building more suitable. The teachers are looking forward with anticipation to the new term when we move in, to do better work we hope than ever before.

The 30th of June, the day the frame was raised, was one of the luckiest days of the year, the head carpenter said. He had mentioned the day before as the probable frame-raising day, but on consulting the almanac of omens it was found that the 29th was a most unlucky day, and no carpenter could be hired to put framework together on such a day for it would blow down or some of the workmen get hurt or sick or even killed; it would invite disaster of some kind. It certainly was most fortunate for progress that the 30th augured well. The day was preceded by a night of heavy rainfall, and it looked as though there might be no frame raising, but the men began work the middle of the morning with a determination to get it done by night. At noon a small group of teachers, Bible woman, the pastor of Imadegawa Church (which is the child of the kindergarten work), two missionaries and the carpenters—stood at one corner for a brief consecration service. That stone did not differ much in looks from the other stones, but because it was in that place it was chosen to rest over a little tin box which contained a Japanese Testament and hymn book,

a copy of the short program, which consisted in reading the 127th Psalm, the offering of a prayer and singing of a special hymn, a list of names of those at present connected with the Imadegawa work, a list of names of the carpenters and other workmen, the materials used and cost of each kind, and a copy of the last *Kiristo Kyo Sekai* (*Christian World*), the Kumiai Church paper. Thus the structure was offered to Him for whose glory it is to shine as a beacon light.



Harvest Festival at Imadegawa Kindergarten

That night when the head carpenter came for the first payment he smilingly said, "There are three days when a carpenter is happy: when his bid is accepted; when the framework is up; and finally when he comes to the master and says it is finished!" I am glad to think that the head carpenter is a Christian, baptized by Mr. Learned many years ago.

The Imadegawa Kindergarten, by its removal and reconstruction, is celebrating its twentieth year. It is not without heartpangs that we let go of the old building, for the memories of so many dear children who always must be associated with it are most precious.

A week ago one of its long-ago graduates, who has just been graduated from the Economics Department of the Doshisha and soon goes in the employ of the great Mitsubishi Trading Company to Singapore, came and asked if he might come and have his picture taken here by the old kindergarten site with his old teacher and his family friends. It is his first experience in going away and he wanted to take all he could of his dear associations with him. Several weeks ago an attractive young woman came up our front walk. Her face was unfamiliar until she gave her name, which called up the little girl that graduated from the kindergarten eighteen years ago. It had been such a disappointment that she was not allowed to come to Sunday school after that. Her foster father was a disagreeable landowner and money-lender who had no use for Christianity, and as they moved to another part of the city we lost complete track of her. It was a joy to meet her and assure her that our interest in her was just the same as ever. Her father is dead and she and her mother have come again to the old home. She had received a Normal School training and is a primary school teacher. She came back to the kindergarten to find us and now comes to the Imadegawa Church.

The Art Exhibition this spring had a special attraction for us because of a picture representing kindergarten child life by one of our



Sunday School Room Decorated for Children's Sunday

graduates who this year finished his course at the City Art School. For inspiration he visited his old kindergarten one morning.

One of our "daughters" has just become engaged to a young Christian doctor, a member of the Imadegawa Church. The announcement came as a joyful surprise. Her father is a noted doctor of the city. Years ago when she, the first child, was sent to kindergarten, the parents had "no use for religion," though their children as the years have gone by have come to kindergarten and Sunday school and still come.

Miss Grace M. Breck writes from Peking, China:—

About two weeks ago we had the opportunity of seeing the President of China. Mr. Pettus, the Director of the Language School, arranged that for us, and we went in a body to his house. A lot of missionaries who are not students at the School went along with us in the hope that they too might be admitted. Before going to the President's reception room we wandered about the grounds surrounding his residence, and as many of the flowers were in bloom everything looked very attractive indeed. The peonies made the most gorgeous spectacle, and I am told that this flower is quite a favorite in China. We finally arrived at the President's reception room and he came and greeted us briefly. Dr. Goodrich made a little speech, telling the President that we were very glad to be there; that many of us were Language School students, but of course not all of us, as some of the friends of the students were glad to come along. (There were probably 200 of us altogether.) His Excellency responded very briefly by saying that he was glad to see us and pleased to know that we were studying the language so that we could help his people, and invited us to "Sui Pien" while we were at his residence. (It is hard to translate that expression exactly; it means literally to follow your own convenience, and the general idea of it is to make yourself at home and do whatever you like.) Then he bowed and retired. I was a little disappointed that he did not shake hands with all of us, but that would have taken a good while and I suppose he had more important business to attend to. The first thing we did in proceeding to "Sui Pien" was to be served to the delicious tea and cakes that were provided on two long tables in the reception room. Later we went into one of the rooms where we had a very unusual opportunity of seeing some large portraits of some

of the old emperors of China. These pictures had been on exhibition several days before on account of some special function and the President had them left up until the time of our reception so we could see them too. Was it not kind of him? The thing that interested me most about these old portraits was the fact that some of them were so very old. One was a picture of a man who was Emperor of China in 2205 B.C.—more than 4,000 years ago. I am more and more impressed with the antiquity of this land. We count time here in millenniums instead of in generations. I remember how impressed I was in New England in seeing some things that dated back to the seventeenth



Watching the Foreign Ladies

century. That seems very modern indeed compared to the things which can be seen in China. It is hard to realize what a very ancient land China is.

A week ago last Sunday I went with Miss Bertha Reed out to the Temple Fair just outside one of the big gates of the city,—the Ch'i Hua Men. This is one of the large temples in Peking and each year they have a two weeks' fair out there, which is attended by many people. At that time some of the folks in our Mission hold gospel meetings for such of the women as care to come. It is a very moving kind of an audience, for the women could come in and go out when they chose. Some of the women come into the meetings day after

day, and an effort is made to get hold of the names and addresses of those who seem interested, so as to follow up the work afterward. In this way it is possible to reach some who never come to any of the regular churches, and there are many who go who never before knew anything about the "doctrine."

Before going in to the meeting we went through the various temple courts, looking at the people and the very varied kinds of activities going on. There are hundreds and hundreds of people who congregate at the temple at the time of such a fair as this; and all through the courts there were bazaars of every sort with a great variety of things for sale. As this is one of the large temples there were many shrines, with all manner of hideous-looking idols, and at the time of the fair there was much more burning of incense and worshiping of the idols than is the case on ordinary days. And such a pitiful lot of beggars as congregate at the temple at a time like that. I thought I had seen a lot of beggars before, but I never before had seen anything to compare with the number who were in evidence at that fair. The reason for it is, Miss Reed explained, because many of the people who come to the temple at such a time are more apt to give the beggars than on ordinary occasions. And in general the giving of alms to beggars is done, not so much because of a desire to relieve distress as because this is considered a very good way to lay up merit for one's self. There were blind beggars and lame beggars and folks suffering with all sorts of the most loathsome diseases; old men and women hardly able to hobble about and with the most pitiful-looking rags for clothing that you could possibly imagine. Some of them would bang their heads on the ground before the passers-by in an attempt to arouse sufficient pity to move people to give them something. I would recommend that any one who doubted the need of foreign missionary work should walk through the courts of a temple like that on a Fair day and then go to one of the Christian churches and contrast the kind of Chinese who attend there with the scenes at the Fair. I think the doubter would be convinced.

I am finding the study of the Chinese characters much more interesting than I expected to. When we began to study them I rather dreaded this part of the work and thought it would be much more interesting to keep on learning to talk without bothering to learn to

write the characters, for I thought every character had to be learned by main strength as an arbitrary sign for the word it represents. But there is really a great deal of sense in them when we begin to see the "inwardness" of them; and there are certain kinds of strokes that recur again and again in the various characters, so I do not think it is going to be nearly such a hopeless task as I anticipated. Thus far we have learned to write not quite a hundred characters, which seems like a very small beginning; but presumably the more we learn the less difficult they will be, and it is quite a fascinating study. It is something like shorthand. When you do not know anything about it, you think it must take a supernatural amount of ability to read and write such queer-looking hieroglyphics, but as you learn a little more about it you see that anybody of average brain capacity can get hold of it by studying it and keeping at it long enough.

Dr. Lora G. Dyer, who went to China in 1916, gives in a letter to friends some interesting "first impressions" of life in Foochow:—

As I think you know, I left home in late January, 1916, and sailed from San Francisco February 5th, on a big Japanese liner, with



A Wayside Shrine, China

Englishmen as chief officers, but each with a Japanese understudy who did the work for the most part, except when there was a storm or some emergency. We spent five hours in Honolulu on the seventh day out, just long enough to give us a wee glimpse of the place and make me very keen to go back there some day. The air was warm and balmy, summer clothes were in order, and the city was full of flowers and greenness,—an amazing number of new and strange blooms and shapes and tints. There were street cars and automobiles, good roads and nice residences, just like home, but nine out of every ten people that we met in the streets were Chinese, Japanese or Hawaiian (resembling our Negroes).

