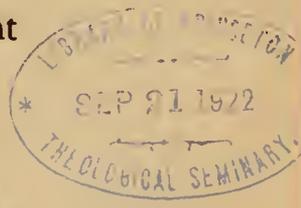


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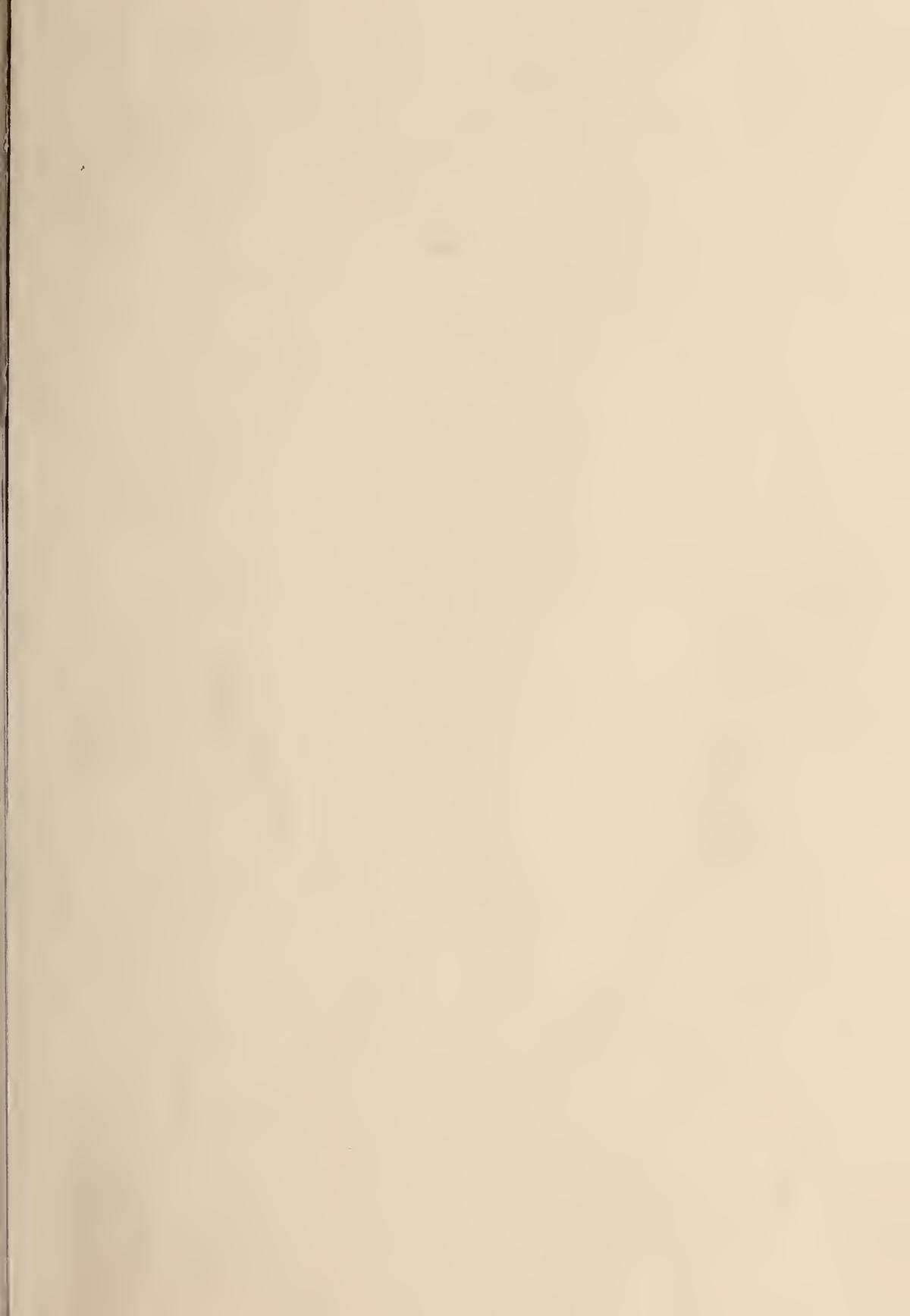
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## A New Prize Contest

WANTED — SUGGESTIONS!

FROM time to time there come in to the Editor through her correspondents hints of different ways in which the readers of *WOMAN'S WORK* make use of their magazines. To give a few instances: One friend writes of making scrap-books of pictures of different countries for use in band or auxiliary meetings—when they are talking of a certain missionary or school or station to have a picture to refer to gives much more reality to the allusion. Into the book of each country she pastes the map of that country, these have all been printed in the magazine. Another writes of preparing from *WOMAN'S WORK* a list of questions to be used in an interrogation match, see page 275 of our December number. Now we want more of these practical suggestions, and to stimulate the ingenuity of our readers we are offering a prize for the best answer sent us to the following question:

WHAT USE CAN BE MADE OF THE ISSUES OF *WOMAN'S WORK*?

Send your suggestions briefly and clearly written in not more than three hundred words, addressed to The Editor, to reach her before *April first*. The suggestion considered the most practically useful will be printed in our May issue, and we will show our appreciation by mailing to the sender a prize of five dollars.



Church at Kum Dang Sil, eighty  $\frac{1}{2}$  from Andong. It is not usual to see a gentleman carrying a baby on his back but Mr. Kim was too proud of his little grandson to leave him out of the picture. Photo. sent by Mrs. A. G. Welbon.

In his report of his visit to Seoul Mr. Speer gave the following striking instance of spiritual progress in Chosen: "Eighteen years ago, a meeting of students would have brought together only a small handful of boys from the two

small mission schools. Last Friday night, fifteen hundred students packed the large hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, and hundreds more could not get in. At the close of the meeting in response to old Mr. Yi's ap-

peal, almost fifteen hundred students must have raised their hands to indicate that they were already, or desired to become, disciples of Jesus Christ."

SECRETARIES OF LITERATURE have some amusing and eye-opening experiences. It is so easy to take for granted that other people are familiar with the things we know all about ourselves, and that they really do know what we think they ought to know. An Iowa correspondent writes us a funny illustration of this fact. As secretary of literature she called on a neighbor, who was a member of the missionary auxiliary, and asked her if she were a subscriber to WOMAN'S WORK. "Yes," replied the neighbor, "I think I take it. I subscribe for a lot of those fancy-work papers," and added, "It is a crochet book, isn't it?" This misapprehension was not without its advantages, however, for as a result of telling the pathetic story at the next auxiliary meeting the secretary secured six new subscribers for WOMAN'S WORK, all of whom knew they were taking a foreign missions magazine.

ANOTHER correspondent asks us to put a suggestion in the magazine about "getting time" for missionary reading. Even in our crowded days, "with thronging duties pressed," duties of our homes, of patriotism and benevolence, we need to remind ourselves that each one of us has all the time there is, the only question is how we divide it. The busiest woman scarcely lets a day pass now without informing herself of the progress of events through the newspaper. Should a Christian woman not follow with equal interest the progress of the campaign under the only banner which really floats round the world, that under which "the Son of God goes forth to war"?

