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Organized 1878.

*MRS. D. H. McGAVOCK, Corresponding Secretary.*

THE third quadrennium of the Woman's Missionary Society has closed. For twelve years the members of the Executive Board have met annually to confer and transact the business committed to them by the General Conference in May, 1878. These have been busy years, in which heart, brain, and hands, strengthened by prayer and the gifts of the willing hearted, have wrought successfully in rearing the spiritual temple, which women are building "unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God," to whom "be honor and glory forever and ever."

The great Architect has given unfailing rules and correct measurements for the perfect construction of this temple. He has provided for its illumination what an eminent English writer calls the "Seven Lamps of Architecture:" the Lamp of Sacrifice, which is the symbol of complete surrender to God's will; the Lamp of Truth, which casts no shadows, "endures no strain;" the Lamp of Power, the "spirit of liberty," which receives all its force from God; the Lamp of Beauty, which charms the sense and wins the soul; the Lamp of Life, which quickens into action; the Lamp of Memory, which lights up the past and gives courage and hope to meet the future; and lastly, the Lamp of Obedience, the crowning grace, of which it is written, "To obey is better than sacrifice."

The year has brought its usual store of experience—encouragement and discouragement, joy and sorrow, success and failure—yet

the work goes on, and will so long as there is a woman to pray and a soul to redeem for Christ.

The home Church is represented by the following statistics: Auxiliary Societies, 1,986; increase, 134; members, 41,235; increase, 3,032. Young People's and Children's Societies, 995; increase, 105; members, 31,132; increase, 3,867. Total Societies, 2,991; total increase, 239; total membership, 72,367; increase, 6,931; life-members, 2,067; honorary life-members, 60; life-patrons, 10.

These statistics show healthful growth and general advancement in all departments. There has been weeding and sifting until every Society and member reported is a living factor in the great whole. Spiritual life has been quickened: the Week of Prayer and special day for thank and self-denial offerings have not only proved a means of grace and strength, but have added to the collections, and increased general interest in the work.

All obligations have been met, and in no year has the income of the Society been so large. The home workers can joyfully press forward toward the mark, magnifying the Lord with thanksgiving, who "hast wrought all our work in us."

### LITERATURE.

All Mission Boards and Societies have come to believe that the publication of facts and reliable statistics in the form of leaflets, tracts, and reports from the fields is one of the most potent factors in arousing interest and helping all to work intelligently for Missions.

The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* sustains its high standard, and holds its place as the medium of communication between the Society at home and the workers in the mission fields. It has a circulation of 13,000.

Annual Reports, leaflets, etc., have been published as ordered by the Board, and distributed gratuitously to the Societies throughout the length and breadth of our borders. Ten thousand mite-boxes have been sent out, and 1,564,000 pages of leaflets, etc.

### MISSIONARIES.

The call for missionaries met with cheerful response from Miss A. Clara Chrisman, Miss Ella Yarrell, Miss Lida Howell, Miss Ellie Tydings, Miss Lula Ross, Miss Sallie Phillips, Miss Lizzie Wilson, Mrs. A. E. McClendon, and Miss Flora Baker.

Misses Chrisman, Yarrell, Howell, Phillips, and Ross were appoint-

ed missionaries to Brazil; Misses Tydings, Baker, Wilson, and Mrs. McClendon to Mexican Border.

One of these heard the voice of the Master, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," before she reached her allotted field of labor. While *en route* to take the steamer at New York, the beloved, highly gifted, devoted Anna Clara Chrisman went down in the flood at Johnstown. The Church at home and in Brazil mourns her loss; her *ministry* is in heaven.

Miss Muse returned home in the spring for change and rest, after nearly seven years of efficient work in China.

Miss Bruce, broken down from the effects of yellow fever, came home in the fall to build up strength, having served five arduous years in the Colegios Piracicabano and Rio, Brazil.

Later in the year it became necessary for Dr. Mildred Philips, who had been five years in China, to return home, her health having succumbed to the effects of long illness and the brave attempt to stand at her post in the hospital in Suchow.

### FOREIGN WORK.

No year has been more full of sadness, trials, sickness, and strain to our thirty-one representatives in the foreign fields than the one just passed. With almost superhuman courage and energy they have gone forward, uplifted by faith in the promises of God, conquering difficulties, broadening plans, and with brave, true hearts are now pleading for large appropriations to extend the work, and a strong re-enforcement of workers.

The Woman's Board is represented in foreign fields by 31 missionaries, 20 assistants, 37 native teachers, 10 boarding-schools, 31 day-schools, 1,248 pupils, 1 hospital, 1 medical missionary, 1 foreign assistant, and 9 native hospital assistants. Value of property owned by Woman's Board. \$181,000.

*China.*—More than other fields China has suffered for re-enforcements. The declining health of some of the missionaries, removals, and the enforced absence of others, have laid heavy burdens on those able to do duty; but the reports are encouraging, and statistics show an increase in the number of schools and pupils.

*Mexican Border.*—This field has been signally blessed with health and prosperity. The work is growing on all sides—schools full, many of the pupils have been happily converted, and the visible fruits of patient toil are manifest.

*Brazil.*—One of the missionaries, writing of the revolution, says:

“The permanent effects of the revolution upon our work must be of vast reach and importance, and as a Church we shall have a heavy account to give if we neglect such an opportunity.”

The missionaries in this field have passed through much suffering this year, due to the unusual severity of climatic disease. It became necessary to close the schools in Rio for a time, but all are again at work, hopeful of the future, and have laid out large plans for extension.

*Indian Territory.*—The boarding-school at Muscogee has had a successful year. Work among the wild tribes gives promise of much interest and good fruit. The Woman's Board has given help to the school at Anadarko this year.

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## Report of Foreign Work.

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### IN CHARGE OF CENTERS OF WORK.

CHINA.....	MISS HAYGOOD, MRS. CAMPBELL.
MEXICAN BORDER.....	MISS HOLDING.
BRAZIL.....	MISS WATTS, MISS BRUCE.
INDIAN TERRITORY.....	MISS A. V. WILSON.

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## CHINA.

### *Work Began in 1878.*

The Rev. Judson Taylor says of the work in China: “It is still true that those who go to China to undertake mission work must be content to labor under-ground—out of sight; they cannot expect to send back to this and other countries the simple report of great achievements; they must make up their minds to hard work, long, patient work, the fruit of which shall be by and by, not to bless our eyes, but to bless the eyes and rejoice the hearts of the generations that are to come.”

### MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING (EXTRACTS).

The fourth annual meeting of the representatives of the Woman's Board of Missions in China was held in Suchow December 11-15, 1889.

All the ladies were present except Misses Rankin, Hamilton, and

Muse. Miss Haygood was elected chairman, and Miss McClellan secretary.

The reports of the Shanghai and Suchow Districts were read by the agents of the Board, Miss Haygood and Mrs. Campbell, followed in proper order by reports from the different stations and departments of work, each lady present reading the report of her own work, and the Secretary reading the reports of those who were absent.

The usual routine of business was followed, and reports of committees adopted on (1) Examinations, (2) Course of Study, (3) Publications, and (4) Estimates.

A committee from the China Mission Conference, then in session, presented a paper on "Relations of Representatives of the Two Mission Boards," and requested the ladies to unite with them in memorializing their respective Boards upon the subject. After much discussion, amendments were made to the paper presented, and a committee appointed to prepare the memorial to the Woman's Board.

A greeting from Bishop Wilson was read and responded to by a resolution of thanks.

After receiving the appointments for the ensuing year, the meeting adjourned.

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## SHANGHAI.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS HAYGOOD,  
MISS HAMILTON,  
MISS MCCLELLAN,

MISS MUSE,  
MISS LIPSCOMB,  
MISS HUGHES.

Miss Haygood's report gives a brief review of the work in Shanghai, and the hopeful outlook, though stressing the great need of more workers. It will be read with interest.

### FROM MISS HAYGOOD.

With deepest gratitude to the Giver of every good and perfect gift I begin my report by saying that the year ending September 30, 1889, has been to me one of almost uninterrupted health. With a new and deep sense of all the responsibility this precious gift brings with it, I have tried to use for God through the work intrusted to me the strength he has so graciously restored. I am painfully and sorrowfully conscious that it has not always been wisely used—I dare not even claim that it has always been faithfully used—I only know that I have all the while wanted to use it for God and for the work. Reporting how and where it has been used, I find one of the difficult duties belonging to the year,



## OUR DAY-SCHOOLS

have claimed much of my time and thought. The changes among our workers which have occurred during the year have necessitated such changes of programmes as have brought me into personal relations with the teachers and children of all our schools. Six of the schools are for girls, three for boys. There have been enrolled during the year 177 girls and 109 boys, making a total of 286. The average daily attendance has been 173. We have had no changes during the year in our corps of native teachers, five of whom are women and four men. For good reasons two of the women exchanged schools.

The ladies stationed in Shanghai have nearly all taken part during the year in day-school work—Miss Atkinson working for them with devotion and zeal from October until August; Miss Muse and Miss Hughes having classes from October until February in the schools in Trinity compound; Miss McClellan having classes for two or three months in the latter part of the year in the same schools; and Miss Hamilton having charge of School No. 8, the "Alice Hunter," from April until the end of the year. I hope these ladies will have many interesting things to tell you of the schools.

My own work has changed from time to time with the changing needs of the school. Sometimes it has been daily classes in the schools in our compound; sometimes it has been weekly visits and examination of the pupils in several of the schools; sometimes it has been a general looking after the interests of all, with such actual teaching as it has been possible to bring into so general a programme.

In addition to the Course of Study in Christian books and Chinese classics which we have used for several years, primary physiology and primary geography have been introduced during the year, and arithmetic has been more satisfactorily taught than before. The burden of teaching even the more elementary science, except arithmetic, rests now almost entirely upon the foreign teachers. All are willing—parents, teachers, and children—that arithmetic should be taught in the schools, because they see that it has some relation to buying and selling, and every Chinaman is eager to have his child get ready for "business." The children enjoy physiology and, in a somewhat smaller measure perhaps, geography; but teachers and parents, while in deference to our wishes they graciously tolerate the innovation, would like to ask: "*Cui bono?*" Their toleration even marks an advance for which we are grateful.

I think the teaching of Christian books has been made more personal to the children this year than ever before. An earnest effort has been made to bring the grand truths of our religion before them in such simple ways as would stir their consciences to quicker discernment between right and wrong, and would lead them to be more truthful, more honest, more loving, and more faithful. We cannot but hope that some have received the truth into their hearts as well as minds; that some are believing in God, and are trying, in a very imperfect way it may be, to serve him. Some of our teachers are beginning to see more clearly that these are the ends for which we are striving. We dare not try to reduce these results to figures, but we thank God for what we may feel and hope about them.

Early in the year a normal class was organized, which meets on Saturday

from 2 to 4 P.M., and is attended by the day-school teachers and the pupil teachers of Clopton School. The meeting is always opened with a hymn and a prayer, followed by a study of the Sunday-school lesson a week in advance of the current lesson, that the teachers may be prepared to teach the children during the next week. I feel that God has made this study of his word with them a blessing to me and to the native teachers.

After the Sunday-school lesson, for some months past, we have been giving an hour to the study of arithmetic, with special reference to methods of teaching it. We are planning when arithmetic may be considered finished to take up at this hour in a similar way some other science study.

This simple normal class has been also helpful in giving an opportunity for discussing methods of discipline, and various questions affecting the general interests of the school.

More than ever during the past year my heart has been drawn out in

#### WORK FOR WOMEN.

I have attended during most of the year from one to three cottage prayer-meetings every week, and have met a great many women in connection with these meetings and the evening services in Trinity Church, besides seeing a number of them at our own home and a much greater number at their homes. My visits have been almost exclusively among the humbler classes—many of them to the mothers of the children in our schools. Everywhere I have been kindly, often cordially, received; and everywhere I have been patiently heard when I have told them of Christ our Saviour. Some of the women have come again and again to church and other meeting-places to hear more of "the doctrine," and some whose hearts seemed deeply moved have told me sorrowfully after a time that they could not come again, because husband or mother forbade it. We cannot but hope that the tiny seed of truth may yet spring up in their hearts and bring forth fruit to the glory of God. My own heart has been made very glad by a new light that came into the face of a simple-minded old woman, who had a very humble place in one of the homes in which I visited, when she came to understand that the God who made her is her Father, and loves her and cares for her, and that his Son Jesus Christ is her Saviour. She knows nothing beyond this of theology, but her faith has grasped these two grand truths, and again and again she has told me with beaming face: "I believe, and I am happy."

Two thoughts have been deeply impressed upon my mind in connection with this work for women: First, we must plan to do more for the women in their homes. I am convinced that very few heathen women receive or assimilate the truth as it comes to them in public services. We must talk with them face to face, and, as far as is possible to us, heart to heart, and make them feel that the message we bring is personal to them. Second, I think that we need Bible schools for women, and must make a place for such schools in our plans for extension of work—schools where women may come and live for two or three months, or longer, and be taught the truth as it is in Jesus, and be taught to read the Bible. I am sure that there are some grandmothers, a few widows who are free from home duties, and many maidens here and there who would gladly avail themselves of such

a privilege, and that such schools would be wide-reaching in their influence for good.

In the spring two Christian women asked me to begin a Bible reading for women in the intermission between the morning and afternoon services in Trinity Church. There was only a moment's thought as to how another service could be gotten into the already crowded Sunday, and then a glad assent, for their thought met a wish that had been waiting in my heart for opportunity.

The service, held in the study near the church, has been well attended, and has been a means of grace to many of us. The services are very simple: a hymn or two, a prayer or two, the reading or repeating of a promise or a teaching by each one present (and very rarely one fails to be ready), and then the reading, in which all who can read often take part, of some portion of the Word of God, with simple comment. Sometimes the meetings are led by one of us, sometimes by one of our Chinese sisters. It has been a sweet privilege to bring to them through these services some of the "exceeding great and precious promises" found in Isaiah and the Psalms. These books have been so recently put into the colloquial that they were not familiar with them, and the readings have been to them the opening of a mine full of rich and precious ore. I want to say in conclusion that my heart has taken great comfort during the past year in the real missionary spirit of three or four of the Christian women of Trinity Church. They have been ready wherever and whenever possible to help us, and have zealously sought to bring their neighbors and friends to a knowledge of the truth that they find precious to their own souls. For them and for many tokens of good that have come to us through the year's work I thank God, and enter upon the work of another year with hope and courage.

FROM MISS HAMILTON.

The year's work may be considered under the following heads: Teaching, day-school work, visiting among the women, and study.

As formerly, half the day has been devoted to teaching in the Anglo-Chinese College. Until the close of the term in January the afternoons were given up to study.

During China New-year a severe cough set in, which resulted in the doctor ordering me to Suchow; and it was not until April 1 that I was able to return to Shanghai and resume full work. It is with the deepest regret that I think of this lost time. On April 6 Day-school No. 9 was transferred to me. This was not really an addition to my duties, only as a most acceptable substitute for some of the long, weary hours of study. It was convenient for some time to hold daily prayers in the school, but latterly I have had to leave this more in the hands of the teacher. One afternoon of each week is spent with the children, hearing them repeat their religious books and giving them instructions in the same. I also visit the school at odd times, and sing a hymn with the children, and tell them of Jesus. The teacher, Mr. Sz, has proved to be an interested and faithful worker. There seems to be a love and sympathy growing between him and his pupils that is very pleasant to see.

I have done as much visiting among the women as time and strength would allow. Time not spent in outside work has been spent in study.

FROM MISS LIPSCOMB.

It was with much pleasure that I heard, at the close of our last annual meeting, of my re-appointment to work in the Anglo-Chinese College. I was particularly interested in the classes of boys then under our instruction, and was thankful that it was deemed best for me to continue for a time my work among them.

Dr. Allen having returned from America, I have had half the day for study during the past year. Part of this time has been devoted to practice on the organ, as I found myself woefully incompetent to take charge of that instrument even for the one service a day at which I was expected to play for the boys at the college.

While there has been much to discourage during the past year, principally the coldness and lack of faithfulness on the part of some of the older boys, whom we had hoped were well over on the Lord's side, there has also been much to encourage us and to increase our faith in this department of mission work. Some whom we had hoped would ere this have been named among us as Christians in the full sense of the word have not yet been able to obtain the consent of their parents to this step, and are still uncommitted, and struggling against the fearful odds that are against them. It is sometimes pitiful to see their perplexity and distress in this great dilemma. But many of them do know of the doctrine, and have tasted of His wonderful love. In December last (I think it was) two of our boys became probationers. One continued his desire to be a follower of Christ, and, after some months of waiting, received baptism and was admitted into full connection, along with a young Japanese who was at that time a student in the college. The other poor boy turned back even after he had himself asked for baptism, and now walks no more with us. I hear he is at a Catholic school in the neighborhood. My heart goes out in prayer that he may yet be brought into the fold.

The scholarship plan, designed to assist the sons of our native Christians in obtaining an education, and to *hold* them, as it were, for Christ, has thus far proved a success. Some of these boys were already well instructed in Bible history and Christian truth, and quite a number of them were willing and anxious to become probationers within a few months after they entered the college. The greater number of them are under Miss Hamilton's care. I have a probationers' class of eight boys (two of whom are already members of the Church), which meets every Saturday morning after the other pupils have been dismissed. In this class our studies and prayers are all in Chinese, as I am anxious that the boys should become accustomed to reading the Bible and praying in their native tongue. I don't want them to associate Christianity entirely with English and foreigners. Any one of them will pray when I call on him; and if asked why he put his name down as a probationer, will give a very satisfactory answer; but Satan, as a roaring lion, is seeking them, and nothing but the power of God can keep and save them from his grasp. I believe, however, that they do really desire to be Christians, and some of them are earnestly trying to do right. God hears and an-

swers prayer for his weak ones: will you not remember in your prayers those who are so sadly in need of strength and courage?

I feel sure that the young people in the home land will be able to sympathize with us in our anxiety concerning these boys; but they can never fully understand the terrible odds with which we must contend in this empire of darkness.

Our hearts have been very much gladdened recently by the return of one of our former pupils to our midst. For more than a year he has been at work in the Customs at Tientsin; but longing to begin active work for the Master, has resumed his studies among us, preparatory to entering the regular ministry. One of our North Mississippi Juvenile Societies has joined me in undertaking to help him during the years of preparation. Pray for him.

Not much has been done that could be seen or counted; but I trust that the seed which has been sown in fear and trembling at times, at others with hearts full of faith and courage and hope, will in the end bring forth fruit that shall tell for Christ, for China, and for eternity.

FROM MISS ATKINSON.

The beginning of the fiscal year found me at work in the day-schools in Shanghai. Four schools were under my care at that time; and I did as much "woman's work" in connection with them as time and circumstances allowed. There were enrolled in these schools about one hundred and twenty children, with an average daily attendance of ninety or ninety-five in good weather.

During the winter School No. 8 was removed for good reasons to a place nearer the churches and more convenient to us. Miss Hamilton took charge of this school in the spring, thus leaving me with only three. Much of the year I visited these schools daily; but for several months could only see them each about three times a week.

Despite many disappointments, failures of cherished plans, and the absence of hoped-for results, I feel that more was accomplished in my school work last year than during any previous year. My vocabulary was larger, knowledge of the natives had increased, and I had learned better how to make allowance for the failures of Chinese women and children.

One could see from week to week the gradual unfolding of the minds, especially of the younger children, as they grasped the great truths of our doctrine. One of the probationers from School No. 9 received baptism during the year; and though she is not at present a member of the school, and has only a heathen home, my prayers are that she may be kept in every hour of temptation.

In October, with help from Miss Lipscomb that was much needed, the Sunday-school that Mrs. Campbell and I organized during the spring was carried on. The woman at whose house the meetings were held gave in her name as a probationer. She has since been received into the Church, and her son and his betrothed have also become probationers. Many things occurred in connection with this school to discourage us, and sometimes we grew tired and disheartened; but that sure promise, "My word shall not return unto me void," was, and is still, our stay in all such seasons of trial.

Some of the women there heard the truth so gladly, and understood so much more easily than many others, that I think of them especially as being the people who "walked in darkness" and have seen "a great light"—who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, but have had the light of life in these latter days to shine upon them.

In the spring, for various reasons, I moved this service to Day-school No. 9, where it was partially converted into an inquirers' meeting. Either through this meeting or by the influence of the school, three women were led to give in their names as applicants for Church-membership. There was a class of six women learning to read, but only about half of them received enough instruction in that line to profit them. Miss Lipscomb's help was invaluable, and our faithful soldier, Mrs. Dzau, was always cheerfully at her post.

In June School No. 1 was removed to a more comfortable and convenient place, and Miss Haygood rented a room in connection with it for women's meetings. We held two meetings a week there until I left for Suchow in August. At one of these Miss Haygood assisted greatly with her presence and words of exhortation and encouragement, frequently leading herself; but at the other service, held on Friday afternoons, I was aided only by the Chinese women. God was with us at these meetings; but the work was new in the community, and no results can be reported.

During the year I entertained women quite frequently in my study, and usually I felt that they were helped and strengthened. I met them less frequently in their homes; but felt that the public teaching compensated in a measure for the falling off in that respect.

At the May meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions I was appointed to day-school work in Suchow, and moved up during the summer vacation, arriving here on the 8th of August. About the middle of the month I made my first visit to School No. 1, Mrs. Campbell accompanying me. I found the children so much in love with her that it seemed a pity for her to give up her daily lessons with them. I soon began to know and love them, however; and they came into my life in such a way that all thought of being strangers to each other left us. Most excellent teaching has been done in the school by both Miss Philips and Mrs. Campbell. The older girls especially are very well instructed in the principles of our religion, and their knowledge of the Old Testament is quite thorough. There are a great many serious obstacles in day-school work; but experience has already proved that with perseverance it may be carried on with success.

During September Mrs. Parker turned over to the Woman's Board of Missions three boys' schools, of which she had had charge; and these, together with the three already belonging to us, make six day-schools supported by the Woman's Board of Missions on the Suchow District. One of these is six or eight miles in the country, and I cannot hope to see it oftener than once a month, as it takes a whole day to make the trip. Miss Philips, at her own request, is still in charge of School No. 4; but I hope to visit two of the others daily, and the other two twice a week.

FROM MISS HUGHES.

During the past year my time has been spent principally in Clopton Board-

ing-school. Until February my duties were comparatively light, as the general management and principal class work were still retained by Miss Muse. This enabled me to spend the greater part of the day in study.

From October to February I had a little work in two of the day-schools on the compound. This I found very interesting, and should have enjoyed continuing it had not the departure of Miss Muse for America made it necessary for me to devote my entire time to the boarding-school. At the re-opening of the school after China New-year my regular duties began, and since that time, with the exception of six weeks' vacation in summer, this has been my special work.

The girls are taught to cut and make their own clothes, to knit, embroider, cook, and wash. The entire house is kept in order by them, thus giving them practical lessons in housekeeping and cleanliness. Though the work is done by the girls, I find it necessary to give it a good deal of personal supervision. I have been struck, recently, with the importance of learning the disposition and temperament of each girl in order to influence her more readily for good. I can see, too, more development and progress in certain characters than others. In some there has been a marked spiritual growth, which is very encouraging.

I trust there has been progress in all the departments of the school during the year, but if it is less marked than in former years I do not wonder, considering my own inexperience and deficiency in the use of the language. I have realized how difficult it was to take the place of one so well prepared for the work as is Miss Muse. During the year Miss Haygood has been very kind, relieving me whenever possible. All of the accounts have been kept by her, and she has ever been ready to relieve me of class work for a day if she saw I had not strength to undertake it.

During the entire spring and summer I was very far from strong, and rest and change were recommended. I left Shanghai a few days before school closed, and spent six weeks among the delightful mountains of Japan. Returning to China much stronger, early in September, I opened the school at once, and we fairly entered upon the duties of another year. The pupils have kept well, for the most part, through the year, having had but one serious case of illness.

The primary department, which was organized a little over a year ago, is proving a success, and is now one of the most interesting features of the school. The two older girls whose duty it has been to give instruction in this department have rendered very valuable assistance, and we hope they are developing into such characters as will enable them some day to be useful in the work.

FROM MISS McCLELLAN.

The prospective view of a year and a retrospective glance over the same present quite a different appearance to the participant. Especially will the divergence between the two points of view be great when the field of labor is altogether new and strange.

My ideas of missionary life and work have undergone radical changes since I first came to China. At the close of my first year in this land I am beginning to realize what it means to be a missionary to a heathen people.

I arrived in Shanghai on the 10th of September, and after a short visit to Nantziang returned to Shanghai and began to struggle with some of the peculiar Chinese sounds, using Miss Haygood's personal teacher as instructor for an hour or two each day. As our annual meeting was so soon to convene, and I would not know definitely until after its session where I would be stationed, it was deemed advisable for me not to try to make any arrangements for a teacher until after I had learned my appointment, so I did not begin systematic study until about the middle of October.

My appointment nominally has been Shanghai day-schools, but I have done very little active work, only having two classes in two day-schools since China New-year, a Sunday-school class, and playing on the organ at the night service in Trinity Church. I have devoted myself almost exclusively to the study of the language. From October to July I studied the entire day, spending almost the whole time with a teacher; during the latter part of the winter and spring giving a half-day each week to visiting the schools with Miss Atkinson. I found these visits very helpful. I was especially helped in getting an insight into the management of the schools and also becoming better acquainted with Chinese children. During the summer I spent only a half-day with a teacher, taking an entire vacation of two or three weeks in August. I found it impossible to do full work during the exceedingly warm weather.

At the beginning of September I had read the New Testament carefully, gone over the ground prescribed in the first year's Course of Study (with the exception of writing the radicals), and also studied one or two extra subjects. I had hoped, during this month, to finish the course and to review carefully some of the subjects that I had not studied very thoroughly; but I was taken sick the first part of the month, and was unable to resume work until after the close of the Conference year.

While I realize that the wisest policy for a new missionary to pursue is to spend the first few months in study, yet this time of preparation is exceedingly trying. I am glad that I have broken a few hard clods and that I am able to begin a little active service. I look forward with joy and pleasure to the time when I will have acquired sufficient mastery of this language to do real, efficient service for the Master.

## STATISTICS OF WORK.—SHANGHAI.

Missionaries.....	6
Native teachers.....	13
Boarding-school (normal).....	1
Day-schools.....	9
Pupils in boarding-school.....	21
Pupils in day-schools (boys, 109; girls, 177).....	286
Total pupils.....	307
Communicants.....	9
Probationers.....	8
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$35,000



## NANTZIANG.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS KATE ROBERTS,

MISS REAGAN.

The young ladies at this interior station have had a hard, trying year. Both were compelled to seek health for a time in Japan.

FROM MISS ROBERTS.

Having been returned to Pleasant College, I addressed myself to the study of such text-books as seemed advisable to begin teaching at once.

The school, having been for more than a year almost entirely without the supervision of a foreign teacher, was in a sadly disorganized condition, and while preparing for the needed class work I gave my time and attention outside of study hours to organizing the school and trying to right existing wrongs.

One of my first steps was to unbind the feet of all the girls who were under fourteen years of age, and as there were only four above that age there are now only four girls remaining in the school with bound feet. One reason for making exceptions of these four was that their feet had been so long bound that I feared they would be permanently crippled should the bandages be removed. Another reason: I was not at all sure that they would not be removed from the school if I should require them to unbind their feet, and as they were the only ones who gave promise of being useful as teachers or helpers in the work for several years to come, it did not seem wise to run the risk of losing them.

Some of the parents objected to having the feet of their children unbound, and in a short time the school was reduced from twenty-three to seventeen pupils. Others, who remained until China New-year, went home for the holidays and were not permitted to return, so that of the pupils in school at the beginning of the year only fifteen remain. But there have been five new ones received during the year, and we begin the new year with just the number for which appropriation was made by the Board.

As soon as I was sufficiently familiar with the text-books to be used in the school I began regular class work. I had scarcely organized my classes and got them in good working order when the school cook was taken seriously sick. This not only devolved upon the girls the cooking and other domestic duties, but the care of the sick ones was also theirs to a great extent. Their study hours were thus seriously interfered with and my class work was also deranged. This unsettled state of affairs continued until China New-year, when the cook went to Shanghai to a hospital and the girls went home for the holidays.

After two weeks' vacation, school was re-opened the middle of February. On the day of the re-opening one of the girls came to school with the measles, and before the nature of the disease was known many others were exposed, and for six weeks there was not a day that we had not from one to six cases in the house. Only one case was really serious, though there were a number of very sick children. While this was a source of real anxiety, the efficiency of the matron relieved me of much of the care.

When this sickness was over we were, comparatively, without interruption for quite awhile. This unusual opportunity for regular work was well improved, and very commendable progress was made.

Early in June I took a deep cold, and was soon obliged to give up the study of Chinese, and by the first of July was so prostrated that I had to lay down all my classes and was not able to resume regular work before the summer vacation.

The long-contemplated changes and repairs in the school-building were begun in June, all have been completed, and I think the house is as comfortable and convenient as it can be made without tearing down and rebuilding. It is much smaller than before, and better adapted to the reduced number of pupils.

At the close of school for the summer vacation I left immediately for Japan, and was detained there by the state of my health until two weeks beyond the time appointed for re-opening the school. But the Chinese teachers and matron opened the school and carried it on until my return. Every thing was managed as well as could have been expected during those two weeks; yet there were many things to be undone, which occupied my time until the close of the year.

FROM MISS REAGAN.

On returning from the annual meeting last autumn it seemed best to resume, without change, the programme of the mission year just ended until final arrangements could be made about the Anglo-Chinese School. In a very short time the change was made, and I was left free to enter upon the work assigned me.