We reached Yokohama on the 22d of February and found snow on the mountains and slush in the streets, and a general chilliness everywhere. But Japan was really and truly foreign, with its cute little houses with paper windows and nowhere to sit but on the floor, and all the people in the streets wearing kimonos and sandals, the women all without hats. And then the rickshas! I hate to see people made into beasts of burden, but I must admit I found it very pleasant to be whisked about in a grown-up rubber-tired baby carriage built for one. We went by rail from Yokohama to Tokyo and then by rail (an all-night ride) to Kobe, where we went back to the boat. Twenty-four hours took us through the Inland Sea to Nagasaki, where we stopped for a few hours to coal the ship, the coal being put in from small boats by man (and woman!) power, after the fashion of a bucket brigade. Then we sailed due south for two or three days, one whole day in sight of the east coast of Formosa, to Manila. There we found summer again, also more good roads and street cars and many modern improvements, contrasting sharply with the quaint old Spanish houses built along narrow paved streets, surrounded by a city wall. We heard some wonderfully good band music there (the Constabulary band of Filipinos, led by an American Negro) and saw a perfectly splendid hospital, the new government hospital, plus other things, "too numerous to mention."

Hong Kong was my destination, as far as the big boat was concerned, and there I had to part with my Massachusetts friend and the India-bound physician who had been in medical school with me. They re-shipped for Ceylon, via Singapore, while I waited one more

day and took an English boat for Foochow. Hong Kong is a beautiful city, built all up the side of a short range of very steep hills, resembling Mount Tom and Mount Holyoke, and along the very narrow plain at the foot of the hills, facing the water. A cable line of cars carries the people up and down the steep face, to the residences and garrison on the top. English buildings predominate, and are pretty uniformly three or four stories high, plastered outside in a light buff color, and all with deep verandas on each story. The business buildings are along the narrow strip of level water front, of this same cream tint, not at all unlike those in cities at home. The rickshas, sedan chairs, the large numbers of Chinese and the huge Sikh policemen with brilliant-colored turbans on top of an ordinary police uniform, all reminded you, though, that the city was not exactly American, as did the luxuriant palms and ferns along the residence streets.

The Hong Kong to Foochow boats are much like our own coast-line boats, a bit smaller, perhaps, but built to stand the roughest kind of seas, for the China Sea has a bad reputation. These boats stop about twelve hours in Swatow and another twelve in Amoy, and though they anchored out in the harbor, since there are no piers or wharfs out here, except in Hong Kong and Shanghai, we easily got ashore in one of the little rowboats that swarm around the boats like pirates, anxious to take something or somebody ashore. At every port we saw big brick buildings labeled: "Standard Oil Company of N. Y.," and occasionally a freighter with the same label, flying a nice-looking U. S. A. flag. I have since learned that China's main supply of tin is these oil tins, which the tinsmiths make up into all kinds of things, from pocket lamps to tin roofs.

In coming to Foochow the ocean-going boats come up the Min River about twenty miles and anchor, letting the passengers make the remaining ten miles by steam launch, which can be done in about an hour and a half, unless you get stuck on a sand bar, when you wait for the tide to come in and lift you off. Freight comes up by some one of the half-dozen kinds of boats that swarm the river.

I don't know where to begin to describe Foochow. It is so different from any city at home I am afraid I could never make you see what it looks like. It has about a million inhabitants, but that does not mean

that it is large in area, for the streets take up very little space, the houses are built very close together, with the roofs touching or so close together that a cat could walk over a good part of the city and never touch foot to the ground. The city proper is the territory enclosed by the city wall, holding about half a million, often twenty or thirty people in one house, but the suburbs crowd up so closely to the wall on the south that city and suburbs are all one and the same, except that it is more aristocratic inside the city wall. This city wall is a stone, brick and dirt affair, about fifteen feet high and the same in width, with a road on top. Over the main gates are large buildings, rising thirty feet or so above the wall, which serve as lookouts and forts. Since the revolution the city gates are not closed at night, as they used to be.

The people impress me as being eternally busy, from the children up. I suppose it is the whip of poverty that keeps them at it, but it seems as though they never stopped to rest. From early morning till way into the night we hear the hammers pounding out the cakes of pewter into foil, to make "idol money," which is burned in large quantities, to furnish their dead ancestors with spending money in the spirit world. The shops along the streets, where the goods are made as well as sold, are always busy. Coolies are always trotting along through the streets with their loads, hung from the two ends of a stick that rests on their shoulder, grunting as they walk. The wealthy people I suppose get over the habit. But as a race they have already earned my respect. I often think of a remark I heard recently,—The Chinese as a nation have never sat on the floor, nor slept on the floor, nor eaten with their fingers.

Chinese houses are mostly built of mud, that is, mud and straw are used to make the four walls, which are a foot or two thick, and always the roof is of tile, like thin gray bricks, curved, and laid on in overlapping rows like shingle. The poorer houses have only mud floors and practically no windows, simply doors, and therefore are very dark. The better houses have an open court, with rooms on three or four sides, fancy lattice-work windows opening into the court, with flowers and perhaps a tiny fish pond in the court, the whole house shut off from the street by a thick wall ten or twelve feet high, with a single entrance door. These houses usually have picturesque

curved ridgepoles with higher ends, which prevent the evil spirits from finding a comfortable seat on the roof, so I'm told.

The climate seems colder in winter than New England, though it rarely freezes, and is a great deal hotter in summer. The moisture makes it very chilly, and our houses are not heated as well as at home, the schoolrooms not at all here, so chilblains flourish. But outdoor sports are in order all winter.

Living conditions are very pleasant here. There are foreigners enough to make it worth while for the merchants to cater to our trade. The non-missionary husband of one of the Methodist missionaries (American) has a provision store where we can buy all sorts of things,—cereals, tinned goods, dried fruits, crackers, candies, etc., and where we can buy fresh meats that we feel safe in eating. There are good Chinese dry-goods stores and drug stores, also stationers, one carried on by the Methodist Mission. From the native stores we can get an abundance of fresh fruits of many kinds, and plenty of fresh vegetables. The supplies in a port city are much more varied than inland, where the fresh meat is limited to chicken and perhaps goat, and only native-made dry goods. The Chinese tailors make quite good looking clothes for us, copying pictures readily, and the Chinese cooks quickly learn to cook "foreign style," making excellent bread and cake, and even canning fruits. We have a perfectly good postal system, with carrier delivery, under the supervision of an English postmaster, and an English bank gives us the great convenience of using checks instead of specie for all amounts over ten dollars Mex.

I am very comfortably located at the girls' school, in a family of four teachers, who have been most friendly, never giving me a chance to be homesick. Our house is a two-story brick building, on a little elevation where we get plenty of air and where we can have trees and flowers in abundance, inside the eight or ten foot wall that surrounds the school. Our furniture is mostly "made in China," but duplicates our own home articles so closely that you would never guess it. My main occupation is language study, five hours a day, with a Chinese teacher, but I manage to practice a bit of medicine on the side, among the schoolgirls and members of our mission.

Prayer
at Noontide



Encircling
the Earth

AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE WITH OUR PRESIDENT

Are We Making Use of All Our Student Ability?

“Coming! Coming!” Here they come, trooping home from colleges, boarding and normal schools, from courses in art, music and library work, girl students to the number of thousands in the aggregate, while scarcely a church but that received some small percentage of the total. If the home church loses its quota, by means of marriage and occupations at a distance, some other churches may be the gainer. These young women remain, in any locality, the trained product of our higher schools and presumably the possessors of valuable commodities which the cause of missions needs—such commodities as experience in living and working with other girls; the power to lay out a subject logically and write up something about it readable or tellable; a taste for history or science or sociology; deft sketching fingers; a voice to delight the lovers of music; a touch for white keys or vibrant strings; and a liking to “do things.” A vital question for our missionary leaders in the local church is this:—

ARE YOU SECURING THESE COMMODITIES FOR THE ENLARGEMENT AND ENRICHMENT OF THE MISSIONARY INTEREST IN YOUR CHURCH?

“How *can* I secure them?”

There are probably as many ways as there are desirable young women of this sort, so that the Council Table can hope to suggest only a few general principles and a small handful of details.