FROM one of the last letters received from Miss Annie Montgomery we quote

a little extract which gives a glimpse of the wise, practical energy which, combined with high spiritual standards, made her such a peculiarly valuable missionary:

"My chief work in our house during the winter was helping our refugees to help themselves and not become paupers, and it is a pretty good showing that all the outside help we had was \$16.50 sent by the Bible Class of the Sunday-school in Phoenix, Arizona. By the help of a hand-saw and two borrowed axes I taught the two men strong enough to work, to cut, split and store our wood. It cost us ten times the usual price but it enabled them to buy some wheat and coal of which I had laid in supplies. The women did the laundry work, sweeping and dusting, and knit and crocheted articles for which the ladies paid good prices."

ONE can hardly emphasize too often to those in charge of preparing programs for meetings the importance of allowing *time* to the missionary speaker. One of our strong missionaries, of high intellectual ability and a speaker of thrilling interest, described to the Editor a recent experience of his own. At considerable inconvenience he accepted the invitation to address a presbyterial society meeting in a nearby State. He arrived promptly and sat through all the reports and other business details of the meeting. As he sat he faced a clock and saw the hands creeping round the dial as the time passed. A discussion was one of the features of the program, as to the comparative value of addresses from missionaries and original papers by members of the society. It was voted unanimously that the latter were preferable. The clock showed that only ten minutes were left before the hour appointed for closing, when the president arose to introduce the missionary speaker. In doing so, she alluded to a fine article he had recently written for this magazine and asked the secretary if she had read it. "No," said the secretary, "I do not take WOMAN'S WORK!" The missionary said that he felt that his journey was not altogether in vain, for he devoted the few minutes

left to him to telling his audience that he considered WOMAN'S WORK "a splendid periodical, second to none in this country or any other country," and that if they meant to have their programs consist of original papers they would find abundant material in its pages. "Then," he said, "I ran for my train."

It was interesting to hear from our alert old missionary, Miss Charlotte Hawes, of her "delight in your beautiful modern cover for the magazine." The Chinese women too, she says, share her admiration and used any WOMAN'S WORK covers which she could give them to put on their hymn-books and their Testaments, which are paper-bound. In spite of the advance of modernism in China Miss Hawes tells us that thousands still are disabled and suffering from the torture of footbinding, poor little girls, limping and crying. A young Christian girl, engaged to be married to the son of a heathen family, ventured to unbind her feet before her marriage. Her mother-in-law liked her faithful, cheerful work, but was incensed at the unbound feet, as was the husband. He finally put his wife out of the house one night, forbidding her to return. She knelt in the cold yard and prayed, not knowing where to go. By-and-by the door opened and her husband called her back. Later both he and his mother became Christians through her influence, and Miss Hawes had the joy of seeing her old pupil, who had been a thin, bound-footed, downtrodden girl, developed into a strong, healthy, happy-faced woman, with her feet neatly covered with well-made, large shoes and white muslin stockings.

MISS MARGARET E. HODGE, the new Executive Secretary of the Woman's Board, is now established in her office in the Presbyterian Building in New York. She finds herself a very busy woman, all the more so because there is as yet no established routine to her

office, but each day she has to "blaze her own trail." That Miss Hodge will need for the newly created office all the grasp and efficiency she developed as President of the Philadelphia Board may be gathered by reading the official summary of her duties. "The Executive Secretary shall represent Central Committee and the Woman's Boards on the Executive Committee of the Assembly's Board and shall consider with the Candidate Committee of that Board the papers of women candidates. She shall attend denominational and interdenominational conferences; shall send to the Boards minutes and reports of the Executive Committee of Central Committee, and reports of the meetings of the Executive Council, visit all the Woman's Boards, at least annually. In the course of her visits to the Boards the Executive Secretary shall become so familiar with the opinion and desires of the Boards that she may intelligently represent them at the meetings of the Executive Committee, taking to it and discussing with its members the business of the Woman's Boards in their relation to each other and to the Executive Council and suggesting plans for the increased efficiency and unification of the six Woman's Boards. She shall, on request, prepare for WOMAN'S WORK occasional articles concerning work at the Home Base and on the foreign field and shall report to the editor of WOMAN'S WORK such final Board decision on the recommendations from Central Committee and General Council as are deemed ready for publication."

AT THIS writing definite word has been received from Guatemala City that our missionaries are all safe though the terrible earthquake destroyed practically all buildings. The Board has cabled sufficient funds to supply the needs of the mission, as yet no action has been taken towards providing the relief fund of twenty-five thousand dollars which the missionaries ask for.

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## "Let Me Live in a House by the Side of the Road and Be a Friend to Man"

CORNELIUS BAKER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL stands beside one of the main thoroughfares going into Andong, Chosen, and testifies to the passer-by not only of the friends to be found within but also of the friends in America who made their being there possible, and best of all of Him who is the Friend supreme. By far the largest and most pretentious structure in the city, it causes no end of comment among the Koreans, often similar to that by one elderly mother who after examining the interior of one of the other buildings on the compound, said, "Can Heaven be any finer than this?"

Located, as it is, seventy miles from the railroad, many difficulties were encountered in its construction, but one by one they were surmounted and the hospital was dedicated in November, 1915. It is a three-story brick structure, 35 x 70 feet, fully equipped, with hot water heating plant, modern bathrooms with hot and cold water, and a first-class operating room. There are accommodations for thirty patients and the friends in America have been thoughtful enough to supply the bed-

ROY K. SMITH, M.D.

ding. A large box of blankets came from Lake Forest, Ill., and many a parcels-post package of quilt blocks was received, which, after Mrs. Smith had pieced them together on her sewing machine, were made into quilts by the women of the local church. Our fears lest the patients would not take kindly to spring beds after having slept all their lives on hard floors were soon dispelled by the looks of satisfaction that came over their faces as they realized for the first time the comfort of a real bed.

Work in the new operating room offers quite a contrast to that of pre-hospital days. The first operation we performed in Andong was the removal of a thirty-pound pelvic tumor from a woman because she insisted so strenuously upon having us do it. After trying without avail to discourage her because of our lack of facilities for handling such a case, our line of defense was finally shattered by her argument, "I'm going to die anyway, so why can't you make the effort to save



Cornelius Baker Memorial Hospital, building given by Mrs. A. F. Schauffler in memory of her father. Kennedy House on the hill at the left.

me? If you fail it will be no loss." We thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned our one room which served as office, drug-room, waiting room, treatment and dressing room, and with one wooden bench placed on top of another for an operating table, and the instruments and dressings sterilized in a wash boiler, we removed the tumor. Miss Jessie Rodgers, (now the wife of Dr. Fletcher) gave her first anaesthetic and Mrs. Smith assisted in her first operation. Three weeks later the patient walked to her home twenty-five miles away in the country. While she was with us she consistently refused to listen to any presentation of the Gospel message, saying that she had come solely for physical healing, but the good seed was planted and later brought forth fruit, for a few months later she walked in again to tell us with beaming face that she had found her Saviour and that He had brought peace to her soul as well as to her body. No matter how poor the equipment or how crude the work, human souls can be brought face to face with their Maker. But how many fold are the efficiency and the results multiplied by having the proper tools with which to work!