The day-schools of Nantziang have always seemed unusually promising, but since I have been in the field the work has been so divided that little attention could be given them. As a consequence of having been left chiefly to native preachers for so long, a lack of almost any system or order was to be found in all the schools. The teachers were seldom in their places on time, either in the morning or afternoon, and the pupils were far less punctual. This and many other questions of order required some careful managing during the first five months. But in most cases I found the teachers really willing to do their part, and as a rule took a most gratifying interest in carrying out, as best they could, all plans for a better organization of the schools.

For some time the afternoon session had been given entirely to Christian books, and I found the pupils very well up in the books of this character usually taught in our schools.

The two boys' schools are specially promising and interesting. The work in them has been a constant delight to me. They are in the same building, and the teachers work together so well that organizing classes has been comparatively easy. At the beginning of the year one of the schools had as many pupils as the teacher could well manage. The other was not so full, but has grown some, and the pupils are coming with more regularity.

Our one girls' day-school was very small, but has also grown during the year, though it is still much smaller than we would like to see it. The teacher is a very capable woman, and the few little girls that come to her every day are bright and faithful to duty.

Before leaving home for the summer vacation arrangements were made for the opening of another school in Sian Nantziang, a village about a mile from our compound. In September when the school opened it was, as we expected, with not very many pupils, but quite a number have been promised for China New-year, and the people of the village tell us the school will be full after the New-year holidays. We have great hopes for this little school as a means for reaching some of the women of the village.

Until June of the past year my time was divided between the study of the language and my school work. At that time my health began to fail, and I was advised to give up the study of the language altogether, but I still kept up my school work with more or less irregularity.

When vacation came I went to Japan, hoping to return rested and ready for my full measure of work. Great was my disappointment when the time for returning to China drew near and passed and still the recuperation which I so longed for did not come.

About the middle of September I reached Nantziang again. Since that time I have done no studying, but have endeavored to do such other work as my strength would permit.

STATISTICS OF WORK.—NANTZIANG.

Missionaries.....	2
Native teachers.....	7
Boarding-school.....	1
Day-schools.....	4
Pupils in boarding-schools (limited).....	20
Pupils in day-schools (boys, 45; girls, 12).....	57
Total number of pupils.....	77
Communicants (not given).....	.....
Probationers (not given).....	.....
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$8,000

K Ä D I N G .

MISSIONARIES.

MISS RANKIN,

MISS KERR.<sup>b</sup>

These ladies remained at their post all the year, the only foreigners in that secluded city, and have worked beyond the limit of their strength.

FROM MISS RANKIN.

Another year to be reviewed—a whole year of work-days, each so crowded with its own cares, each having so little to cheer, so much to discourage, that the tired laborer would gladly delegate the task of tabulating results to another!

The class work in the Anglo-Chinese schools has brought us into close contact with the pupils, and each has been a subject of special prayer and atten-

tion. Some give promise of becoming intelligent Christians; others have already proved themselves unworthy and been dismissed.

The triennial examinations, which two of the teachers have attended, interfered with the Chinese department, but the English studies have been almost uninterrupted, recording only two days when there was no regular session.

The work has been heavy beyond expression, taxing to the last degree every faculty—spiritual, mental, and financial. Except in the hottest weather, when rest from one to three in the afternoon was absolutely required, the sessions have been ten or twelve hours long, every moment of which was spent in actual, regular class work, the classes following each other in rapid and close succession. So the year that promised to be free from the exhaustive labors of the preceding one has proved false to its fair opening, and been so full of planting and weeding that the workers have not had time to take any pleasure in the growth and development of the seed sown. And now that the harvest is past and the summer ended the tired toiler cries out against the added pain and labor of counting the sheaves and summing up the whole. So if the tabulating be brief, it must be attributed not to indifference, but to an overtired heart and brain.

FROM MISS KERR.

In October, 1888, the day-schools, four in number, were transferred to my charge. Difficulties, expected and unexpected, have combined to make the year in some respects a trying one. So much planned and so little seemingly accomplished. But aside from the plans that have succeeded and those that have failed, progress has been made, and future possibilities are re-assuring.

The "Eliza Walker" School in Käding is located outside the city. The beginning of the present term was peculiarly trying, but by faithful work on the part of the native teacher twelve pupils were enrolled. Things went smoothly until the intense heat of the summer forced me to leave the pupils entirely to his care for two months. Without immediate supervision his diligence relaxed, and consequently this school has suffered greatly. The others have had daily supervision.

The "Hendrix" School, my special pride, has had through the entire term a full attendance, and has not been closed since the opening in February. This school, I may safely say, is above the average charity mission school.

The "Philips" and "Mary Sloan" girls' schools were dismissed for one month during the summer. At the re-opening of the term it was deemed best to unite the two, and place the pupils under one teacher.

For six months two girls had regular lessons in English. The eldest, a young lady of seventeen, was betrothed to a prospective minister. Through this consideration she was given every possible advantage, hoping thereby to more fully equip her for usefulness in her anticipated station. An unexpected blow shattered plans regarding her future and since that time, for satisfactory reasons, she has received instruction only in her own tongue. She is a member of the Church, and may make a valuable worker.

As far as practicable the prescribed course is followed. The majority of the pupils are under twelve years of age. This necessitates a modification of

the curriculum to suit the capacity of the majority. On Sunday service is held in each school, conducted by the native pastor. Special effort is made to render these services attractive, interesting, and profitable. The work of the day is incomplete without a few words with each pupil. Their infant minds are as yet unable to grasp the truth in its fullness and beauty. The effect of Christian work and influence cannot be measured. The busy year has been one of seed-sowing and waiting. I trust a greater work has been accomplished than I am able to record or permitted to see.

STATISTICS OF WORK.—KĀDING.

Missionaries.....	2
Native teachers.....	6
Day-schools.....	7
Pupils (boys, 65 ; girls, 18).....	83
Communicant.....	1

SUCHOW.

MISSIONARIES.

DR. MILDRED M. PHILIPS,

MISS LOU PHILIPS,

MRS. J. P. CAMPBELL.

The work in this important center has been subject to changes throughout the year consequent upon sickness and removals, though no department has been closed, the work having been distributed among the little handful of workers with admirable skill.

Mrs. Campbell's report abounds with interest, growing out of her varied experiences during the year. The ease with which she took hold of the different branches of work to which she was called shows rare adaptability.

FROM MRS. CAMPBELL.

This to me, dear friends, has been a varied year, though one looking on might wonder in what way. I found it so. Perhaps, can I picture it to you as I passed through it, you too may see the variety.

According to appointment, I arranged to be in Suchow at the opening of the Woman's Hospital, October 25, 1888, where my duties had been assigned me for the ensuing year. After the day of opening, which was under pleasant auspices, with Bishop Wilson, several of the brethren, and many friends gathered together to cheer us on with words of encouragement and advice, we began work—Dr. Philips attending to the hospital, and I trying to command enough of the language to attend to the chapel work. How hard this work has been, friends, you will never know, for the ignorance, the superstition, the fear of foreigners have all been mountains in the way.

Taking full time each morning to prepare my talks, memorizing sentences, arranging in idiomatic form illustrations, I would enter the chapel at one o'clock P.M., gather the women around me, allowing them time to ask all the curious questions that must naturally arise from seeing, in many cases, a for-

eigner for the first time. I would then by some opportunity drift my conversation into the intended channel, but what disappointment when day after day I would find out that not one in ten knew that she had a soul; and the blessed names, Jesus, Saviour, God, and Lord, had not the slightest signification to them.

Another hinderance to our reaching those who come to the hospital is the different dialects spoken by the patients. There are often as many as three or four dialects spoken in a day by those attending clinics. At such times I choose the Suchow-speaking people and talk only to them. However, I have not failed to distribute a tract or one of the Gospels in Vungli to any intelligent-looking person of whatever dialect, and if they cannot read it I also make it a point to find out if possible if some of their neighbors cannot read it for them.

During the latter part of November Dr. Philips's illness again necessitated her going to Shanghai, when the oversight of the hospital was left to me. It was not long before the people became aware of her absence, and the clinics began to dwindle in numbers, though Lang Sien-sang did his best to treat those who came. Dr. Park too soon left for Japan, and the disappointment on the faces of the patients who had come to consult a foreign physician was very patent. During the latter part of December and the first of January two severe cases of illness in the Chinese family on the compound necessitated a great deal of care and anxiety. The 18th of January we closed the hospital for the month, including China New-year.

The first of February a marvelous change was wrought in my plans, in that Miss Gordon, who had since my arrival in Suchow shared with me the comforts of home, married and moved to Sungkiang, when a request came from the superintendent asking me to take a part of her school work. My hands seemed already full, the Doctor up to this time not being able to return to the hospital work. I had also a class in singing in Miss Philips' school to which I gave a half-hour daily, and let me say here that this class of girls have made some progress in singing. Their voices have been softened in a measure, and they sing much smoother than before.

The 20th of February Dr. Philips returned, when the hospital was re-opened and she in charge. I then systematized my teaching, chapel work, studying, and housekeeping so that all moved on satisfactorily for the ensuing four months. The best part of my year's work was done at this time. At the opening of the summer Dr. Philips and I made an agreement that both should not be absent from the work at the same time, so I took the month of July for my vacation, which I spent in Shanghai. Before taking this trip, however, I was called to the duties of Agent of the Suchow District—a responsibility that I think I would have shirked had I a choice; but trusting God as the chooser of my paths, I felt that it was his will, and have entered upon it with a thorough desire to please him. I was at the same time made very happy by the action of the Board in appointing Miss Atkinson to the Suchow work. She returned with me about the first of August.

September 26th Dr. Philips started to Shanghai for her vacation, and on account of an attack of fever, was detained there much longer than she anticipated; so you see how my work has been centered, more or less, around

the hospital this year. Miss Atkinson's coming relieved me very much during this past month by taking my place in the day-school work, to which since February I had given an hour and a half daily, besides the time to prepare the lessons in teaching.

I have done very little visiting this year among the women—not more than fifteen homes—yet I have entertained a number in my own home, at least two hundred, the greater number of these being those who came in from the hospital clinics. After our talk in the chapel and having their diseases diagnosed, they often enjoy coming in and sitting awhile, when we can become better acquainted over a cup of tea and talk more freely.

During the year there has been distributed a thousand copies of the Gospels, either single or combined with one of the Epistles; a thousand cards with the Ten Commandments, or with the Lord's Prayer and scripture quotations. I could have distributed many more of these, but took special pains to give them only to those who could read themselves or had a brother, husband, or son who could read for them. There may be many of the higher class of women who can read, but I can testify that among the mediocre and lower class a fair estimate would be one in a hundred, judging by those I have met in the chapel, and those who, in many cases, know only the names of the characters and not the meaning.

I have talked to one thousand and twenty-six women on our most holy religion and the salvation of their souls. Of this number not more than twenty or thirty had ever heard of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I found in many cases, from the questions they asked, that they wanted to know of the creation and the *Kungpung* or root of the matter, so I arranged a little book for print, drawing the substance from the book of Genesis and connecting by facts from the Old Testament to a sketch of the life of Christ, which was followed with the sermon on the mount and his death on the cross. The Ten Commandments were also inserted in the last leaves of the book. This I had printed in Vungli because the people here in Suchow know so little of the printed Tu-bah. My prayer is that it may bring many souls to the light of the truth.

Would that I could point to many souls born into the kingdom this year through my efforts! There have been those in the wards convalescing whose souls' salvation seemed laid upon me, and how I prayed for them, talked with and read to them. They seemed glad to know of these things, and would ask many earnest questions, but we have no evidence that they have accepted a Saviour. I have watched Dr. Philips thus working with the burden of a soul; and she being the physician who healed their bodies, one would think might influence their hearts; and they were ready to give *her* their heart's love, but not ready to give it to a forgiving Saviour.

Dr. Philips has worked earnestly at the post both for the healing of the bodies and the salvation of the souls of these poor women when her own physical nature permitted, and we have had glimpses of what power she might have exerted had she been apportioned strength of body.

How, sometimes, we hunger to see souls bending under the cross, sharing it with their blessed Saviour. God has promised, and he is faithful. Pray that we may more effectually claim these promises.

No report from the boarding-school has been received.—COR. SEC.

MEDICAL WORK—FROM DR. MILDRED PHILIPS.

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL, SUCHOW, FOR 1888-89.

New patients treated in the dispensary.....	1,482
Cases returning for treatment.....	539
Patients received into the hospital.....	44
Patients treated on itinerating trips.....	116
Stray cases treated.....	52
Professional calls .....	163
Total.....	2,344
Surgical operations.....	69

The above statistics represent fairly the amount of work done during the year. The number of in-patients, though small to those not acquainted with the facts, is rather gratifying to us, who know the reluctance of the women to leave their families, and come for a time into a strange place, with strangers about them, and put themselves entirely at the mercy of a foreigner. But when once they have made their minds up to do this, they are credulous enough to follow treatment; and day by day the prejudice yields, and they come to be so happy, cheerful, and grateful, in many instances, that it is a pleasure to minister unto them.

A number of them this year I will remember with pleasure, and I am sure that a benediction rested upon them in the memory of the institution and the kindly care they had while in our midst.

Very often things occur that try us sorely; undisciplined patients that stay until improvement begins, and then leave; or fracture cases, that after tedious painstaking on our part deliberately undo their bandages because of discomfort and lack of patience.

Of the surgical work done during the year, with but few exceptions, the results have been very satisfactory. The strictest regard is had to antiseptic dressing and cleanliness throughout, which is the stronghold of a surgeon.

The second assistant in the hospital's employ received this year his diploma from the Suchow Hospital Medical School.

The work in the out-department is mostly among the middle and upper classes.

Foreign medicine is being more and more highly thought of in the city, and the way in which they receive both physician and remedies is gratifying.

The hospital outfit has been constantly improving during these five years; so that now it compares favorably, in this respect, with that of any mission hospital in this part of China that I have visited.

The amount of money taken in by the hospital this year, apart from the appropriation from the Board, is \$387.45; of this amount, \$30 was a donation. Without this I should have felt myself much cramped for funds. Perhaps I could not even then have managed had it not been for the stock of drugs on hand from previous orders. I trust that the request to have the appropriation increased will meet a hearty response, as we cannot get along conveniently without it.



Donations for the interval since last reported: One dollar's worth of plants from Mrs. Burke; cane chair and embroidered scroll from Miss Philips; eight grass cloth mosquito-nets from girls' school, Suchow; \$5 and stereoscope and twenty-nine views from Miss Safford; \$5 for itinerating and cane chair from —; \$20 from Mr. Hayes; large trunk from Miss Safford; copies of Gospels, etc., from Bible and Tract Society.

## STATISTICS OF WORK.—SUCHOW.

Missionaries.....	4
Native teachers.....	9
Boarding-school.....	1
Day-schools.....	6
Pupils in boarding-school.....	23
Pupils in day-schools (boys, 81; girls, 18).....	99
Total pupils.....	122
Communicant.....	1
Probationer.....	1
Assistants in hospital.....	9
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$14,000

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.—CHINA.

Missionaries.....	14
Native teachers.....	35
Boarding-schools.....	8
Day-schools.....	26
Pupils (boarding, 58; day, 525).....	589
Communicants (not fully given).....	44
Probationers.....	9
Hospital.....	1
Native assistants in hospital.....	9
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$57,200

## MEXICAN BORDER.

*Work Began in 1881.*

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING (EXTRACTS).

The second annual meeting of the representatives of the Woman's Board in the Mexican Border Mission was held in the Seminary, Laredo, Tex., December 30, 1889, and continued in session three days. All the ladies were present except Miss Gilbert. Miss Holding was chairman and Mrs. McClendon secretary.

Reports were received from the three stations—Laredo, Saltillo, and Durango; also reports from the several workers, giving their experience in the work.

Some important points were discussed and decisions reached to the effect that (1) the Course of Study for the first year should be

extended through two years; (2) in all the schools in the mission there should be a uniformity of text-books, those used at Laredo Seminary being adopted by all; (3) the work should be extended both by increasing that already begun and by entering new fields.

Estimates for the coming year were adopted for presentation to the Board. The meeting adjourned to hold its next session at Laredo during Christmas week of 1890.

## LAREDO.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS HOLDING,  
MRS. McCLENDON,

MISS LIZZIE WILSON.

MISS TOLAND,  
MISS BAKER,

The comprehensive report of Miss Holding shows what thorough organization and faithful work on the part of her able corps of teachers and helpers have done to advance the educational and evangelical interests of that mission.

### FROM MISS HOLDING.—LAREDO SEMINARY.

“Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.”

As the time draws near for the annual report, we seem to forget or lose sight of the difficulties and trials which must naturally come into so large and complicated a work as ours, and remember but the joy and blessedness found therein, and see none but the “wondrous things.”

Our mission work grows in magnitude and importance. As we look back upon it, remembering its seemingly insignificant beginning, contemplate its present fair proportions, and look forward to its grand possibilities, we would reiterate the old cry, “Money, laborers, laborers, money!” until it be taken up, echoed, and re-echoed throughout the entire length and breadth of Christendom; until the sound thereof reaches its remotest bounds, and every heart responds thereto.

In this Annual Report we ask the privilege of presenting the Laredo Mission under its five divisions:

1. The Girls' Pay Boarding-school. The pupils in this division are principally from first-class families. *Forty-two* full-paying and forty half-paying pupils have been enrolled, making a total of eighty-one. This school may be considered almost entirely, if not quite, self-supporting. From its income of \$3,437.80 the salaries and board of five teachers have been paid, and five helpers have been supported, board and washing being given. As a rule the girls in this division are not called from their school duties by the demand of special domestic work. Except light daily duty in care of room and table, the entire time is given to study and recreation. They attend the devotional exercises of the home and school regularly, sometimes taking an active part in the Sunday-school and Missionary Society. Our effort is to interest them in every thing which may prove to be a step toward the great end in view.

2. The Girls' Charity Boarding-school. This division has enrolled *forty-six* pupils. The support is from the fund which, in the appropriation, is designated "Running Expenses." The greater part of the domestic work is performed by these children, thus in a measure aiding in their own support and in the support of the mission. These are the girls we hold from year to year, and from whose number we choose our native helpers. Nearly all are members of the Church, and meet most promptly and cheerfully their Church obligations. Seven are in the senior class—earnest, faithful girls.

3. The Girls' Day-school. *Twenty-eight* pupils have been enrolled. These are full-paying, and have yielded an income of something over \$500. Our influence over the children of this division is simply that which we may bring to bear upon them in the general school work—an influence healthful and strengthening in its tone. These children are scattered throughout the different grades, the teachers of which are earnest Christian women who endeavor to impress Christian truths upon the minds of their pupils.

4. The Boys' Boarding-school. The number enrolled in this division is *twenty-eight*. The income for the year has been about \$1,700. Our boys' work grows in interest. It may have been an added care, but the pleasure we have found in it has more than balanced the additional responsibility.

This, with the fifth division—the Boys' Day-school—numbering *thirty-six*, with an income of \$600, we trust to see grow into the "Industrial School" for boys, which we are planning to establish in the east end of the city. Sixteen blocks of land (nearly twenty-eight acres) have been given us by the city. The value of this land is estimated at \$12,000. The time has come when the boys' work in the field occupied by the Woman's Board of Missions must be considered. It becomes not only self-supporting, but is, as we have stated before, a financial help in the advancement of the mission.

The above five divisions constitute Laredo Seminary, your beautiful Christian home and school upon the Mexican border. In placing it before you from these five stand-points, we trust that you may have a clearer conception of its extent and comprehend more perfectly its needs.

The improvements consist of a stable for the two Jerseys ("Victoria" and "Zipporah"), the gift of a friend in San Antonio; "Sheldon," a large, strong horse (also a gift); and the painting of every building. This work has been done at a cost of \$1,700. These, having been erected at different times, had begun to present a motley appearance, often reminding us of a character in "Our Mutual Friend," who could never afford but one new garment at a time; but now, in their new uniform of two shades of green, they appear fresh and attractive.

The Seminary Church has been organized two years. The assessment was overpaid this year. Nine of our children have been received into the Church during the year. Two who were members of the Church have entered into rest. Several have returned to their own homes, thus leaving a small increase over the number reported last year.

The Sunday-school and the Missionary Society continue to form the most instructive and interesting part of the work. We feel that the year has been one of advancement. Work and workers have been kept by the power of Him who alone doeth "wondrous things."

## STATISTICS OF WORK.—LAREDO.

Missionaries.....	5
Assistants.....	5
Boarding-schools (boys, 1; girls, 1).....	2
Pupils in girls' boarding-school.....	128
Pupils in boys' boarding-school.....	28
Day-schools (boys, 1; girls, 1).....	2
Pupils in day-schools (boys, 36; girls, 28).....	64
Total pupils.....	220
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$55,000

## SALTILLO.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS LELIA ROBERTS,

MISS TYDINGS.

Miss Lelia Roberts, who has charge of the boarding-school, and to whose fidelity and persistent efforts is due the rapid development of this school, sends a concise statement of its growth and hopeful outlook.

## FROM MISS ROBERTS.—SALTILLO.

With us this has been a most triumphant year. Little by little have stern prejudice been overcome and harsh criticism defied until we have received recognition and co-operation from sources which no foresight, except faith's discerning eye, could have predicted; and so completely have we been permitted to win the confidence of those to whom we have gained access that now the most malicious darts, hurled at us by some whose consciences are yet seared and whose eyes are yet blinded, are intercepted ere they reach us to do us harm. Our work is looked upon, by those whose opinion is valuable, as a power for good, and as permanent. We need but to lean completely upon the strong arm of Him who is able to support us to *know* that we can go on from success to success and from victory to victory.

Some of the visible results of the year's labors are these:

Pupils taught in connection with Colegio Ynglés.....	38
Pupils enrolled in mission school.....	25
Total pupils.....	63
Families visited.....	44
Families reached by other means.....	32
Total families reached.....	76
Tracts distributed.....	460

Bibles, Testaments, and gospels were sold or given away to those who desired them. All available Church literature in Spanish was put into our library for the use of teachers and pupils. The receipts from tuition only in Colegio Ynglés were \$682.07. This amount has been spent in defraying its own current expenses, in furnishing the mission school for a part of the year with books, stationery, and apparatus, and in part supporting the native teacher.

Our new home and school building is dear to us; we look upon it as the house our Father built for his children who were homeless in a strange land. May he so take up his abode in it that every influence within its walls and every influence that may go out from it may be hallowed by his presence.

Miss Tydings has proved a blessing, even a benediction to the work. Her skillful touch, sweet voice, and consecrated heart are being used by the Master to draw hearts unto himself.

Ysabel Hill, our native teacher (from Laredo Seminary), has done faithful work for him who redeemed her. She seems to be striving to gain at last the approbation, "She hath done what she could."

"Forgetting the things that are behind, we press forward."

Of the day-school she writes:

This school closed its session of 1889 on the 26th day of November. According to the Mexican custom, a school must have an examination day and disinterested examiners, or its existence is not noticed. When the day came, the children (some of whom are orphans, others of very poor parents) all went on time, nicely bathed and combed, and cleanly dressed. They awaited their examination as eagerly as if they had been going to receive certificates or diplomas. This elicited surprise at the beginning, but not at the close; for their readiness in replying to the questions asked showed that most of them had been "laborers that need not be ashamed." Ysabel Hill the native teacher in charge of the school, had worked faithfully with them, and they rewarded her by doing what they could. Many patrons and friends were present. This is an interesting school, and an important part of our work.

Miss Tydings, who has not been a year in the field, says of her work:

We find music one of the greatest attractions we can offer the Mexicans, and my class has increased in number and interest. My own interest in the work increases daily as I see more and more the great need of laborers where on all sides are exhibited the awful fruits of Romanism and infidelity. It is my heart's desire to continue in the work my Father has given me; and while teaching the beauty of earthly melody and harmony, may I not also teach the far greater beauty of a heart in accord with God, and a soul attuned to heavenly music?

Miss Holding has this work in the Border Mission beyond the Rio Grande under her supervision. She has visited it several times the past year, and sends these encouraging words:

Our young ladies in Saltillo have much to encourage them—patronage, kind words, and attention from those who once stood aloof, regarding their work with the same indignation that caused Sanballat to say: "What do these feeble Jews?" The strong arm of the Lord that protected Nehemiah from assault, and caused his work to prosper, has been stretched out in their defense

until they have been safely brought to dwell beneath the roof of *their very own home*.

The simple fact of possessing property gives character, tone, and stability to the work. Since the people have seen that "we came to stay" the Colegio Yngles has grown in favor. Through the kindness and personal supervision of Rev. W. B. Powell, of the Baptist Mission, who has been a resident of Saltillo for a number of years, we were enabled to secure property, repair, and build within the limit of the appropriation. How he now regards the value of our property, and the opinion of some of the prominent Mexican citizens touching it, you may judge from a letter of his to Miss Roberts, which was sent to you.

Our missionaries are comfortable and happy in their new home, and are trusting for the most prosperous year of the mission.

STATISTICS OF WORK.—SALTILLO.

Missionaries.....	2
Assistants.....	2
Boarding-school.....	1
Day-school.....	1
Pupils in boarding-school.....	38
Pupils in day-school.....	25
Total pupils.....	63
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$8,000

DURANGO.

MISS MCFARREN, *Teacher*.

NATIVE ASSISTANT.

FROM MISS MCFERRAN.

The school was opened February 6, 1889, with twenty-three pupils. The number has increased from month to month. Thirty-six names have been enrolled during the year. Thirty are in actual attendance, and of these ten are English and twenty are Mexicans. The latter are all children of professed Protestants. Most of the parents are members of our Church, and the teachers have tried to visit these families with as much regularity as other occupations permitted, and interest them in both school and Church work.

The assistant teacher, Carmen Cervantes, who has proved so efficient, faithful, and devoted in the school-room, has also been very active in his outside work, and we hope some good has been accomplished. The classes taught are Bible history, English, geography, arithmetic, grammar, history of Mexico, vocal music, writing, reading, sewing, etc.

STATISTICS OF WORK.—DURANGO.

Teachers.....	2
Day-school.....	1
Pupils.....	36

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.—MEXICAN BORDER.

Missionaries.....	7
Teacher.....	1
Assistants.....	8

Boarding-schools (girls, 2; boys, 1).....	3
Pupils in boarding-schools (girls, 166; boys, 28).....	194
Day-schools .....	4
Pupils in day-schools (girls, 89; boys, 36).....	125
Total pupils.....	319
Communicants*.....	9
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$63,000

## BRAZIL,

*Work Began in 1881.*

Bishop Granbery, in a recent letter to the Corresponding Secretary, says: "The Society has no cause for discouragement or for relaxation of interest or effort in respect to Brazil."

### MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING (EXTRACTS).

The second annual meeting of the representatives of the Woman's Board of Missions in Brazil was held at Sao Paulo January 1-4, 1890.

All were present except Miss Bruce, who is in the United States. By vote Miss Watts was elected chairman and Miss Phillips secretary.

Rules of order and plan of business were adopted, and standing committees appointed. Reports of their individual work for the past year were read by all the ladies, eliciting thanksgiving, though some had suffered sore trials.

The reports of committees resulted in (1) the adoption of a Course of Study covering two years; (2) uniformity of study and regulations in all the schools of the mission; (3) a recommendation to the Board to extend the work by opening charity schools in both Rio and Piracicaba, and organizing new work at Taubate; (4) estimates for the coming year.

A memorial service for Miss Chrisman was held, and by request Miss Granbery read a memorial address, followed by resolutions expressive of the sorrow and sense of loss felt by those who were to have been her co-workers, and sympathy with those who shared their grief.

After a delightful and harmonious session the meeting adjourned with expressions of mutual love and confidence, and singing:

"Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love."

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\*In a recent revival in the seminary, since this report came in, upward of forty of the pupils were converted, and united with the Church.

## PIRACICABA.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS WATTS,

MISS HOWELL,

MISS SALLIE M. PHILLIPS.

Of the work at Piracicaba Bishop Granbery says:

At Piracicaba Miss Watts was for awhile embarrassed by a lack of teachers, especially in the department of music. But the college maintained its high reputation, and, indeed, grew in the confidence and favor of the community.

The newspaper of that city has borne the strongest testimony to the thoroughness of the instruction. As one result, distinguished citizens are urging the importance of a similar institution for boys and young men under the control of our Church. Now that your Board has sent out an additional force of admirably qualified missionaries, we may expect a larger patronage and more satisfactory work.

The shadow of the Johnstown disaster, that put out the light in so many hearts and homes in our own land, reached across the seas into the halls of the mission home in Piracicaba. Clara Chrisman's name will live in the unwritten history of that work toward which she was journeying when "her sun went down while it was yet day."

Miss Watts, the directress of the college, sends this report:

The school year began the last Tuesday in January with pleasant prospects, which were in some degree realized. For the first seven weeks we had the care of eight children with the whooping-cough, which added much to our labors, but when we remembered the afflictions of our missionary sisters in Rio we considered ourselves fortunate.

The remainder of the session passed quietly, with satisfactory examinations. The teachers for the term were Mlle. Rennotte, Senhor Braziliense, D. Candida Cerqueira Lute, D. Eliza Pinto de Andrade, with three pupil teachers to assist with the small children, and Miss Donie Moore in the kindergarten. The vacation was enlivened by the expectation of the two new missionaries supposed to be on their way to Brazil; but one found a watery grave ere leaving the home land, and while gladdened by the arrival of Miss Howell, the death of Miss Chrisman cast a gloom over our home.

The month of August was full of trial and care, owing to the withdrawal of two teachers and the failure of two others to appear. Our number of teachers was insufficient for the work we had to do, but Miss Phillips came, and we took courage. God is good, and does not try us beyond our strength when we trust in him.

By September 7th Mrs. Kennedy, who had left her home to come to us in our great need for teachers, was ready to go to work. From this time, with the exception of slight sickness, the machinery ran smoothly. During the whole term the attendance was good and the application to study satisfactory.