THE FEW PRINCIPLES

1. Become aware of these girls—at home, school teachers, professional and business women and young wives. Acquaint yourself with their presence in your parish. Has not your Branch secretary sent you any names yet? She has a list of all returned students in her Branch as complete as the Board Student Committee is able to

compile it, and should send to each one of you local leaders your particular possessions. Sometimes it needs a flashlight to search them out, for it is a rare girl who proclaims, "I am educated—now use me." Approach these. Do not wait for them even if you have never been to college yourself. Show that you need them. This leads to the second principle.

2. Realize that the young woman who has been away from home four years or less, living a unique community life with many other girls, comes back to feel a bit strange and shy. Things have been shaken up in the old church since she left it. Perhaps all her summers were spent away from town on vacation trips or visits. A new pastor; shifting of the Bible School class where she used to attend or teach; some new organizations under way. She does not know where the church people would like her to take hold. And she hasn't age enough yet to take the initiative in making adjustments. Not a learned but a loving caller will be welcomed by her, and your invitation to come and help will receive consideration in nine cases out of ten.

3. Ask her to take a definite position, and one of leadership if it be possible on your side and on hers. And then give her a fair tether of liberty. She may make mistakes—but then others have been made. Perhaps things won't be any worse, and there is a big probability that some little garden patch in the church will be improved. The soil will receive fresh fertilizing, and the plants will have a filtering of scientific treatment. Sometimes it is good for a church, like the New Year bells, to "ring out the old, ring in the new!"

THE HANDFUL OF DETAILS

[Possible Requests to be made of these young women]

"Will you look into the O. J. S. and lay plans for one in our church?"

"Will you take the office of secretary in our woman's society?"

"Will you go to Northfield as our representative and come home ready to serve as chairman of our Program Committee?"

"Will you take hold of our fainting Young Women's Guild and apply first aid and bring it back to life? It seems to need evening meetings, for many members are occupied by day."

“Will you serve on the Church Missionary Committee with special reference to the development of missionary education in Sunday school?”

“Will you act as a peripatetic instructor in missions for the same needy Sunday school, and now in one department, now in another, as the Sundays pass, will you devote five or ten minutes to courses of adapted live teaching through stories, object lessons and programs?” (Don't fail to give her references—your own Board and the Missionary Education Movement, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.)

“The pastor is desirous that missions in the Christian Endeavor Society be put upon a firmer basis. Would you take their committee in charge and help to make their monthly programs really tell in the lines of sound learning and continuous enthusiasm?”

“Since your duties confine you so much by day, will you form an evening study class for six weeks and use the new biographical book, *The Moffats?*” (Observe when you ask her, whether she may not be one of the author's Wellesley College alumnae.)

“I am commissioned by the Program Committee of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Department to ask you to take charge of our music this year. We would like you to meet with the Committee monthly when possible, so as to know our lines of study and have the music in harmony.”

“It would be a great favor if you would be chief hostess at our teas this year when they follow our missionary programs. You may choose your helpers or we will suggest some of our young women.”

“We want to make more of eye-gate effects in our work this year—posters, programs with little artistic touches, luncheon cards, a good home-made map to show our Africa missionary stations—will you be our Art Director?”

The Student Committee of the Board, Mrs. Frank Gaylord Cook, chairman, is obviously limited in the scope of its work and must look to local leaders to complete plans laid for yoking these returned students with our missionary forces.

Can we not in this stimulating Jubilee year attack the returned student problem with fresh vigor and discriminating tact? All leaders who will enter with renewed zeal upon these lines will receive the sincere gratitude of the Student Committee and the officers of the Board.

Junior Department

The attention of readers of this page is called to the new leaflets on this year's work advertised on the inner page of the last cover.

READING CIRCLES

This is a year when wise leaders will welcome a possibility of diverging from usual methods of missionary education. And therefore it is a specially happy coincidence that gives us this year a study book for young women's societies which lends itself *par excellence* not to the ordinary program meeting but to reading circle use. This book, *An African Trail*, is very different from any other book we have ever used. It is not only fascinating reading in itself, but on those who read it thoughtfully it is certain to produce a profound impression. Our problem is only *to get it read*.

Now in this year of work for the Red Cross, it is not difficult to get circles of friends to gather for knitting or sewing together. And into such circles it is not in the least out of place to take a book which is fascinating reading. Some little informal discussion will be almost certain to follow the reading—and lo! we have brought about a missionary meeting quite as effective in the minds and hearts of our hearers as our most carefully worked out programs have ever been.

So do not try to have many programs on Africa this winter. Perhaps you will find it desirable to follow the reading circle by two or three from the group of outlines in *Africa, a Continent for Christ* (5 cents). These are based on the study book, *The Lure of Africa*, and are excellent programs on an excellent book. But make a reading circle on *An African Trail*, or several of them, your main point. Send for the leaflet, *The Year 1917-1918 in Missionary Societies of Young Women and Girls* and read its paragraph of suggestions on how to arrange for such circles. Next, lay your lines carefully and prayerfully—get your groups ready, each equipped with a good reader. Then see what this book will do in your society.

"FIVE TIMES TEN"

WHAT IS IT? It's a program to be used in celebration of the Jubilee.

WHO IS TO USE IT? Young People's Societies and also—if they wish—
young women's societies. The latter will have a choice be-

tween this and the two plans suggested in the leaflet, *Jubilee Celebrations*.

WHEN SHOULD IT BE GIVEN? Preferably at some regular meeting of the society during the month of November. Since the Woman's Board is one of the recognized Congregational foreign missionary agencies, it might most appropriately be substituted in C. E. Societies for the program on the missionary topic assigned to November 18, "Our Denominational Foreign Mission Boards."

WHY WAS IT PREPARED? In order that our young people may learn something of the reasons for and the nature and extent of our Woman's Board work, and so may share in our Jubilee celebration.

WHAT IS IT LIKE? Seven representatives of the Board arrive to take charge of the meeting. These are a new missionary just entered upon her work, the first missionary of the Board, its first president, an aristocratic Peking woman, a Japanese child, an Armenian schoolgirl, and a poor village woman from India. All the material for their talks, also hymn suggestions and Bible readings are included in the program.

WHAT IS NEEDED FOR ITS PRESENTATION? In the terms of the program itself, the requirements are: (1) Seven women and girls who will put a little time into individual preparation; (2) A meeting one hour in length; (3) A map of the world—one roughly drawn on wrapping paper or a blackboard will do; (4) Thirteen large yellow "stickers" if a paper map is used, chalk, if a blackboard; (5) Seven one-foot letters of yellow or gilded cardboard; (6) An audience of young people.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Ask the missionary chairman of your young people's society or the leader for November 18, if he has seen *Five Times Ten*. If he has not, send for a copy (it's free), read it over yourself and pass it on to him with a word of commendation. He is likely to welcome a program all worked out and ready to hand.

ADOPT THIS SLOGAN WITH US: *Five Times Ten* used during November in every young people's organization in every Congregational church east of Ohio.

The Evolution of an O. J. S.

By Mrs. W. Ellsworth Lawson

We have been taught to think of evolution as an age-long process, beginning in a remote past, continuing into a dim future; but the girls of Bethany Church have passed from stage to stage in double quick time. Their experience may prove a help and inspiration to girls of other churches, and with this hope we tell their story.

When the women of Bethany Church combined their various societies in one Union, the Mission Band and the Camp Fire Girls were also included, and the slogan "Every woman and girl in the Church a member of the Union" became our watchword. The idea has worked well. At the monthly business meeting of the Union reports are read from every group, and we women and girls have learned about each other's work, and with the increased knowledge have come increased sympathy with each other's aims and new enthusiasm in our Church life. How important, for instance, the little girls of the Mission Band feel because they are members of the Union and have their table at the annual banquet, and are called on to help at the "grown-up" missionary meetings and socials! It also means a fine opportunity for them to be prepared to take their part in the work of the Church as they grow older. In fact, they are having a share in that work all the time.

When the Camp Fire Girls became a part of the Union they agreed to spend an afternoon once a month in such work as the Union did as a whole—mission study, help for the needy, service for the church.

Then, in response to Miss Preston's invitation, they became a society of the Order of the Jubilee—another step in the evolutionary process.

But just at this time a Field Secretary from Camp Fire Headquarters came among us, and through her urging and for other reasons it seemed best to extend the Camp Fire idea to the community. The Camp Fire Girls could therefore no longer be confined to one church, and the problem arose as to how to keep the girls in the Woman's Union.