Contrast, if you will, with the foregoing, work in our operating-room as it is today. The patient has been received the day previous and properly prepared by our Korean graduate nurse. When the doctor comes down in the morning, the steam sterilizer has already been run the proper length of time and instruments and dressings are in readiness. After prayer has been offered, the patient is anaesthetised by a man trained for that particular task and the operation proceeds much as it would in the homeland after the patient has been returned to his bed he is given all the attention necessary for his well-being and comfort.

But where is the hospital of the same size in our own country in which one man would be expected to care for the out-patient department, to run the dispensary and drug-room, to receive new patients, to operate and prescribe, to oversee the dressings and treatments and to keep an officious eye upon the laundry, kitchen and furnace room, to say nothing of keeping his office desk in shape and looking after the book-keeping and finances?

It can be done because it has been done, but it is too much for one man

to do thoroughly and successfully. Just as the results for the Kingdom were enlarged by the increased efficiency of the new equipment over the old, just so would they be many times increased if we had adequate assistance so that not only could the work be more effectively and more extensively done, from a scientific standpoint, but more opportunities for direct evangelism could be seized and followed up. We are praying for the trained nurse for which the Mission has asked and the work is ready and waiting for her whenever she is found.

The aim in all our work is so to live Christ and so to present Him to each one who comes into the hospital that they will come to know Him personally, that we "might by all means save some." May we introduce just a few of the stars in our "crown of rejoicing"?

Yi Pyung Moon came to the dispensary, a hungry, ragged, unkempt beggar. He had a large leg ulcer of several years standing with dead bone exposed. Permission was given him to sleep in one of the native buildings on the compound and he was given two meals a day along with his treatment until he was able to earn for himself. After the new hospital was opened he was given a bed for awhile and the leg was operated on. It has not yet entirely healed, but the one-time illiterate beggar became so interested in the Christianity that he heard preached and saw lived around the hospital that he secured a Testament and learned to read. He is now a catechumen, awaiting baptism and one of the brightest pictures we have in memory's halls is of the smile on his shining face as he bade us farewell upon our departure from Chosen. He has demonstrated an almost puritanical sense of honesty and to him Christianity is a practical standard of every-day conduct.

Tai Whani is the eighteen-year-old son of a geomancer, a locator of favorable grave sites, a profession which used to flourish in Chosen before the

Japanese Government laid out the cemeteries. He came with a chronic osteomyelitis of the femur, badly in need of an operation which was advised. But Tai Whani was afraid and for several weeks held aloof. Finally, however, his suffering became so great that his fears were submerged and he entered the hospital. His father had warned him that if he ever became a Christian he need never come near his home again. For several months he remained in the hospital, and every day heard something of the Gospel and often read from the books provided for the patients. The seed was slow in germinating, but one day he had the orderly cut his hair which hung in a long braid down his back, and declared that from henceforth he was going to be known as a follower of Christ. It meant everything to him, for his father was true to his threat and Tai Whani had no means of livelihood as he had never learned to work. But after leaving the hospital he learned the brush-maker's trade and became self-supporting. Now his face always wears a happy smile. "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."

Kwun Si was brought in with a condition which offered rather slim chances of cure, but desiring that we make an effort. After the first operation, which had been only partially successful, when she had been told that no definite promise of recovery could be offered, she startled us by her reply, "My body is yours. If it is necessary to operate a hundred times, please do so." After the second operation she announced to the Bible woman that she had "decided to believe." She was sent home for a rest before undergoing further treatment, and when she returned a few weeks later, brought her husband with her. The doctor was called out about ten o'clock that night to attend her husband, who, on the way into town, had eaten something which did not agree with him, and thought he was go-

ing to die. One hypodermic injection relieved him and what was our surprise when the next morning he appeared at the hospital with a Bible and hymn book under his arm and a smile upon his face as he said, "After what you have done for my wife and that wonderful needle by which you saved my life last night, there is nothing left for me but to be a Christian," and to this day they both are standing firm in the faith.

the proceeds to the one who had been wronged, pleading for leniency and forgiveness. But he was hard-hearted and although he had received financial satisfaction, he reported the matter to the police and eventually the couple were obliged to spend several years in the penitentiary. In the meantime, the husband had developed leprosy and when they were at last free, they were obliged to begin life over with a serious handi-



Dr. and Mrs. Smith in the operating room.

Space remains for only one more illustration of the reality of Christ in the lives of the Korean Christians. Kim Si came into the hospital and the Biblewoman told us that hers was a proper case for charity, as she was very poor and her husband was a leper. She was already a Christian and we later learned her story. When she and her husband, who at that time was a well man, "decided to believe" their consciences troubled them, because in a fit of anger sometime previously, he had set fire to a neighbor's house without being discovered. They talked it over and decided that their only course of action was to confess and make reparation for the wrong. They sold their own home and all they had and gave

cap. But through it all their faith in God never wavered and they are still "living epistles, known and read of all men."

Such cases, which might be multiplied, constitute our answer to the query, "Why do you want to return to Chosen?" The hospital which proved such a help in the evangelization of those who came under its influence, is today closed because the health of the physician in charge broke under the strain. During his illness a year ago, Mrs. Smith continued the dispensary work alone for several weeks. In fact, throughout the entire work she has been a most efficient helper, assisting at all serious operations and taking charge of the bedding and supplies, although

without any previous experience or training whatever. But finally it became evident that only a return to America could fit us for the further carrying on of the work. As we were leaving last Summer, Elder Um said very feelingly, "We older people don't make so much difference, for we haven't

very much longer to live anyway, but doctor, what will become of the children when they get sick? Hurry up and come back to care for our children and teach us how to care for them." Do you wonder that the call still rings in our ears or that we want others also to hear it?

### CHOSEN

[Written for a young women's missionary meeting of which the subject was Chosen.]

IN vision of the night I see the heathen  
world  
Pass in superb review before the King of  
kings:  
Redeemed of every land, the precious harvest  
sheaves  
That missionary zeal in Gospel message  
brings.

Japan and China come, and Persia's white-  
robed throng,  
The Hindu and the Turk, dark Africa's ran-  
somed souls,  
Benighted of our Western world, but blood-  
washed, saved,  
With islanders from coral reefs and ocean's  
shoals.

Foremost in all that splendid, ransomed, joy-  
ous throng  
(The Bride of Christ's best tribute to her  
kingly Groom),  
Land of continual revival, dauntless love,  
Korea white, *Chosen* of God from heathen  
tomb.

*Henriette Johns.*

HARRISBURG, PA.

## In One Little Village

GERDA O. BERGMAN.

ALTHOUGH I have been putting in most of my time in the study of this very difficult language, I have been out in the country several times, holding Bible classes with the assistance of a native Biblewoman. Perhaps it would be of interest if I describe how we prepare for and what we do at one of these Bible classes.

A month before I go notice is sent to the churches asking that they prepare a room for me and hold a week of special prayer for the class. The Koreans sleep on the floor, so I take my own folding cot and bedding, a chair, two lanterns, the organ, food, cooking-utensils and a bottle of boiled water. We go by train, having first, second and third classes. The Koreans and some Japanese travel third class; these cars are filled with tobacco smoke. The second class is occupied by traveling Japanese business men; the first class differs very little from the sec-

ond, and is frequently empty, except as an official or a tourist is passing through. Often when the Koreans see our luggage they say, "I believe that she has brought all she owns with her." All that they own themselves would usually not consist of as much as we take to the country.