The annual report of Collegio Piracicabano last year showed a falling off in



the number of matriculations, but owing to the high exchange, the finances seemed to increase. Last year the receipts amounted to something more than six thousand four hundred dollars, whereas they were more than six thousand five hundred dollars this year. But the expenses have been great, owing to the high price of food, and at the close of the year we had to report a small deficit.

During the first session there were twenty-seven girls in the house, but the last session there were only seventeen. The parents of several found they could not pay even a part of the price, and we let them go. Other parents found they could go to Sao Paulo by rail easier than they could come to Piracicaba by trolley, so they took their daughters to the Escola Americana. We were sorry to lose them, as they were good pupils and their fathers generous patrons, but were glad to have them go to an evangelical school.

Workers have withdrawn, others have failed to appear in time, new ones have come into the field, we have had some sickness and disappointments; but the work has gone on, and while the number has not increased, the interest has not decreased, and the school has the good-will of the liberal-minded citizens, and good credit in the town. No complaint has been entered nor has any one withdrawn from dissatisfaction. There are few visible results of the spiritual improvement of the pupils, but the same religious instruction has been given. The boarding pupils have attended Sunday-school and Church regularly, and we dare not judge by what is seen, but hope and pray for the development of that which is unseen, for God has promised that his word shall not return unto him void. In all our cares God has cared for us. May he help us to honor him who is the Treasure-house of all wisdom and knowledge!

FROM MISS HOWELL.

I arrived in Piracicaba July 24th, a few days before school opened, giving time to learn something of the internal working of the institution before entering upon active duty.

On July 30 school opened, and work began in earnest. My first duty in the day has been to take the vigilance during the early study hours, which time I devoted to Portuguese. The first month of school I had two classes of American children in English reading, and the sewing class, which is very interesting and which the children seem to enjoy. They feel at liberty to ask many questions familiarly, giving the teacher a good opportunity to instill into their hearts lessons of truth and right.

During the term I have had five music pupils. When Miss Phillips and Mrs. Kennedy came I was relieved of my classes in English and sewing, and devoted my time to the music pupils and to the study of Portuguese. I feel that I am making some progress in the language, but it is very slow. We frequently have discouragements, but the greatest I have is in hearing the Brazilian children speak English and realizing that I speak Portuguese in the same imperfect manner. Those who came before us learned the language, and we take courage and push forward with renewed earnestness.

FROM MISS PHILLIPS.

After a journey of thirty-five days I arrived in Piracicaba September 29th.

Four days later the allotted work in the college was undertaken, also the study of Portuguese. I gave instruction in two classes in English grammar and two in reading. I had supervision of the dormitories, kept study hour at two periods of the day, walked with the children, and assisted in their control. These duties have occupied my time during the working hours of each day, the larger part of my attention being required by the study of the language. In addition to my daily Portuguese lessons, for two months I exchanged instruction in English grammar for Portuguese reading with one of our native preachers. I read daily in the Portuguese Bible; have completed the study of one Portuguese grammar; have translated into English several of Camoens' poems, an arithmetic, and almost the whole of a grammar for children; have also learned to sing in Portuguese and memorized the Lord's Prayer and many portions of scripture.

## STATISTICS OF WORK.—PIRACICABA.

Missionaries.....	3
Assistants.....	4
Boarding-school.....	1
Pupils.....	112
Communicants.....	5
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$20,800

## RIO DE JANEIRO.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS BRUCE,  
MISS GRANBERY,  
MISS YARRELL,

MISS JONES,  
MISS MARVIN,  
MISS ROSS.

For the encouragement and assurance of all, Bishop Granbery writes of the work in the capital city of Brazil.

The first year of the Rio school was as well attended as we had any reason to hope for. Time is required to attract the attention and gain the confidence of the public. The merit of the institution must be proved by its work before the Brazilians will send their children to foreigners and Protestants in large numbers. Just before the time to open the second session there came upon the beautiful city the severe scourge of yellow fever. Schools were suspended. Our four missionary ladies were stricken. It is cause for great gratitude to our heavenly Father that all of them recovered; but many weeks passed away before they were restored to health and strength so as to be capable of carrying on the school. Such hinderances do not weaken the purposes nor chill the enthusiasm of brave souls. Woman's sympathies—above all, the mother's—rally around the afflicted child. So may it prove to be in the case of the "School of the Height!"

Of our missionaries in Rio the past year it may be said, as of the Jews of old, they were "scattered and peeled." But Miss Jones will tell the pathetic story of the epidemic (the worst in several generations), the illness of each of the devoted missionaries, the clos-

ing of the schools, the dispersing of our faithful little band of workers for a time; the home-coming of one, the re-opening of the schools under difficulties, and the varied trials that tested their faith and courage throughout the year.

FROM MISS JONES.

Since the work in Rio was reported at the last annual meeting it has passed through twelve months of severe trial. In regard to the health of the school Miss Bruce made at that time the following report: "The health of the school has been exceedingly good, a physician having been called in but once during the year." Two weeks later Miss Bruce and Miss Granbery returned to Rio, and in a few days yellow fever became epidemic.

The last of January I was telegraphed to go to Miss Bruce, who was attacked. Before her convalescence one of the children had become dangerously ill, threatened with typhoid fever. By order of the physician Miss Bruce was taken to Petropolis as soon as able to bear the two hours' trip across bay and mountains.

Miss Marvin arrived from the States February 14, and on the 18th, as advertised, I opened school with seven pupils, Miss Granbery taking charge of the sick child and Miss Marvin of the house. That same afternoon the fever seized me, and the next day the school was suspended. Miss Bruce returned, having had but eight days in which to recuperate her strength; and in less than a week Miss Granbery and Miss Marvin were also dangerously ill. Reliable nurses were not to be procured outside of our own mission circle, and Miss Bruce, herself but a convalescent, bore the burden, assisted as far as could be by Brothers Tarboux and Tucker and Mrs. Tarboux.

The children boarding in the Alto were finally taken away, another having been quite sick meantime. With deepest gratitude to God we were able to record the recovery of every case; and we give thanks for the blessed instrumentalities of his mercy, careful, tender nursing, and the never-failing attention of our skillful physician, Dr. R. Cleary.

As soon as able to be moved all were ordered out of the city, convalescence being very slow and uncertain in the infected district. The homes of our never-failing friends, Dr. and Mrs. Rambo (American residents), and Mr. and Mrs. Kyle, of the Presbyterian Mission, were most cordially opened to us until we could arrange a house for ourselves in Petropolis.

Owing to our prostrate condition, and the condition of the city also, it was not practicable to re-open school until May 15. Meantime our hearts had been cheered by the news of new missionaries; but it was soon apparent that Miss Bruce's health had been too seriously impaired to be restored without entire change of climate and complete rest, and her leave of absence only awaited the arrival of Miss Yarrell to be carried into effect. The latter arrived July 15, and Miss Bruce sailed the 28th. There were then in school fifteen day pupils and four boarders—one of the latter our little four-year-old boy, the Boys' Home not having been re-opened.

Miss Ross arrived August 5, appointed to the boys' school. It was late in the season, and doubtful if a sufficient number of boys would enter to pay

current expenses; and Miss Ross was entirely unacquainted with the language. On the other hand applications for board for boys had continued to come in from time to time; we were still in possession of the only house suitable for the purpose, and I feared that to give it up would be a virtual abandonment of the enterprise. It was therefore determined to re-open the school at once.

About this time measles had invaded the family. I had scarcely hoped for half a school; but determined to spare no labor for a thorough organization of all the departments, as far as possible with the material at hand, that proof might be given of the character of our work, and all the machinery be in running order for another term. The last week in September thirty-two pupils were enrolled, of whom four were inmates of the Alto, four of the Boys' Home, and twenty-four day pupils, representing the following departments: Kindergarten, primary, intermediate, and music and drawing. Discipline and school work were steadily being perfected, and we were greatly encouraged by the result of our efforts.

On September 28 one of the day pupils, a boy of rare promise, was suddenly snatched away by yellow fever, and in less than two weeks sixteen pupils were out of school on account of sickness. Our family had scarcely recovered from whooping-cough and measles when a case of scarlatina appeared in the house. This was the fifteenth case of sickness requiring medical attention and skillful nursing we had had in the house in eleven months, besides cases of measles, whooping-cough, and pneumonia in the Boys' Home.

The record of the preceding year and a half showed that the healthfulness of the Alto had stood the test of the most trying conditions, the drainage having been imperfect and the water supply interrupted and insufficient. The drainage has since been made thorough, and water supplied by a new and enlarged water-box, besides being brought from the street for drinking. The city has been tried by various epidemics as it has not been for a generation before, and we may hope to escape a recurrence of this year's experience.

What work has been accomplished, what progress has been made where no material results are apparent can only be seen by the Eye that looks upon things invisible; but having the assurance of His presence, we are not dismayed. If men congregate even in the valley of the shadow of death for gain and pleasure, there the children of the Prince of Life and Light must go to save them.

Those who have been with me in the same work, with the same sustaining Presence, need no word of commendation from me, but with a full heart I cannot refrain expressing appreciation of the steadfast sympathy and support I have ever found in my co-workers, and without which I could not have borne up under the responsibilities and burdens of that time. If no other fruit appears, may not the Master have fitted us together for more perfect service in the labors he may be preparing for us in the future?

Expenses during the year have been heavy, and returns necessarily small, but the school about paid current expenses during the last quarter.

FROM MISS GRANBERY.

My first year in the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro has been in some re-

spects a sad and trying one, but it has greatly endeared to me the place, the school work, and the ladies of the school. In February I, with the other ladies of the school, was stricken with yellow fever, and several months were spent in recovering from its effects.

During the remaining months of the year my time was occupied with teaching and the study of Portuguese. I taught the primary branches principally, but had the whole school in a Bible class every day. All showed interest in this study, and learned with facility the Ten Commandments and many verses of Scripture, some of which they understood, and the rest, which is now unintelligible, will, I trust, remain in their memories and be understood by them when they reach manhood and womanhood. May the good seed bring forth much fruit to the glory and honor of our Master!

FROM MISS MARVIN.

During the weeks of yellow fever little else was thought of save nursing and being nursed. We owe much to the kind attention received at the hands of the ladies at that time, of whom we wish especially to mention Miss Bruce, who, in her weak state of health, went beyond her strength in caring for our necessities.

After the yellow fever trouble we received but few boarders, which made the work less in that line, yet the same household work must be accomplished each day, and regular hours were as necessary as if the house had been full. At one time there were nineteen children in the sewing class. This class has been attentive during the term up to the time to prepare work for the close of school. Much of the material they had furnished, and with deep interest the little ones commenced their work, when yellow fever and children's diseases, that so often interfere with school work, completely broke up the class.

FROM MISS YARRELL.

Arriving in Rio July 15, 1889, I began work the ensuing week with one pupil in music, one class in geography, one in English grammar, one in arithmetic, and one each in the first, second, and third readers. I also began immediately a diligent study of the language, aided by the suggestions and assistance of Miss Jones. When I had achieved sufficient Portuguese, I undertook a class of seven in free-hand drawing. Two more pupils in music were added, and another in English reading, also another in special art lessons, and from time to time I gave instruction in physical culture. These classes, with daily lessons in Portuguese from a professor, gave me constant and interesting employment. When possible I assisted as organist in three services each week in the Portuguese church.

Three times during the past year I have been incapacitated for my duties by illness, and but for the unselfish devotion and tender nursing of my co-workers heart and flesh had failed. God has remembered me in loving-kindness.

FROM MISS ROSS.

I arrived at Rio de Janeiro August 5, receiving a cordial welcome at the Eschola de Alto, where I spent three weeks pleasantly resting and recuperating from the effects of the long voyage. I had been assigned to the Boys'

Home, and felt somewhat disappointed and discouraged to find the house closed and only one little boy awaiting me. Realizing that my department had to be built up, and that nothing could be gained by waiting, I determined to open the house at once, which was done August 28, with Miss Jones's approbation and assistance.

As my income was not sufficient to meet expenses, I consented to take a few boarders while waiting for my boys to put in an appearance. By the middle of the first month I had one more boy, and by its close another. Only those who have had some experience in Brazilian housekeeping with Brazilian servants can appreciate the difficulties of that first month. The experience gained, however, enabled me to continue my work with more ease, and the other months passed by quietly and pleasantly. As yet I have had no time for systematic study of the language, but have made the most of my opportunities, and believe I am not very far behind my sister missionaries who came out about the same time.

The house was closed December 5 for the summer vacation, the four children promising to return, and we have heard of others who will probably come.

## STATISTICS OF WORK.—RIO.

Missionaries.....	6
Assistants.....	1
Boarding-schools (boys, 1; girls, 1).....	2
Pupils.....	34
Communicants (removed and died).....	2
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$25,000

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.—BRAZIL.

Missionaries.....	9
Assistants.....	5
Boarding-schools.....	3
Pupils.....	146
Communicants.....	5
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$45,000

## INDIAN TERRITORY.

*Work Began in 1882.*

## HARRELL INSTITUTE.

MISSIONARY.

MISS A. V. WILSON.

## STATISTICS OF WORK.—HARRELL INSTITUTE.

Missionary.....	1
Teachers.....	7
Pupils.....	168
Communicants.....	35
Value of property.....	\$15,000

## ANADARKO.

Teacher.....	1
Pupils.....	26

Mrs. Avant, supported by the Woman's Board, gives an interesting account of her work among these wild tribes :

FROM MRS. M. B. AVANT.

On the 1st of last June my work among these strange, roving tribes of Indians began. As they are ever suspicious of white people, it was a question of much importance as to how I could best gain their confidence and esteem. So the first three months and part of the fourth were chiefly spent in camp work.

Twice a week I visited them in their camps, besides extra visits to minister to their sick, and whenever an interpreter could be found talked to them of my mission among them, and told them the glad news of Jesus' love. In connection with this was the industrial work.

Two afternoons in the week I had the women to meet me at the parsonage to be taught to cut and sew. It was very gratifying to see how readily they came. Still they did it with some doubt and misgiving. They could not understand why this interest was taken in *them*, unless there were some selfish, hidden motive to prompt it. So they sent one of their number, who understood English, to ask why we did this, why we wished to teach them to make dresses and other things? When informed that it was done through love to them, and a desire to elevate and help them, and with no other motive than for their good, they could not understand it.

Material being furnished me by the agent at this place, I cut and helped them to make more than fifty dresses and other garments, besides those made of material furnished by themselves.

On the 22d of September I opened a day-school. I began teaching with six pupils. Others came in until twenty-six had entered. Five tribes are represented: Kiowas, Apaches, Delawares, Caddoes, and Comanches.

The Church, having no building here at the time of my opening school, I have been teaching in a rented house. But now we have a large, commodious house erected with the appropriation made by the Mission Board to Rev. J. J. Methvin for that purpose. The work of furnishing and equipping it for immediate use is being pushed with all possible haste, and in a few weeks we hope to open a boarding-school.

Since beginning to teach, I make weekly visits to camps, and have the sewing class to meet on Saturday afternoons.

We have a most interesting Sabbath-school, with an average attendance of thirty pupils. Most of these are grown people. They manifest great interest in the lessons, and listen with strict attention to all that is said.

A good number from this school have asked to be taken into the Church, expressing a desire to live differently and to be taught the better way; most of them proving by their walk that they are true, earnest Christians. There are now twenty Indian and nineteen Mexican names on our Church roll.

Of this work the Rev. J. J. Methvin, who is giving it his personal attention, says:

This is truly a missionary work, and one which requires the endurance of hardships as good soldiers, and the patience of faith in the midst of apparently unrewarded toil. We labored here thus for nearly two years when at last results began to encourage our faith and brighten our hopes, and now we have an Indian and Mexican membership of nearly thirty.

The aid that the Woman's Board has given here has been no small factor in bringing about these results. The employment of Mrs. Avant has been owned of the Master and a benediction to the cause. We need greatly an increase of laborers.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.—INDIAN MISSION.

Missionary.....	1
Teachers.....	8
Pupils.....	194
Communicants.....	60
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$15,000

It has been said: "The conversion of the world is a prophecy and an enterprise, and that we are prone to rest in the prophecy and lag in the enterprise." Faith takes hold of the *prophecy*—"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise; though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come." It is ours to wait for the Lord, to watch and love his appearing, but even while thus waiting to throw into the *enterprise* of the world's conversion all-conquering love, skill, and consecrated strength; and occupy till he come!



## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK FOR 1889-90.

CONFERENCES.	Number of Adult Auxiliaries in the Conferences.	Number of Adult Members.	Increase in Auxiliaries During the Year.	Number of Members Added During the Year.	Number of Young People's and Juvenile Societies.	Number of Juvenile Members.	Increase in Young People's and Juvenile Societies During the Year.	Number of Juvenile Members Added During the Year.	Total Members.	Life-members.	Honorary Life-members.	Honorary Life-patrons.	Scholarships Supported.	Day-schools Supported.	Subscribers to Woman's Missionary Advocate.
Alabama.....	83	1,286	5	86	34	761	.....	.....	2,047	21	1	1	2	.....	435
Arkansas.....	23	411	4	36	12	383	3	99	794	1	2	.....	.....	.....	51
Baltimore.....	66	1,592	8	90	19	695	4	149	2,287	110	2	2	3	.....	349
Denver.....	4	78	.....	.....	5	49	.....	.....	127	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
East Texas.....	34	713	7	185	16	525	9	350	1,238	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	325
Florida.....	90	1,695	.....	.....	44	1,055	.....	.....	2,750	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	323
Holston.....	110	1,999	6	67	69	2,033	8	160	4,032	172	.....	.....	2	3	620
Indian Mission.....	5	84	2	21	2	37	.....	15	121	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	16
Kentucky.....	70	1,303	6	80	29	617	4	73	1,920	130	5	2	2	.....	480
Little Rock.....	43	850	.....	50	35	1,070	7	350	1,920	36	1	.....	.....	.....	225
Los Angeles.....	13	228	.....	.....	4	88	.....	.....	316	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	147
Louisiana.....	44	966	7	.....	13	541	4	63	1,507	11	.....	.....	1	.....	174
Louisville.....	59	1,048	4	45	47	1,029	4	.....	2,077	46	.....	.....	3	1	253
Memphis.....	53	1,003	13	.....	45	1,461	13	138	2,464	90	6	.....	3	1	321

Mississippi.....	63	1,219	.....	.....	20	339	.....	.....	1,558	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	298
Missouri.....	75	1,430	18	316	32	925	4	23	2,355	80	1	.....	1	1	405
North Alabama.....	62	1,175	15	215	40	1,169	14	392	2,344	19	1	.....	2	.....	350
North Carolina.....	84	2,100	25	673	101	4,944	24	748	7,044	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	200
North Georgia.....	177	3,499	17	261	88	2,459	21	444	5,958	142	8	3	.....	1	853
North Mississippi.....	79	1,543	17	229	34	1,106	13	290	2,649	30	5	.....	2	1	520
North Texas.....	40	544	.....	.....	5	193	1	40	737	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	193
North-west Texas.....	31	685	8	185	10	542	4	111	1,227	18	13	.....	.....	.....	109
Pacific.....	13	333	5	162	9	232	5	114	565	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106
South Carolina.....	154	2,961	10	58	51	1,675	1	.....	4,636	57	6	1	3	.....	766
South Georgia.....	136	2,844	12	277	68	1,577	14	.....	4,421	12	.....	1	.....	.....	533
South-west Missouri.....	74	1,438	6	39	54	1,656	13	781	3,094	160	3	.....	8	6	406
St. Louis.....	26	895	6	154	16	477	8	36	1,372	50	.....	.....	4	1	230
Tennessee.....	81	2,936	10	574	36	1,874	8	726	4,811	129	3	1	3	.....	475
Texas.....	34	643	6	.....	13	352	2	.....	995	29	1	.....	.....	.....	297
Virginia.....	95	2,669	16	228	9	361	4	139	3,030	28	.....	.....	2	.....	556
Western.....	6	96	.....	.....	3	48	.....	.....	144	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	35
Western Virginia.....	33	585	1	56	19	352	5	96	937	15	2	.....	.....	.....	81
West Texas.....	16	231	.....	.....	6	240	.....	.....	471	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	80
White River.....	10	153	3	.....	7	166	1	45	319	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57
Total.....	1,986	41,235	237	4,474	995	31,132	193	5,372	72,367	2,067	60	16	41	15	10,299

# TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1889-90.

*MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, JR., Treasurer, in account with Woman's  
Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

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1889.		ALABAMA CONFERENCE.	
July	10.	Received of Mrs. C. M. Baker, Conference Treasurer .....	\$ 632 97
Oct.	14.	By same.....	447 35
1890.			
Jan.	6.	By same.....	991 48
March	26.	By same.....	693 61
Total.....			\$ 2,765 41
Of above, \$301.22, self-denial and thank offerings; \$80, scholarships; \$94.21, mite-box collections; \$231.37, piano at Saltillo; \$19.25, training- school; \$11.35, Chicote Fund; \$40, day-schools.			

1889.		ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.	
June	25.	Received of Mrs. Frank Parke, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 111 47
Sept.	30.	By same.....	121 20
Dec.	27.	By same.....	218 94
1890.			
Feb.	8.	Received of E. Nelson, from Bingen Auxiliary.....	2 59
April	7.	Received of Mrs. Frank Parke, Conference Treasurer.....	95 75
Total.....			\$ 549 95
Of above, \$1.50, expense of new missionaries; \$40, training-school; \$5, Miss Tydings.			

1889.		BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.	
June	28.	Received of Miss V. C. Massie, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 248 90
Sept.	30.	By same.....	334 39
Nov.	12.	By same.....	100 00
Dec.	30.	By same.....	936 68
1890.			
March	31.	By same.....	984 44
Total.....			\$ 2,604 41
Of above, \$169.75, self-denial and thank offerings; \$105.35, new mis- sionaries; \$150, Anadarko; \$77.19, mite-box collections; \$40, day-schools; \$115, scholarships.			

1889.		DENVER CONFERENCE.	
June	25.	Received of Mrs. F. B. Carroll.....	\$ 7 80
Aug.	6.	Received of Mrs. E. V. Carroll, Secretary.....	14 75
	25.	Received of Mrs. Sue A. Morrison.....	60 00
Oct.	14.	Received of Mrs. J. W. Collins, Jr., Conference Treasurer.....	7 85
Dec.	23.	By same.....	50 85
1890.			
March	31.	By same.....	17 73
Total.....			\$ 158 98
Of above, \$95.15, self-denial and thank offerings.			

1889.		EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.	
May	15.	Received of Mrs. R. T. Dorough, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 8 00
June	12.	By same.....	43 50
	12.	By same.....	68 35
	25.	By same.....	64 70
Oct.	14.	By same.....	146 45

1890.			
Jan.	10.	Received of Mrs. R. T. Dorough, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 647 75
	20.	Received of Rev. C. F. Smith.....	10 00
Feb.	17.	Received of Mrs. R. T. Dorough, Conference Treasurer.....	19 35
March	19.	By same.....	105 23
	26.	By same.....	71 00
	31.	By same.....	36 00
April	7.	By same.....	29 25
Total.....			\$ 1,249 68
Of above, \$44.50, self-denial and thank offerings; \$101, new missionaries; \$6, C. Chrisman Memorial; \$119.30, mite-box collections; \$7.80, training-school.			

## 1889. FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

May	15.	Received of Miss Tydings.....	\$ 50 00
June	25.	Received of Mrs. T. Hartridge, Conference Treasurer.....	750 00
Sept.	23.	By same.....	422 66
1890.			
Jan.	4.	By same.....	500 00
Feb.	8.	By same.....	250 00
March	19.	Received of Miss A. Scott, Secretary.....	5 00
	31.	Received of Mrs. T. Hartridge, Conference Secretary.....	400 00
Total.....			\$ 2,377 66
Of above, \$69.20, self-denial and thank offerings; \$5.95, scholarships; \$228.57, new missionaries; \$350, piano for Miss Tydings.			

## 1889. HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

April	15.	Received of Mrs. M. A. Littleton, Union City.....	\$ 5 00
	15.	Received of Daisy Duncan, Chattanooga.....	40 00
	24.	Received of a friend to Missions.....	30 00
July	6.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer.....	881 99
Sept.	1.	Received of Mrs. M. Walters, Ivanhoe.....	8 50
Oct.	1.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer.....	908 83
	25.	Received of M. J. and A. E. Oliver, Chattanooga.....	25 00
Nov.	8.	Received of William B. McDaniel, Shellmound.....	20 00
1890.			
Jan.	2.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer.....	1,162 64
March	27.	By same.....	1,269 48
Total.....			\$ 4,351 69
Of above, \$392.48, self-denial and thank offerings; \$132.72, mite-box collections; \$452.62, new missionaries; \$11.50, Memorial Fund; \$150, day-schools; \$7.45, training-school; \$140, scholarships.			

## 1889. INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

July	6.	Received of Mrs. Ida M. Bolander, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 54 90
Sept.	28.	By same.....	46 21
Dec.	30.	By same.....	34 81
Total.....			\$ 135 92
Of above, \$21.85, self-denial and thank offerings; \$3.76, mite-box collections; \$5, Memorial Fund.			

## 1889. KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

June	20.	Received of Mrs. S. Noland, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 574 65
Sept.	20.	By same.....	515 52
Oct.	25.	Received of Mrs. S. C. Truehart.....	20 00
	31.	Received of Miss Maria Gibson.....	65 00
Nov.	22.	Received of S. Wight.....	10 00
Dec.	23.	Received of Mrs. S. Noland, Conference Treasurer.....	777 21
1890.			
March	4.	Received of Mrs. F. W. Noland.....	15 00
	19.	Received of Mrs. S. Noland, Conference Treasurer.....	1,034 44
Total.....			\$ 3,017 82
Of above, \$318.02, self-denial and thank offerings; \$68.40, mite-box collections; \$11, Miss Rankin; \$263.49, new missionaries; \$151, training-school.			

## 1889. LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

July	8.	Received of Mrs. M. J. McAlmont, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 661 60
Oct.	3.	By same.....	223 08

1890.	
Jan. 4.	Received of Mrs. M. J. McAlmont, Conference Treasurer.....\$ 321 40
April 2.	By same..... 275 00
Total.....\$ 1,481 06	
Of above, \$101.20, self-denial and thank offerings; \$1 0.30, scholarships; \$9.70, Bible-woman; \$4, mite-box collections; \$89.40, training-school.	

1889.

## LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.

June 28.	Received of Mrs. Joe Hamilton, Conference Treasurer.....\$ 53 29
July 5.	By same..... 6 43
Oct. 10.	By same..... 17 88
1890.	
Jan. 10.	By same..... 117 90
27.	By same..... 23 15
March 27.	By same..... 57 14
Total.....\$ 275 79	
Of above, \$36.10, self-denial and thank offerings; \$8.03, mite-box collections; \$71.85, organ for Mrs. Campbell; \$24.30, Harrell Institute; \$5, training-school.	

1889.

## LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.

July 1.	Received of Mrs. M. K. Carter, Conference Treasurer.....\$ 429 03
20.	By same..... 434 08
Nov. 12.	Received of W. C. Kendrick..... 10 00
Dec. 23.	Received of Mrs. M. K. Carter, Conference Treasurer..... 650 74
1890.	
March 31.	By same..... 883 42
Total.....\$ 2,497 27	
Of above, \$170.22, self-denial and thank offerings; \$92.15, mite-box collections; \$5, piano at Rio; \$120, scholarships; \$195.18, new missionaries; \$10, day-school at Rio; \$15, training-school.	

1889.

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

July 1.	Received of Mrs. S. B. McCutchen, Conference Treasurer.....\$ 460 86
Sept. 20.	Received of Rev. J. W. Parker..... 5 00
25.	Received of Mrs. S. B. McCutchen, Conference Treasurer..... 403 15
1890.	
Jan. 14.	By same..... 522 05
Total.....\$ 1,391 06	
Of above, \$80.65, self-denial and thank offerings; \$23.75, mite-box collections; \$214.30, new missionaries.	

1889.

## MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.

June 21.	Received of Mrs. G. H. Ramsey, Conference Treasurer.....\$ 630 17
Sept. 23.	By same..... 595 41
Dec. 23.	By same..... 644 36
1890.	
Jan. 20.	Received of Mrs. A. W. Jones..... 100 00
27.	Received of Mrs. G. H. Ramsey, Conference Treasurer..... 40 09
March 31.	By same..... 634 00
Total.....\$ 2,643 94	
Of above, \$338.44, self-denial and thank offerings; \$130.41, Rankin Memorial; \$196.65, new missionaries; \$133.59, scholarships; \$25, Chrisman Memorial; \$100, day-schools; \$5.65, mite-box collections; \$5, training-school.	

1889.

## MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

June 25.	Received of Mrs. Annie DeMoss, Conference Treasurer.....\$ 202 35
Oct. 31.	By same..... 346 61
Dec. 10.	Received of Mrs. John A. Lewis, Treasurer Auxiliary..... 20 00
1890.	
Jan. 10.	Received of Mrs. M. P. Paine..... 2 00
18.	Received of Mrs. Annie DeMoss, Conference Treasurer..... 412 83
Feb. 2.	Received of Mrs. F. E. Brister, Treasurer..... 1 50
March 31.	Received of Mrs. Annie DeMoss, Conference Treasurer..... 484 56
31.	By same..... 29 70
Total.....\$ 1,499 55	
Of above, \$101.10, self-denial and thank offerings; \$20, to make Miss Chrisman a life-member; \$124.05, new missionaries; \$11, Miss McClellan; \$44.82, mite-box collections; \$8.70, Memorial Fund.	

1889.

## MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

June	18.	Received of Mrs. R. P. Williams, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	381	99
Sept.	20.	Received of Mrs. H. N. Snacker.....			50
	23.	Received of Mrs. A. F. Davis, Conference Treasurer.....		747	07
	23.	By same.....			50
	28.	Received of Mrs. John M. Baker.....			3 00
Dec.	23.	Received of Mrs. A. F. Davis, Conference Treasurer.....		601	88
	30.	By same.....			40 00
1890.					
March	26.	By same.....		787	41
		Total.....	\$	2,562	35
		Of above, \$118.62, mite-box collections; \$500, new missionaries; \$61.50, Harrell Institute; \$75, Kading; \$8, Miss M. Marvin; \$299.25, training-school.			

1889.

## NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

June	25.	Received of Mrs. M. L. Butler, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	507	11
Oct.	1.	By same.....		671	75
Dec.	30.	By same.....		405	75
1890.					
March	26.	By same.....		260	02
		Total.....	\$	1,844	63
		Of above, \$22.92, self-denial and thank offerings; \$209.05, new missionaries; \$50.11, mite-box collections; \$187.78, cistern for Laredo; \$40, scholarship; \$79.11, training-school.			

1889.

## NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

May	10.	Received of Mrs. Bumpass.....	\$	97	07
June	27.	Received of Mrs. W. H. Branson, Conference Treasurer.....		510	51
Aug.	6.	Received of Mrs. Roger Moore.....		5	00
Sept.	20.	Received of W. C. Norman.....		1	10
	28.	Received of Mrs. W. H. Branson, Conference Treasurer.....		237	57
Nov.	8.	Received of Mrs. M. E. Carter, Conference Treasurer.....		1,062	83
	12.	Received of Mrs. M. D. Wightman.....		54	20
	12.	Received of Mrs. W. H. Branson, Ex-treasurer.....		620	78
1890.					
Feb.	17.	Received of Mrs. E. J. Parrish, Conference Treasurer.....		479	21
	20.	By same.....		9	92
March	26.	By same.....		1,088	59
		Total.....	\$	4,166	68
		Of above, \$102.55, self-denial and thank offerings; \$127.93, mite-box collections; \$2.50, organ for Nantziang; \$355.36, new missionaries; \$565.89, training-school.			

1889.

## NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

June	12.	Received of Mrs. G. H. Jones.....	\$	10	00
July	8.	Received of Miss S. V. Stewart, Conference Treasurer.....		1,154	90
Oct.	1.	By same.....		1,031	40
1890.					
Jan.	2.	By same.....		1,765	13
	31.	By same.....		20	00
March	31.	By same.....		2,327	36
April	2.	By same.....		46	39
		Total.....	\$	6,355	18
		Of above, \$461.80, self-denial and thank offerings; \$80, scholarships; \$555.25, new missionaries; \$188.97, mite-box collections; \$118, day-schools; \$31.75, training-school.			

1889.

## NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

July	6.	Received of Miss M. A. Clark, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	582	96
Oct.	5.	By same.....		348	85
	14.	Received of Miss C. Wilson, Treasurer Auxiliary.....		4	40
Dec.	16.	Received of Mrs. S. E. Ginhan, Treasurer Auxiliary.....		12	40
1890.					
Jan.	6.	Received of Miss M. A. Clark, Conference Treasurer.....		1,018	54
April	5.	By same.....		1,258	97
		Total.....	\$	3,226	12
		Of above, \$285.86, self-denial and thank offerings; \$215.10, mite-box collections; \$22.50, Miss Lipscomb; \$100, day-school; \$80, scholarships; \$37.15, Miss Rankin; \$656.70, Conference pledge; \$56.40, training-school.			

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## 1889. NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

July	8.	Received of Mrs. W. H. Allen, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	227	50
Oct.	1.	By same.....		200	75
Dec.	10.	Received of S. C. Riddle.....		17	00
	30.	Received of Mrs. W. H. Allen, Conference Treasurer.....		204	45

1890.

Jan.	14.	By same.....		4	20
April	1.	By same.....		149	70

Total.....\$ 803 60

Of above, \$41.50, self-denial and thank offerings; \$15.50, Harrell Institute; \$37.15, mite-box collections; 70 cents, Memorial Fund; \$76.30, Conference pledge; \$47.90, scholarships; \$17, Miss Dona Hamilton; \$12.10, training-school.

## 1889. NORTH-WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

May	15.	Received of Miss Lula Grant, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	4	00
June	17.	By same.....		199	88
Sept.	1.	Received of Mrs. John A. Wallace.....		12	50
	23.	Received of Miss Lula Grant, Conference Treasurer.....		133	29
Dec.	10.	Received of Mrs. K. Tunnell.....		2	95

1890.

Jan.	2.	Received of Miss Lula Grant, Conference Treasurer.....		245	31
March	31.	By same.....		213	82

Total.....\$ 811 75

Of above, \$57, self-denial and thank offerings; \$141.30, new missionaries; \$81.65, mite-box collections; \$2, Memorial Fund.

## 1889. PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

April	15.	Received of Mrs. G. W. Fentress, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	51	85
July	1.	By same.....		82	28
Oct.	5.	By same.....		100	68

1890.

Jan.	18.	By same.....		123	23
March	27.	By same.....		68	52

Total.....\$ 426 56

Of above, \$68.55, self-denial and thank offerings.

## 1889. SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

May	10.	Received of Mrs. J. E. Garrison.....	\$	45	
July	10.	Received of Miss A. A. Warren, Conference Treasurer.....		814	54
Oct.	14.	By same.....		670	89

1890.

Jan.	20.	By same.....		1,295	85
March	4.	Received of Mrs. E. M. Keller.....		40	00
	21.	Received of Mrs. M. D. Wightman.....		235	42
April	2.	Received of Miss A. A. Warren, Conference Treasurer.....		1,211	24

Total.....\$ 4,268 39

Of above, \$60.79, self-denial and thank offerings; \$143.85, mite-box collections; \$80.09, Miss Brown; \$115.60, scholarships; \$89.98, new missionaries; \$172.65, training-school.

## 1889. SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.\*

July	8.	Received of Mrs. W. D. Williams, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	904	64
Oct.	1.	By same.....		1,167	61
Jan.	2.	By same.....		1,486	91

Total.....\$ 3,559 16

Of above, \$25.80, Home and School; \$1,039, Durango school; \$10, Harrell Institute; \$21.86, Indian work (special); \$3.56, mite-box collections; \$170, training-school; \$167.88, self-denials and thank offerings.

## 1889. SOUTH-WEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

June	28.	Received of Mrs. R. F. Mastin, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	604	73
Oct.	3.	By same.....		897	56
	25.	Received of A. S. Van Anglen, Superintendent.....		41	55

\* \$28.43 last quarter from South Georgia Conference received too late for report, original check having been lost in mail.

1890.	Jan.	3.	Received of Mrs. R. F. Mastin, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	907	31
	April	1.	By same.....		888	67
			Total.....	\$	3,339	42

Of above, \$397.98, self-denial and thank offerings; \$366.03 new missionaries; \$150.25, scholarships; \$33.01, mite-box collections; \$366.52, day-schools; \$39.45, Miss Rankin to use as she thinks best; \$17, training-school.

1889.

## ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

June	28.	Received of Mrs. C. C. Anderson, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	589	90
Aug.	15.	By same.....		41	50
Sept.	23.	By same.....		142	29
Dec.	10.	Received of Mrs. N. Holloway, Auxiliary Treasurer.....		3	50
	27.	Received of Mrs. C. C. Anderson, Conference Treasurer.....		466	85

1890.

Jan.	2.	By same.....		40	00
March	27.	By same.....		816	14

Total.....\$ 2,100 18

Of above, \$60.50, Harrell Institute; \$50, to furnish Miss Rankin's room; \$73.83, self-denial and thank offerings; \$12.40, mite-box collections; \$103, day-schools; \$206, scholarships; \$51.50, Miss Bruce's department for boys; \$359.12, new missionaries.

1889.

## TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

June	15.	Received of Mrs. M. A. Gill, Auxiliary Treasurer.....	\$	4	70
July	8.	Received of Mrs. B. N. Herring, Conference Treasurer.....		1,105	92
	8.	By same.....		15	25
Aug.	31.	By same.....		88	80
Oct.	1.	By same.....		564	29
	14.	Received of Mrs. L. W. Plummer, Conference Secretary.....		1	50
Nov.	18.	Received of Mrs. S. A. Akin, Auxiliary Treasurer.....		1	20
Dec.	26.	Received of Mrs. B. N. Herring, Conference Treasurer.....		34	75
	30.	By same.....		1,171	45

1890.

April	2.	By same.....		1,365	44
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Total.....\$ 4,353 30

Of above, \$360.06, self-denial and thank offerings; \$192.96, mite-box collections; \$120, scholarships; \$71.25, Louise Home. \$558.60, new missionaries; \$153.55, Harrell Institute; \$20, Miss Reagan; \$10, Memorial Fund; \$75, to pass through Miss K. Roberts's hands, for D. C. S. School; \$238, training-school.

1889.

## TEXAS CONFERENCE.

June	18.	Received of Mrs. M. E. Steele, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	106	88
Sept.	23.	By same.....		235	52
Dec.	23.	By same.....		211	31

1890.

March	17.	By same.....		317	30
	26.	By same.....		5	00

Total.....\$ 876 01

Of above, \$19.10, self-denial and thank offerings; \$3, Harrell Institute; \$30.40, mite-box collections; \$206.55, new missionaries.

1889.

## VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

July	6.	Received of Mrs. John Bayley, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	498	60
Oct.	1.	Received of Mrs. M. E. Sykes.....		2	00
	10.	Received of Mrs. John Bayley, Conference Treasurer.....		800	25
Nov.	12.	Received of Mrs. M. D. Wightman.....		111	85

1890.

Jan.	3.	Received of Mrs. John Bayley, Conference Treasurer.....		1,472	13
March	12.	Received of Mrs. M. A. Jones, Auxiliary Treasurer.....		10	00
April	2.	Received of Mrs. John Bayley, Conference Treasurer.....		905	69

Total.....\$ 3,800 61

Of above, \$195.08, self-denial and thank offerings; \$133.52, mite-box collections; \$4 8.14, new missionaries; \$115, scholarships; \$120.20, day-schools; \$28.25, Harrell Institute; \$8.85, Memorial Fund; \$134.03, training-school.

1889.

## WESTERN CONFERENCE.

July	8.	Received of Mrs. M. E. Baker, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	21	18
Sept.	30.	By same.....		85	66



1889.			
Dec.	30.	Received of Mrs. M. E. Baker, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 42 95
1890.			
March	26.	By same.....	33 59
		Total.....	\$ 183 38
		Of above, \$12.40, self-denial and thank offerings; \$1.70, mite-box collections.	

1889.

## WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

June	5.	Received of Miss Daisy Johnston, Secretary.....	\$ 5 00
July	6.	Received of Miss Addie M. Thornburg, Conference Treasurer.....	57 09
Sept.	28.	By same.....	139 60
Oct.	25.	Received of _____.....	30 00
1890.			
Jan.	2.	Received of Miss A. M. Thornburg, Conference Treasurer.....	195 00
April	2.	By same.....	313 78
		Total.....	\$ 740 47
		Of above, \$105.25, self-denial and thank offerings; \$13.81, mite-box collections; \$266.92, new missionaries.	

1889.

## WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

June	28.	Received of Mrs. M. A. Ragan, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 61 40
Sept.	25.	By same.....	104 65
1890.			
Jan.	2.	By same.....	253 20
March	26.	By same.....	81 86
		Total.....	\$ 504 11
		Of above, \$105.53, self-denial and thank offerings; \$31.77, mite-box collections; \$53.45, new missionaries; \$14.80, training-school.	

1889.

## WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

May	10.	Received of Mrs. Mary Neill, Auxiliary Treasurer.....	\$ 10 00
	27.	Received of Mrs. E. M. Pipkin, Auxiliary Treasurer.....	3 20
July	8.	Received of Mrs. H. L. Rimmel, Conference Treasurer.....	40 95
Oct.	5.	By same.....	62 04
Dec.	16.	By same.....	113 29
	23.	Received of Mrs. S. D. Robertson, Conference Treasurer.....	32 70
March	31.	Received of Mrs. P. A. Robertson, Conference Treasurer.....	64 57
April	1.	By same.....	12 50
		Total.....	\$ 339 25
		Of above, \$20.50, self-denial and thank offerings; \$29.69, mite-box collections; \$11.56, training-school.	

1889.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

		Miscellaneous collections for training-school.....	\$ 896 85
April	28.	Received of Ella Paschall, Treasurer Auxiliary.....	2 00
June	12.	Received of Rev J. W. Compton.....	5 00
	17.	Received of Mrs. M. L. Anderson, Treasurer Auxiliary.....	14 75
	22.	Return of draft given Miss Clara Chrisman.....	275 00
July	1.	Received of F. E. Lemon, mite-box collections.....	1 00
	10.	Received of Miss M. Helm, sale of life-membership certificates.....	7 50
Sept.	1.	Received of a friend, Martin Springs, Tex.....	25 00
Oct.	15.	Interest on deposits to October 1, 1889.....	983 50
Nov.	23.	Received of Treasurer Board of Missions (\$600, travel and outfit of Mrs. Burke; \$300, sale of lot in Shanghai, China).....	900 00
1890.			
March	12.	Received of Mrs. J. J. Tigert, sale of life-membership certificates.....	21 20
April	7.	Received of Mrs. M. G. Mopp.....	4 00
	9.	Interest on deposits.....	1,170 00
		Total.....	\$ 4,305 80

*MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, JR., Treasurer, in Account with Woman's  
Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

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1889.			
April	11.	Paid Miss Lida Howell, outfit for Brazil.....	\$ 200 00
	11.	Paid Eli M. Watts, account of Miss Watts.....	25 00
	25.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, Mexican Border Mission.....	702 10
	25.	Paid Miss Kate Warren, Indian Mission.....	40 00
	25.	Paid Mrs. A. W. Wilson, expenses to Little Rock to Annual Meeting....	70 00
	29.	Paid Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President.....	75 00
May	6.	Paid expenses of officers and Managers to Annual Meeting.....	224 80
	9.	Paid Mrs. A. W. Wilson, on account of traveling expenses.....	107 00
	10.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	60
	10.	Paid Miss Tydings, outfit and traveling expenses to Mexico.....	250 00
	17.	Paid Mrs. A. E. McClendon, outfit and traveling expenses to Laredo....	275 00
	17.	Paid Miss Flora Baker, traveling expenses to Laredo.....	75 00
	20.	Paid Miss Blanche Gilbert, expenses home.....	65 00
	21.	Paid Mrs. Emma Brelsford, kindergarten course.....	150 00
	21.	Paid Baldwin & Co., balance on piano for Rio.....	307 00
	21.	Paid Miss Lizzie Wilson, traveling expenses to Laredo.....	75 00
	21.	Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, health trip.....	150 00
	21.	Paid Miss A. C. Chrisman, traveling expenses to Brazil.....	275 00
	21.	Paid Miss Ella Yarell, traveling expenses to Brazil.....	275 00
	21.	Paid Miss Lida Howell, traveling expenses to Brazil.....	275 00
	23.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, traveling expenses to Little Rock.....	60 40
	23.	Paid Miss Anna Muse, one-half salary and traveling expenses to Little Rock.....	114 58
	31.	Paid Miss Lula Ross, outfit and traveling expenses to Brazil.....	475 00
	31.	Paid Mrs. Isaac Hughes, steamer berth for Miss Ross.....	25 00
June	7.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	10 65
	20.	Paid Miss S. M. Phillips, outfit for Brazil.....	200 00
	21.	Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, leaflet bill.....	123 08
	25.	Paid expenses occurring by death of Miss Chrisman.....	288 95
	28.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, first payment on property at Salti- lo, Mexico.....	2,750 00
July	2.	Paid Mrs. Isaac Hughes, incidentals for missionaries.....	2 25
	2.	Paid American Paper Company, for mite-boxes.....	106 20
	2.	Paid E. M. Gardner, electroplate life-membership certificate.....	76 00
	2.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, fourth quarter for China.....	5,169 25
	2.	Paid same, fourth quarter for Mexican Border.....	450 00
	2.	Paid same, fourth quarter for Mexican Border.....	1,675 00
	2.	Paid same, fourth quarter for Indian Mission.....	325 00
	3.	Paid Miss Blanche Gilbert, one-half salary.....	93 75
	3.	Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, salary, fourth quarter.....	150 00
	6.	Paid Miss S. M. Phillips, traveling expenses to Brazil.....	275 00
	6.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, second payment on property at Saltillo, Mexico.....	2,250 00
	6.	Paid Mrs. Isaac Hughes, steamer berth for Miss Phillips.....	25 00
	8.	Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, printing, postage, etc.....	136 90
	8.	Paid E. M. Gardner, service to Woman's Board of Missions.....	5 00
	8.	Paid A. B. Payne & Co., plate and parchment.....	25 00
	9.	Paid Miss M. Helm, postage on mite-boxes.....	23 00
	9.	Paid Miss Anna Muse, one-half salary.....	93 75
	9.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	27 98
	10.	Paid Miss H. L. Richardson, preparation in training-school.....	75 00
	10.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, for Indian Mission.....	125 00
	11.	Paid Miss M. L. Gibson, expense of travel for Woman's Board of Missions.....	13 85
	13.	Paid Miss M. Helm, Assistant Secretary.....	300 00
	18.	Paid Miss J. F. Acton, traveling expenses to Laredo.....	75 00
Aug.	2.	Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, printing, etc.....	35 10
	20.	Paid Edward Nunstiel, on piano for Harrell Institute.....	41 50
	20.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	15 41
	22.	Paid Mattie Dorsey, traveling expenses to Laredo.....	75 00
Sept.	9.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, Miss Tydings's salary.....	62 50
	9.	Paid Mrs. L. H. McHenry, special for Indian Mission.....	88 80
	16.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, first quarter for Brazil Mission.....	2,375 00

1889.			
Sept.	16.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, first quarter for Brazil Mission.....	\$ 787 50
	24.	Paid same, first quarter for China .....	4,153 75
	24.	Paid same, first quarter for Mexican Border.....	2,685 00
	24.	Paid same, second quarter for Indian Mission.....	125 00
	24.	Paid same, first quarter for Indian Mission.....	187 50
	24.	Paid same, first quarter for Indian Mission.....	325 00
	25.	Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, printing reports, etc.....	529 04
	25.	Paid Miss Brown, one-half salary, first quarter.....	62 50
	25.	Paid Miss A. J. Muse, one-half salary, second quarter.....	93 75
	25.	Paid Miss M. W. Bruce, one-half salary.....	93 75
	25.	Paid Mrs. E. Brelsford, kindergarten course.....	150 00
	25.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, on account back salaries of Mrs. McClendon and Misses Wilson and Baker.....	267 00
Oct.	1.	Paid Miss Mary Helm, Assistant Secretary.....	150 00
	10.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	40
	25.	Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, leaflet bill.....	119 49
Nov.	1.	Paid Miss M. W. Bruce, traveling expenses.....	195 00
	1.	Paid Miss M. W. Bruce, for a conveyance.....	250 00
	1.	Paid Mrs. I. Hughes, account of Miss S. Phillips.....	27 37
	11.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, for Mexican Border Mission.....	150 00
	15.	Paid Mrs. H. N. McTeire, postage.....	5 00
	15.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, for Mexican Border Mission.....	560 00
	15.	Paid Miss H. L. Richardson, expenses at training-school.....	100 00
Dec.	3.	Paid Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President.....	100 00
	6.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	1 88
	9.	Paid Miss B. Gilbert, one-half salary.....	93 75
	12.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Corresponding Secretary, office expenses.....	25 00
	12.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, for Brazil Mission.....	556 90
	26.	Paid Mrs. L. H. McHenry, for Indian Mission.....	44 75
1890.			
Jan.	6.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	9 93
	6.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, for Indian Mission.....	187 50
	6.	Paid same, for Indian Mission.....	474 50
	6.	Paid same, second quarter for Mexican Border Mission.....	2,685 00
	6.	Paid same, second quarter for Brazil Mission.....	599 50
	6.	Paid same, second quarter for Brazil Mission.....	468 10
	6.	Paid same, salary of teacher at Anadarko, I. T.....	125 00
	6.	Paid same, to furnish room at Anadarko, I. T.....	71 86
	6.	Paid Miss B. Gilbert, one-half salary.....	93 75
	6.	Paid W. B. Porter, account of Miss Howell.....	152 50
	6.	Paid Miss M. Davison, account of Miss Howell.....	30 00
	10.	Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, leaflet bill.....	123 93
	10.	Paid Mrs. E. Brelsford, kindergarten course.....	50 00
	10.	Paid Miss M. W. Bruce, one-half salary.....	93 75
	16.	Paid Miss M. Helm, Assistant Secretary.....	50 00
	10.	Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, printing, etc.....	28 25
	20.	Paid same, stationery for Treasurer.....	4 00
	21.	Paid Miss M. Baker, Treasurer Memorial Fund.....	21 40
	27.	Paid Miss A. J. Muse, one-half salary and expenses at Vanderbilt University.....	143 75
	28.	Paid Mrs. E. Brelsford, outfit for Brazil.....	200 00
	29.	Paid Miss S. Brown, one-half salary.....	62 50
Feb.	4.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	2 06
	13.	Paid Miss Helen Richardson, at training-school.....	100 00
	13.	Paid Miss J. F. Acton, traveling expenses to Virginia.....	15 00
	18.	Paid Mrs. E. Brelsford, drawing materials for Miss Watts.....	30 00
	27.	Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, leaflet bill.....	119 88
March	5.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, for Mexican Border.....	318 84
	5.	Paid E. M. Gardner, seal for Woman's Missionary Society.....	4 00
	6.	Paid Mrs. E. Brelsford, traveling expenses to Brazil.....	300 00
	7.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	23 76
	18.	Paid Miss M. Helm, Assistant Secretary.....	100 00
	18.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Corresponding Secretary, office expenses.....	25 00
April	1.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, for Indian Mission.....	68 40
	3.	Paid Miss B. Gilbert, one-half salary.....	93 75
	3.	Paid Miss S. Brown, one-half salary.....	62 50
	3.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, third quarter for Rio, Brazil.....	1,025 00
	3.	Paid same, third quarter for Piracicaba, Brazil.....	549 50
	3.	Paid same, third quarter for Indian Mission.....	324 50
	3.	Paid same, salary of Miss A. V. Wilson, third quarter.....	187 50
	3.	Paid same, salary of Mrs. Avant, third quarter.....	125 00
	3.	Paid Miss Sallie Phillips.....	181 50
	3.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, third quarter for Mexican Border.....	2,685 00
	3.	Paid Miss M. W. Bruce, salary for third quarter.....	93 75
	3.	Paid Mrs. J. J. Tigert, expense of sending out mite-boxes, etc.....	5 00
	3.	Paid Miss E. Rennotte, account of Miss Watts.....	20 00
	3.	Paid Miss A. J. Muse, one-half salary.....	93 75
Total disbursements.....			\$ 45,923 54

## RECAPITULATION.

Amount collected for training-school.....	\$ 2,976 29
Amount collected from self-denial and thank offerings.....	4,818 46 + ✓
Amount collected by mite-boxes.....	2,129 88 ✓

## RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION.

Amount received for fiscal year 1878-79.....	\$ 4,014 27
1879-80.....	13,775 97
1880-81.....	19,362 10
1881-82.....	25,609 44
1882-83.....	29,647 31
1883-84.....	38,873 52
1884-85.....	52,652 12
1885-86.....	51,588 76
1886-87.....	50,092 63
1887-88.....	69,729 65
1888-89.....	68,165 34
1889-90.....	75,486 54
Total receipts.....	\$ 498,997 65

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

NASHVILLE, TENN., April 9, 1890.

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

The books of Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Jr., Treasurer, for the year ending April 9, 1890, have been carefully examined and found correct, with vouchers on hand for all expenditures made.

Very respectfully,

JOSEPH D. HAMILTON, *Auditor.*

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

Alabama Conference.....	\$ 2,765 41	North Georgia Conference.....	\$ 6,355 18
Arkansas Conference.....	549 95	North Mississippi Conference.....	3,226 12
Baltimore Conference.....	2,604 41	North Texas Conference.....	803 60
Denver Conference.....	158 98	North-west Texas Conference.....	811 75
East Texas Conference.....	1,249 68	Pacific Conference.....	426 56
Florida Conference.....	2,377 66	South Carolina Conference.....	4,268 39
Holston Conference.....	4,351 09	South Georgia Conference.....	3,559 16
Indian Mission Conference.....	135 92	South-west Missouri Conference.....	3,339 42
Kentucky Conference.....	3,017 82	St. Louis Conference.....	2,100 18
Little Rock Conference.....	1,481 06	Tennessee Conference.....	4,353 30
Los Angeles Conference.....	275 79	Texas Conference.....	876 01
Louisville Conference.....	2,407 27	Virginia Conference.....	3,800 61
Louisiana Conference.....	1,391 06	Western Conference.....	183 38
Memphis Conference.....	2,643 94	Western Virginia Conference.....	740 47
Mississippi Conference.....	1,499 55	West Texas Conference.....	504 11
Missouri Conference.....	2,562 35	White River Conference.....	389 25
North Alabama Conference.....	1,844 63	Miscellaneous.....	4,305 80
North Carolina Conference.....	4,166 68	Total.....	\$75,476 54

## REPORT OF MEMORIAL FUND.

Receipts from April 1, 1889, to April 1, 1890.

Alabama Conference Society.....	\$ 6 88	North-west Texas Conference Society.....	\$ 2 00
Arkansas Conference Society.....	2 00	South Carolina Conference Society.....	19 00
Baltimore Conference Society.....	42 25	South Georgia Conference Society.....	17 35
East Texas Conference Society.....	14 00	St. Louis Conference Society.....	15 00
Florida Conference Society.....	6 50	Tennessee Conference Society.....	4 55
Holston Conference Society.....	13 25	Texas Conference Society.....	13 84
Indian Mission Conference Society.....	5 00	Virginia Conference Society.....	1 00
Kentucky Conference Society.....	23 97	Western Virginia Conference Society.....	3 10
Louisiana Conference Society.....	51 72	West Texas Conference Society.....	2 75
Louisville Conference Society.....	4 82		
Memphis Conference Society.....	9 30		\$ 320 96
Mississippi Conference Society.....	17 15	Amount previously reported.....	1,783 77
Missouri Conference Society.....	2 00	Interest on deposit-January 1, 1890.....	48 94
North Carolina Conference Society.....	8 60	Total receipts.....	\$ 2,153 67
North Georgia Conference Society.....	7 23		
North Mississippi Conference Society.....	25 00		
North Texas Conference Society.....	2 70		

The above includes the \$186.30 reported by Mrs. Whitworth, April, 1882.

MOSS M. BAKER, Treasurer Memorial Fund.

TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
**Woman's Board of Missions**  
OF THE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

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"IN His name" has become a watch-word for service among the sons and daughters of the King, and never is loving loyalty to "Him who is eternal, immortal, invisible" more fully shown than in preparing to entertain strangers who assemble "in His name." When from east, west, and south the members of the Woman's Board of Missions met in St. Louis, Christian hospitality made the meeting luminous and memorable. Nothing that could be done to lighten the labors, speed the business, or lessen the expenses of the Board had been left undone by the very efficient local committee, under the direction of the honored Corresponding Secretary of the St. Louis Conference Society. From the transfer agent who conveyed passengers and baggage to and from their destination for one fare, through the long list of elect women in the Churches who provided the beautiful and bountiful daily luncheons, and the pretty children who, acting as pages, sped on willing feet to expedite the business of the daily sessions, to the sweet-voiced singers who led the hearts of the audience at the memorial service up to the invisible choir—one and all evinced the desire "not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

The presence of the General Conference brought many visitors to the city, so that the attendance at the sessions of the Board was unusually large.

Owing to a conflict of attractions the opening session of the Board and its anniversary were merged into one meeting, thereby prolonging it unduly, but giving opportunity to attend the reception of fraternal delegates.

The daily prayer-meeting, from 12:30 to 1 o'clock, was a season of inspiration. On two days a love-feast at that hour quickened the soul by interchange of Christian experience.

The anniversary sermon, preached in St. John's Church by Dr. Haygood on Sunday, May 18 (the day before he was elected bishop), was grand in its scope and effect. The church was thronged; it seemed as if the General Conference had come in a body to hear their distinguished representative. The annual communion service was omitted, on account of the crowded condition of the church.

The Clara Chrisman memorial was held on Sunday afternoon, and was a beautiful and appropriate service. Strangely in harmony with the manner of her death, at the hour appointed for that meeting a terrific storm swept over the city, flooding the streets, causing many who were on their way to the church to seek shelter from its violence, and making it impossible for Bishop Galloway, who was preaching in the suburbs, to reach the meeting in time to take part in the programme—a fact which all regretted, and none more deeply than the bishop himself, who was her friend. Extracts from a "Sketch of Miss Chrisman's Life," written by her sister, which will be published in book form at an early date, were read expressively and beautifully by Miss Mamie Messick. The solos, "Give me Jesus" and "Asleep in Jesus," were rendered with sweetness and pathos by Mrs. Parsons. After the prepared programme, which was shortened by the absence of Bishop Galloway's address, had been completed, voluntary tributes to the memory of Miss Chrisman were given by members of the Board and visitors. Every testimonial made more clear the truth: "She being dead yet speaketh."

The reception given to the Board by the ladies of St. John's Church in the spacious church parlors, on Monday evening, was a delightful occasion. More than six hundred guests were present, and were royally entertained.

Another reception given to the members of the Board by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cupples, in their palatial home, was an æsthetic delight and a joy in memory. The enjoyment of the rare old world treasures and of the beautiful home, perfect in its appointments, was a pleasure and a means of culture. Consecrated wealth must make its possessor akin to Him "whose are the silver and the gold."