The letters O. J. S. became a magic key to the mystery. They meant "Our Junior Society," and to that could belong not only the

Camp Fire Girls of the church, but all other girls in our church and Sunday school of the same age, so broadening its meaning right away, and adding new growth to the organism.

And the magic letters also meant "Opportunity for Joyful Service," and to the monthly mission program was added opportunity to carry out the Camp Fire Law of "Give Service." Under this heading come innumerable forms of work and pleasure—taking care of the church Cradle Roll and making it a Jubilee one, preparing Christmas gifts for little children of the town, carrying flowers to the sick, making fracture pillows and knitting trench caps. And when the girls go in groups to sing to the Shut-ins as part of their service we think of them as "Our Jolly Singers."

There are other wonderful hidden meanings in the magic letters, but we must not give away all the secrets. Perhaps other girls, organized Sunday school classes and the often heterogeneous unclaimed groups of girls in our churches may find new meanings for themselves and evolve into working groups of women finding Opportunity and Joy and Service in such co-ordination of their church work.

Woman's Board of Missions

Receipts June 1-30, 1917

MISS SARAH LOUISE DAY, Treasurer

MAINE

Eastern Maine Branch.—Mrs. J. Gertrude Denio, Treas., 347 Hammond St., Bangor. Hancock Co. Assoc., Off., 3.09; Bangor, Hammond St. Ch., Jr. Rally, Off., 2.28; Orono, Jr. C. E. Soc., 1.
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Western Maine Branch.—Miss Annie F. Bailey, Treas., 132 Chadwick St., Portland. Alfred, Miss. Union, 8.50; Auburn, Mrs. Eliza B. Bradbury, 1; Freeport, South, Aux., 2.70; Madison, Cong'l Assoc., 1.25; Oxford Assoc., Off., 1.64; Portland, High St. Ch., Aux., 44.50, State St. Ch., Aux., 282, Evening Guild, 5, Prim. S. S., 5.50; Waterford, Aux., 13.17; York Village, Phila-thea S. S. Cl., O. J. S., 5,
370 26
Total, 376 63

NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire Branch.—Mrs. W. L. Fickett, Treas., 120 North State St., Concord. Atkinson, Mrs. Charles Tenney, 5; Concord, Miss Margaret F.

Stevens, 2; Croydon, S. S., 1; Farmington, Aux., 25; Gilsum, Aux., 6; Hampstead, Aux., 12; Hooksett, Ch., 3; Laconia, Aux., 60; Nashua, Pilgrim Ch., Evening Miss. Soc., 27; Newport, Newport Workers, 80; Tilton, Aux., 10; Wolfeboro, Fannie M. Newell Miss. Soc., 5, 236 00

VERMONT

Vermont Branch.—Miss May E. Manley, Treas., Pittsford. Orleans, Miss. Sunshine Cir., 4.10; St. Albans, King's Messengers, 4, 8 10

MASSACHUSETTS

Friend, 500 00
Andover and Woburn Branch.—Mrs. Henry A. Smith, Treas., 42 Mansur St., Lowell. Andover, Mrs. Taylor, 20, Abbott Academy, 80, Ch. of Christ in Phillips Acad., S. S., 5, Free Ch., Aux., 80, South Ch., Aux., 6; Ballardvale, Aux., 18; Bedford, Aux., 3; Lexington, Ch., Hancock Aux., 75; Lowell, First Ch., Jr. C. E. Soc., 3, Highland Ch., 15,

- Kirk St. Ch., Aux., 40.93, Swedish Ch., 2; Malden, First Ch., Aux., 183; Maplewood Ch., Jubilee Soc., 5; Medford, Mystic Ch., Aux., 50; Melrose, Aux., 36.66, S. S., Jr. Dept., 5; Melrose Highlands, Mrs. Loring, 5; North Andover, Aux., 22; Reading, Aux., 55; West Medford, Woman's Christian League, 15; Winchester, Second Ch., Search Light Soc., 10; Woburn, North Ch., Jr. Soc., 5, 741 59
- Barnstable Association.*—Miss Carrie E. Mitchell, Treas., South Dennis. Friend, 1, Harwichport, Aux., Miss E. H. Nash, 50 cts., Mrs. Adolph Snow, 50 cts., 2 00
- Berkshire Branch.*—Miss Mabel A. Rice, Treas., 118 Bradford St., Pittsfield. Int. M. P. Hurlbert Fund, 25; Friend in Berkshire, 250; Friend, 25; Adams, Aux., 75; Becket, North, Ladies' Aid, 2; Canaan, Aux., 21; Dalton, Friend, 250, Aux., 210.40, In-as-much Cir., 15, Penny Gatherers, 7; Great Barrington, Aux., 23.10, S. S., 12.78; Hinsdale, Aux., 13.30, Mountain Hill, 15; Housatonic, Aux., 18, C. E. Soc., 5, Finding Out Club, Jr. C. E. Soc., 8.22, Pilgrim Juniors, 1, C. R., 11; Lee, First Aux., 10, Jr. C. E. Soc., 1.35; Lenox, Aux., 39, S. S., 2; New Boston, Aux., 1; New Marlboro, Aux., 1.26; Otis Center, 3; Otis, East, 1.10; Otis, North, 1; Pittsfield, First Ch., Aux., 570.28, Mem. Soc., 103, M. B., 75, Mem. C. R., 7, Pilgrim Memorial Ch., Pilgrim Dau., 15, C. R., 5, South Ch., Aux., 82.37, Dorcas Aux., 2, C. R., 1; Richmond, Aux., 26.50; Sheffield, Aux., 15; Stockbridge, Aux., 25, Jr. C. E. Soc., 1; West Stockbridge, Aux., 15; West Stockbridge Center, 3.12; Williamstown, Aux., 10.75; Windsor, Aux., 12.47, 2,017 00
- Cambridge.*—Miss Adeline A. Douglass, 50 00
- Essex North Branch.*—Mrs. Leonard Noyes, Treas., 15 Columbus Ave., Haverhill. Bradford, First Ch., 38.76; Haverhill, Centre Ch., 27, Riverside Ch., Pollyanna Club, 12; Ipswich, Linebrook Ch., 5.50; Newbury, First Ch., M. C., 16.49, 99 75
- Essex South Branch.*—Mrs. B. LeC. Spurr, Treas., 72 Elm St., West Lynn. Beverly, Dane St. Ch., Aux., in mem. of Miss Sarah W. Clark, 500, Jr. C. E. Soc., 5, Second Ch., Prim. S. S., 5, Washington St. Ch., S. S., 5, Prim. S. S., 2.50; Boxford, Clover Club, 7; Cliftondale, Jr. C. E. Soc., 15; Danvers, First Ch., Aux., 15, Maple St. Ch., Aux., 31.80; Essex, Dau. of Cov., 19, Sunshine Band, 9; Lynn, Central Ch., Aux., 9.50, Blue Bird Cir., 6, First Ch., Fire Light Girls, 1, Jr. C. E. Soc., 3, S. S., 5, C. R., 8, North Ch., Dau. of Cov., 5; Manchester, Aux., 15, C. R., 13; Marblehead, First Ch., Aux., 35; Middleton, Aux., 12.57; Salem, Crombie St. Ch., Aux., 50, Tabernacle Ch., Dau. of Cov., 10, Light Bearers, 15, Prim. S. S., 5; Swampscott, First Ch., Aux., 45.50, Jr. C. E. Soc., 5, 857 87
- Franklin County Branch.*—Miss J. Kate Oakman, Treas., 473 Main St., Greenfield. Bernardston, United Jr. C. E. Soc., 5; Sunderland, Jr. C. E. Soc., 4.34, 9 34
- Hampshire County Branch.*—Miss Harriet J. Kneeland, Treas., 8 Paradise Road, Northampton. Amherst, Aux., 8, Twentieth Century Club, 5, Second Ch., Aux., 4; Granby, Light Bearers, 5; Northampton, Edwards Ch., Aux., 50; North Hadley, Aux., 15; Worthington, Aux., 12.90, 99 90
- Middlesex Branch.*—Mrs. Frederick L. Claflin, Treas., 15 Park St., Marlboro. Off. at Semi-ann. Meet. 17.09; Framingham, Wendall K. Fitch, 5.90, Grace Ch., Loyal League, 3, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 208.25, Schneider Band, 18; Holliston, Aux., 13; Marlboro, First Ch., Aux., 13.35, S. S., 6.12; Milford, C. E. Soc., 5; Natick, Jr. C. E. Soc., 10, C. R., 14.65; West Medway, Aux., 7, 321 36
- Newton.*—Mr. H. A. Wilder, 50 00
- Norfolk and Pilgrim Branch.*—Mrs. Mark McCully, Treas., 115 Warren Ave., Mattapan. Mrs. John A. Tucker, 5; East Bridgewater, Union Ch., Aux., 10.82; East Weymouth, Aux., 17; Quincy, Bethany Ch., Aux., 35, Miss Study Cl., 30, Everyland M. B. 2.50, Jr. C. E. Soc., 10, Washington St. Ch., Aux., 1; Randolph, Aux., 60.50, 171 82
- North Middlesex Branch.*—Miss Julia S. Conant, Treas., Littleton Common. Harvard, Aux., 50 cts.; North Leominster, Aux., 10; Pepperell, Aux., 35; Shirley, Aux., 30; Townsend, Aux., 10, 85 50
- Old Colony Branch.*—Mrs. Howard Lothrop, Treas., 3320 North Main St., Fall River. Attleboro, Aux., 25, C. R., 25, Second Ch., M. C., 72; Attleboro Falls, Aux., 7.07; Attleboro, South, Aux., 5, Jr. Miss Soc., 3.50; Fall River, Aux., 100, Willing Helpers, 83, C. R., 15.24; Middleboro, Central Ch., White Ch. Guild, 26, Sunshine Miss. Girls, 4, Prim. Dept. S. S., 4; Middleboro, North, C. E. Soc., 1; New Bedford, North Ch., Aux., 22, C. E. Soc., 1, Trinitarian Ch., Jr. Miss Soc., 4.62; Somerset, Aux., 5; Taunton, Broadway Ch., Aux., 7.50, Golden Rule M. B., 4, 414 93
- Scituate.*—Estate of Miss Mary F. Perry, 10 00
- Springfield Branch.*—Mrs. Mary H. Mitchell, Treas., 1078 Worthington St., Springfield. Brimfield, Aux., 20; Chicopee, First Ch., Aux., 1.75; Mitineague, Ladies' Benev. Soc. (50 of wh. to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Emily Flaggs, Mrs. Charles W. Hegeman), 62; Springfield, First Ch., Woman's Assoc., 27, Opportunity Seekers, 75, The Gleaners, 20, Hope Ch., Aux., 50, North Ch., Aux. (to const. L. M. Miss Louise Marshall Hall), 25, Girls' Home League (to const. L. M. Miss Clara B. Hawks), 25, Olivet Ch., Golden Link Aux., 60.85, South Ch., Aux., 15, 381 60
- Suffolk Branch.*—Miss Margaret D. Adams, Treas., 1908 Beacon St.,