Nuing Chi Tong, where I held the class of which I write, was a village of about forty houses. It was reached from the railroad station by a trail over a high mountain pass. This village had not been visited by a foreign woman before, so I was peered at from all directions. The first morning I took a walk before breakfast, at the gate were several boys waiting to escort me to church. I declined their escort and turned to a path which led to the mountain. One boy said, "I will lead so that she will not lose her way!" From that time until I left I was not able to escape to the mountains or any-

where else alone, although I made many attempts. It made me think of what a difficult time the Lord Jesus Christ had to get away from the people to pray alone. When He did go alone, Peter followed Him and told Him how all men sought after Him.



Our country Bible-class. Photo. sent by Miss Bergman.

The church was very small, with two rooms: one for the men and one for the women, with a hole in the wall between, so that the women could hear the pastor. The rooms were eight or ten feet square, mud walls and floor covered with straw mats. The people all sat on the floor, but for my special benefit they had prepared a three-legged stool. The pulpit and the pastor's chair was made out of Standard Oil Company's wooden boxes. Only about four families of this village were members of the church, other believers scattered throughout nearby villages came in to worship, so they had an average attendance of about twenty or thirty every Sunday.

The class was begun with an evening meeting led by the Biblewoman. Then every morning at five o'clock we had prayer meetings, which were attended by almost every woman of the class; some came at four and some at four-thirty; as they have no clocks, they go by the sun. At nine we spent a half hour in teaching singing; then a half hour for a devotional talk and prayer. The first morning of the class we take the roll and sometimes when we ask the women their names they have to stop and think what their names really are. Frequently the women sitting next, will call out the name we are trying to get, and say, "She is the mother of so-and-so." The first time I saw this it

saddened my heart to think that these women did not know their own names. At ten we spend an hour in Bible teaching, and a half hour is given to teaching Bible memory verses. In the afternoon we meet at two and study until four. The time after the afternoon study until the sunset is spent in going out in groups of threes or fours, led by one of the earnest Christians, to preach to the heathen and to those who have gone back to the world. Every evening were evangelistic meetings and many decided to believe.

The first day we had so many people who came in for "a sight see," as they say in Korean, to see the foreign woman and hear what we had to say, that we were obliged to give most of our time over to preaching to the heathen women who had gathered. We had the women who came to study gather in one room and the heathen women in the other, where they could both see and hear us. After the teaching period, we turned around and gave all our attention to a room filled with women waiting to hear the new doctrine. Some of their faces were stern, some aimless and others looked as if they were moved by the Holy Spirit. I say we, but the Biblewoman does the preaching to the heathen, as yet they do not understand my Korean. When they see a foreigner for the first time they don't expect to understand what he says. They listened

to the Biblewoman very attentively as she preached to them in the power of the Holy Ghost. Then later she spoke to some of them individually and many souls were brought from heathen darkness to the true light of Jesus Christ.

One afternoon one of the richest women of the city decided to become a Christian. She came to my room and the Biblewoman and I prayed with her. When we got up from our knees I noticed that from her face were rolling drops of perspiration. She seemed to realize the solemnity of her decision. I asked her if she was happy because she had become a child of the one true God, and she said, "I don't know yet. I only know that I will eat a more peaceful mind after this." That is to say, she would have peace in her soul from now on.

The old women who accept Christ and can not learn to read receive their knowledge of the word of God by attending church three times on Sunday and Wednesday evening prayer meetings, and it is wonderful what a great deal of knowledge they are able to acquire in this way.

The only Christian member of the family where I lived during the class was a daughter. The family had been spoken to many times about their souls' salvation, but they only seemed to grow more hard-hearted. I spoke to my

heathen hostess, a woman of about sixty-five, several times about accepting Christ, and she would answer that she was too old to believe, that she did not know anything, how could she become a Christian? It was my earnest prayer night and day that the Lord would use me in bringing this woman to Christ. The last evening I called her into my room again and talked with her, but seemingly without any effect, but while I was praying all at once she looked up at me and there was an entirely different expression on her face. She said simply, "I will eat that kind of a mind"—that is to say, she had decided to become a Christian. She asked me to teach her how to pray. During the class this whole household was brought to Christ, consisting of mother, father and three sons.

We met in the church for prayers the morning before we departed. This prayer meeting stands out in my memory because at the close, two heathen women who had heard the word, said without any one urging them, that they wanted to become Christians and asked me to pray for them. This was a marked manifestation of the working of the Holy Spirit in their souls. As I departed I received many small gifts and many tears were shed by those who remained in the little village.

TAIKU, Chosen, Japan.

## CHANGES IN THE MISSIONARY FORCE

### ARRIVALS:

- , Nov. —. Miss Faye Fisher of E. Persia. Address, 5925 Richmond Ave., Dallas, Tex.
- , Dec. —. Miss A. W. Owen of N. India. Address, Morristown, N. J.
- , Dec. —. Rev. E. W. McDowell of W. Persia.
- At San Francisco, Jan. 4—Dr. and Mrs. P. W. Van Metre from S. Siam. Address, Lock Box 16, Tipton, Ia.
- At Vancouver, Dec. 11—Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Avison, from Seoul, Chosen. Address, care Mrs. John Story, 315 13th Ave., W., Vancouver, B. C.

### DEPARTURES:

- From New York, Dec. 11—Miss Martha B. Hunter, returning to Colombia.
- From Vancouver, Dec. 28—Miss Anna S. Doriss, returning to Chosen.

### RESIGNATIONS:

- Miss Edith E. Towne of the Kiangnan Mission. Appointed 1914.
- Miss Martha M. Davis of the Shantung Mission. Appointed 1917.
- Miss Alma F. Rader of the N. India Mission. Appointed 1915.

*"Lift up your eyes and look—  
Look unto the hills and be rested;  
Look unto Him and be radiant;  
Look on the fields and be ready."*

## Annie Montgomery

HENRIETTA W. HUBBARD



AUGUST 12, 1882—NOVEMBER 6, 1917. These two dates mark the beginning and the ending, on earth, of Annie Montgomery's work for Persia, where she spent one-half of her lifetime. Her going to that country was in response to the following request addressed to the "Most excellent Dr. David Irving in New York." After expressing appreciation of the love which had sent Rev. Mr. Hawkes to teach Persia the gospel the letter continues as follows:

"But now we request and desire of you that as you love us you will send us two ladies who shall teach us and our daughters those things most necessary for our temporal and spiritual welfare. And this is not for ourselves alone but also for our Jewish sisters who are now in intense darkness. But glory to God, His Word of Life also arrives among them and some of them are in a new way and desire to hear. This request first and most for our neighbors and second for ourselves is very necessary." Signed by Shanum, wife of Yuseph, and twenty-two other married women.

What a welcome they gave Miss Montgomery can be imagined and they had unexpected opportunity to show their good will for the boxes containing bedding and other supplies needed for her comfort were delayed, not arriving till spring, and she would naturally turn to these women for sympathy and help.