The presence of returned missionaries added greatly of the interest of the meeting. Mrs. Parker, of Suchow, China; Mrs. Watkins, of Mexico; Miss Mary Bruce, of Brazil; Miss Gilbert, of Mexico; Rev. C. K. Marshall, of China; Rev. J. W. Tarboux, of Brazil; and Rev. N. W. Utley, of Japan, gave delightful accounts of life and the *status* of gospel work in the lands whence they came. The children's meeting on Sunday afternoon was made especially interesting by their entertaining addresses.



The munificent gift of Dr. Nathan Scarritt to the Board for a training school for missionaries and other Christian workers made the twelfth annual meeting notable; and, when on the day after adjournment, in answer to the telegram of thanks and acceptance sent to him by the Secretary, came the intelligence of the death of the noble man who had devised so liberally for the training of workers for Christ's service, although the Board knew that the exchange of worlds was an infinite gain to him, it felt a deep sense of loss in being deprived of his wise counsels and clear judgment in reference to the project he had so liberally endowed and to which he had given such earnest thought. May the Scarritt Training School prove his worthy monument!

## OFFICIAL MINUTES.



PRIOR to the formal opening of the twelfth annual convocation of the Woman's Board of Missions the usual preliminary meetings were held to prepare for the work of the session.

At 10 A.M. May 14, 1890, the officers and managers met in St. Louis, Mo., to nominate the standing committees, and, at the same hour, the Conference Corresponding Secretaries held a session in St. John's Church, in which the home work in all its relations was thoroughly discussed.

At 3 P.M. a called meeting of the entire Board was held to consider proposed changes in the Constitution. After discussion of the same, the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to present to the General Conference a memorial petitioning for the alterations approved by this body. The Indian work was also discussed, and a communication in regard to it was sent to the General Conference.

The subject of the training school was then taken up; but owing to the lateness of the hour it was postponed to 11 o'clock the next day. The Secretary was requested to invite the presence of Dr. Nathan Scarritt and Bishops Wilson and Hendrix at that session, that the Board might have the favor of hearing their views on the subject.

### OPENING SESSION.

At 8 P.M. on Wednesday, May 14, 1890, the regular opening session of the twelfth annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in St. John's Church, St. Louis, Mo.

#### Programme.

1. ORGAN VOLUNTARY. Miss Payne.
2. DOXOLOGY.
3. SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah lxi. Rev. Dr. Taylor.
4. SOLO. Mr. Wiseman.
5. ADDRESS OF WELCOME. Mrs. B. M. Messick, St. Louis, Mo.
6. RESPONSE. Mrs. M. D. Wightman, Charleston, S. C.
7. HYMN: "We praise thee, O Lord." Mr. J. C. Wilkinson.
8. ANNUAL ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT. Mrs. Juliana Hayes.
9. SOLO. Miss Minette Slayback.

10. REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY. Mrs. D. H. McGavock.

11. REPORT OF TREASURER. Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Jr.

12. GLORIA PATRI.

13. BENEDICTION. Rev. Dr. Taylor.

Beautiful flowers made the already handsome church as an altar of sweet incense to our divine Redeemer, and breathed a fragrant blessing upon the workers assembled.

The words of greeting spoken so beautifully by Mrs. B. M. Messick, wife of the pastor of St. John's Church, glowed with love to God and the cause of Missions as she welcomed the Board to the hospitality of the Church and to the homes and hearts of its members.

The response for the Board by Mrs. M. D. Wightman was in words that burned with zeal and devotion for Christ.

The graceful compliment tendered the Board by Mr. J. C. Wilkinson in composing a hymn in honor of the occasion, and affectionately inscribing it to Mrs. J. C. Granbery, wife of an honored bishop of the Church, was appreciated by the members of the Board. Thus by perfume, word, and song the Woman's Board of Missions was made thrice-welcome.

The annual address of the President showed the vigor of its venerable and venerated author. The reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer gave gratifying evidence of the advance movement of the work of the year. They were worthy the occasion and themselves.

### BUSINESS SESSION.

The Woman's Board of Missions convened for its first business session in St. John's Church, St. Louis, Mo., on Thursday, May 15, 1890, at 9 A.M., Mrs. Juliana Hayes presiding. The devotional exercises were conducted by the President. The meeting was called to order. Forty members were enrolled. All the officers and managers, except Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Jr., the Treasurer, were present, while all of the Conference Societies but three were represented. When the Pacific Conference was called it was stated that Mrs. Wolfskill, from Los Angeles Conference, had been elected to represent the Pacific Conference also, the two Societies bearing her expenses jointly; but as one delegate could not represent two Conferences, this was not allowed.

Mrs. Fentress, of San Francisco, an officer of the Pacific Conference Society, was invited to a seat in the Board, and given a voice in its proceedings, although she could not act legally as the representative of that Society. The Board enrolled was as follows:

*Officers.*

Mrs. Juliana Hayes,	Mrs. D. H. McGavock,
Mrs. M. D. Wightman,	Miss Maria L. Gibson.

*Managers.*

Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyningham,	Mrs. L. H. McHenry,
Mrs. I. G. John,	Miss Melissa Baker,
Mrs. E. C. Dowdell,	Mrs. Adam Hendrix.

*Conference Corresponding Secretaries.*

Mrs. Mark S. Andrews (reserve),	Mrs. V. V. Harlan,
Mrs. F. E. Bond,	Mrs. A. A. Morrison (reserve),
Mrs. Fannie E. Heartsill,	Mrs. A. E. Philips,
Mrs. Charles McClung,	Mrs. S. C. Trueheart,
Miss Carrie Arrington,	Mrs. J. R. Harvey,
Mrs. G. W. Wolfskill (reserve),	Miss Mary Helm (reserve),
Miss Laura Bradford,	Mrs. J. B. Chatfield (reserve),
Mrs. F. H. Montague,	Mrs. C. W. Brandon,
Mrs. F. M. Bumpass,	Mrs. Morgan Callaway,
Mrs. J. B. Stone,	Mrs. E. J. Robinson,
Mrs. G. F. Marchbanks (reserve),	Mrs. J. W. Humbert,
Mrs. J. B. Cobb,	Mrs. Nathan Scarritt,
Mrs. E. Avis,	Mrs. L. W. Plummer,
Mrs. S. S. Park,	Mrs. H. C. Cheatham,
Miss Lida Moore,	Mrs. H. T. Steele.

The report of the preliminary meeting of officers and managers was read by the Secretary. The standing committees nominated by them were approved as follows:

*Committee on Missionary Candidates.*

MRS. J. B. COBB, Chairman.

Miss Baker,	Mrs. Chatfield,
Mrs. Brandon,	Mrs. Philips,
Mrs. Andrews,	Mrs. Robinson.

*Committee on Extension of Work.*

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK, Chairman.

Mrs. Cunyningham,	Mrs. Park,
Mrs. Trueheart,	Mrs. Stone,
Mrs. Humbert,	Mrs. McClung,
Mrs. Bond,	Mrs. Plummer,

Mrs. Morrison.

*Committee on Publication.*

MRS. E. C. DOWDELL, Chairman.

Mrs. Scarritt,	Mrs. Cheatham,
Mrs. John,	Miss Helm,
Mrs. Heartsill,	Mrs. Marchbanks,
Mrs. Bumpass,	Mrs. Wolfskill.

*Committee on Finance.*

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN, Chairman.

Mrs. McHenry,	Mrs. Callaway,
Mrs. Hendrix,	Mrs. Harlan,
Mrs. Montague,	Mrs. Harvey,
Miss Moore,	Miss Bradford.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

*Committee on Memorial Resolutions.*

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART, Chairman,

Mrs. McHenry,	Mrs. Chatfield,
	Mrs. Dowdell.

*Committee on Devotional Exercises.*

The Local Committee from various Churches.

The hours for daily sessions were fixed from 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Prayer-meeting 12:30 to 1.

The speakers recommended by the Executive Committee for the entertainment of the audiences present when the Board should retire to hold executive sessions were as follows: Mrs. Watkins, of Mexico; Mrs. Parker and Rev. C. K. Marshall, of China; Miss Bruce and Rev. Mr. Tarboux, of Brazil; Miss Gilbert, of Mexico; and Miss Wilson, of Indian Territory. The report of the committee was approved.

A report from the preliminary meeting of Conference Corresponding Secretaries was presented by Mrs. Trueheart. On motion of Miss Helm, the report was laid on the table.

Mrs. Cunyngnam read the report of the Local Board. Miss Helm moved that such portions of the report as referred to business before the Standing Committees be laid before such committees, and that such portions as referred to the training school be discussed when that subject is brought forward. Carried.

## Report of Called Meetings of the Woman's Board

*From May, 1889, to May, 1890.*

On May 29, 1889, a meeting was held at which action was taken in regard to such business as had been referred to the Board in Nashville.

The editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* having been granted permission to employ an assistant, to be chosen with the approval of the Board, Miss Lena Freeman, who sent with her application fine testimonials, was the successful candidate for this position.

The call for a juvenile missionary paper, so oft repeated, having been referred to the Board in Nashville, led it to consider whether provision might not be made for juvenile members by the addition of several pages to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*; but on learning what the increased expense would be, the Board did not feel justified in incurring this expense, when there was so much uncertainty as to its meeting the supposed want.

Miss Hellen Richardson, a missionary candidate who had been accepted at Little Rock, having expressed a desire to attend a training school before going abroad, the idea was approved; and as the St. Louis Conference Society agreed to meet the expenses thus incurred, she was granted permission to spend at least one year in such an institution. She has been in the Chicago Training School during the year past.

Miss Martha Pyles, whose papers had been submitted to the Committee on Candidates at Little Rock, and upon whose case favorable report had been made, appeared before the Board in May, 1889. Personal intercourse confirmed the good opinion already formed as to her qualifications. She represented her educational advantages as limited; but the Board, foreseeing fine possibilities in her, desired to utilize them for the Master's work, and the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Miss Pyles be accepted as a candidate for missionary work, with the understanding that she pursue a collegiate course of study until such education is acquired as will fit her for usefulness in the foreign field.

It was understood that the South-west Missouri Conference Society would be responsible for all needed funds in making this preparation. Miss Pyles has been at school in Kansas City during the past winter.

The Committee on Candidates had recommended that the required examination of Miss Lula Ross be completed before the Board in Nashville, and in case it proved satisfactory, that she make preparation to respond at once to the loud call for help coming from China. The examination was satisfactory, but circumstances led to a reconsideration of the recommendation to send her to China, and the Board felt justified in transferring her to Rio, in answer to a call for a competent person to take charge of a special work in that city. This was almost a necessity, in view of the depletion of the working force in Brazil by yellow fever, and the likelihood that some of the missionaries would be compelled to have a change for recuperation. In less

than a month there was a call to give permission to Miss Bruce to come home if the Board would save her valuable life for the Church and Brazil. The permission was granted, and Miss Bruce came home for a year's rest.

The skies which beamed so brightly on the Board and its work while in Little Rock were suddenly overcast when the Johnstown flood, in carrying its thousands into eternity, overtook and claimed one of our little band of missionaries while en route to New York, from which port she would have sailed in a few days for Brazil. The following resolution but feebly expresses the feeling of the Board when it became a certainty that Anna Clara Chrisman was a victim of that disaster, and had been borne on that flood "through the gates into the eternal city of our Lord."

The members of the Woman's Board of Missions are stunned. The blow that has fallen upon them and their work by the unexpected call to Miss Anna Clara Chrisman to "enter into the joy of her Lord," instead of going to the foreign field, has made them "dumb with silence." Like the Psalmist of old, each feels to say: "I opened not my mouth because Thou didst it." And yet they would not be true to themselves, to their sainted missionary, or to the bereaved family did they not give some expression to the feelings called forth by this mysterious providence; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That while we deplore an event that *seems* so untimely, we recognize God's hand in it, and bow submissively to his will. Miss Chrisman had given herself—body, soul, and spirit—to God, and had given her life to his service. Admirably qualified by nature, grace, and education for this service, high hopes were entertained for her usefulness in her chosen field. It has pleased God to take that *life* instead of the *work* she would have done, and what He wills is best.

2. That the Board hereby extends to the widowed mother, the sister, and the aged grandparents, Christian sympathy, praying God that the consolations of his grace may abound to them in this season of sorrow, and that they may realize that their beloved one is "not lost, but gone before."

3: That in the death of Miss Chrisman the Church has lost a most zealous and efficient member, and the cause she represented a most devoted and promising missionary.

MRS. L. H. McHENRY, *President pro tem.*;

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK, *Corresponding Secretary*;

MRS. W. G. E. CUNNINGHAM, *Recording Secretary pro tem.*;

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

MRS. I. G. JOHN,

MRS. LAURA PLUMMER.

At a subsequent meeting, held during the winter, the Treasurer reported that Mrs. Chrisman had refunded, with interest, the money paid for transporting the remains of her daughter to Beauregard, Miss., and

that she proposed to defray all other funeral expenses, including casket, etc. To this, reply was made by instructing the Treasurer to return the money to that bereaved mother, who had lost so much by the untimely death of this precious one, and to say to her that the Board claimed the privilege of paying all expenses connected with the funeral of this, their dear, adopted child.

In June Miss Sallie M. Phillips, of Homer, La., was before the Board, and after a very satisfactory examination, was recommended to the bishops for appointment to Brazil. She sailed soon after, and has now the situation Miss Chrisman would have had, where she is making proof of her fitness and fidelity.

Several candidates will be before your Committee. As it could not be conveniently arranged to have them all come before the Board in Nashville, it was decided to call them before this body in annual session.

The Corresponding Secretary having announced the intended marriage of Miss Lipscomb, the Board, moved by the distress in China, occasioned by the failing health of so many of our missionaries, and fearing the consequences of the great strain upon those still able to work, adopted the following resolution and forwarded it to Miss Lipscomb:

*Resolved*, That this Board most earnestly requests Miss Lipscomb to defer her marriage until re-enforcements reach China. [Miss Lipscomb declined to accede to the request of the Board, and was married February 28.]

The depletion of the working force in this important field by sickness and the marriage of missionaries renders the situation absolutely deplorable. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers."

The work at Suchow having expanded to such an extent as to require more funds than had been appropriated to that station, Miss Haygood asked permission to transfer to Mrs. Campbell, for the prosecution of the important work at Suchow, \$500 of the money held for Shanghai, for which there was no immediate call. The transfer was allowed to be made.

Dr. Philips's health being reported as precarious, and requiring a change of climate, a cablegram was sent in December granting her permission to leave for home in company with Dr. Parker and wife. She sailed soon after, and traveled with Dr. Parker and wife as far as Columbo, Ceylon, where they separated, the latter going to India, Miss Philips pursuing her homeward journey, expecting them to join her a month later in Italy. Reaching Port Said, where a steamer was just leaving for Shanghai, Dr. Philips transferred to this vessel and re-



turned to China. No explanation of this sudden change of plans has been received at the time of this writing.

Mrs. Campbell was instructed to take charge of the medical and hospital work at Suchow in the absence of Dr. Philips.

In response to a request of Mrs. Campbell that she be permitted to take up the study of medicine under Dr. Park, a request strongly seconded by Miss Haygood, the Board, loving to grant the petitions of its missionaries, unless these petitions appear to involve danger to the missionaries, and through injury to them damage to the work, adopted the following resolution offered by Miss Mary Helm:

*Resolved*, That the proposition of Mrs. Campbell to begin the study of medicine under Dr. Park be held in abeyance by her until it be carefully considered by herself, Miss Haygood, and Dr. Park in view of her physical ability to bear this additional strain and labor; and this Board, in consenting to her undertaking this work, strongly protests against it if any injury to her health is involved.

A resolution cordially thanking Dr. Park for his kind and brotherly offer to render assistance in the medical department of the work of the Woman's Board of Missions was unanimously adopted.

Miss Holding was with the Board in one of its called meetings, and represented a fine opening for work in Chihuahua, Mexico—a work involving little expense, and to take charge of which she regards Miss Gilbert as being qualified. It was decided to recommend that Miss Gilbert and an assistant from Laredo be appointed to this station during the present meeting.

Learning that Miss Carrie Arrington was rendering acceptable service in Harrell Institute, the Board expressed its pleasure that she was there employed, holding in grateful memory her faithful services at Pawhuska.

Miss Wilson having reported the necessity for better drainage as a protection to the health of the inmates of Harrell Institute, the action of the Corresponding Secretary in sending the funds necessary for this safety measure was indorsed by the Board.

A similar need was reported as existing in Rio; also that the supply of pure water at the college is insufficient. The missionaries believe the visitation of yellow fever, whereby they were so greatly afflicted, was largely attributable to these causes. An appeal being made for funds to improve the sanitary condition of the school premises, and not having a quorum in Nashville, the Corresponding Secretary, realizing that precious lives were exposed and delay was dangerous, assumed the responsibility of directing Miss Jones to contract to have the work done

immediately, and of sending \$500 for this purpose. This action was also indorsed by the Board.

A change having been made in the manner of sending funds to Brazil, an explanation was asked for by the missionaries. They were informed that such change was without the authority of the Board; also that in the opinion of Bishop Granbery, who has charge of this field, when funds are sent out through the Treasurer of the Parent Board the conditions of the law have been met, and that its disbursement in the fields is a matter for this Board to decide.

Miss Mary Helm made a motion that the funds be sent to the mission fields as heretofore, the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions instructing the Treasurer of the General Board as to their direction. Carried.

Mrs. Brelsford, who was studying the kindergarten system preparatory to going to Brazil, reported the appropriation for board and material as insufficient to meet actual expenses. It was moved and carried that \$50 of the contingent fund be added to this appropriation. Mrs. Brelsford completed her course, and sailed in March last.

Rev. Mr. Rowe, of Bowling Green, Va., offered a scholarship in his school to missionary candidates. There being no one at the time prepared to avail herself of this offer, a vote of thanks was sent to Mr. Rowe, with the assurance that his kindness was highly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. W. G. E. CUNNINGHAM,

*Recording Secretary pro tem.*

[NOTE.—A full account of the action of the Local Board in regard to the training school was included in this report; but in view of the fact that the most important proceedings have either been published in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, or brought forward in the first annual report of the agent (Miss Bennett); and especially since all previous action was virtually annulled by the Board in annual session, when it accepted unanimously the offer made by Dr. Nathan Scaritt in person, on May 15, 1890, the record is omitted here.—M. L. G., *Recording Secretary.*]

The report of the Agent of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* was read by Mrs. F. A. Butler. Referred to the Committees on Finance and Publication.

#### Report of Agent of Woman's Missionary Advocate.

Mrs. F. A. Butler, Agent, in account with the Woman's Board of Missions:

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To balance on hand April 15, 1889.....	\$2,885 78
To amount received from subscriptions from April 15, 1889, to May 1, 1890.....	4,871 88
To amount received from interest on deposits from January, 1889, to January, 1890.....	75 36—\$7,833 02

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By amount paid out per vouchers.....	\$4,108 90
Balance on hand May 1, 1890.....	\$3,724 12
Circulation, 13,000.	

MRS. F. A. BUTLER, *Agent*.

The report of the Auditor was also read:

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

I have examined the books of Mrs. F. A. Butler, Agent, from April 15, 1889, to May 1, 1890, and find them correctly kept and vouchers on hand for expenditures made.

Very respectfully,  
Nashville, May 6, 1890.

J. D. HAMILTON, *Auditor*.

The report of the Editor and Publisher of Leaflets was presented by Mrs. Cunyngnam, and referred to the Committees on Finance and Publication:

### Report of Editor and Publisher of Leaflets

*From September, 1889, to September, 1890.*

Twenty-four varieties of leaflets—twelve adult and twelve juvenile—and the same number of monthly programmes have been prepared and distributed as ordered by the Board.

The programme for the Week of Prayer was not put in leaflet form, but was published once in all the Church papers and in the October and November numbers of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*. This was done in time to give every one so desiring an opportunity to supply herself with a copy before the services of the week began.

The leaflets, "Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box" and "Mrs. Purdy's Parquises," for which there was frequent call, were by order of the Board reprinted in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and one thousand copies of each struck off for distribution. These excellent tracts seem to lose none of their popularity by being more widely read.

It is with pleasure the Editor announces that the demand for this class of literature has made it necessary to increase the number printed. Whether this means actual increase of members, readers, and of missionary interest, or whether these are used as a means to attain that result she cannot say. Evidently the leaven is working. May the whole mass soon be leavened!

#### STATEMENT.

Number of leaflets issued during the year.....	364,000
Number of programmes issued.....	36,000
Total number of pages of leaflets and programmes.....	1,564,000

NOTE.—This does not include "Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box," "Mrs. Purdy's Parquises" (above mentioned), or 1,000 copies of "Duties of Officers and Members."

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount appropriated by Board.....	\$400 00
Contingent.....	50 00
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Total.....	\$450 00
Amount expended for printing and mailing.....	488 95
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In excess of appropriation.....	\$ 38 95

## ADDENDUM.

Balance from sale of leaflets last year.....	\$ 2 30
Received for leaflets.....	1 00
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Total.....	\$ 3 30
Amount expended for mailing to individuals.....	4 69
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In excess of receipts.....	\$ 1 39

The editor begs leave to say a word in regard to the monthly programmes as now issued. For six years these have been regularly prepared and furnished to the Societies. It does seem that our women ought by this time to be educated up to the point where they can conduct a meeting without being led in every step. These programmes were never intended to be binding; they are only suggestive. Therefore, in lieu of the present programme, it is suggested that an outline programme for Adult and Juvenile Societies be published regularly in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, leaving the Scripture lesson and hymns to be selected by the President or Lady Manager. This outline would cover the ordinary routine of a monthly meeting, and would surely be a sufficient guide to any one competent to hold those offices.

The method suggested involves a lessening of expenses on this line, which would prove a wise economy.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. W. G. E. CUNNYNGHAM,  
*Editor and Publisher of Leaflets.*

Revised copies of "Questions to Missionary Candidates" and "Requirements of Missionary Candidates" were read by the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Missionary Candidates.

The following resolution was presented and referred to the same committee:

*Resolved*, That all candidates who are present at the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions shall answer all these questions before the Board in committee of the whole.

MRS. C. J. McCLUNG,  
MRS. W. G. E. CUNNYNGHAM.

A letter from Miss Annie M. Barnes, of Georgia, concerning a juvenile paper, was read and referred to the Committee on Publication.

At 11 o'clock the subject of the training school was taken up. The report of Miss Belle H. Bennett, the Agent appointed at the last annual meeting of the Board, was presented.

## Report of Agent of Training School.

One year ago, when this Board, in annual session at Little Rock, Ark., unanimously decided, after years of thought and prayer, that the time had come to project a training school for more effectively carrying forward the work of Missions, and I was appointed as Agent, a burden which God had already placed on my heart was increased, and the magnitude of the undertaking and the responsibility of my position impressed me as no member of this body can ever understand.

In the prayer following my appointment, when the Board committed me and the undertaking to the direction and protection of the Head of the Church, I consecrated myself to the work, relying with implicit confidence on the guidance of the Spirit and the pledged co-operation of this Board.

Looked upon with the eyes of human wisdom, the enterprise seemed one of childish weakness. No money, no resources, and a mission of wondrous import committed to an earthen vessel, untried and unknown; but I went out as directed, in God's strength, committing my work and my ways unto him, knowing full well that he could establish my thoughts and bring it to pass; and I return to report the great things he has done.

The action of the Board, which looked to a speedy consummation of their wishes, demanded that operations should commence at once, and the school be opened, if possible, in the following September or October. I was to see, first, the best place for location; this to be governed by facilities for training—such as house to house visiting, making a city of large population necessary. I was to visit Mission Boards, to enlist co-operation, and to collect funds. My instructions, in addition, referred me to the Local Board at Nashville, empowered by this Board to act in confirming and carrying forward at once the enterprise. To that Board I have gone, and have taken no step without its approval.

From the day I received my commission at your hands to this time, wherever I have gone and my mission has been understood, men, women, and children have responded, and often responded enthusiastically. From the old and the young, the rich and the poor, donations have come—some with streaming eyes, and many with a fervent "God bless you and give you good success!" Women have taken the ear-rings from their ears, the rings from their fingers, and the watches from their bosoms, saying: "Take these; we have no money, but we want to give something for this cause of Christ, and we are glad to give them."

Many have longed to work in the Lord's vineyard. Some who have spoken to me are in ability and acquirements far beyond the average woman, and yet they would not enter because they did not know how to work. These have taken courage, and look forward with rejoicing and thanksgiving. I doubt not that since means of preparing them for work are within reach hundreds of women in our Church will hear and heed the call of God to foreign fields.

First, as to the location of the training school. Immediately after adjournment of the Annual Board in Little Rock, St. Louis and Louisville made good offers. I visited both places, conversed with their most prominent Church-members, met their pastors at their ministers' meetings, and found them anx-

ious for the school because of the decided advantages of such an enterprise to their cities and churches. The first formal offer came from Louisville: a rented house, in which to open at once, and the promise of not less than a \$10,000 house and grounds in a year. This was afterward supplemented by an additional \$5,000, making house and grounds \$15,000.

St. Louis offered a furnished house, rent free for five years, with promise of enlargement for the future need.

Then came the offer of Rev. Nathan Scarritt, of Kansas City: a beautiful lot, valued at \$25,000, and \$25,000 in money, provided the Board would pledge \$25,000. I visited Kansas City and carefully inspected the offered site. I sought the opinions of the wise men and women of the Church, and all agreed that Kansas City was the place for the Training School. The matter was laid before the Local Board; the conditions were agreed to; the magnificent gift was thankfully accepted, and the Church at large informed of their action. Doxologies were sung and hymns of praise sent up to the God who had so wonderfully manifested his favor. Blessings from grateful hearts were sent Dr. Scarritt, and a vote of thanks from the Local Board.

I must not omit mentioning other offers of location for the Training School: Martha Washington College, Abinglon Va.; Central College, Missouri, by Dr. Palmore; and a similar offer from Mr. and Mrs. Ray, of Asheville, N. C. Drs. Price and Kelley, of Nashville, offered the Nashville College for Young Ladies. But the Board did not contemplate attaching the Training School to any other; so all these were declined.

Various causes had delayed the final location of the school until December, when, as have said, Kansas City, owing to Dr. Scarritt's munificent gift, was selected. I was then directed to go to Kansas City, and with the advice of those interested to appoint a Board of Directors, Dr. Scarrit, myself, and one other to constitute a building committee. This was done, and plans and specifications were secured looking toward a speedy establishment of the institution. Forms of deed and of Constitution were drafted, and the papers sent by the Agent to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, with the request that action be taken and the deed accepted as soon as possible. The said deed had been examined and approved by some of the best lawyers in Kansas City before being forwarded.

Circumstances decided the Local Board to defer further action to the meeting of this Annual Board at this juncture, and all proceedings as to building were stopped.

In the early days of the canvass I asked assistance; and Mrs. Wightman, Vice-president of the Board, was appointed as Southern agent, and not only did splendid work for the training-school, but, as one of our bishops said to me, her presence and voice upon the Conference floor were an inspiration, and gave an impetus to the woman's work in the Conferences that she visited that they had never known before.

Just here let me speak of the untiring help of Rev. Sam Jones in our behalf. From the first mention of the Training School at Park's Hill Camp, Kentucky Conference, he has been an enthusiastic friend. He has invited me to his meetings, given me leave to present the work, and enforced what I said in such a way that a good collection was sure to follow. He has given

liberally out of his own means and helped me secure thousands of dollars. We owe him much. For myself I am deeply grateful. I have attended nine of his meetings; Mrs. Wightman, two.

I have visited ten different Conferences; filled from seventy-five to one hundred appointments; written over three thousand letters and postals; distributed fifteen thousand leaflets; held missionary mass-meetings; organized Societies; and traveled over twenty thousand miles, carrying out as best I could the instructions received from the Woman's Board. I wish, however, to emphasize the fact that no single Conference has been canvassed. We have but touched the borders of the Church. We have not even knocked at her doors. Only that God who holdeth the hearts of men in his hand, and turneth them as a river whithersoever he will, can tell how great the response will be to this blessed work, if only we will give the opportunity. To him be all the praise, now and forever.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

	Subscription.	Collection.
Kentucky Conference.....	\$ 4,196 59	\$ 981 09
Louisville Conference.....	880 50	219 75
North Georgia Conference.....	4,481 00	1,296 82
South Georgia Conference.....	1,207 50	455 51
Louisiana Conference.....	180 00	75 00
Louisiana Conference (through Mrs. Wightman)....	1,271 75	252 65
Little Rock Conference.....	41 00	21 00
Little Rock Conference (through Mrs. Wightman)...	424 00	139 00
South-west Missouri Conference.....	475 00	443 51
North Carolina Conference.....	85 00	5 00
North Carolina Conference (through Mrs. Wightman)	2,495 25	565 31
North Mississippi Conference.....	4,583 75	1,220 60
North Mississippi Conference (through Mrs. Wightman).....	1,359 50	266 40
Mississippi Conference.....	3,527 00	754 75
Mississippi Conference (through Mrs. Wightman)....	715 00	149 00
Missouri Conference.....	1,165 00	1,336 95
East Texas Conference.....	2,805 00	374 80
North Texas Conference.....	150 00	45 60
North-west Texas Conference.....	2,260 00	316 75
St. Louis Conference.....		5 00
Arkansas Conference.....		10 00
Los Angeles Conference.....		100 00
North Alabama Conference.....		240 30
Virginia Conference.....		2 25
Virginia and North Carolina (through Mrs. Wightman).....	3,301 50	462 25
South Carolina Conference.....		76 14
Alabama Conference.....		130 16
Memphis Conference.....		30 00
Tennessee Conference.....		181 61
West Texas Conference.....		2 00

White River Conference (through Mrs. Wightman)...	\$ 433 00	\$ 77 00
Mexico Conference (through Mrs. Wightman).....		5 00
New York.....		100 00
Sundries.....		17 50
Cash (through Mrs. Wightman).....		604 15
Sundries (through Mrs. Wightman).....		168 95
Specials, to be used at the discretion of the Agent....	875 00	175 00
Brazil.....	5 00	5 00
	\$36,917 34	\$11,311 90
Miss Bennett's office and traveling expenses for the year.....	\$758 41	
Mrs. Wightman's expenses.....	168 95—	927 36
		\$10,384 54

BELLE H. BENNETT, *Agent and Treasurer.*

A rising vote of thanks was given to Miss Bennett and Mrs. Wightman, after which Mrs. McHenry suggested that a prayer of thanksgiving be offered. Mrs. McHenry and Miss Helm led the devotions.