Brookline. Allston, Aux., Mrs. H. M. Bliss, 50 cts.; Atlantic, Mrs. E. S. Tead, 10; Auburndale, Jr. C. E. Soc., 25.10; Boston, Shawmut Ch., Prim. S. S., 2, Union Ch., Monday Eve. Miss. Club, 40; Boston, East, Baker Ch., Aux., 7.70, Jr. C. E. Soc., 5, Maverick Ch., Children's Ch., 3; Boston, South, Phillips Ch., Y. L. M. S., 105, Phillips Chapel, Jr. C. E. Soc., 6; Brighton, Aux. (to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Lucien E. Bates, Mrs. H. B. Goodenough, Miss Clara R. Keene), 75, Cheerful Workers, 15, Boys' Travel Club, 2; Brookline, Harvard Ch., S. S., Prim. Dept., 10, Leyden Ch., Aux., 10.08, Pro Christo Soc., 15; Cambridge, First Ch., Margaret Shepard Soc., 5, Captains of Ten, 5, North Ch., Jr. C. E. Soc., 15, Pilgrim Ch., Woman's Miss. Soc., 25, Prospect St. Ch., C. R., 18.79, Bearers of Glad Tidings, 5, Jr. C. E. Soc., 5, Wood Memorial Ch., Ladies' Miss. Soc., 5, Pollyanna O. J. S., 5; Chelsea, First Ch., Bible School, 25, Beginners' Dept., 1.50; Dedham, M. B., 10, Children's Hour, 10; Dorchester, Central Ch., S. S., 17, Pilgrim Ch., Allbright Cir., 25, Jr. C. E. Soc., 3, Kindergarten, 12.50; Everett, Courtland St. Ch., Jr. C. E. Soc., 3, First Ch., Woman's Union, 88.52; Foxboro, Bethany Ch., Woman's Union, 34, Cheerful Workers, 30; Franklin, C. E. Soc., 10; Jamaica Plain, Boylston Ch., Aux., 20, C. R., 7.70; Neponset, Trinity Ch., S. S., Prim. Dept., 2.50, Jr. Dept., 8.50; Newton, Eliot Ch., Eliot Helpers, 23, S. S., 30; Newton Centre, Prim. Dept. S. S., 2.39; Newton, West, Second Ch., Aux., 105.50, Red Bank Soc., 41; Newtonville, Central Ch., Seven Little Sisters, 27, Seven Soldiers of the Prince, 7, We are Seven Travelers, 47, C. R., 41; Roslindale, Aux. (C. E. Soc., 10, Mary and Martha Guild, 5), 80, Jr. C. E. Soc., 15; Roxbury, Highland Ch., Aux., 70, Imm.-Walnut Ave. Ch. For. Dept. (with prev. contri. to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Bessie Bruce, Miss Annie L. Bennett, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Robert J. Todd, Mrs. Edgar Snow, Miss S. Emma Low, Mrs. Mary M. Russell, Mrs. Harriet A. Hale, Miss Mary H. Snow, Mrs. Mary J. Hunt), 33.20, Miss Esther E. Bishop, 20; Roxbury, West, C. R., 12.66; Somerville, Highland Ch., Woman's Soc., 20, Prospect Hill Ch., Woman's Union, Len. Off., 10, Dau. of Cov., 10; Walpole, Ch., 8; Waltham, First Ch., Aux., 35, King's Messengers, 18, C. R., 24; Watertown; Phillips Ch., Jr. C. E. Soc., 6.10; Waverley, Miss. Soc., 50; Wellesley Hills, Aux. (Add'l Easter Off., 26), 53.74, Happy Helpers, 6.30, 1,524 28

Worcester County Branch.—Miss Sarah T. Southwick, Treas., 144 Pleasant St., Worcester. Friend of Miss. and Kinder. Work, 5, Mrs. E. F. Mann, 4, 9 00

Total, 7,345 94

LEGACIES

Watertown.—Jennette T. Kimball, by Frank H. Wiggan, Treas., add'l, 180 00
Worcester.—Harriet Wheeler Damon, by Frank H. Wiggan, Trustee, add'l, 9 50
 Total, 189 50

RHODE ISLAND

Friend, 50 00
Rhode Island Branch.—Miss Grace P. Chapin, Treas., 150 Meeting St., Providence. Barrington, Bayside Gleaners, 80; Central Falls, Sr. M. C., 70, C. R., 9.55; East Providence, Newman Ch., Helping Hand Soc., 25; Kingston, Aux. (Len. Off., 7.24), 24.25; Pawtucket, Park Place Ch., Pro Christo Soc., 101.50; Peace Dale, Aux., 2.40; Providence, Central Ch., Mrs. Z. Williams, 2, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Carpenter, 20, Free Evang'l Ch., Woman's Guild, 50, People's Ch., Aux., 10, Plymouth Ch., Whittelsey Mem. Cir., 55, Dau. of Cov., 20; Saylesville, S. S., 15; Wood River Junction, Aux., 10; Woonsocket, Globe Ch., Ladies' Union, 15, 509 70
 Total, 559 70

CONNECTICUT

Eastern Connecticut Branch.—Miss Anna C. Learned, Treas., 255 Hempstead St., New London. Off. at Ann. Meet., 42.90; Brooklyn, Aux., in mem. of Mrs. Emma P. Talbot, 20; Colchester, Wideawake M. C. and Jr. Jub. Wideawake, M. C., 8.10; Greenville, S. S., Prim. Dept., 2; Groton, Aux., Easter Off., 26.90; Hampton, Aux., 1.80; Mystic, Aux., 16.50; North Woodstock, S. S., 1; Norwich, Park Ch., Aux., Mrs. Allan Latham, 5; Stonington, Second Ch., Aux., 36; Wauregan, Busy Bees, 4; Woodstock, Aux., 22, Zumbro Band, 1.90, 188 10

Hartford Branch.—Mrs. Sidney W. Clark, Treas., 40 Willard St., Hartford. Andover, L. B. S., 5; Bristol, Aux., 25; Buckingham, Aux., 17; East Hartford, King's Messengers and Little Light Bearers, 12; East Windsor, Aux., 37.30, C. R., 10; Enfield, Aux., 50; Glastonbury, Aux. (to const. L. M. Mrs. W. W. Scudder), 25; Hartford, Asylum Hill Ch., Aux., 210.25, Girls' M. C., 31, First Ch., Aux., 627.50, C. E. Soc., 10, Fourth Ch., Aux., 10; Manchester, North Ch., Jr. C. E. Soc., 5; New Britain, South Ch., Aux., 3, Tourist Club M. C., 3; Newington, Ch., 17.80, S. S., 113.10; Plainville, Aux., 25; Rocky Hill, Aux., 1.20; South Windsor, Aux., 5; Stafford Springs, Aux., 37; Terryville, Aux., 10; Tolland, Aux., 59; Vernon Center, Aux., 2, 1,351 15

New Haven Branch.—Miss Edith Woolsey, Treas., 250 Church St., New Haven. Int. on deposit, 38.08; Helper, 200; Friend, 250; Friend, 100; Friend, 2.50; Off. at Ann.