Annie Montgomery was one of ten brothers and sisters, and grew up on a large farm on Prince Edward Island, sharing in its varied occupations. She often said that a farmer's life was the happiest except that of a missionary. Her niece writes: "Aunt Annie was a missionary from the time she could read. There was an Indian settlement near her house and as a little girl of nine or ten she used to go on Sunday to read the Bible and pray with the Indians. She was the means of bringing many of them to know the Master."

As the new missionary sailed in mid-

summer very few members of the New York Board met her, but her letters and reports soon made her known and homes and hearts welcomed her on her only two furloughs in 1896 and 1908. The women and young people of the First Church in Utica and indeed the whole church claimed her as their missionary and loved her, and they held a beautiful memorial service after the receipt of the cable telling of her death. She made friends wherever she went and one whose mission band made the first contribution for a scholarship in the school writes:

"I had the privilege of entertaining Miss Montgomery for a short visit and she brought with her such a wealth of cheer and such appreciation of everything done for her and of everything beautiful in nature that it is a visit never to be forgotten. To her strength of mind and body she added a spiritual atmosphere which was felt by all in the household, including the servants."

That famous traveler, Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, says:

"Towards evening I was delightfully startled by a cheerful European voice and a lady bent over me whose face was sunshine and the very tone of her voice a welcome. Goodness, purity, love, capacity to lead as well as to help through true womanliness, were in the expression of her countenance. Her spotless cambric dress, her becoming hat with its soft, white *pugri*, the harmonious simplicity of her costume and her well-fitting gloves and shoes, were a joy after the slovenliness, slipshodness and generally tumbling-to-pieces look of Oriental women. The Faith Hubbard School, one of the good works of the American Presbyterian Mission, was close by and in half an hour Miss M. made me feel 'at home'—blessed phrase!"

After the death of their mother, Charlotte Montgomery, the youngest of the family, joined her sister and they worked happily together for nearly twenty years. Her arrival in 1886 was coincident with the completion and opening of the long-anticipated buildings for the school. Of this Charlotte wrote:

"When we had two rooms in order the people were told they could come and see us. The men came first; in the morning, about eight, they began and till night our rooms were thronged. At one time ninety-five women and children were seated on the floor of our two rooms. Before they left we had a prayer-meeting conducted partly in Persian and partly in Armenian, so that all could hear a little."

This was the inauguration of what has been for thirty-one years a center of life and light to all who have shared the Christian hospitality which the sisters and their various associates have dispensed with loving hands. Charlotte's coming to take charge of the school left Annie more free for outside work and many were the itinerating trips she made. The weekly prayer-meeting for Armenian women, begun within a month of her arrival in 1882, has been continued with but few interruptions, and after some years the Moslem women came also. A Saturday morning class for boys was interrupted by the coming of the Turks, but on their departure, "back came the little boys, clamoring for its resumption. At our last meeting we were preparing the verses for the next Sabbath, the wonderful call that came to Isaiah, 'Whom shall I send and who will go for me?' and his answer. I felt that now was the time of decision for some of these precious little souls, so I led them in a prayer, asking that we each one might hear God's voice in our hearts, and I said, "Now we will bow

our heads and listen and if any one hears and wants to answer 'Here am I, send me,' I will write his name and send it to Mr. Hawkes, who is seeking boys to train to preach as Isaiah did!" I told them of the need of cleansing and then seven brave little fellows stood up and said the words of consecration. The one who touched me most deeply was the son of the beloved Pastor. He said, 'Lady, I want to say, Here am I, send me.' Then to the tini-

est of all I said, 'You came late and I am afraid you do not understand.' But he answered, 'I do want to say that' and his name made the perfect seven. What a happy ending to the year of service! Besides souls for the kingdom God added what we have worked and prayed for—candidates for the ministry, and if He will accept and use them I am sure even Heaven's happi-

ness will be increased in seeing them winning souls."

For the last two years, Miss Montgomery's health has been slowly failing. Her associates urged her to come home as it was thought the change might enable her to overcome the disease, but she preferred to die and be buried among those to whom she had given her life. Dr. and Mrs. Funk had gone to work in Kurdistan, but the sufferer was tenderly cared for by Dr. Sa'eed, who always wrote to her as "Mother" and signed himself "Your Boy."

### HER REST

CLARA GRIFFITH GAZZAM

She sleeps beneath the watchful stars,  
How peaceful is her rest!  
The willing hands at last are still  
Upon her quiet breast.  
Dear hands! that were so quick to serve  
The weary and oppressed.

She sleeps. Oh, gracious, gentle heart!  
God knows the lonely years,  
The stony path, the bitter cup,  
The hidden pain and tears.  
They only saw the "eyes of faith."  
The smile that lifts and cheers.

She sleeps—but in that far-off land  
Her spirit wakes and cries  
"The soul of noble womanhood  
Lives on and never dies."  
She gave her life that they might live—  
A willing sacrifice.

The coming of the Turks caused an exodus of Armenians and Mussulman converts, and she was deprived of the care of Dr. Sa'eed. Thirty of the Armenians took shelter in the school, others stored there what they could not carry with them. The Turks respected the flag and our friends were not molested.

The account of these months written for her Utica friends and received since Miss Montgomery's death is most interesting but too long to be quoted here. I will give only the last paragraphs:

## A "Drive" in Chosen

FANNY F. CLELAND

THOUGH my official position is that of Principal and Matron of the School for Missionaries' Children and my active family numbers thirteen alert boys and girls, yet I must find time somehow to conquer the difficult Korean language and to help as the way opens in evangelistic and Sunday-school work.

As yet I read Korean very slowly, and when hymns are sung and I come to a word with several characters or letters, I fall behind. By the time I have gotten my word the congregation has finished the verse. Tai Hun E, my teacher and a college boy, has been helping me to read aloud. We began with a hymn. I struggled through and after I had finished Tai Hun E said: "*Poo-een*, it is *more* easy to sing it." We sang (?) and in the middle of a



Two well-poised loads: 1. Photo, sent by Mrs. A. W. Gillis. 2. The burden of the tub-merchant is not so heavy as it looks. Photo, given by Mrs. A. F. Schaeffer.



"What goodness and mercy have followed me all the way. . . . Not one good thing has failed of all that He promised me. . . .

"Like Joseph, I can see the fourth generation of my children and I am sure that they will command their children and their households after them to keep the way of the Lord—This Kingdom shall be the Lord's! . . . To-day I am again as I was sixty years ago, ready to say, 'Here am I, send me.' Souls for His Kingdom shall still be gathered till He permits me to unite in ascribing, 'Blessing and honor and glory and power unto Him that sitteth upon the Throne, and to the Lamb forever and ever, Amen.' 'Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee!'"

August 27th, 1917.

A. Montgomery.

verse my teacher's eyes began to twinkle, and after a good laugh I said, "Tai Hun E, could people only hear us I know we'd be invited to sing in the choir!"

I wish I could make the great work and the changes that are going on over here, a live thing for the Presbyterian women. At home the Devil has put on

so much of the veneer of Christian civilization that we often fail to recognize him or his work, but out here he lacks that veneer and really stands for what he is. If the Church at home could only live for a while in a heathen land I doubt not there would come a change in regard to many things, for out here one cannot help realizing as never before, the importance of putting "first things first."