Rev. Nathan Scarritt, who though in feeble health had responded to the invitation of the Board to be present at this session, was introduced. The members of the Board greeted Dr. Scarritt with warmth of cordiality, being glad to meet this honored friend who had proven his interest in the work of the Woman's Missionary Society by his liberality. He spoke briefly, but earnestly, saying he had been notified by the Secretary that legal advice had deterred decisive action with regard to the Training School until this annual session, as there was no warrant for the establishment of such an institution under the present Constitution; but he had no doubt as to the willingness of the General Conference to grant any desired changes. Dr. Scarritt also renewed the offer made in August last, as he believed that his gift had been prompted by God; for, while alone, walking about on his estate, a voice seemed to speak to his soul and say: "Why don't you give this land to the Woman's Missionary Society for a training school?" The thought had never occurred to him before; but the more he thought of it the more interested he became in it, until, after a short deliberation, he announced his intention to his family, and they were gratified with his decision. He regretted that any delay had been necessary, and promised all the assistance his health would allow in the future.

As the feeble form of this honored servant of God, left the platform many a heart breathed a prayer that his life might be spared to see his cherished project rise like a fair memorial to his liberality and the Church's co-operation.

Bishop Hendrix was also present, and was invited to speak. He re-



sponded, reading also a letter from Miss Laura Haygood on the need of training for work in the foreign field. The remarks of the bishop were heard with attention and interest.

As the hour for adjournment was drawing near, it was decided to hold an afternoon session to further consider the questions under discussion. The hour fixed was 2 P.M.

Mrs. Trueheart offered a resolution to be sent to the General Conference, but consideration of it was delayed until the afternoon session.

Announcements were made and papers were presented to chairmen of committees.

A cordial invitation to luncheon in the church parlors was extended to the Board and to the large audience by the ladies of St. John's Church.

On motion, the prayer service appointed for 12:30 was postponed on this day to 2—immediately before the afternoon session.

At 12:30 the meeting adjourned with the doxology, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Hendrix.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P.M. the Woman's Board of Missions re-assembled. After a half-hour of worship the business was taken up.

After roll-call, the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The unfinished business of the morning was brought forward, and Mrs. Wightman was called on to speak on the subject under discussion.

Mrs. Brandon asked leave to offer a resolution, but the Chair decided that Mrs. Trueheart's resolution, postponed from the morning session, was the question before the body, and she, as mover, desired that more information be given before her resolution should be acted upon.

Mrs. Wightman then addressed the Board on the necessity of training women for Christian service, emphasizing the present state of ignorance among our women, and the lamentable lack of *desire* for real, thorough instruction.

On motion of Miss Gibson, the resolution of Mrs. Trueheart was called for. It was as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Woman's Board of Missions ask the General Conference to authorize the establishment of a Bible and training school under the auspices, control, and management of the Woman's Board, for the education of missionaries and other Christian workers.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,

MRS. MORGAN CALLAWAY.

The names of fifteen other members were affixed to the above resolution, which was adopted unanimously.

The Secretary announced that immediately after adjournment committee meetings would be held in the various rooms in the church-building. A motion to adjourn prevailed, and the committees withdrew.

After adjournment, as had been previously announced, Mrs. Watkins, from Mexico, spoke of the missionary work in that republic; and a large audience heard her address with great enjoyment.

## SECOND DAY.

At 9 A.M., Friday, May 16, 1890, the Woman's Board of Missions met in St. John's Church, Mrs. Hayes presiding.

Rev. Dr. Waller, fraternal delegate to the General Conference from the Wesleyan Church of England, conducted the devotional exercises.

Dr. Waller, by request of the President, addressed the Board briefly on the subject of woman's work in the Church, and was heard with great pleasure. His remarks were pertinent and in harmony with the views of the workers assembled.

Rev. C. K. Marshall, delegate to the General Conference from the China Mission, was introduced.

The meeting was then called to order for business. Thirty-eight members were present at roll-call.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

On call for reports from standing committees, Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Chairman of the Committee on Extension of Work, presented a report relating to the China Mission. Appropriations for the work in China were presented and approved. See "Appropriations," page 101.

Letters to the Corresponding Secretary from Miss Lipscomb and Miss Roberts, missionaries of the Board in China, respecting their projected marriages, were read; after which resolutions in regard to missionaries of the Board and revisals of "Instructions to Missionaries in the Field" were presented by the same committee. See page 112.

Mrs. Montague moved the adoption of the report, including the resolutions; and, receiving a second, the vote was taken, but as very few members voted a division was called for.

Mrs. Dowdell arose to a point of privilege to make inquiries concerning the necessity of the revisals recommended by the committee. Several other members having expressed themselves as unprepared to vote without more knowledge of the facts that had caused the committee to recommend the revisals, Mrs. McClung moved as a substitute

for the previous motion that the report be laid on the table, and that an executive session be held at 11, that all facts in possession of the committee might be placed before the Board. Mrs. McClung's motion was adopted.

An article from a Chinese newspaper, translated by Mr. Yun, of Corea, a student at the Vanderbilt University, was read by Mrs. Trueheart. The subject being "The Anglo-Chinese School for Girls Known as the Home and School of Miss Haygood," with comments by the editor of the Chinese daily, it was profoundly interesting to the Board. The article was furnished the Corresponding Secretary through the courtesy of Dr. Young J. Allen, the valued friend of the Board at Shanghai.

Miss Gibson offered the following, which was adopted unanimously:

Whereas this Board has heard with pleasure the article on Miss Haygood's Home and School translated from a Chinese daily by Mr. Yun, of Corea.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Woman's Board of Missions be given Mr. Yun for the service so well and so cheerfully rendered.

*Resolved*, That, although Mr. Yun neither asks nor expects compensation, yet this Board, desiring to express its appreciation of the service, instruct the Corresponding Secretary to make such payment to Mr. Yun as is customary for translations.

MISS M. L. GIBSON,  
MISS MARY HELM.

On motion of Mrs. Philips, the Board directed the publication of the article in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

At this juncture Mrs. E. Avis, Corresponding Secretary of the St. Louis Conference Society, introduced Mrs. Wagoner, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Dr. Brokaw, of the Presbyterian Church. It was announced that the reception of fraternal delegates would be held at 11 o'clock on Saturday.

Miss Matthews, fraternal delegate from the Missouri State Branch of the Board of the Interior, Congregational Church, who could not be present on Saturday, presented her greetings. Her address was beautiful in thought and word, and fragrant with the love that makes all workers one in Christ. The President responded for the Board.

At 11 A.M. most of the Board retired to hold an executive session, as ordered, and the audience present was addressed by Rev. C. K. Marshall, of China. Mrs. Bishop Granbery, by request of the President, presided at this meeting.

Mr. Marshall, in quaint, Oriental costume, gave a very interesting account of his work in his far off home. Mr. Marshall had become known to many of the Board while a student at the Vanderbilt University, and his noble work as a preacher since his return to his native

land made his words eloquent. He showed the golden opportunities open to the workers in the hospital at Suchow where women are brought for treatment. In more than one case the result has been the conversion of not only the patient, but of her entire family.

He paid a noble tribute to the workers of the Board—especially those in Suchow—showing how their presence had broken down the peculiar ideas of seclusion and isolation of many Chinese women. He said: "As I sat here this morning in your body, and heard your report on China, I could not help looking ahead and thinking how many, many Chinese girls will be saved through the work of your Board in my country. 'Tis a grand work!"

He also spoke of his farewell visit to the workers of the Board in Shanghai. Just before sailing he went to their home to bid them good-by, and the next morning received from Miss Haygood, Miss Atkinson, and others a note inclosing \$20, and asking him to accept it to aid in defraying his expenses to America. He spoke very feelingly of the self-denial that these devoted workers would have to exercise in order to give him this money.

He also illustrated how the influence of the missionaries of the Board had broken down many exclusive ideas among the higher classes by telling of a visit paid to a rich family in an interior town, and showing how they had become willing to receive Christian physicians, and to put themselves under their care and tuition.

At the close of this excellent address the hymn,

To the work! to the work! we are servants of God,

was sung with spirit. Then Mrs. A. P. Parker, for fourteen years a missionary in China, was introduced.

Mrs. Parker paid a high tribute to Mrs. Marshall, wife of the last speaker, and told of the great good that she is accomplishing in her home and in her native town. "Mrs. Marshall," said she, "was educated in your schools, and now takes part in the female prayer-meeting, talks to the women in their native language, and is doing a wonderful work."

Mrs. Parker also spoke of the powerful influence of the mother-in-law in China, and gave a graphic description of her own work for the liberation and uplifting of Chinese women and mothers.

At 12:30 the daily prayer-meeting was held, conducted by Miss Gibson, Recording Secretary of the Board.

At 1 o'clock the Board returned from executive session, and after announcement of committee meetings and a cordial invitation to all pres-

ent to partake of the luncheon prepared by the ladies of Centenary Church, the meeting adjourned with the doxology and benediction by Dr. B. M. Messick.

### THIRD DAY.

The Woman's Board of Missions met at the appointed time and place on Saturday, May 17, the President in the chair, and thirty-nine members present.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. B. Palmore, of Missouri.

After roll-call, the journal of the second day's proceedings was read and approved. The result of the executive session on that day was the adoption by the Board of the resolutions recommended by the Committee on Extension of Work relative to missionaries in the field.

On the call for business Miss Helm offered a resolution asking that a department be formed to take charge of the printed matter, the sending out of which had heretofore been made the business of the Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. McGavock offered the following resolution, as a substitute, which was adopted unanimously:

Whereas Mrs. Amelia McTyeire Tigert has, by request, for ten months of the past year very kindly sent out mite-boxes, life-membership certificates, and other missionary matter, to persons calling for the same;

*Resolved*, That this Board acknowledges the help given by Mrs. Tigert, and hereby requests that she take charge of sending out all the missionary matter to Conference Societies, and directs that the expense of mailing and express charges be paid, as heretofore, from the general fund.

Mrs. McGavock also offered a resolution concerning missionary candidates, which was referred to the committee in charge of the same.

The Secretary read a memorial to the Board from its missionaries in China relative to a paper on the "Relations of the Representatives of the Two Mission Boards" sent to the General Conference by the members of the China Mission Conference.

The memorial was laid on the table, as the Corresponding Secretary stated that Bishop Wilson had instructed her to say that the matter belonged to the episcopal prerogative and that this Board could take no action on it.

Mrs. Callaway presented a memorial from the North Georgia Conference Society asking the Board to open work in Japan. Referred to Committee on Extension of Work.

Rev. W. B. Palmore, who had recently visited the missions in Mexico, was invited to address the Board on the work and outlook in that field. He gave an interesting account of his visit and an outline of the situation in Cuantla and Chihuahua, and made his words emphatic by presenting the following document:

I hereby promise and donate to the Woman's Board of Missions, for a girls' school at Chihuahua, Mexico, all of a plat of land purchased by Brother S. G. Kilgore for me, lying on the south side of, and adjoining the property of the Parent Board; the property to be the site of a girls' school to be owned and operated by the Woman's Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

W. B. PALMORE.

The generous gift was received with thanks, and the doxology was sung.

As if in answer to the song of praise, another blessing came. Mrs. Park, on behalf of Miss Achsah Wilkins, of Maryland, Mrs. Anna Armstrong Pierce, of Kentucky, Mrs. Adam Hendrix, of Missouri, and other donors, presented to the Board a plat of ground in Chihuahua adjoining that given by Rev. W. B. Palmore, thus making a fine, large lot suitable for a commodious building for school purposes. The President paid a high tribute to the worth and zeal of Mrs. Park, and the Board indorsed the eulogy by a unanimous vote of thanks to her and to its other generous friends.

On motion of Mrs. McGavock, the Secretary was instructed to send a note of thanks to each of the donors.

The name Palmore Institute was adopted for the school by the Board.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Extension of Work was presented by the Chairman. The report was on the work in Mexico, with appropriations and suggestions as to adjustment. It was adopted. See "Appropriations" p. 101. In connection therewith, a letter from Miss Roberts concerning the recent persecution of the missionaries of the Board in Saltillo, was read. Mrs. Park was requested to speak on the same subject. She did so, forcibly and eloquently.

Mention was made of the necessity for a wall around the mission premises at Saltillo as a protection, and at once the Secretaries of the North-west Texas and the Florida Conference Societies pledged their Conferences for the required amount in honor of their missionaries, Miss Lelia Roberts and Miss Ellie Tydings.

Mrs. Philips stated that the Florida Conference had lately sent a piano to Miss Tydings to assist her in singing the gospel into the hearts of the Mexicans.

Letters from Miss Tydings and Mrs. MacDonell, of Mexico, were read and heard with pleasure.

At 11 A.M., the hour appointed to receive fraternal messengers, business was suspended to receive the greetings of Mrs. H. H. Wagoner, of St. Louis, representing the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Wagoner was warmly welcomed, and spoke with the enthusiasm and loving zeal of an earnest worker for Christ. Mrs. Hayes responded for the Board.

A note from Mrs. Brokaw, of the Presbyterian Church, who was unavoidably absent, was read by the Secretary. The message, instinct with the thought of unity in Christ, quickened the interest and cheered the hearts of those to whom it was addressed.

By invitation, Rev. C. K. Marshall sung some familiar gospel hymns in Chinese.

The Committee on Publication presented a report through its Chairman, Mrs. E. C. Dowdell. It was considered *seriatim*.

Items one and two were approved. Item three, indorsing the suggestion of the Editor of Leaflets as to change in programme, was not approved. On motion, it was stricken out, and item three of last year's report was restored. Items four, five, six, and seven were adopted without discussion. Item eight, recommending the publication of a juvenile paper, provoked a warm discussion.

The time of the morning session was extended to finish the report.

Mrs. Montague moved to recommit the item.

Mrs. McGavock offered as an amendment to defer the consideration of the item until the question of enlarging the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* should be decided.

Miss Gibson offered as a substitute for the motion and amendment that further discussion of the report be deferred until Monday. Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to send telegrams of greeting to Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Jr., Treasurer of the Board, and to Miss Achsah Wilkins.

Announcements of the Sunday services and of the reception in honor of the Woman's Board of Missions, to be given in the parlors of St. John's Church on Monday evening, were made.

On motion, the prayer-meeting was postponed to 2 P.M. on account of the lateness of the hour; and at the urgent request of the Committee on Missionary Candidates an afternoon session, to consider a report from that committee, was fixed at 2:30 P.M.

An invitation to luncheon was given, in the name of the ladies of Cook Avenue Church, to the large audience present.

At 1 o'clock the meeting adjourned with the doxology and benediction by Rev. Dr. Messick.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P.M. the Woman's Board of Missions re-assembled for the daily season of prayer. The service was led by Miss Mary Bruce, missionary of the Board to Brazil.

At 2:30 the business was called for. Thirty-two members were present, Mrs. Hayes in the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the morning session was postponed until Monday.

Mrs. Cobb, Chairman of the Committee on Missionary Candidates, presented her report, which was read by items, amended and adopted. See page 98.

Miss Alice Waters, Miss Mary Turner, Miss Fannie Hinds, and Miss Lucy Harper came within the chancel and took the pledge prescribed by the Board, after which, in connection with Miss Hellen Richardson, accepted at the eleventh annual meeting, they were given a solemn charge by the President as to their duties and the obligations they had voluntarily assumed. Mrs. Wightman offered prayer that the presence and blessing of God may abide with these young women called and chosen to go forth in his name.

As the reception of these missionaries was the special object for which the session was called, the meeting now adjourned.

After the doxology Rev. W. B. Palmore pronounced the benediction.

## FOURTH DAY.

At 9 A.M. Monday, May 19, 1890, the Woman's Board of Missions convened in St. John's Church, Mrs. Hayes presiding.

Bishop Duncan conducted the devotional exercises, which were helpful and impressive.

At roll-call, Miss Carrie Arrington, Corresponding Secretary of the Indian Mission Conference Society, was introduced and enrolled as a member of the Board. A note from Mrs. Neeley, of White River Conference, expressing regret for her inability to attend the meeting, was read.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Mrs. McHenry offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this Board express to Dr. John, Secretary of the Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South, its appreciation of the satisfactory services rendered by him in his prompt attention to the sending out of drafts and to the transaction of all business intrusted to his care.

MRS. L. H. McHENRY,  
MRS. W. G. E. CUNNINGHAM,  
MRS. D. H. McGAVOCK.



Mrs. Philips read a memorial from the Florida Conference. As the points involved had already been discussed in the preliminary meeting of Conference Secretaries, the memorial was tabled.

Mrs. Dowdell moved that a Committee on Revisal be appointed to adapt the Constitution for the Conference and Auxiliary Societies to the needs of the work in its enlarged condition. After some discussion and explanation the motion was lost.

The Corresponding Secretary announced the resignation of Miss Dona Hamilton, just received by her. The resignation was accepted.

As if to add painful emphasis to the repeated and unexpected withdrawals from the corps of workers in China, Mrs. McGavock read a letter from Miss Haygood deploring the dearth of missionaries and pleading for re-enforcements to fill up the depleted ranks.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Extension of Work was presented by the Chairman.

Letters from Mr. Methvin and Mrs. Avant on the work in Anadarko were read.

Miss Arrington spoke earnestly on the work among the full-blood Indians. That part of the report pertaining to work in the Indian Territory was approved.

At this juncture business was suspended to receive Mrs. Dr. Ford, of St. Louis, who bore fraternal greeting from the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Ford spoke out of a full heart, and touched the hearts of the assembled workers. The key-note of her address was "'The world for Christ'—the motto of every Woman's Missionary Society."

The report of the committee was resumed and appropriations for Brazil were presented.

A very interesting letter from Miss Watts was read and enjoyed.

Miss Bruce, missionary of the Board at Rio, made an address on Brazil. She spoke of the wonderful opportunity opened to the missionary by the revolution in Brazil; thanked the Board for blessings given; and regretted that no new work can be projected this year through lack of funds. Miss Bruce mentioned Piracicaba and Rio as two centers of influence in Brazil, and urged that a third be opened as soon as practicable at Juiz de Fõra—a city of twenty-one thousand inhabitants—where a Church and school are already established. She stressed the need of visitors and Bible-readers in Rio; also the necessity of taking the children of native preachers to educate for mission workers.

The report of the committee in regard to Brazil was approved.

The committee made report on the memorial from the North Georgia Conference as follows: "The want of funds force us to decline entering Japan at this time."

The totals for all fields were read, completing the report of the Committee on Extension of Work. Adopted.

Mrs. Montague offered a resolution as follows:

*Resolved*, That we have listened to Miss Bruce, in her account of Brazil and its needs, with longing hearts to do more for that new republic; and that we hereby promise to make special supplication to our heavenly Father for direction and means to give the blessings of the gospel *largely* to that land now in darkness under papal power.

MRS. F. H. MONTAGUE,

MRS. H. T. STEELE.

As many of the Board had been prevented by the violence of the storm from attending the memorial service on Sunday afternoon, the Secretary was requested to read the resolutions presented there, that action might be taken on them. The resolutions are as follows:

Never in the history of the Woman's Board of Missions has a more severe trial, more serious loss been felt than in the death of Anna Clara Chrisman. The news of the death of Dora Rankin sent a thrill of sorrow throughout the Church, and every heart mourned; but Dora, beloved, passed to her heavenly home amid the ministrations of a devoted sister and loving friends. Anna Clara Chrisman, speeding onward to New York to take steamer for the work to which she had been appointed by the Board, met death in the terrible flood of the Conemaugh Valley. No loving touch of motherly tenderness strengthened her heart as death's angel summoned her to exchange earth for heaven. She was swept away by the dark waters without opportunity to leave a message of love to mother, sister, or friends. No assurance was needed of her readiness to be with Christ. She was about her Master's work, and the call of the Master was doubtless heard with joy; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Woman's Board of Missions, though afflicted by God's dealings in removing Anna Clara Chrisman from her field of labor to her home in heaven, can thank his holy name for the comfort of knowing she was beloved of Christ, a redeemed soul, ready for the transfer.

*Resolved*, That it does not become us to question the doings of our God, whose thoughts are not as ours, whose ways are righteousness and love, though to us mysterious. Anna Clara Chrisman was consecrated, from her earliest years, to the work of her Saviour. The incense of consecration spread beyond the home altar, to the destitute, the benighted of earth, and floated up to the throne of the Infinite, and at the hour of the morning sacrifice when she heard the voice of God saying, "Carry the news of my gospel to the outlying nations," she gladly responded: "Here am I, dear Lord; do with me as thou wilt." The Woman's Board, following the leadings of God, commissioned her and sent her to Brazil, full of glad anticipations. God saw that the *act* of consecration was enough; and we acquiesce, though with stricken hearts.

*Resolved*, That we cherish the memory of her sweet spirit, her devoted piety, her burning desire for the salvation of souls, and dedicate ourselves more fully to the work she so loved.

*Resolved*, That we sympathize with the precious mother and sister and all who loved her, and mingle our tears with theirs, as we pray: "Thy will, O God, not ours, be done!"

*Resolved*, That a copy of the above preamble and resolutions be forwarded by the Secretary to the bereaved mother, and spread upon the minutes of this annual meeting.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,  
 MRS. L. H. MCHENRY,  
 MRS. MORGAN CALLAWAY,  
 MRS. J. B. CHATFIELD,  
 MRS. E. C. DOWDELL,

*Committee.*

Resolutions in honor of Mrs. Jesse Boring were also presented as follows:

It is fitting at this time that we should recall and signalize the worth and service of one who in 1878 participated in the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, who was a General Manager for four years, President of the North Georgia Conference Society for eleven years, and always a zealous promoter of woman's work for woman. Therefore we offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That in the death of Mrs. Harriet Boring this Board has lost a standard-bearer whose various gifts—a devoted heart, a mind able to apprehend truth and equally ready to impart it, a facile pen and a steady purpose to wield her influence for Christ—were all laid on the altar. Not until her last illness came did she cease to feed the flames of this daily sacrifice.

*Resolved*, That we now record our estimation of her useful life and example, and while feeling her loss, we pray God that it may be our happy lot to stand with her in the presence of our King and together ascribe "honor and power and glory unto Him" who so wondrously loved and redeemed us.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,  
 MRS. E. C. DOWDELL,  
 MRS. M. CALLAWAY.

The above resolutions were adopted unanimously by the Board.

Miss Bruce spoke of Miss Chrisman, and suggested that the Board establish a perpetual scholarship in the college at Piracicaba in memory of her for the benefit of the children of native preachers. Many plans were at once mentioned, as the Board favored the suggestion, but in view of the difficulty of adjusting arrangements therefor, on motion of Mrs. McClung, action was deferred until the Conference Secretaries should have time to consider and devise a permanent plan.

Announcements were made, and an afternoon session was fixed for 3 P.M.

At 12:30 a missionary love-feast took the place of the noonday

prayer-meeting. A letter from Miss Linfield, from the bedside of her dying mother, was read and followed by a fervent prayer for this sorrowing member of the Board.

At 1 o'clock, after a helpful season of worship, the meeting adjourned to meet at 3 P.M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3 P.M. the Board met for a business session. Mrs. J. W. Humbert, of South Carolina, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Mrs. Hayes appointed a Committee on Resolutions, to which should be intrusted the formulating of appropriate expressions of gratitude in return for the many courtesies extended the Board during the meeting. The committee named was Mrs. C. J. McClung, Mrs. M. S. Andrews, and Mrs. F. H. Montague.

The Secretary read a communication to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board concerning a teacher desired for the family of a Mexican gentleman residing in Monterey. In view of the insufficient supply of competent workers for its own schools the Board could not supply the need.

A communication from Miss Abbie Child, of Boston, Mass., a member of the Congregational Board, in regard to a uniform weekly service for missions was read by the Secretary.

In response, Mrs. McClung offered the following, which was adopted unanimously:

Recognizing that in the conquest of the world for Christ, our weapons are not carnal but spiritual, and that united prayer from Christian hearts is the force most dreaded by Satan and most prevailing with God,

*Resolved*, That we, the members of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in response to the communication just read, are pleased to accord with the desire therein expressed, and will unite with the Presbyterian and Congregational Foreign Missionary Societies in adopting as a season of weekly prayer "the hour from 5 to 6 o'clock on Sabbath afternoon."

MRS. C. J. MCCLUNG,

MISS M. L. GIBSON.

Miss Melissa Baker, Treasurer of the Memorial Fund, announced that she would decline re-election to that office. It was with deep regret that, owing to the feeble health of Miss Baker, the Board acquiesced in the retirement of this faithful and efficient Treasurer, who had been in charge of the Memorial Fund from its inception.

Mrs. McGavock moved that the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions act as Treasurer of the Memorial Fund. Carried.

Information concerning San Luis Potosi was asked for, and in answer two letters were read, written by Miss Holding, Superintendent of the Mexican Border Mission, who had been in that city, and had been in correspondence concerning the purchase of property there for the Board.

As the standing committees were not prepared to report, on motion, the report of the informal meeting of the Corresponding Secretaries held Wednesday last, which had been tabled, was taken up, and after an animated discussion, the following changes in the Constitutions and By-laws of Conference and Auxiliary Societies were made:

Page 102, "By-laws of Conference Societies," Section III. shall read: "The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society with the Auxiliaries and shall, herself or through her District Secretaries as she may direct, supply them with such missionary matter as she may obtain for gratuitous distribution."

Page 103, Section VI. shall read: "The District Secretary shall organize Auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Missionary Society in her district. She (or a representative appointed by her) shall present a report of the work at the District Conference and shall hold an annual meeting in the district (composed of delegates from Auxiliaries), and an all-day meeting whenever practicable. If the Conference Corresponding Secretary so direct, the District Secretary shall conduct the correspondence with Auxiliaries and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary."

Page 104, "Constitution and By-laws of Auxiliaries," Article IV. shall be amended thus: "The anniversary of each Society shall, if practicable, be held in March, at which time the annual reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall be read and the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected by ballot."

Page 104, omit Article V.

Page 104, in "By-laws," Article III. shall read: "It shall, also be her duty to send quarterly reports not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, giving the *status* of the Society to the Conference Corresponding Secretary or the District Secretary, as the Conference Secretary may direct."

The consideration of this report occupied the time till adjournment.

At 5 P.M., after the usual announcements, the meeting adjourned with the doxology and benediction pronounced by Rev. W. W. Wadsworth, of Georgia.

## FIFTH DAY.

The Woman's Board of Missions convened on Tuesday, May 20, 1890, at 9 A.M. Dr. Joseph Anderson, of Florida, conducted the devotional exercises.

At 9:30 the roll was called. Thirty-seven members were present, Mrs. Hayes in the chair.

The minutes of the afternoon session of the fourth day were read, amended, and approved.

The Secretary read the following communication:

Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions.

*Dear Sister:* The action of your Board proposing that the General Board should resume charge of Harrell Institute on certain terms set forth in an appended paper has been presented to our Board and duly considered. The Board appointed a committee consisting of Bishop Hendrix and the Secretary to confer with a like committee acting under instructions from your Board respecting the condition of transfer of said property. The committee will await the action of your Board. Very truly yours,

St. Louis, Mo., May 19, 1890.

I. G. JOHN,  
Secretary of Board of Missions.

Mrs. D. H. McGavock and Mrs. C. J. McClung were appointed to serve on the committee.

Rev. A. H. Sutherland, missionary to the Mexican Border, was introduced, and addressed the Board briefly on the needs of the work in that field.

The Secretary was requested to invite Rev. J. W. Tarboux to speak on Brazil at the session next day.

The report of the Publication Committee, deferred from Saturday, was taken up. Discussion on item eight was resumed. The Committee recommended the publication of a juvenile paper at a subscription price of not more than twenty-five cents, and the discussion thereon was animated and interesting. None denied the advantages of a juvenile paper, but the points in question were the ability of such a publication to pay for itself without encroaching on the funds or circulation of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and whether the demand could not be met, for the present, by enlarging that paper. It being stated that the Board of Missions intended publishing a missionary paper for children, which would make it unadvisable for this Board to project a like publication at this time, the Committee of Conference, just appointed, was instructed to ask the Secretary of the General Board for definite information concerning that paper, and to report his answer to the Board; until which time the further consideration of item eight was deferred.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Missions, recommending certain changes in the Constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society, was

read by the Secretary. This report had been presented to the General Conference, but had not yet been acted upon.

The phrasing of Article IV. of the Constitution was questioned by some of the members; so the same committee was requested to ask for an interpretation that would make clear the time for holding the election of officers.

The Recording Secretary asked instruction from the Board as to whether printed copies of the minutes bound in volumes might hereafter be substituted for manuscript record. The Board decided that it would be best to continue the present form.

On motion of Mrs. Chatfield, the action of the previous session amending Section VI., page 103, was reconsidered, and the words "and a copy of the same to the President of Conference Society" were restored.