Meet., Friend, 500; Bridgeport, United Ch., Friend, 250; Danbury, First Ch., C. R., 5; New Haven, Yale College Ch., Aux., 45; Thomaston, First Ch., 15; Torrington, First Ch., Aux., 100; Westchester, Aux., 26,	1,531 58
Total,	3,070 83

NEW YORK

<i>New York State Branch.</i> —Mrs. Charles E. Graff, Treas., 46 South Oxford St., Brooklyn. Albion, Sunshine Cl., O. J. S., 1; Saratoga Springs, O. J. S., 4.20; Utica, Plymouth Ch., King's Messengers, 4.75; West Groton, Miss. Soc., 4.20,	14 15
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PHILADELPHIA BRANCH

<i>Philadelphia Branch.</i> —Miss Martha N. Hooper, Treas., 1475 Columbia Road, Washington, D. C. D. C., Washington, First Ch., Aux., 170, Mt. Pleasant Ch., Aux., 107; Md., Baltimore, Associate Ch., Aux., 80; N. J., Bound Brook, 37; East Orange, Trinity Ch., Aux., 171.35; Montclair, Watchung Ave. Ch., Aux., 40, M. B., 1.41; Newark, Belleville Ave. Ch., Aux., 20; Passaic, S. S., C. R., 3; Plainfield, Aux., 103.50; Westfield, Aux., 100; Pa., Corry, Aux., 4; East Smithfield, Aux., 8.10; Germantown, Aux., 49; Kane, Aux., 30; Lansford, English Ch., Sunbeams, 3; McKeesport, Aux., 6; Meadville, Aux., 10; Milroy, White Memorial Ch., King's Dau., 10; Philadelphia, Central Ch., Mt. Vernon St. Bible Cl., 12, Park Ch., Aux., 32, Snyder Ave. Ch., Aux., 1; Riceville, Aux., 1; Scranton, First Welsh Ch., Aux., 25, Plymouth Ch.,	
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Aux., 50, Dau. of Cov., 50, Sherman Ave. Miss., Jr. Soc., 3; Wyoming, Federation of Churches, 2; Va., Vanderwerken, Aux., 2.25,	1,131 61
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SOUTHEAST BRANCH

<i>Southeast Branch.</i> —Mrs. W. J. Drew, Treas., 28 South Palmetto Ave., Daytona, Fla. Fla., Daytona, Aux., 10, Sr. C. E. Soc., 5; Tavares, Aux., 15; West Palm Beach, C. E. Soc., 6,	36 00
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GEORGIA

<i>Atlanta.</i> —Atlanta University, Ch. of Christ,	35 00
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CANADA

<i>Montreal.</i> —American Presbyterian Ch., W. M. S.,	277 00
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Donations,	9,063 82
Buildings,	3,566 33
Specials,	460 81
Legacies,	189 50

Total, 13,280 46

TOTAL FROM OCTOBER 18, 1916, TO JUNE 30, 1917

Donations,	90,737 34
Buildings,	49,511 53
Work of 1917,	4,305 31
Specials,	1,741 46
Legacies,	11,943 68
Total,	158,239 32

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY GIFT

Previously acknowledged,	213,363 74
Receipts of the month,	3,566 33
Total,	216,930 07

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MISS SARAH LOUISE DAY, Treasurer

MAINE

<i>Camden.</i> —Mrs. Thomas,	1 00
<i>East Machias.</i> —Friend,	10
<i>Rockland.</i> —Mrs. Spear, 50 cts., Mrs. Young, 2, The Misses Young, 1,	3 50
<i>Eastern Maine Branch.</i> —Mrs. J. Gertrude Denio, Treas., 347 Hammond St., Bangor. Bucksport, Elm St. Ch., S. S., 8; Woolwich, Off. at Lincoln Assoc. Woman's Meet., 3.57,	11 57
<i>Western Maine Branch.</i> —Miss Annie F. Bailey, Treas., 132 Chadwick St., Portland. Farmington, Aux., 6; Fryeburg, Miss. Soc., 5; Gorham, C. E. Soc., 5; Harrison, Aux., 6; Otisfield, Ch., 2; Paris, West, Finnish Ch., 1; Portland, Second Parish Ch., S. S., 25, St. Lawrence Ch., Cov. Dau., 3, West Ch., Aux., 7, Woodfords Ch., Aux., 12.44; Portland, South, North Ch., Aux., 15; Skowhegan, Search Light Club, 5; Westbrook, Aux., 18.67; Winslow, Aux., 5,	116 11
Total,	132 28

NEW HAMPSHIRE

<i>Newport.</i> —Women,	2 60
<i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> —Mrs. W. L. Fickett, Treas., 120 North State St., Concord. Int. Sarah W. Kendall Fund, 35; Atkinson, Aux., 20; Keene, Court St. Ch., Aux., 33.40; Manchester, South Main St. Ch., 23, Aux., 44; Milford, Aux., 43; Nashua, Off. at Evening Meet., 8.26, Friend, 10, Mrs. Lois A. Allbee, 5, Captain Wheeler, 10; Portsmouth, Aux., 137; Rochester, Aux., 20; Stratham, Ladies, 8,	396 66
Total,	399 26