The past few weeks have been

unusually busy. A special effort has been put forth to reach the unbelievers in Pyengyang. First came meetings every night for a week for church officers, Sunday-school teachers, etc. These number about five hundred and in spite of the bitter cold weather nearly all of them were present every night. The next week special meetings were held in each of the twelve churches for Christians. Then followed a week when the Christians went out and *preached* from house to house.

During the last week a prayer service was held in each Christian home at six-thirty every morning. As a result fully two thousand people have turned from idols and have entered classes to be instructed in the Jesus Doctrine. We still have our little Sunday-school in the village, just over the hill from the Mission Compound.\* There are about twenty houses and some hundred and fifty pigs, besides the people. The Dormitory children nicknamed it "Pigville," but we concluded that it could never attain great heights with such a name, so now we call it "Mun Pak." We have about thirty children in attendance; some of this number are very bright boys. We meet in Kim Subang's

house, which is seven by fourteen feet, with a tiny three by seven kitchen at one end. The house is made of mud and has a thatched roof and two outside doors, no windows, except the white paper in the doors. The floor is covered with straw mats. Furniture? Well, over in one corner are three Korean chests against the wall; these hold the family clothing and on top of them are piled the family beds during the day. Next the door is a tiny little chest upon which *Poo-een* (myself) sits. I have a fine teacher, a young Korean, who helps me. In fact, he does all the work; I just "lend dignity to the occasion." Hon Doo leads the singing, teaches, keeps the roll—is the real executive. To go back to furniture—*that's all there is*. How do you suppose thirty-five people get into that seven by fourteen room? We do.

Some of the children are clean and some are anything else. One little girl's clothes are so stiff with dirt that I really think she might snap in two if she should happen to fall down. However, we are surely getting a hold for Christ in Mun Pak and that's what counts.

PYENGYANG, Chosen, Japan.

## As Seen by a Newcomer

HELEN W. ANDERSON.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS are always vivid. One sees with new eyes, and listens with open ears to all that goes on when placed in a new and strange environment. We had a fascinating glimpse *en route* of Yokohama. Then the manicured landscape of Japan—and it is beautiful to see—gave place to the mountainous rusticity of Chosen. The latter rather reminds one of Pennsylvania. Mountains, for the most part well-wooded, stretch along the horizon, their beauty enhanced this fall of the year by the purplish mist that envelops their heads. Scattered through the country may be seen Korean villages; the dwellings with their thatched

roofs huddled together, as if desiring companionship. The Korean house is a mud hut of but one or two rooms. Winter or summer, the Korean man or woman dresses in white: the clothing being padded with cotton in winter. Sometimes little Eton jackets lined with white fur also add to their comfort. The head-dress



Frame in which straw is loaded to be carried on the back. Photo. sent by Miss Helen W. Anderson.

\*See WOMAN'S WORK, February, 1917.

of the Korean woman differs in different parts of the country. In the north, where I live, a band of linen is placed around the head and tied behind, giving a turban effect. The men wear stiff, tall black hats of a buckram material, designed rather to protect the top-knots than to be a shelter for the head. The top-knot is largely being done away with but is still seen in country places.

Pyeng Yang, the city to which I have come, is a very flourishing manufacturing center, as well as a strong religious and educational field. The population is about sixty thousand, made up of Korean, Japanese and Chinese. Great credit is due the Japanese government for the way in which it has cleaned up the city, built good roads, installed an excellent city water system and estab-

lished good schools—for Korean and for Japanese boys. The Presbyterian and Methodist churches also have schools and academies for boys and for girls, several churches, a theological seminary from which native pastors are graduated every year, and a Bible Institute.

I was interested to notice at the church service that when a Korean makes his offering he gives it with both hands, to signify a spirit of generosity. The large attendance at all meetings (weekly prayer-meetings included) would shame many an American church. That the Koreans themselves assume the responsibility of their church services is a great factor, in making the churches self-supporting and successful. Some of those here even support native pastors in China.

PYENG YANG.

## Bible Beginnings

CARRIE L. FEW

DURING my week's class, about fifty miles from Kang Kei, forty women studied the Word of God. It was the first time a foreign woman had ever held a class there and of course, I and all my belongings were curiously inspected. Only about four women out of the forty knew the least thing about the Bible and those four knew very, very little. Of course, all enrolled in the class were believers, but when I was teaching the life of Christ I asked one of the old women who Jesus was. She replied, "I don't know. Wasn't (she) God's daughter?" In Korean there is no pronoun, so naturally she didn't use the pronoun "she," but in order to translate into English I have used it. I asked another where Bethlehem was and she answered, "In Korea." And these were believers!

The class lasted six days and I started on Monday to teach the birth of Christ, planning to teach the six greatest events in His life in those six days to give them an idea who the Christ was whom they had decided to believe

in. On Monday I exerted myself to the utmost to make clear to them those events which occurred when Christ was born, first telling of the Annunciation to Joseph and Mary, the star in the East, wise men, shepherds, angels; etc. I repeated and repeated the story telling it as simply as possible.

Tuesday I started out with a review of Monday's lesson. With the exception of one little twelve-year-old girl not one of those women or children knew a thing I had taught the day before. It was not that they did not understand me, for they knew exactly what I had said, but it needed repetition, so I taught that lesson before I went on to teach about the baptism of John.

Wednesday I reviewed Monday's lesson with the



Miss Margaret Best

same results as the day previous. Again I taught the birth of Christ and in reviewing the temptation I asked why it was necessary for Christ to be tempted, thinking they would answer by use of the golden text I had given them to memorize (Heb. 2:18), but no one knew.

Will you believe it that every day for the six days I repeated the story of the birth of Christ and only then did



Christian Endeavor Society organized by Miss Few; right corner, Miss Ingerson; upper left hand corner, Miss Few. Photo. sent by Miss Carrie L. Few.

they begin to answer the simplest questions that little tots at home can readily answer?

Very few of the old women can read at all, and those who can do so very falteringly, rarely grasping the meaning. So teaching here is "line upon line and precept upon precept." Truly they are babes in Christ and must be fed with the milk of the word, not yet being ready for "strong meat." It is a real privilege to tell the message of Jesus and yet, oh! so hard when they know so little and are so ignorant. Few of them have names and although they receive names after they become Christians, cannot even remember their own

names, so you may imagine how hard it is for them to remember the name of Jesus' mother, the name of the place where He was born, the names of His disciples, etc. The women are known as "So and so's wife," or "So and so's mother," and names are never used in addressing each other. *Yebbo*—(you) is the word women use in saluting their husbands, and men use in saluting their wives. There is never a use of names as we use them in addressing each other, *yebbo* always being used instead of a name in direct discourse.

Heavy rain for three days washed away the bridge over the stream near the place where I held my last class and the people had no idea how they would get me across. Finally a Korean bride's chair was brought, two men shed most of their clothing and waded in, carrying the chair by poles supported from their shoulders. It was not so hard to get me across but their courage about failed them when it came to bringing over the fat Biblewoman. They tried to persuade her to ride on a cow or a horse that would ford the stream, but she persisted that she was afraid, so they at last consented to carry her in the chair, but with many groans and exclamations over her weight.