Mrs. Avis offered a resolution looking to more distinction between Young People's and Juvenile Societies; but as the Board felt that the distinction is already sufficiently clear, the resolution was not adopted.

Mrs. Cobb, Chairman, presented the final report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates. The report was adopted.

Miss Mary Littleton Smithey, of Jetersville, Va., a newly accepted missionary, repeated and signed the pledge in the presence of the Board.

The President then gave the charge to Miss Smithey, who responded feelingly.

Rev. N. W. Utley, missionary of the Board of Missions to Japan, was introduced, and addressed the Board briefly but well on work in the Sunrise Kingdom.

Miss Helm offered the following:

Whereas the Free Kindergarten Association of Louisville, Ky., has generously given to our missionary, Mrs. E. E. Brelsford, one year's training free of all charge; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Board are due that Association, and are hereby extended with grateful appreciation of the service rendered.

MISS MARY HELM,

MISS MARIA L. GIBSON.

Mrs. J. R. Clark, President of the Louisville Free Kindergarten Association, was introduced, and assured the Board that, if another of its missionaries desire instruction, it will be as freely given. The Louisville Association desires to keep a place in its training class for a missionary, and candidates from Boards of any denomination will be welcomed.

Miss Bruce, of Brazil, bore witness to the wonderful advantages that

kindergarten training affords in the foreign field, instancing one case where a family of seven persons were brought into the Church through the instruction given one child in the kindergarten.

A telegram of greeting from the Young Ladies' Auxiliary of the Nashville College for Young Ladies was received with pleasure by the Board.

Mrs. Park stated that a friend who wished to remain unknown had instructed her to say that she would give the furniture needed to fit up a home for the missionaries in Chihuahua, Mexico.

A vote of thanks was given the unknown donor.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented by its Chairman, Mrs. Wightman.

Item one was adopted. Items two and three were stricken out, and one item to be called item two, substituted. The session was extended to 1 o'clock to finish the consideration of the report.

The remaining articles were adopted without discussion, and the report as a whole was adopted.

At 1 o'clock the meeting adjourned and was followed by a missionary love-feast. That meeting closed with the doxology and benediction pronounced by Rev. N. W. Utley.

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#### SIXTH DAY.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1890, at 9 o'clock, the Woman's Board of Missions met in St. John's Church in business session, Mrs. Hayes presiding.

Rev. J. W. Tarboux led the devotions and addressed the Board, pleading earnestly for increased interest in Brazil, stressing especially the need of Bible-readers and house-to-house visitors in Rio. At the close of his address the business of the day was taken up.

The minutes of the fifth day were read, amended, and approved.

On motion of Mrs. McGavock, the adoption of the report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates was reconsidered, and change in the last item was made by striking out the words "Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions" and inserting "Chairman of the Local Board."

Mrs. Trueheart moved that the Board go at once into executive session to consider the subject of the Training School, as Bishop Hendrix, who is authorized to represent Dr. Scarritt, is pressed for time. Carried.

The Board withdrew to the parlors of the Church, leaving Miss Gilbert, Miss Bruce, and other missionaries to address the audience.



## EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Woman's Board of Missions met in the parlor of St. John's Church. The business of the hour was introduced by Bishop Hendrix, who read a letter from Dr. Scarritt regretting his enforced absence on account of illness, and giving him authority to act as his representative in business connected with the Training School.

By request of the President, Mrs. Brandon, of Alabama, led in a fervent prayer for the blessing of God on Dr. and Mrs. Scarritt, and for divine guidance in the business before the Board.

The Article in the Constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society authorizing the establishment of a training school was read by the Secretary.

On motion, it was decided to act on Dr. Scarritt's proposition as made in person before the Board in annual session May 15, ignoring all previous action in regard to the Training School.

A letter from Dr. Scarritt bearing date of May 19 was read by the Secretary:

Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President of Woman's Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South, St. Louis, Mo.

*My Dear Sister:* My physician orders me to go immediately to our Kansas City home. This I regret, as I expected to have the opportunity to appear in the presence of your Board again before your final action on the Training School enterprise. Yet there is but one essential point between myself and your Board that you need to act on now, and that point is simple and clearly defined. It is this: "Will the Board accept the form of the deed which I sent them and by which I propose to convey the property to them?" If there are any constitutional difficulties in the way, the General Conference stands ready to remove them if asked to do so. As to the so-called "Constitution" and government of the school, I am quite sure these matters can be satisfactorily adjusted hereafter.

With fervent prayers to God that wise counsels may prevail in your body, and that you may see it best to accept my proposition, I am your brother in Christ,

NATHAN SCARRITT.

The proposition referred to in this letter, made originally in writing in August, 1889, and renewed verbally May 15, 1890, is as follows:

## OFFER OF REV. NATHAN SCARRITT

*To the Woman's Board of Missions for the Bible and Training School for Missionaries and Other Christian Workers.*

I propose to give a plat of ground in East Melrose, which is an addition to Kansas City, Mo. Said ground is on the corner of Woodward and Harris Streets, fronting south two hundred feet on Harris Street and running back about one hundred and seventy feet. I also propose to give \$25,000 in money, on condition that the Woman's Board of Missions raise an additional \$25,000—all to be spent in erecting buildings and improving the ground. Payments to

be made on my part in same amounts and as often as those made on the part of the Board. If the Board accepts the proposition and makes the location here, I will at once give a bond for the deed, and I will give the Board a clear title when the said amount of \$50,000 shall have been spent in the buildings and improvements upon the grounds, provided this is done within five years.

NATHAN SCARRITT.

A legal document entitled "Deed of Gift" was read by the Secretary.

Bishop Hendrix showed the plans and specifications for the building as projected by Dr. Scarritt. He also explained the design, showing that it could be built in sections as the funds and needs would warrant. The building, as proposed, seemed to be complete in every detail for the use for which it is intended.

Mrs. Trueheart offered a series of resolutions. The first resolution was adopted without a dissenting voice, and the Board emphasized its assent by giving a unanimous vote of thanks to Dr. Scarritt, and instructed the Secretary to send him a telegram of sympathy and grateful appreciation.

The other resolutions of the series were discussed, amended, and adopted.

The resolutions as a whole were unanimously adopted, as follows:

Whereas Rev. Nathan Scarritt, of Kansas City, Mo., has most generously given to the Woman's Board of Missions the grounds suitable and \$25,000 in money, on condition that \$25,000 is paid down for a training school for missionaries and other Christian workers; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That Dr. Nathan Scarritt's munificent gift be accepted and the money collected be paid out as called for until the conditions be met which secure the gift and make the erection of a suitable building possible.

2. That Dr. Nathan Scarritt, Rev. W. B. Palmore, and Miss Belle Bennett constitute a Building Committee for the purpose of at once further considering plans and specifications for a building; and that they be authorized to proceed with the buildings as funds are furnished.

3. That Miss Belle H. Bennett be continued as Agent of the Training School; that she be authorized to visit the Church, and to collect funds, wherever possible without in any way interfering with the missionary collections.

4. That Mrs. Wightman be asked to continue as assistant in collecting funds whenever possible, and that each Conference Corresponding Secretary give whatever aid is necessary, always providing she does not interfere with her own regular work.

5. That all moneys shall be sent directly to the Agent and be deposited by her in a safe place. That the Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries of Conference Societies send to the Agent, with the names and post-offices of the donors, all money sent to them for the Training School. That the Agent pay out to the Building Committee, by order of the Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions, as said Building Committee shall need it.

6. That the Agent give bond and security to the Woman's Board of Missions for all funds in hand, and at stated times send reports of amounts collected to the Secretary of Home Affairs, who shall publish the report in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

7. That the Agent be instructed to put out surplus funds at the best rate of interest possible.

8. That Miss Bennett, Agent, be allowed her traveling and office expenses for the past year and the necessary traveling and office expenses for the coming year, the same to be paid out of funds in hand collected for the Training School.

Bishop Hendrix addressed the Board, commending its conservatism and congratulating it on its prospects and possibilities; also on the fact that, through the munificence of Dr. Scarritt, the Woman's Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South, will be the first foreign missionary board to establish a training school for missionaries and other Christian workers, and he hoped that some day he would have the pleasure of seeing this Board in session in the chapel of the Training School in Kansas City.

A vote of thanks was given Bishop Hendrix for his interest and cordial assistance in the matter of the Training School since its inception.

A paper entitled "Constitution of the Kansas City Training School for Home and Foreign Missionaries" was read by the Secretary.

Mrs. McGavock read the opinion of Bishop Wilson on the Constitution as read.

Miss Helm offered the following:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three from this body consisting of Mrs. Trueheart, Mrs. Philips, and Mrs. Montague, be appointed to consult with Dr. Scarritt, Bishop Hendrix, and Judge East in regard to the terms of Constitution, and report the result this afternoon.

Miss Bennett requested that Mrs. McGavock be added to the committee.

Mrs. McGavock offered an amendment inserting the name of Mrs. McClung instead of her own.

Mrs. Montague asked that Judge Shackelford be added—all of which were granted.

The joint committee as appointed was as follows: Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Mrs. L. T. Philips, Mrs. F. H. Montague, Mrs. C. J. McClung, Dr. Nathan Scarritt, Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Judge E. H. East, and Judge Thomas Shackelford.

After discussing the difficulty of conference and action at this session, and deeming it impracticable on account of the limited time and

the absence of Dr. Scarritt and Judge East, two members of the committee, Mrs. McGavock moved, as an amendment to Miss Helm's resolution "that the same committee be given authority to draft a Constitution to be submitted at the next annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions for adoption." Carried.

Mrs. Trueheart announced that Miss Bennett intended to sail for Europe June 17, to be absent until September.

The Board united in cordial expressions of thanks to Miss Bennett and praise of her work, and pledged its co-operation in the year to come. It also bid her Godspeed on her journey and requested her to visit the famous training schools of Europe and report to the Board as to their plans and methods of work.

Mrs. Hayes made a brief but eloquent address on the Training School, commending with warmth the enthusiasm and abundant labors of the efficient Agent, Miss Bennett, and her assistant, Mrs. Wightman. With expressions of gratitude for the wonderful results gained in one year, she asked the Board to emulate Miss Bennett's tireless energy and consecrated zeal.

At 1 o'clock the meeting adjourned to assemble at 2:30 P.M. for a closing session, the doxology very appropriately ending the proceedings.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 P.M. Wednesday, May 21, 1890, the Board met for the final session of the twelfth annual meeting. Thirty seven members were present, Mrs. Hayes in the chair.

The Vice-president, Mrs. M. D. Wightman, of South Carolina, led the devotions.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Mrs. McClung made a verbal report from Dr. John, Secretary of the Board of Missions, concerning the juvenile paper to the effect that it is his intention to establish a missionary monthly—the size of the General Conference *Daily Advocate*, the price twenty-five cents per year singly, or ten cents in clubs. Though the publication will not be solely for the young, yet one page will be devoted to children, and he will be willing to give one-half of that page to the Woman's Board of Missions for its use.

After a prolonged discussion, the offer of Dr. John was accepted with thanks.

The report of the Committee on Publication was continued. Item eight was stricken out and the report completed and adopted.

Mrs. Philips offered a resolution, which was adopted as follows:

*Resolved*, That any missionary recommended by the Committee on Missionary Candidates to take a course of special training avail herself of the benefits of a regular training school for Christian workers and not of those of a summer assembly.

MRS. L. T. PHILIPS,  
MRS. J. W. HUMBERT.

Mrs. McGavock offered the following, which was adopted :

Whereas it is found impracticable for teachers residing at a distance who are members of the Board to attend the called meetings of the same to examine missionary candidates as to educational qualifications,

*Resolved*, That this matter be left with the Secretary of the Board, that she provide for such examinations.

Whereas it is of great importance that missionary candidates should be examined critically for diseases of the eye, ear, throat, and lungs,

*Resolved*, That in addition to the usual health certificate given by a physician, all candidates are required to be examined by a specialist for the eye, ear, throat, and lungs, and furnish a certificate as to the soundness or present condition of these organs.

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK,  
MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,  
MRS. J. B. COBB.

Mrs. Trueheart, on behalf of the Committee of Conference on the Constitution for the Training School, appointed at the morning session, stated that the members present had held a meeting at noon, having been informed that under the laws of Missouri nothing can be done toward building or improving the property until after the Constitution shall have been adopted.

Judge Shackelford, who was present, urged the necessity for immediate action to insure against delay.

After explanations and discussion, the action of the morning session delaying action on the Constitution was reconsidered. A Constitution prepared by the committee was read and discussed, but finally the committee appointed at the morning session was excused, and the following resolution offered by Mrs. Trueheart was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the question of the adoption of the Constitution of the Training School be submitted to Judge E. H. East, Thomas Shackelford, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, whose opinion shall be submitted to a quorum of the Woman's Board of Missions in Nashville, and communicated to the Board not later than July 1, 1890; and the Woman's Board of Missions shall direct the incorporation of said Constitution, under the laws of the State of Missouri, in accordance with the opinion of the committee herein appointed.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,  
MRS. CHARLES J. MCCLUNG.

The report of the joint committee was read by the Secretary, as follows :

To the Woman's Board of Missions.

The joint committee in the matter of the exchange of the Harrell Institute (the property of the Woman's Board) and the school at Anadarko (now the property of the General Board) have agreed as follows:

The property at Harrell Institute is estimated at \$12,000, and the school at Anadarko at \$5,000. The General Board will pay the difference of \$7,000 in installments of \$2,333.33 each—payable September 15, 1890; November 15, 1890; February 15, 1891.

Respectfully,

I. G. JOHN, *Secretary*.

Rev. J. J. Methvin, of the Indian Mission, was introduced, and spoke of the work at Anadarko. The property of the Woman's Board there consists of one hundred and sixty acres of land (the grant of the United States Government), and a house twenty-eight by forty feet, with an L. He spoke of the necessity for manual training in Indian schools, and of the need of trained teachers in the school at Anadarko, where, if boys are taken, there will be required a superintendent, a literary teacher, a male industrial teacher, and a cook. He said: "There are two lines of work to be done in the Indian field—one in school, and one by visiting in the camp. Both are necessary to insure success." The remarks of Mr. Methvin were heard with pleasure.

Miss Helm spoke of missionary literature as an incentive to zeal in the cause of Missions, and recommended "Letters from the Orient," by Mrs. A. W. Wilson, as a book of absorbing interest, that will be useful to Secretaries who wish to advance the missionary cause in their Conferences.

Pledges from Conference Secretaries for the advancement of the work were called for. The following were the responses:

Louisville Conference (for Mrs. Brelsford).....	\$300
Memphis Conference.....	300
Holston Conference'.....	500
Kentucky Conference.....	500
East Texas Conference.....	200
Tennessee Conference.....	500
North Mississippi Conference.....	600
North Carolina Conference.....	200
South Carolina Conference.....	400
Texas Conference (special).....	200
Missouri Conference.....	300
Alabama Conference.....	200
West Texas Conference (special).....	100
Western Virginia Conference.....	200
Little Rock Conference'.....	100
North Texas Conference (special).....	100
North Alabama Conference.....	200

A resolution offered by Mrs. McGavock, requesting the General Board of Missions to refund the outfit and traveling expenses of those missionaries of the Woman's Board who have married or will marry missionaries of that Board, received hearty indorsement.

Miss Bennett, Agent and Treasurer of the Training School, asked to whom she should make the bond required of her by the action of the Board in executive session.

Miss Helm objected to Miss Bennett's giving bond, when none was required of any other officer of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Mrs. McGavock moved the reconsideration of the resolution passed in the morning session requiring a bond of Miss Bennett. Carried.

On motion of Mrs. Trueheart, the Board proceeded to elect its officers for the next quadrennium. At the request of the President, Mrs. A. W. Wilson took the chair and conducted the election, Miss Lida Moore, Mrs. F. A. Butler, and the Secretary acting as tellers. The following are the officers elected:

MRS. JULIANA HAYES.....	President.
MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN.....	Vice-president.
MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK.....	Foreign Secretary.
MISS MARY HELM.....	Secretary of Home Affairs.
MRS. MARIA L. GIBSON.....	Recording Secretary.
MRS. H. N. MCTYEIRE, JR.....	Treasurer.

The Managers were re-elected as follows:

MRS. W. G. E. CUNNINGHAM,	MISS MELISSA BAKER,
MRS. L. H. MCHENRY,	MRS. I. G. JOHN,
MRS. E. C. DOWDELL,	MRS. ADAM HENDRIX.

Mr. J. D. Hamilton, of Nashville, was re-elected Auditor by acclamation.

The Board next proceeded to decide on the place for holding the next meeting.

Fort Worth, Tex., Richmond, Va., and Hot Springs, Ark., were placed in nomination. Fort Worth, having received the majority of votes, was selected.

The Committee on Resolutions presented its report through Mrs. Charles J. McClung, Chairman:

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend the observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-denial during the week ending with Easter Sunday, thus gathering up the Easter offerings. \*We recommend also that a suitable programme and literature be furnished by the Editor of Leaflets, and distributed as heretofore.

2. That the thanks of the Woman's Board of Missions be extended to the General Conference for expediting action on matters referred to it by this body.

3. That the Woman's Board of Missions, recognizing the special tax that has been laid at this time upon the hospitality of the citizens of St. Louis, desires to record its grateful appreciation of the generous entertainment and many courtesies extended.

4. In a very special manner do the members of this Board thank the members of St. John's Church for their unceasing efforts to promote our comfort and convenience, and for their beautiful luncheon and delightful social reception.

5. That to Centenary and Cook Avenue Churches the members of this Board are greatly indebted for the handsome and appetizing luncheons furnished by them in the parlors of St. John's Church.

MRS. C. J. McCLUNG,  
MRS. M. S. ANDREWS,  
MRS. E. C. DOWDELL.

The committee also tendered thanks to all the city Churches, and to Kirkwood and Eden for the beautiful badges furnished the Board; to Mr. and Mrs. Cupples for their elegant reception in its honor; to the pages, who were so helpful to the Board in its daily sessions; and to Dr. Finney, for his courtesies extended in the matter of railroad certificates—all of which received cordial and unanimous indorsement by the Board.

As the hour was late, and many delegates wished to leave on the evening trains, the business of the day was brought to a close, and the minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Mrs. Hayes made a brief but effective address to her co-workers, and after devotional exercises the twelfth annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions stood adjourned.

MISS MARIA LAYNG GIBSON, *Rec. Sec.*

MRS. JULIANA HAYES, *President.*

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### SPECIAL MEETING.

#### On Death of Dr. Nathan Scarritt.

At 5 P.M. May 22, 1890, the Woman's Board of Missions met at the call of the President in Centenary Church, St. Louis, Mo.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, who had left the city, Miss Laura Bradford was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

A telegram acknowledging the receipt of the message sent by the Board to Dr. Scarritt the previous day, and announcing that he had died at 8:45 on the morning of May 22, was read by Mrs. Wightman. With hushed attention and sad hearts the Board heard the sorrowful tidings.

The President stated that the meeting was called to give the Board



opportunity to take action on the death of Dr. Scarritt, whose loss it feels so deeply. She spoke of her own esteem for his character and grief at his loss, and offered fervent prayer for his bereaved family.

On motion, Mrs. M. D. Wightman, Miss Mary Helm, and Mrs. F. H. Montague were appointed a committee to draft appropriate resolutions, which were adopted unanimously:

"A prince in Israel has fallen," and we mourn his loss! Not in the flush of youth nor in the glow of manhood's ardor, but in the maturity of ripened age and rich experience, he has passed away, having blessed the world while he lived in it, and having enjoyed the fulfillment of the promise: "Thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning." The Woman's Board of Missions, realizing its loss and desiring to record its appreciation of Dr. Scarritt, offers the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Woman's Board of Missions feels sorely bereaved in the death of our benefactor and friend, the Rev. Dr. Nathan Scarritt. We had counted, for help in prosecuting the project of a "Training School for Christian Workers," upon his wisdom, calm judgment, and appreciation of the undertaking; he was to be our guide and counselor in all arrangements to this end, and we were to rejoice with him when the consummation should be reached. Alas for us! Only in memory can he stand before us as he stood last Thursday morning—calm and resolute; in his hands a proffered, noble gift; on his lips the courageous words of faith, with the kindness of a brother's love! Death has set a sacred seal upon the work which those hands committed to our care.

2. That we proffer to his bereaved wife and family our sisterly love and sympathy. We will pray that she, with them, may be sustained and comforted in this great sorrow by the infinite tenderness of our gracious God, and may ever find the "sufficient grace" for all their future need.

3. That the school shall be named the "Scarritt Bible and Training School," in loving, grateful memory of him who may be justly called its founder.

4. That a copy of these resolutions shall be sent to Mrs. Scarritt immediately, and one to the Recording Secretary, for insertion in the Minutes of the recent Annual Session of the Board.

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN,  
MISS MARY HELM,  
MRS. F. M. MONTAGUE.

A committee, composed of Mrs. M. D. Wightman, Mrs. A. A. Morrison, Miss Mary Helm, Mrs. F. H. Montague, and Miss Belle H. Bennett, was appointed by the Chair to represent the Board at the funeral, and a floral tribute was ordered to be sent.

On motion, Bishop Hendrix was elected to the chairmanship of the Building Committee of the Scarritt Training School made vacant by the death of Dr. Scarritt.

Voluntary tributes to Dr. Scarritt's worth and memory were made by members of the Board and other friends. Mrs. Wightman led in

prayer. The hymn "There is rest for the weary" was sung, and the meeting adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Pope Bond.

MISS LAURA BRADFORD,  
*Recording Secretary pro tem.*

### CALLED MEETING.

*Extract from Minutes of Called Meeting held June 20, 1890, in McKendree Church, Nashville, Tenn.*

On call for business the Secretary read an extract from the minutes of the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions authorizing the present meeting.

The formal report of the committee appointed at that meeting was presented as follows:

To the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South.

The undersigned, to whom was referred by your Board the duty of preparing a Constitution for the Scarritt Training School, to be located at Kansas City, beg leave to report that we have prepared the accompanying Constitution, together with a decree for incorporation under the laws of the State of Missouri; that the Constitution and petition are drawn up in accordance with the law.

Respectfully,

E. H. EAST,  
E. R. HENDRIX,  
T. SHACKELFORD.

The Constitution was then read, whereupon the following resolution was adopted by the Board:

*Resolved*, That this Board accepts the report of the committee, and in accordance with the instructions of the Woman's Board of Missions in annual session does hereby direct the incorporation of said Constitution for the Scarritt Training School for Missionaries and Other Christian Workers in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri.

MISS MARIA LAYNG GIBSON,  
*Recording Secretary.*

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

This committee, with a deep sense of the delicate task assigned it, has carefully and prayerfully considered the applications of the various candidates presented to it, and now makes the following recommendations:

1. Miss Lucy Harper, of Georgetown, Tex., has been before this committee; and though her age is beyond the specified one, "her superior qualifications justify a deviation from strict adherence to the rule," and she is recommended as a missionary to the Mexican Border Mission.

2. Miss Alice Waters, of Murray, Ky., presented by the Memphis Conference Society, is recommended for appointment as a missionary to China, to be sent after she has taken a thorough course in a training school for Christian workers.

3. Miss Mary Turner, of Sharpsburg, Ky., presented by the Kentucky Conference Society, having been indorsed by the Local Board, is recommended as a missionary to Mexican work. A course of Bible study is advised.

4. Miss Fannie Hinds, of Mount Sterling, Ky., presented by the Kentucky Conference Society, is recommended for appointment as missionary to China, to be sent out this fall.

5. Miss Mary Littleton Smithey, of Jetersville, Va., has been before this committee; and, having furnished satisfactory testimonials, she is recommended for appointment as missionary to China, to go out this fall. Miss Smithey has been at the Chicago Training School since January.

6. Miss Mattie Dorsey, of Charlestown, W. Va., is fully indorsed by this committee, and is recommended for appointment as missionary helper to Miss Wilson, at Chihuahua, Mex.

7. The testimonials of Miss Kate P. Fannin, of Blountstown, Fla., presented by the Alabama Conference Society, have been considered; and the committee recommends that she appear before the Board in Nashville to stand the required examination, and to be sent to Mexican work at Saltillo, if practicable.

8. The testimonials of Miss Sue P. Blake, of Tallahassee, Fla., presented by the Florida Conference Society, meet the full indorsement of this committee. As her papers have not been before the Board the required time, her application is referred to the Local Board for action.

9. Miss C. McMurray has appeared before this committee. Her testimonials are of a high order; but as she is under age and is still at school, she is referred to the Local Board for further correspondence. She desires that her training in studies and in Christian work be shaped with reference to her chosen life-work—that of a missionary in foreign fields.

10. This committee sustains the action of the Board at Nashville with reference to the missionaries accepted and sent out since the last annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, and recommends the adoption of that portion of the report of the Local Board referred to it. Miss Pyles will continue at school, and Miss Hellen Richardson will go to China in August.

11. Two papers, entitled "Revisals of Questions to Missionary Candidates" and of "Requirements of Missionary Candidates," having been referred to this committee, it recommends that they be adopted by the Board. The committee feels that it cannot too strongly stress their importance nor too urgently insist upon their adoption.

12. The resolution requiring candidates present at the annual session of the Board to answer "Questions to Missionary Candidates" in presence of the Board having also been referred to this committee, it recommends its adoption, with the following amendment: the substitution of the words "sign the pledge" for the words "answer all these questions." The resolution as amended will read: "That all candidates who are present at the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions shall sign the pledge before the Board in committee of the whole."

13. This committee further recommends that all accepted missionary candidates present at the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions shall, in the presence of said Board, receive from the President (or whomsoever she may delegate) a solemn charge as to their covenant relations with the Board.

14. It is also recommended that when the pledge is presented the candidates, in accepting it, will read it aloud with the one presenting it. Candidates not present at the annual meeting will comply with the same form in the presence of the Local Board, at which time the charge will be given by the Chairman of the Local Board or some one selected for that purpose.

MRS. J. B. COBB, *Chairman.*

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

After consideration of the report of the Editor and Publisher of Leaflets, we recommend:

1. The re-election of Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyingham as Editor and Publisher of Leaflets.

2. That twelve varieties of leaflets for Adult and Juvenile Societies be published and issued, as heretofore, the number of each variety to be increased as the work may demand.

3. That the monthly programmes for Adult and Juvenile Societies be issued in leaflet form, and also published in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* one month previous to their intended use.

4. We recommend the publication, for distribution, of seven thousand five hundred copies of the Twelfth Annual Report of the Woman's Missionary Society, including the minutes of the twelfth annual session of the Woman's Board of Missions.

5. We recommend that as many summarized reports, constitutions, blanks, and slips be printed as may be deemed necessary by the Publishing Committee.

6. We recommend that twelve thousand mite-boxes be issued.
7. We recommend that Mrs. F. A. Butler be re-elected Editor and Agent of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.
8. We recommend that an assistant be employed by the Editor and Agent, the expenses of the same to be met out of the funds of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.
9. We recommend that the number of pages of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* be increased to twenty.
10. We recommend that a full statement of the financial condition of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* appear monthly on its pages.

MRS. E. C. DOWDELL, *Chairman*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—LOCAL EXPENSES.

The committee recommends the following appropriations:

1. For the President, in prosecuting the work of the Board, \$250.
2. For the Foreign Secretary, \$1,200.
3. For the Secretary of Home Affairs, \$500.
4. For the Treasurer, \$50.
5. For publications ordered by the Board, the Treasurer to meet expenses of mailing the same, \$700. Contingent, \$100.
6. For publishing and mailing leaflets, \$500. Contingent, \$50.
7. For mite-boxes, \$140.
8. For Editor and Agent of *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, \$100 per month, out of the proceeds of the paper.
9. For Assistant to the Editor and Agent of the above, to be met by the receipts of the paper, \$500.

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN, *Chairman*.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1890-91.

## CHINA.

*Shanghai.*

Salary of Miss Haygood .....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Hughes .....	750	
Salary of Miss McClellan .....	750	
Home trip of Miss Hamilton .....	375	
Clopton School .....	700	
Nine day-schools .....	900	
Incidentals, taxes, and repairs .....	300	
Extension of work .....	600	
Sending out four missionaries .....	5,400—	\$10,525

*Nantziang.*

Pleasant College .....	\$ 700	
Day-schools .....	300	
Incidentals, taxes, and repairs .....	50—	1,050

*Küding.*

Salary of Miss Rankin .....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Kerr .....	750	
Rent of house .....	120	
Anglo-Chinese school .....	336	
Day-schools .....	396—	2,352

*Suchow.*

Salary of Mrs. Campbell .....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Lou Philips .....	750	
Salary of Miss Atkinson .....	750	
Salary of Dr. Mildred Philips .....	750	
Boarding-school .....	750	
Day-schools .....	500	
Hospital .....	1,000	
Medical assistants (two) .....	300	
Incidentals .....	150	
Cistern for boarding-school .....	65	
Instruments for hospital .....	150	
Extension of work .....	600	
Sending out two missionaries .....	2,700—	9,215

*General for Both Districts.*

Contingent .....	\$ 500	
Printing .....	500	
Office expenses and itineration of Agents .....	100—	1,100

Total to China .....		\$24,242
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## MEXICAN BORDER.