VERMONT

<i>Vermont Branch.</i> —Miss May E. Manley, Treas., Pittsford. Alburg, Aux., 2.50; Barre, Girls' Club, 2, Boys' Club, 2; Bellows Falls, Aux., Th. Off., 41.75, Mt. Kilburn Soc., 39.10; Bennington, North, Aux., 12.10; Brattleboro, Aux., 2; Brattleboro, West,	
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- Aux., 23; Burlington, College St. Ch., Aux., 18.40. C. R., 2.50; Corinth, East, Aux., 2; Cornwall, Aux., 7; Essex Junction, Aux., 10.27; Fair Haven, Aux., 5; Franklin Co. Union, 3; Hartford, Aux., 21.46; Jamaica, Aux., 7; Middlebury, S. S., 7.34; Montpelier, Aux., 4; Norwich, Aux., 6; Orwell, Aux., 2.50; Pittsford, Aux., 5; Putney, Aux., 8.63; Rochester, Aux., 19.06; Royalton, South, Aux., 7.50; Rutland, Aux., 6; Saxton's River, Aux., 10.20; St. Johnsbury, South Ch., Aux., 12.50, Searchlight Club, 88.50; St. Johnsbury Center, Ch., 5; Wallingford, Aux., 10, O. J. S., 1; Wilmington, Aux., 5, 399 31
- MASSACHUSETTS
- Friend, 500; Mrs. Charles F. Weeden, 25, 525 00
- Andover and Woburn Branch.*—Mrs. Henry A. Smith, Treas., 42 Mansur St., Lowell. Billerica, Glad Service Club, 4; Lowell, First Ch., Jr. C. E. Soc., 4; Melrose, Miss Louisa S. Munroe, 15; Wakefield, Mary Farnham Bliss Soc., 30; Winchester, C. R., 10.25, First Ch., Prim. S. S., 4.20, 67 55
- Barnstable Association.*—Miss Carrie E. Mitchell, Treas., South Dennis. Falmouth, Aux., Friend, 25; Nantucket, Mrs. H. P. W. Butler, 2; North Falmouth, Aux., 2; Yarmouth, Aux., 1.50, Jr. C. E. Soc., 3.50, 34 00
- Berkshire Branch.*—Miss Mabel A. Rice, Treas., 118 Bradford St., Pittsfield. Lee, Jr. Soc., 90 cts.; Williamstown, White Oaks Ch., Woman's Working Assoc., 1, 1 90
- Cambridge.*—Miss Adeline A. Douglass, 25 00
- Essex North Branch.*—Mrs. Leonard H. Noyes, Treas., 15 Columbus Ave., Haverhill. Amesbury, Main St. Ch., C. R., 10; Haverhill, Riverside Memorial Ch., Prim. Dept., 3.96; Merrimac, First Ch., 7.64; Newburyport, Central Ch., Jr. Dept. S. S., 6; West Newbury, First Ch., Aux., Friends, 5, 32 60
- Essex South Branch.*—Mrs. B. LeC. Spurr, Treas., 72 Elm St., West Lynn. Beverly, Dane St. Ch., C. R., 9, Immanuel Ch., 10; Cliftondale, Aux., 25; Danvers, First Ch., Prim. S. S., 2.64; Essex, Sunshine Band, 2.50; Gloucester, Trinity Ch., Aux., in mem. of Miss Helen Bell, 50; Lynn, Central Ch., 11.89, First Ch., Aux., 7; Salem, South Ch., 7.10, Tabernacle Ch., Dau. of Cov., 25, Jr. Dept. S. S., 7; Wenhams, Ch., 12, 169 13
- Middlesex Branch.*—Mrs. Frederick L. Clafin, Treas., 15 Park St., Marlboro. Holliston, Aux., 73; Hopedale, Jr. C. E. Soc., 4; Northboro, S. S., 2.25; Wellesley, Wellesley College, Y. W. C. A., 250, 329 25
- Norfolk and Pilgrim Branch.*—Mrs. Mark McCully, Treas., 115 Warren Ave., Mattapan. Cohasset, Miss Louise C. Tower, 2; Marshfield, Aux., 7; Milton, First Evang'l Ch., 11.43; Plymouth, C. R., 12.50; Quincy, Bethany Ch., 20.96; Whitman, First Ch., 21.35; Wollaston, Park and Downs Ch., Aux., 40, 115 24
- North Middlesex Branch.*—Miss Julia S. Conant, Treas., Littleton Common. Littleton, Aux., 5; Shirley, Aux., in mem. of Mrs. Maria Torrey, 40, 45 00
- Old Colony Branch.*—Mrs. Howard Lothrop, Treas., 3320 North Main St., Fall River. Fall River, Aux., 125, Pilgrim Ch., C. R., 2.75; Middleboro, North, Aux., 4, 131 75
- Reading.*—Mrs. Lydia M. H. Jewett, 5 00
- Springfield Branch.*—Mrs. Mary H. Mitchell, Treas., 1078 Worthington St., Springfield. Agawam, Aux., 8; Feeding Hills, C. R., 6.12; Longmeadow, First Ch., 30, C. R., 9.90; Springfield, Mrs. E. H. Wilkinson, 10, Emmanuel Ch., Aux., 50.46, Inter. C. E. Soc., 1.60, First Ch., Girls' Miss. Club, 10, Hope Ch., Aux., 200; Westfield, Second Ch., Aux., 20, Friend, 1, 347 08
- Suffolk Branch.*—Miss Margaret D. Adams, Treas., 1908 Beacon St., Brookline. Friend, 100; Pawtucket, R. J., Mrs. Emma B. Evans, 5; Auburndale, Aux., 50; Boston, Miss Florence St. J. Baldwin, 20, E. C. Streeter, 15, Mt. Vernon Ch., Aux., 16, Old South Ch., Aux., Friend, 250, Union Ch., Aux., 102; Boston, South, Phillips Ch., Queens of Avilion, 5; Brighton, Pro Christo Club, 25; Brookline, Mrs. Charles C. Hoyt, 10, Harvard Ch., Aux., Mrs. A. S. Lovett, 100; Cambridge, First Ch., Aux., 78, Shepard Guild, 75, Pilgrim Ch., 30.53, Woman's Miss. Soc., 7.50, Little Pilgrim M. C., 15, C. R., 4, Wood Memorial Ch., 8.47; Chelsea, Central Ch., C. R., 4; Dedham, M. B., 4; Dorchester, Pilgrim Ch., Zeta Tau Kappa Reading Cir., 10, Village Ch., Aux., 6; Everett, Mystic Side Ch., 23.24; Jamaica Plain, Boylston Ch., 4.29; Neponset, Trinity Ch., Stone Aux., 12; Newton, Mrs. William P. Ellison, 10, Eliot Ch., Woman's Assoc., For. Miss. Dept., 275.25; Newton Centre, Mrs. A. W. Archibald, 10, First Ch. of Newton, S. S., C. R., Beginners' and Kinder. Depts., 29.70; Newton Highlands, For. Miss. Dept., 75; Newtonville, Central Ch., Woman's Assoc., 125, We Are Seven Miss. Club, 25; Norwood, First Ch., C. R., 5; Roxbury, Eliot Ch., 5, Imm.-Walnut Ave. Ch., Y. L. M. S., 19; Somerville, Winter Hill Ch., C. R., 6.98; Somerville, West, Aux., 25; Waverley, Dau. of Cov., 5, 1,595 96
- WORCESTER COUNTY BRANCH
- Worcester County Branch.*—Miss Sara T. Southwick, Treas., 144 Pleasant St., Worcester. Athol, Aux., 16; Blackstone, Jr. C. E. Soc., 5.50; Boylston, Ladies' Benev. Soc., 10; Clinton, Jr. C. E. Soc., 7; Fisherville, Jr. C. E. Soc., 5, S. S., Prim. and C. R. Depts., 16; Lancaster, Friends, 20, Aux., 15; Leicester, C. E. Soc., 3; Leominster, Aux., 55; Northbridge, Aux., 68.16; Petersham, C. E. Soc., 10; Shrews-

bury, Aux., 3, C. E. Soc., 5; Ware, Aux., 142.87; Warren, Aux., 4; Webster, S. S., Prim. Dept., 5; Westboro, Aux., 10.50; Whitinsville, Aux. (25 of wh. to const. L. M. Mrs. Walter H. Commons), 1,169.20; Winchendon, Worthley M. B., 2; Worcester, Friend, 200, Central Ch., Woman's Assoc., 80, Lake View Ch., C. E. Soc., 2, Piedmont Ch., C. E. Soc., 5, Jr. C. E. Soc., 5, Plymouth Ch., S. S., Jr. Dept., 2.27, Union Ch., 27.54, Woman's Bible Cl., 50,

1,944 04

Total, 5,368 50

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island Branch.—Miss Grace P. Chapin, Treas., 150 Meeting St., Providence, Int. Anna Reed Wilkinson Fund, 7.50; Pawtucket, Mrs. L. B. Goff, 100; Peace Dale, Ch., 100, Aux., 305; Providence, Central Ch., Miss Elizabeth D. Bugbee, 10, Miss Esther H. Baker, 25, Mrs. C. Moulton Stone, 25, Pilgrim Ch., 16.32, Plymouth Ch., C. R., 8,

596 82

CONNECTICUT

Eastern Connecticut Branch.—Miss Anna C. Learned, Treas., 255 Hempstead St., New London, Ashford, Ladies, 7.85; Killingly, S. S., Helping Hand Prim. Cl., 3; New London, Second Ch., Aux., 50; North Woodstock, Aux., 21.54; Norwich, Mrs. L. M. Keneston, 1.20, Park Ch., S. S., Jr. Dept., 10; Preston City, Aux., 5.75,

99 34

Hartford Branch.—Mrs. Sidney W. Clark, Treas., 40 Willard St., Hartford, Int. Clara E. Hillyer Fund, 212.50; Int. Julia W. Jewell Fund, 67.50; Int. Olive G. Williams Fund, 25; Burnside, Aux., 6; East Hartford, Girls' M. B., 5; Hartford, Asylum Hill Ch., Aux., 300, First Ch., M. C., 2, Fourth Ch., Aux., 38, Immanuel Ch., Aux., 16, South Ch., Women, 62, C. R., 5; Hockanum, Ladies' Aid Soc., 5; New Britain, First Ch., 145, South Ch., 23; Newington, Aux., 25; Plainville, S. S., 5; Somerville, C. R., 2.68; South Windsor, Second Ch., 2.40; Suffield, Ch., 125, Aux., 69.45, Busy Bee M. B., 6, C. R., 3; Tolland, Mrs. Samuel Simpson, 10; West Hartford, Aux., 3.50; West Suffield, Ch., 4; Windsor, Prim. Dept. S. S., and Jr. C. E. Soc., 4.70,