There are interesting experiences in the country among the natives, but also unpleasant ones. It is yet warm and flies are thick, being drawn to the house by odors from the pig-pen not ten feet from the door of my room. Filthy scavenging dogs filled with fleas come into the room when the door is left open, and I once had a pig come into my room early one morning before I was up.

Here in the second class forty are already enrolled and we know there will be others before the week is up. The women have studied more here and know something about the Bible, so that there is some one who can answer simple questions.

# With Presbyterian Young People

## THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE—ITS MARCHING ORDERS

WITH the closing of the fiscal year most of our young people's societies hold their annual elections. Far too often, chairmen of program or missionary committees are induced to take office because some one argues that—"there is nothing to do but to secure a leader for one meeting a month." Since February is the month of elections, a few words regarding the aim and duties of the missionary committee of the Christian Endeavor Societies may help to secure good officers for the coming year.

Every successful undertaking springs from a clearly defined aim. If the aim of your committee is only to secure a leader for a meeting, your society will grow only so far as that leader is able to stimulate it. Care must be taken, therefore, that the aim covers fully the work to be done, yet is not so broad as to be indefinite. The general aim of all our missionary work among the young people may be stated as follows: So to educate the young people of the societies that their eyes shall see the world-vision of the hundreds of millions of souls who have not heard of Christ; that their ears shall hear Christ's last command, "Go ye into all the world"; and that their hearts shall accept this command as a duty laid upon each one personally. If this aim is carried out in the individual society the result will be greater interest in missions, deeper sympathy with the work and the workers, and therefore increased prayer,

multiplied gifts, and lives devoted to the work, both here and in far-away lands.

The key-note of the work of the missionary committee should be "Education." This must be carried on through many channels, chief of which are the missionary meeting and the mission study class.

In order to realize the aim, the committee will find it necessary to set down its duties and devise ways and means of living up to them.

A list of ten duties which should fall to the lot of every missionary committee is given below. Enterprising committees may discover and assume more than these, but these are essential:

1. To prepare the missionary meeting.
2. To promote mission study.
3. To secure attendance at meetings.
4. To circulate literature.
5. To stimulate interest in missions.
6. To secure contributions.
7. To train the members to give systematically.
8. To keep the society informed about the work assigned by the Board as the object of its gifts.
9. To keep in touch with the Presbyterian Secretary for Young People's Work.
10. To secure representation at Summer conferences, institutes and presbyterial meetings.

(Mrs. W. D.) Helen R. Anderson.

THE WOMEN of Andong Church spend some time on Saturday afternoons on hospital sewing which I get ready during the week. One item of last year's work was thirty comfortables pieced from scraps of material friends in America sent at my request. Aside from any question of economy the results have justified the trouble as that gay patchwork has been a bright spot to many patients in the long days when everything else seemed so colorless. That there could be so many different varieties of cloth in the world is a wonder to these simple, home-spun people. Even the tiny scraps are eagerly carried home for a sight-see. Money-bags were also made out of the nicer pieces to give to the hospital in-patients along with their Christmas oranges and peanuts.

ANDONG,

Mrs. Roy K. Smith.

## The Book Stall

PRaise MEETINGS are an expression of thankfulness for the special mercies of the year. The Thank Offering should be in addition to the regular gifts and the War Emergency Fund. Here are helps for these meetings.

Musical Program, <i>Sing Ye Praises</i>	<i>What Miss Martin Gave</i> . . . . .	2 cts.
<i>With Understanding</i> . . . . .	<i>Carol's Thank You Box</i> . . . . .	2 cts.
<i>Whoso Offereth Praise Glorifieth Me</i>	<i>Esther Stanley's China Set</i> (New	
A Devotional Service for Thank Offer-	York, Northwest)	
ing . . . . .	<i>The Thank Offering Meeting</i> (Phila-	
<i>What Shall I Render?</i> . . . . .	delphia) . . . . .	Free

### INVITATION CARDS, PRICED PER 100, BY BOARDS

Northwest 20 cts., Philadelphia 25 cts., Southwest 35 cts., North Pacific 30 cts., New York \$1.00. Envelope for Praise Offering, Priced, per 100, by Boards.

Northwest 6 cts., Southwest 15 cts.; Philadelphia, New York and North Pacific, Free. Combination Invitation and Envelope, Philadelphia Board, 60 cts. per 100.

### MODERN JAPAN

"The year has seen great political change in Japan. The Japanese show no disposition to turn backward. Rabindranath Tagore visited Japan last summer and his message was a protest against the spirit of the life of the Western peoples, an appeal to the Japanese to turn from their modernist tendencies. This appeal, however, fell upon unresponsive minds."

Annual Report, Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

There are 880 Protestant missionaries in Japan, and one-fourth of them reside in Tokyo. As a student city, it stands in the first place among the cities of the world. Isabelle M. Ward, one of these Tokyo missionaries, tells us about the work of the Presbyterians there in a leaflet entitled *As the Presbyterian Crow Flies Over Tokyo*—(5 cts.)

*Mrs. Winn of Japan and Manchuria*, 5 cts.

"Economic forces are fast driving Japanese women into new fields of activity. Unless they are given higher education with Christian ideals, they will become a menace to the nation." So says the Rev. W. E. Griffis in a leaflet reprinted from the *Missionary Review of the World*, on *Woman's Progress in Japan*. (3 cts.)

*Overheard in Japan*, (5 cts.) is a little sketch with only three characters, requiring simply Japanese costumes, a tea set and a screen, and taking about three-quarters of an hour to produce. But one knows something about the wonderful Joshi Gakuin afterward.

*Schools and Colleges in Japan*, revised, (3 cts.) tells us not only about Joshi Gakuin, but about the other student life in Japan.

*Betty's Trip to Japan*, in two parts, each 5 cts., continues the popular Betty travels.

*Neesima, a Hero*, 2 cts.

### NEW

A Set of 8 maps of Africa from *The Missionary Review of the World*, showing Occupations, Religious Conquest, Land Elevation, Natural Vegetation, Missionary Areas Occupied vs. Unoccupied, Density of Population, National Control, Races. . . . .10 cts. a set

IMPORTANT: Order above Leaflets from your own Board Headquarters, and not from WOMAN'S WORK.

# HOME DEPARTMENT

RARELY does it happen that WOMAN'S WORK takes space to print a picture of one of our home workers. But it also rarely happens that one of our valued workers reaches the age of ninety years, still alert and vigorous, and earnestly aiding in the progress of her Board's activities. MRS. E. V. ROBBINS was a leader in foreign mission work in San Francisco when Presbyterian women there organized in 1873, as a branch of the Philadelphia Board. She remained a leader when they organized independently as the Occidental Board in 1889. She has been for many years a deeply interested member of the Committee in charge of WOMAN'S WORK; only within the last few months has she given up sending the monthly notes from San Francisco. We feel that she belongs to us as well as to the Occidental Board.—E. E.