*Laredo Day-school.*

Salary of Mrs. McClendon .....	\$ 750	
House-rent .....	250—	1,000

*Laredo Seminary.*

Salary of Miss Holding.....	\$ 750	
Sending a missionary.....	1,000	
Salary of Miss Delia Holding.....	600	
Salary of Miss Wilson.....	500	
Salary of matron.....	300	
Salary of teachers.....	600	
Medical attendance.....	200	
Repairs.....	200	
Literature.....	50	
Drainage.....	1,000	
Current expenses of seminary.....	3,500	
Office and traveling expenses of Agent.....	300—	\$ 9,000

*Saltillo.\**

Salary of Miss Roberts.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Tydings.....	750	
Salary of native teacher.....	150	
Salary of assistant.....	375	
Day-school and "Woman's Work".....	150	
Contingent.....	200—	2,375

*Chihuahua.*

Salary of Miss A. V. Wilson.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Blanche Gilbert.....	750	
Salary of Miss Arrington.....	600	
Helper, including travel.....	275	
Native teacher.....	150	
Furnishing.....	100	
Building school-room (contingent).....	1,500—	4,125

*Durango.*

Salary of Miss McFarran.....	\$ 480	
Native teacher.....	240	
Boarding-school.....	420—	1,140
Total for Mexican Border.....		\$17,640

## BRAZIL.

*Piracicaba.*

Salary of Miss Watts.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Howell.....	750	
Salary of Miss Phillips.....	750	
Mrs. Brelsford's outfit and travel.....	875	
Sending one missionary (contingent).....	1,250	
Day-schools (contingent).....	500	
Repairs and incidentals.....	600	
Contingent for the school.....	250—	5,725

\* Wall provided by Florida and North-west Texas Conferences.

*Rio de Janeiro.*

Miss Bruce's salary, and travel to Brazil.....	\$1,000
Travel and salary of Miss Bruce's helper . . . . .	500
Salary of Miss Jones . . . . .	750
Salary of Miss Granbery.....	750
Salary of Miss Marvin.....	300
Half salary of Miss Yarrell . . . . .	375
Salary of Miss Ross . . . . .	750
Rent for boys' home (contingent). . . . .	600
To send a missionary.....	1,250
Incidentals and repairs.....	600
Water supply . . . . .	1,000
Expenses of college.....	1,000
Contingent for mission.....	200— \$ 9,075
New work (conditional).....	.....
Total for Brazil.....	\$14,800

## CENTRAL MEXICO.

*San Luis Potosi.*

To buy property.....	\$4,750
Two small buildings adjoining.....	1,000
School-room and remodeling . . . . .	1,250
Furnishing school and dormitories . . . . .	1,000
Salary of Miss Toland . . . . .	750
Salary of teacher . . . . .	600
Native teacher . . . . .	150
Sending a missionary.....	1,025
Incidentals and contingent.....	900—
Total for Central Mexico . . . . .	\$11,425

## INDIAN TERRITORY.

*Anadarko.*

Salary of Mrs. Avant.....	\$ 500
Salary of teacher . . . . .	500
Furnishing.....	500
Total for Indian Territory . . . . .	\$ 1,500

## SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS 1890-91.

China . . . . .	\$24,242
Mexican Border.....	17,640
Brazil . . . . .	14,800
Central Mexico . . . . .	11,425
Indian Territory . . . . .	1,500
Office, printing, and contingent.....	5,000
Grand total.....	\$74,607



Missionaries Employed by the Woman's Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South, Since It Was Organized.

MISSIONARIES.	APPOINTED.	FORMER RESIDENCE.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Miss Lochie Rankin.....	1878.....	Milan, Tenn.....	Shanghai, China, Box 143.
Miss Dora Rankin.....	1879.....	Milan, Tenn.....	Died December 10, 1886.
Miss Mattie H. Watts.....	1881.....	Louisville, Ky.....	Piracicaba, Provincia de Sao Paulo, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Annie Williams.....	1881.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	Married.
Miss Rebecca Toland.....	1881.....	Chappell Hill, Tex.....	Laredo, Tex.
Miss Anna J. Muse.....	1882.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	Married August, 1890.
Miss Blanche Gilbert.....	1882.....	Roanoke, Va.....	Laredo, Tex.
Mrs. Sarah Buford.....	1882.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	Resigned.
Mrs. J. W. Lambuth.....	.....	China.....	Resigned.
Miss Nora Lambuth.....	.....	China.....	Resigned.
Mrs. A. P. Parker.....	.....	China.....	Suchow, China.
Miss Mattie B. Jones.....	1883.....	Norcross, Ga.....	96 Rua eas Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Nannie E. Holding.....	1883.....	Somerset, Ky.....	Laredo, Tex.
Miss Jennie C. Wolf.....	1883.....	Pensacola, Fla.....	Resigned.
Miss Laura A. Haygood.....	1884.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	Shanghai, China.
Miss Dona Hamilton.....	1884.....	Paris, Tex.....	Resigned.
Miss Jennie M. Atkinson.....	1884.....	Rock Mills, Ala.....	Shanghai, China.
Miss Mildred M. Phillips, M.D.....	1884.....	California, Mo.....	Suchow, China.
Miss Lou E. Phillips.....	1884.....	California, Mo.....	Suchow, China.
Miss Mary W. Bruce.....	1884.....	Plattsburg, Mo.....	96 Rua eas Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Emma E. Kerr.....	1887.....	Brownsville, Tenn.....	Shanghai, China.
Mrs. J. P. Campbell.....	1887.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Shanghai, China.
Miss Kate R. Roberts.....	1887.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Shanghai, China.
Miss Addie F. Gordon.....	1887.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	Married February, 1889.
Miss Bettie Hughes.....	1887.....	Meridian, Miss.....	Shanghai, China.

Miss Lula H. Lipscomb.....	1887	Columbus, Miss.....	<i>Married February, 1890.</i>
Miss Ada Reagan.....	1887	Nashville, Tenn.....	Shanghai, China.
Miss Lelia Roberts.....	1887	Palo Pinto, Tex.....	Saltillo, Mexico.
Miss Marcia Marvin.....	1887	St. Louis, Mo.....	Piractcaba, Provincia de Sao Paulo, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Augusta V. Wilson.....	1888	Charlestown, W. Va.....	Chihuahua, Mexico.
Miss Ella Granbery.....	1888	St. Louis, Mo.....	96 Rua eas Larangeiras, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.
Miss A. Clara Chrisman.....	1889	Beauregard, Miss.....	<i>Died May 31, 1889.</i>
Miss Ella Yarrell.....	1889	Emporia, Va.....	96 Rua eas Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Lida Howell.....	1889	Duluth, Ga.....	Piractcaba, Provincia de Sao Paulo, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Lizzite Wilson.....	1889	Newport, Ky.....	Laredo, Tex.
Mrs. A. E. McClendon.....	1889	West Point, Ga.....	Laredo, Tex.
Miss Ellie B. Tydings.....	1889	Anthony, Fla.....	Saltillo, Mexico.
Miss Flora Baker.....	1889	West Point, Ga.....	<i>Not employed.</i>
Miss Lulu Ross.....	1889	Greensboro, Ala.....	96 Rua eas Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Sallie M. Phillips.....	1889	Homer, La.....	Piractcaba, Provincia de Sao Paulo, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Fannie Hinds.....	1890	Mount Sterling, Ky.....	Shanghai, China.
Miss May Littleton Smithy.....	1890	Jetersville, Va.....	Shanghai, China.
Miss Hellen L. Richardson.....	1890	St. Louis, Mo.....	Suchow, China.
Miss Mary Turner.....	1890	Shaarpsburg, Ky.....	San Luis Potosi, Mexico.
Miss Lucy Harper.....	1890	Georgetown, Tex.....	Laredo, Tex.
Miss Kate P. Fannin.....	1890	Blountstown, Fla.....	Saltillo, Mexico.

## CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, ETC.

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### Constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the "Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to enlist and invite the efforts of women and children in sending the gospel to women and children in foreign lands, on our borders, and among the Indian tribes of our own country, through the agency of female missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible-readers. The missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible-readers employed by the Woman's Board shall be subject to the appointing power of the bishop having charge of the mission field in which they labor.

ART. III. The work shall be accomplished by organizing Societies in each charge, and Conference Societies in each Conference, and shall be controlled by an executive body to be known as the "Woman's Board of Missions."

ART. IV. The Board shall consist of a President, Vice-president, two Secretaries (one to administer the foreign, the other the home affairs of the Society), Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and six Managers, (to be elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board at the annual meeting next succeeding the General Conference), and the Corresponding Secretaries or alternates of the Conference Societies. The Secretaries of the Board of Missions shall be honorary members of the Woman's Board.

ART. V. The operations of this Woman's Board shall be conducted in connection with the Board of Missions and subject to its advice and approval. When appropriations are made the funds shall be sent in such manner and to meet such purposes as the Woman's Board shall direct.

ART. VI. The Woman's Board shall meet annually to determine what fields shall be occupied, the number of persons to be employed in each, and to estimate and appropriate the amount necessary for the support of the missions under its charge. A majority shall constitute a quorum to transact business at the annual meetings; five shall be a quorum for monthly or called meetings. The transactions of the monthly or called meetings shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the ensuing annual meeting.

ART. VII. The Woman's Board shall have authority to establish and maintain a Bible and training school under its auspices, control, and management, for the education of missionaries and other Christian workers, provided that the collections of this Society shall not be used for said school except such as may be specially given for that purpose.

ART. VIII. The funds of this Board shall be derived from private efforts, from membership fees, life and honorary membership fees, from devises and

bequests, and from public collections only at meetings appointed in behalf of the Society.

ART. IX. The President shall preside at all meetings, and countersign all orders on the treasury. In her absence the Vice-president shall preside, and in the absence of both a chairman shall be appointed *pro tem*.

ART. X. The Foreign Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and attend to the legal business of the foreign field, prepare the annual report, publish quarterly and annually a statement of the condition of the work, and give all orders on the Treasurer. The Foreign Secretary shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. XI. The Secretary for Home Affairs shall conduct the correspondence with the Societies, attend to the legal business of the same, and furnish for publication quarterly and annual statements of the work under her charge.

ART. XII. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Board in safe deposit, which deposit shall be made by her as Treasurer, subject to authenticated drafts. She shall furnish quarterly and annual reports to be published with those of the Foreign Secretary, and her accounts shall be audited by the Treasurer of the Board of Missions. The Treasurer shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. XIII. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings in a permanent record, and obtain the signature of the President as approved.

ART. XIV. An Auditor shall be elected to audit the accounts of the Society.

ART. XV. When vacancies occur in the interval of the annual meetings, the Board shall fill said vacancies until the next annual meeting.

ART. XVI. Three of the six Managers shall be members of any one of the Auxiliary Societies at the place where the Board of Missions is located, and the remaining three shall represent severally the eastern, the southern, and the western Societies of the Church.

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### By-laws of the Woman's Board of Missions.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society in whose precincts the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions is to be held, after consulting with the executive officers of said Board, shall fix the date of meeting, and arrange for anniversary exercises.

2. The traveling expenses of officers and managers and returned missionaries to and from the meetings of the Board shall be paid from the treasury.

3. The opening exercises of each annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions shall be held the evening before the regular business meeting commences.

4. The officers and managers of the Woman's Board of Missions shall nominate the standing committees.

5. The By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote.

6. If for any cause it should become necessary, in the interim of the annual meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions, to change the place selected to

hold the next annual meeting, it can be done by consent of the executive officers and managers of the Board.

#### RULES OF ORDER.

- (a) Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
- (b) All resolutions shall be presented in writing.
- (c) Ladies shall rise when they address the Chair.
- (d) No member shall leave the room without permission of the Chair.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

*For Opening Business Sessions of Annual Meetings of Woman's Board of Missions.*

1. Roll-call.
2. Reading minutes of opening session.
3. Report of Local Board.
4. Announcement of standing committees.
5. Presentation of plans and estimates for foreign work, and papers to be referred to committees.
6. Miscellaneous business.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

*For Regular Daily Sessions.*

1. Roll-call.
2. Reading of minutes.
3. Reports from standing committees.
4. Reports from special committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.

### Conference Societies.

A Conference Society shall be formed by the election of a President, Vice-president, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and a Secretary for each district.

These shall be appointed in the first instance by the Annual Conference, or a convention called for the purpose of organizing, and then elected thereafter at the annual meetings by ballot.

#### BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. The executive officers shall constitute a committee to transact business in the interval of the annual meetings. Three shall constitute a quorum. A reserve shall be elected to attend the meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary. If the reserve elect cannot attend, another can be appointed by the President and Corresponding Secretary. The annual meetings of the Conference Societies shall be held as soon as practicable *after* (in no case prior to) the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions.

SEC. 2. The President (or Vice-president) shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee. The President shall countersign all drafts on the treasury for necessary Conference expenses.

SEC. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of

the Society with the Auxiliaries, and shall herself (or through the District Secretary, as she may direct) supply them with such missionary matter as she may obtain for gratuitous distribution. It shall be her duty to use all practicable means for the organization of Auxiliaries, and forward promptly reports of organization and number of members to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions. She must send promptly quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions on the 20th of June, September, December, and March; also an annual report, giving all statistics in full, the last quarter preceding the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions. She shall sign all drafts on the treasury.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all the meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee, and keep the minutes of the same on record.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and keep on deposit all funds of the Society, keeping an account with each Auxiliary, and submitting the same annually to the Auditor. She must send reports promptly on the 30th of June, September, December, and March, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions, therewith transmitting all the funds in the treasury. She must keep an account of the expenses of the Conference Society, and send the same with her quarterly report to the Treasurer. An itemized copy of said reports must be furnished the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 6. The District Secretary shall organize Auxiliaries, and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Missionary Society in her district. She (or a representative appointed by her) shall present a report of the work at the District Conference, and shall hold an annual meeting in the district (composed of delegates from Auxiliaries), and an all-day meeting whenever practicable. If the Conference Corresponding Secretary so direct, the District Secretary shall conduct the correspondence with Auxiliaries, and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society. It shall be her duty to do all in her power to obtain subscribers to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and see to the collection of the contingent fund for Conference expenses.

SEC. 7. Conference and Auxiliary Societies shall not project new work in the mission fields.

SEC. 8. Conference Societies shall provide a contingent fund for defraying necessary expenses.

SEC. 9. The regular dues of the Auxiliary Societies, Adult and Juvenile, also funds contributed to make life-members, honorary life-members, and life-patrons, shall not be devoted to specific work.

SEC. 10. The funds, outside of dues collected within the Auxiliaries to the Woman's Missionary Society, Adult or Juvenile, shall not be directed to any specific work, without obtaining the consent of the Woman's Board, and with the understanding that such work is in accordance with the plans of this Board.

SEC. 11. Credit shall not be given nor vouchers accepted by the Treasurer of the Woman's Board for funds that have not been paid into the treasury of the same.

## Auxiliary Societies.

Any number of women may form an Auxiliary to the Conference Society, in any charge or circuit, by appointing a President, two or more Vice-presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer; these constituting a Local Executive Committee. Auxiliary Societies shall report to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions until Conference Societies may be formed in the Annual Conference wherein they are located.

### HOW TO ORGANIZE AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Whenever any number of ladies can be convened for the purpose, let the work be brought before them by the pastor or some lady, urging the claims of the Woman's Missionary Society; then organize by appointing a chairman and secretary *pro tem*.

Let one or more ladies pass around with slips of paper to secure members.

The chairman shall then call for a nominating committee preliminary to the election of officers; when the report of the nominating committee is adopted the officers are elected.

The Constitution and By-laws provided for Auxiliaries should then be read and adopted. The time for holding the monthly meetings may be determined, and subscribers obtained to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

As soon as organized the Corresponding Secretary of the Auxiliary shall fill a blank report of organization, and forward to the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

#### *Printed for Information and Use in the Organization of Auxiliaries.*

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the "Woman's Missionary Society of ———, auxiliary to the ——— Conference Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid Christian women and children in the evangelization of women and children in our mission fields, and to raise funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of one dollar a year, or ten cents a month, may become a member of this Society; and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, may be a life-member.

ART. 4. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held once a month. The anniversary of each Society shall, if practicable, be held in March, at which time the reports of the Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers shall be read, and officers for the ensuing year be elected by ballot. The delegate and reserve to the annual meeting of the Conference Society shall be elected by ballot at the same time.

### BY LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society, and to advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-president to perform the duties of the

President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, or the District Secretary, as the Conference Secretary may direct. She (or the appointed agent) shall bring up the claims of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* at every monthly meeting, and try to obtain subscribers.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members and hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book-account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March; also at the same time to furnish the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

6. There shall be a committee of three to provide missionary reading for monthly and quarterly meetings.

7. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, when reports of the work shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase general missionary intelligence and zeal, as well as earnestness in the special work of the Society.

8. Each member of the Society shall try to induce others to become members, and do what she can to add to the interest, remembering in prayer her Society, its workers, the missionaries, schools, etc., connected with the general work.

9. If an office becomes vacant by death, resignation, or removal, such vacancy must be filled as soon as possible.

10. Order of exercises for monthly meetings: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) reading and approval of minutes; (3) report of Corresponding Secretary; (4) report of Treasurer; (5) report of Literary Committee; (6) miscellaneous business; (7) report of what each member has done for the Society during the month; (8) adjournment.

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## Young People's and Juvenile Societies.

### CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called ———.

ART. 2. Its objects shall be to aid the operations of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; to increase contributions; to cultivate piety, systematic giving, and to increase missionary intelligence.

ART. 3. Its officers shall be a President, two Vice-presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

ART. 4. A Lady Manager shall be elected by the Society to superintend its interests.



ART. 5. Every member of the Society must be pledged to contribute five cents monthly.

ART. 6. Any one may become an honorary member of the Society by the payment of five dollars, or a life-member by the payment of ten dollars.

#### BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society, and to advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-presidents to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, giving the *status* of the Society. A copy of this report shall be sent to the District Secretary.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, and to hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book-account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer, not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March; also at the same time to furnish the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

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### Instructions to Missionaries.

1. All missionaries in the employ of the Woman's Board of Missions must work under the advice and approval of this Board, and conform to the general plan of work in the mission to which she is appointed.

2. To secure organization and unity in the mission fields, every missionary of the Woman's Board is confidently expected to work in harmonious relation with the Agent appointed over that part of the field to which she has been assigned; also, that she will receive all instructions and all funds through this Agent, and send quarterly and annual reports through her to the Foreign Secretary of the Woman's Board.

3. Missionaries must give their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as an ample salary to meet their temporal necessities is paid them by the Board.

4. Before sending their annual reports, the missionaries of the Woman's Board must hold an annual meeting, the minutes of which, including reports, plans, and estimates, must be forwarded promptly to the Foreign Secretary of the Board by the Agent. All the representatives must, if possible, attend this meeting to consider and compare methods of work in their several departments.

5. All donations received for the work must be mentioned in the annual reports.

6. The action of the Woman's Board will be communicated to the Agents officially by the Foreign Secretary of the Board.

7. Missionaries must not involve the Society in any expense, the estimate of which has not been submitted to and approved by the Board in annual session.

8. Under no circumstances shall new work be opened without the consent of the Woman's Board. Missionaries are not permitted to make public or private appeals for funds to aid in support of their work without the knowledge and approval of the Board, and such appeals must be made through the Foreign Secretary of this Board.

9. Medical missionaries must keep itemized accounts of receipts and disbursements, sending quarterly and annual reports of the same to the Foreign Secretary of the Board. Such receipts may be used by them for needful expenses in their work. If there is any surplus, it must be placed in the treasury in the field, and accredited as receipts arising from the practice of medical missionaries. The medical outfit is the property of the Board.

10. If a missionary in the employ of the Woman's Board, or an accepted candidate, evinces any unfitness for the work, the agreement may be canceled, and, after giving her three months' notice, she may be recalled by the Board; her expenses home will be paid, provided she returns within the time specified.

11. If it becomes necessary for a missionary to return home temporarily because of ill health, she must send a certificate to that effect from a physician and the Agent in charge of the district in which she is stationed. The Board in such cases agrees to meet the expenses of her travel home, and pay her half salary for one year, if she is in harmony with the Woman's Board.

12. Should a missionary desire her expenses paid to return home for any other cause than that of ill health, she must in every case give her reasons and obtain leave of absence from the Woman's Board through the Agent in charge of her field.

13. Every missionary is authorized to conduct the internal affairs of her department as she thinks best suited to the surroundings, and to secure good results; provided, always, that her plans meet the approval of the Woman's Board.

14. Every returned missionary is expected to be present at the first annual meeting of the Board after her arrival home. Her expenses to and from the place of meeting will be paid by the Board.

15. Every missionary employed by the Woman's Board is required to comply with the above conditions, and to remember always her promise given under head of "Questions to Missionary Candidates, No. 16."

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### Requirements of Missionary Candidates.

1. The papers of a missionary candidate must be presented through the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society in which she resides, to the Secretary of the Woman's Board, *not less than three months before the annual meeting of this Board.* If practicable, the Conference Secretary should

seek a personal acquaintance with the candidate before the papers are forwarded to the Secretary of the Board.

2. These papers must be references or testimonials from the pastor and Sunday-school Superintendent of the Church in which the candidate holds her membership; from the President of the college where she was educated, or where she has taught; the President of her Auxiliary Society, if connected with any; also of persons who have had opportunities for understanding character, acquirements, and capabilities. The candidate herself must write her application to the Board, giving some history of her life and religious experience.

3. A missionary candidate must feel that her heart is especially directed toward foreign missionary work, and that her only desire and purpose in offering herself is to serve God and obey the command, "Go teach all nations."

4. Some experience at home in teaching and in Christian work is necessary to show her capabilities for foreign service.

5. She must have executive ability and adaptability to surroundings. These are essential qualities in mission work.

6. The testimonials of a missionary candidate must include the following points: Evidences of religious experience, energy, and business capacity; good judgment and prudence; mental attainments and health.

7. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-five years nor more than thirty-five, unless she has superior qualifications, and circumstances justify a deviation from strict adherence to this rule.

8. She must furnish a health certificate from a competent physician, and answer satisfactorily the questions under that head, and where practicable be examined by a specialist for the eye, ear, throat, and lungs; also securing a certificate of the soundness of these organs.

9. No candidate will be accepted unless she will pledge herself not to leave the service of the Woman's Board within five years from the time she reaches the field, unless her health fails.

10. She, with two good securities, must sign a *pledge* to the effect that, if she leaves the service of the Woman's Board for any other cause than ill health, before the expiration of five years, she or her securities will refund to the Board the amount paid for her outfit and travel. This does not imply that her obligation to the Woman's Board ceases at the end of five years; but that she is bound to refund this amount if she voluntarily leaves the work of the Woman's Board of Missions before this stated time expires.

11. Her preferences for a field will be considered, but it is expected that she will acquiesce in the decision and judgment of the Board.

12. Every candidate is required to come before the Examining Committee and before the Woman's Board of Missions at a called meeting, or attend the annual meeting of the Board.

13. After a candidate is accepted, she must consider herself under the guidance of the Board in the interim of her departure for her appointed field.

14. The traveling expenses of an accepted candidate are paid from her home to the mission field, and \$200 is granted for her personal outfit. Her salary does not begin until she reaches her field of labor.

15. Every candidate is required to get *two good and sufficient securities* to join her in signing the

PLEDGE.

I have avowed my intention to devote myself to the work of the Woman's Board of Missions as long as life and usefulness continue, and I hold myself morally bound to maintain this purpose; yet, in view of the changes to which all persons are liable, and recognizing the fact that the equipment of missionaries and the cost of travel to foreign countries constitute a large item of expense; also that the first year or two must be spent in preparation, I here pledge myself to give not less than five years' service to the Woman's Board.

Moreover, if I voluntarily leave this employ before the expiration of five years after my arrival in the field, I promise to refund the money expended for my outfit and travel. I promise, also, to give six months' notice of any change in my relations to the Board, or forfeit my salary for that length of time. I herewith sign my own name, with two *good and sufficient securities*, for the fulfillment of these promises.

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### Questions to Missionary Candidates.

1. Do you feel that your heart is moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary?
2. (a) Are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South?  
(b) How long have you been a member?
3. Do you subscribe to the doctrines of this Church?
4. Is it your desire and intention to make the work of this Board your life-work?
5. Are you willing to go to any field?
6. Have you any experience in Christian work?
7. Have you a thorough English education?
8. (a.) Have you studied any ancient or modern language? (b) Do you acquire such with ease?
9. Have you taught school, where, and with what success?
10. Can you teach music, vocal or instrumental?
11. What is the condition of your health? and are you predisposed to any physical weakness?
12. What is your age?
13. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?
14. (a) Have you ever applied to other Mission Boards or Societies?  
(b) Were you refused? and for what cause?
15. Will you sign, with two sufficient securities, the pledge required of all missionary candidates?
16. Will you promise to keep the following conditions: "If you labor with us in the Lord's vineyard, it is needful that you should do that part of the work which we advise, at those times and places which we judge most for his glory?"

## Certificate of Health.

*Questions to be answered by the Examining Physician.*

[It is not necessary that every question be answered favorably to receive an appointment.]

1. How long have you known this lady ?
2. Has your acquaintance been such as to enable you to know particularly of her health and physical tendencies ?
3. Are her habits active or sedentary ?
4. (a) Has she had the usual diseases of childhood ? (b) Have they affected her constitution in any way ?
5. Has she had any serious illness, local disease, or personal injury ? If so, of what nature ? how long since ? and has she entirely recovered from it ?
6. Has she been successfully vaccinated ?
7. (a) Have her grandparents, parents, brothers, or sisters, ever had mental derangement, pulmonary complaint, scrofula, or other serious disease tending to shorten life ? (b) Does she exhibit any tendency to these diseases ?
8. Is she subject to heart-disease, or diseases peculiar to women ?
9. Are her eyes in a healthy condition ? and would they be liable, so far as can be seen, to any affection incident to change of climate ?
10. Has she any tendency to deafness ?
11. Is her constitution strong and vigorous at this time ?
12. (a) What climate would be most suitable to her constitution ? (b) Would a tropical climate in her case especially induce liver disease ?

[Questions to be copied, and answers opposite each question.]

[Physician's signature.] .....

### EXTRACT FROM "ADDRESS OF BISHOPS"

*To the General Conference held in St. Louis, May, 1890.*

The work of the Woman's Board of Missions deserves your attention. With great patience and zeal these fellow-helpers of ours in the gospel of Christ have prosecuted their labors with no small measure of success. In China and Brazil, in Mexico and on the border, and in the Indian Territory, in the schools under their care, through Bible-women and by hospital work, they have diligently ministered to the wants of women and children and prepared the way of the Lord. Much of the success of our regular missionary service is due to their efforts, and in many places this form of work has become indispensable. In the Church at home their zeal has provoked many ; and a wider and more intelligent interest in the extension of the kingdom of Christ has attended upon the organization and working of their Societies.

It has been questioned whether, under the terms of the Discipline, which restrict woman's work to "women and children in heathen lands," the Woman's Board had authority to enter Mexico, Brazil, and the Indian Territory. To remove all embarrassment, we suggest that the action taken by them heretofore be ratified and their Constitution so changed as to include non-Protestant lands, with the Mexicans of the border and the Indians of the Territories.

Difficulties and delays occurring, and in some instances actual loss incurred

in the transmission of their funds under the present arrangement, moved the Woman's Board, at its annual meeting in May, 1889, to adopt a memorial to this General Conference asking that they be authorized to send their funds direct to the missions by their own Treasurer. This request may be safely granted, with a proviso for quarterly and annual examination and audit of the Treasurer's accounts by the Parent Board. Every proper facility should be afforded these faithful women for the prosecution of their work, and every reasonable precaution taken against unnecessary interference with their plans. The Church has had much benefit from them, and may without distrust anticipate greater result from their services in the future. The publications of both the Parent and the Woman's Board have been useful to the cause and are indispensable to the wider diffusion of information.

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#### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ADVOCATE.

The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* is the official organ of the Society. The Editor and Agent is elected annually by the Woman's Board of Missions. This paper is published monthly. The address of the Editor is: Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn. Terms, 50 cents per annum, in advance.

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#### LEAFLETS.

Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyngnam, Editor and Publisher, Nashville, Tenn. Leaflets and programmes can be obtained from the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

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#### PAYMENTS TO THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The payment of \$1 a year or ten cents a month for adults, or five cents a month for juveniles, constitutes a member for twelve months.

The payment of \$20 constitutes a life-member.

The payment of \$100 constitutes an honorary life-member.

The payment of \$300 constitutes an honorary life-patron.

The payment of \$40 supports a scholarship for one year in China.

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#### FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, \$—— or ——, to be paid or conveyed to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions (the executive body of the Society), whose receipt therefor shall be acquittance to my executors.

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#### FORM OF DEVISE.

I hereby give and devise absolutely and in fee simple to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, the following real estate [adding such description as shall fully identify the particular real estate intended].

NOTE.—Prompt notice of bequests and devises should be given to Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary Woman's Board.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE AND USE IN SOCIETIES.

"Letters from the Orient," by Mrs. (Bishop) A. W. Wilson.

"Crises of Missions," by Rev. Arthur T. Pierson.

*Missionary Review of the World*, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York.

*Woman's Work for Woman*, and *Our Mission Fields*, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York.

*Life and Light for Woman*, Congregational House, Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

*Heathen Woman's Friend*, Miss J. P. Walden, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass.

*Missionary Reporter*, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

*Missionary Herald*, American Board.

*Missionary Link*, W. U. M. S.

*Spirit of Missions*, Episcopal.

*Lutheran Missionary Journal*.

"Go or Send," by Bishop A. G. Haygood, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

"Protestant Foreign Missions," by Christlieb, Congregational House, Boston, Mass.

"Lectures on Missions," Max Müller,

"Women of the Orient," by Rev. Ross C. Houghton.

"Around the World," by Bishop Hendrix.

"To the East by Way of the West," by Bishop Marvin.

*Missionary Programmes*, by Miss Mary Helm. Price twenty-five cents. Order from Miss Mary Helm, Nashville, Tenn.

*Woman's Missionary Advocate*, Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Report of the Missionary Conference, London, 1888.

The above publications may be had by sending orders to BARBEE & SMITH, Agents, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.