1,172 73

New Haven Branch.—Miss Edith Woolsey, Treas., 250 Church St., New Haven, Bethel, Aux., in mem. of Mothers, 40; Bridgeport, Park St. Ch., Endeavor Cir., 10; Canaan, Pilgrim Ch., Aux., 3; East Canaan, C. E. Soc., 5; East Litchfield, C. E. Soc., 5; Higganum, Aux., 10, C. E. Soc., 10; Huntington, Ch., 13.50; Kent, C. E. Soc., 10; Litchfield, Aux., 50.46, C. E. Soc., 5.65; Meriden, Center Ch., Aux. (50 of wh. in mem.), 96, Honor Roll, 13, First Ch., Aux., 254.42, Mrs. Johnson, 20, Mrs. George

E. Savage, 20, S. S., 2.48; Middlefield, C. E. Soc., 3.65; Middletown, First Ch., C. R., 3.35, South Ch., Aux., 50, Third Ch., C. E. Soc., 15; Milford, Plymouth Ch., 12, Jr. Beehive, 5; Mount Carmel, Aux. (prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. George Andrews), Miss. Guild, 8.30; New Haven, Center Ch., Friend, 35, Friend, 15, Friend, 10, Aux., 150, S. S., 20, Grand Ave. Ch., Girls' Federation, 2, C. R., 5, Howard Ave. Ch., Aux., 8.81, Humphrey St. Ch., C. R., 5.84, United Ch., Aux., 10, Montgomery Aux., 28 cts., C. E. Soc., 25; New Milford, Y. L. M. C., 120; North Haven, Girls' Club, 5; North Stamford, Aux., 1; North Woodbury, C. E. Soc., 15; Oakville, Aux., 34.50; Ridgefield, Aux., 10.25; Seymour, Miss Benedict, 10; Shelton, Miss. Guild, 2; South Canaan, What We Can Soc., 4; Torrington, Center Ch., C. E. Soc., 5, First Ch., C. E. Soc., 11.04; Waterbury, First Ch., Children's M. B., 2, C. R., 2.10; Watertown, Aux. (prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. Fred Baldwin, Mrs. Annie Currie, Miss Elizabeth Currie, Mrs. Truman Parker); Westchester, Aux., 5.50; Winchester, Ch., 4.23; Woodbury, Valley Gleaners, 20,

1,204 36

Total, 2,476 43

LEGACY

Mrs. Sarah E. Gillam, thro' Treas. of New Haven Branch, 3,000 00

NEW YORK

New York.—Mrs. Edward Lincoln Smith, 500 00

New York State Branch.—Mrs. Charles E. Graff, Treas., 46 South Oxford St., Brooklyn, Poughkeepsie, Ch., 25, Girls' Club, 63 cts.; Ticonderoga, Mrs. Joseph H. Cook, 10,

35 63

Total, 535 63

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH

Philadelphia Branch.—Miss Martha N. Hooper, Treas., 1475 Columbia Road, Washington, D. C., Washington, First Ch., C. R., 9.06, Ingram Mem. Ch., Aux., 34.87; Md., Baltimore, Associate Ch., C. E. Soc., 37.50; N. J., Egg Harbor, Emmanuel Ch., 9; Glen Ridge, Aux., 100; Jersey City, First Ch., Faithful Cir. of King's Dau., 5; Montclair, WATCHING AVE. Ch., 57, Jubilee Soc., 3; Nutley, Jr. M. B., 10; Orange, Y. W. Soc., 20; Plainfield, Y. W. M. S., 30; Rutherford, Aux., 7; Westfield, Prim. Dept. S. S., 2.60;

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SOUTHEAST BRANCH

Southeast Branch.—Mrs. W. J. Drew, Treas., 28 South Palmetto St., Daytona, Fla. Ga., Atlanta, Central Ch., Ladies' Union, 31.55; N. C., N. C. Churches, 84 cts.; Asheboro, Ch.,

2.50; Broadway, Ch., 42 cts.; Burlington, Ch., 60 cts.; Candor, Ch., 10 cts.; Carters Mills, Ch., 58 cts.; Cedar Cliff, Ch., 1; Charlotte, Ch., 5.70; Concord, Ch., 51 cts.; Dry Creek, Ch., 1.50; Dudley, Ch., 5; Exway, Ch., 10 cts.; Fayetteville, Ch., 1; Greensboro, Ch., 2.50; Haw Branch, Ch., 75 cts.; Haw River, Ch., 70 cts.; Haywood, Ch., 7.50; Highpoint, Ch., 1.60; Kings Mountain, Ch., 3.50; Lilesville, Ch., 1.80; Lockville, Ch., 4.50; Lowell, Ch., 75 cts.; Malce, Ch., 20 cts.; Mt. Gilead, Ch., 1.02; Nass, Ch., 10 cts.; Pekin, Ch., 1.50; Pittsboro, Ch., 15 cts.; Raleigh, Ch., 10; Salem, Ch., 67 cts.; Sanford, Ch., 13 cts.; Sedalia, Ch., 1.10; Snow Hill, Ch., 2; Strieby, Ch., 1.98; Tempting, Ch., 94 cts.; Troy, Ch., 6.70; Union Grove, Ch., 30 cts.; Wadsworth, Ch., 1; Wilmington, Ch., 50 cts.; Winnsboro, Ch., 1.10; S. C., Charleston, Aux., 15, C. E. Soc., 5, 124 39

OHIO

Hudson.—Friend, 60 00
Springfield.—Miss Sarah C. Frantz, 10 00
Total, 70 00

CALIFORNIA

San Diego.—Miss Susan E. Thatcher, 30 00

INDIA

Madura.—Capron Hall School, Teachers and Scholars, 140 00

LEGACY

Minneapolis, Minn.—Mrs. S. A. Galpin, thro' Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank of Minn., 1 50
Donations, 7,438 45
Buildings, 3,008 74
Work of 1917, 3 00
Specials, 147 46
Legacies, 3,001 50

Total, 13,599 15

TOTAL FROM OCTOBER 18, 1916, TO JULY 31, 1917

Donations, 98,175 79
Buildings, 52,520 27
Work of 1917, 4,308 31
Specials, 1,888 92
Legacies, 14,945 18

Total, 171,838 47

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY GIFT

Previously acknowledged, 216,930 07
Receipts of the month, 3,008 74

Total, 219,938 81

Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific

Receipts for May, 1917

MRS. W. W. FERRIER, Treasurer, 2716 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley, Cal.

CALIFORNIA

Northern California Branch.—Mrs. A. W. Moore, Treas., 415 Pacific Ave., Oakland. Angel's Camp, 1.60; Antioch, 3.01; Berkeley, North, 23; Bethany, 50 cts.; Bowles, 1.12; Cradle Roll Baby, 1; Grass Valley, 3; Guerneville, 1.18; Loomis, 3.25; Little Shasta, 2.50; Martinez, 3.49; Oakland, First, 48; Cradle Roll, 50 cts.; Mrs. Brewer, 25; Calvary for Mrs. Cowles, 20; Palo Alto, 6.68; Pittsburg, 1.44; San Francisco, First, 30; Special for Mrs. Cowles, 10; Stockton, 40; Saratoga, C. E., 2.50; San Mateo, 7.49; Santa Rosa, First, 4.46; Soquel, 3; Suisun, 7.50; Sunnyvale, 4.09; Sonoma, 26.25; Woodside, 4.15, 264 71

Southern California Branch.—Miss Emily Barrett, Treas., 178 Center St., Pasadena. Avalon, 7.25; Claremont, 152.89; Corona, Mrs. Birdsell, 10; Los Angeles, Colegrove, 5, First,

141.95, Junior S. S., 25, Olivet, 1, Trinity, 10; Pasadena, First, 10, Y. P. S. C. E., 9, S. S., 93.50, Lake Ave., 50, West Side, 26; Santa Barbara, 12.50; Sierra Madre, 9; Ventura, Ladies' Aid, 2.30; Whittier, 30, Ruth Day Mission Circle, 10, 604 39

WASHINGTON

Washington Branch.—Miss Estelle Roberts, Treas., 1211 22d Ave., Seattle. Arlington, 1.30; Dayton, 15; Seattle, Fairmount, 5.60, Prospect, S. S., 6, 27 90

OREGON

Oregon Branch.—Mrs. A. L. Cake, Treas., 421 West Park St., Portland. Atkinson, 2; Eugene, 11; Highland, 2; Hillsboro, 2; Jennings Lodge, 2; Millard, 2; Oregon City, 2.50; Salem, First, 50; Sunnyside, 2; Waverly Heights, 2; Zion, 2; Portland, First, 125.04, First S. S., 13, 219 54

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