Mrs. E. V. Robbins

## On the Road with a Board's Traveling Salesman

(MRS. E. H.) KATHARINE V. SILVERTHORN

I CARRY my notebooks and necessary literature in a brief-case. It has been a matter of never-ceasing amusement to see the looks cast at this case by traveling salesmen. "What is she representing?" "What samples has she in that case?" I find that I, and every other Field Secretary, should often interrogate ourselves on two similar questions. "What am I representing?" "Whom am I representing?" "Am I showing forth the cause of Missions for which I travel and Him, whose I am and whom I serve, so that I am making the 'line' and my Master so attractive, so compelling that all may want to taste and buy?" And second, "How about my competitors — indifference,

lack of interest, worldliness, coldness? Have I such a *line* to show, do I so believe in its merits and can I so convincingly present it that I can draw customers from these competitors?" I have been asked to suggest ways by which local officers can co-operate with the Field Secretary in order that she may help them reach the uninterested women. A Secretary seldom drops down from the skies unannounced. Her visit is usually expected days, if not weeks, before she arrives. Plan for it carefully and intelligently. Ask those who arrange her tour to give you at least two days of her time, so that you may have more help than merely an inspirational address. Follow up the im-

pressions she has tried to make. Remember also, if through such an address you desire to reach the uninterested women, you must get them out to hear it.

Often when a Secretary reaches a town there is a lodge celebration on, or a Harvest Home Festival, a big club affair, or something of correspondingly important local interest. The Lady from Chicago, being merely a missionary worker, finds it difficult to compete with such local attractions. She therefore frequently speaks only to a corporal's guard of the faithful standbys. Help here. See that the meeting is adequately advertised well in advance. Use newspapers, posters, the pulpit, the church bulletin, the telephone, personal invitations, etc. Plan for the Secretary conferences with the executive committee of the missionary society, with the missionary committee of the C. E., with the executive committee of the Westminster Guild, with leaders of children's bands.

Bring to her suggestions an open mind. Try to grasp her standpoint and be willing to work out her suggestions. It takes work, of course, to put through new things, but no matter how practicable an idea the Secretary may suggest, it will not work itself out. You must put flesh and blood behind it. The four greatest hindrances I find to putting new plans into operation are these: I. "Oh, we have peculiar conditions in this church or community, therefore, that plan is out of the question here."

Now, up to the present moment I have had some fifty-seven varieties of "special problems" handed out to me, and when I analyze them I find they can generally be classified under one or more of these three heads:

1. A pastor unsympathetic toward women's work, or towards the whole missionary enterprise.
2. Exaggerated egos, one or more.
3. An unspiritual, worldly atmosphere in the church.

Every one of these special problems can find its solution in fervent, persistent, believing prayer. And a good mission study-class, with a spiritually-minded leader, will help all three conditions if you can get these types into such a class.

II. The next hindrance is, "We can't do that." This answer I usually set down to *inertia*. We do not know whether we can do a thing until we try it. When it suggests the the untried path and involves time and thought and work, women already overburdened do not stop to analyze what is worth doing and what is of less moment. They therefore shrink from undertaking one thing more and nothing is done about it. Not only is this inertia a hindrance in the individuals who should start the task, but these leaders know the dead wall of inertia they will come against when they attempt to put the plans into operation.

III. The next hindrance is, "We never did it that way." That other dead wall of *precedent*—another word for *ruts*. Lady Stanhope said that in introducing inoculation into England the greatest obstacle to overcome was, "the agony experienced in adjusting the mind to a new idea."

IV. Then sometimes a Field Secretary encounters a group who suggest the White Knight's difficulty in his song to Alice:

"And his answer trickled through my head  
Like water through a sieve!"

The group are not really interested in what the Field Secretary has to say. They are impatient for her to get through so they can tell her "how we do it." They are not eager to find better and more efficient ways of working. Of course, the Field Secretary does not know quite (?) everything and is glad to get practical suggestions about good methods that have been worked out, that she may pass them on to others who may be helped by them. But I am sure you recognize the type I have here suggested.

My space has ceased to be space and I have given very few suggestions as to how to reach that age-long-world-wide individual — the uninterested woman.

Never, *never*, NEVER go to her and apologize for Missions. Present the work as the wonderful, stimulating, God-given opportunity it is!

## NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS

### *From Philadelphia*

Send all letters to 501 Witherspoon Building. Directors' meeting first Tuesday of each month at 10.30. Prayer-meeting, third Tuesday at 11. Visitors welcome at both meetings.

PRAYER-MEETING, February 19th. Topics: *Our Treasury, Chosen.*

THE BOARD TREASURY'S red letter day is March 15th, 1918, when all receipts should be in and the books for the year closed, all later payments being counted in the following year. That it will be a happy day full of thanksgiving to God, there seems to be no doubt, for the women have remained faithful to their task and have responded as never before. Biennial Assembly will be held in Nashville, Tenn., April 23-25, in the Broadway Presbyterian Church. Hospitality is offered to missionaries and delegates. Dr. Speer will address the Wednesday evening meeting. Further details next month.

THE MISSIONARY EXHIBIT of the Cleveland Federated Church, assisted by the various boards of missions, emphasized by stirring addresses and an elaborate pageant the need of missions in war time. Encircling a large auditorium were booths representing the missionary work of each country. Latin America was in charge of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church aided by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Curios, charts, pictures and literature were in charge of faithful stewards. Mrs. Garvin spoke of Chile and Miss Bonine gave frequent talks of life and worship in Mexico. Conferences were held in the denominational room by the secretaries of the Home and Foreign Boards in connection with the Presbyterial Society's officers, Mrs. Cutter, Miss Smith, and others.

THE PRAYER-MEETING was of special interest on account of the number of our missionaries present. Mrs. Geil presided and the keynote of her little talk was peace—"Peace on Earth." She read passages from the scriptures, new and old, which dwelt on peace and closed with the words, the "Inner Peace of the Heart." Mrs. Wright from Manila and Miss Bonine from Mexico followed in earnest prayer. Mrs. J. C. R. Ewing of Lahore, who has been associated with the educational work in India for thirty-eight years, spoke of its rapid advance, schools of all kinds being started all through the country. Dr. Müller of Persia told how the relief work in all directions had made it possible for them to reach the mountaineers, previously a difficult problem; she said that the two needs of Persia were reinforcements of helpers and the reinforcement of the Holy Spirit through our prayers. Miss Doriss of Chosen and Miss McKean, sister of one of our missionaries, were with us.

### *From Chicago*

Meetings at Room 48, 17 N. State St., every Friday at 10 a. m. Visitors welcome.

THE FRIDAY morning meeting, December fourteenth, marked the formal opening of the new Presbyterian headquarters in Chicago at the Stevens' Building. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. O. R. Williamson, president of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Northwest, and Mrs. A. I. Berry, a former president of the Board, had charge of the devotional service. Mrs. Edgar P. Hill spoke for Chicago Presbyterial Society for Foreign Missions, and Mrs. W. M. Scudder for the Presbyterial Home Missions Society. Interesting addresses were made by Rev. Drs. Chas. E. Bradt, Secretary of the Assembly's Board of Missions; C. B. McAfee, president of the Foreign Missions Committee of Chicago Presbytery; W. S. P. Bryan, representing the Presbyterian Home for Old People, and W. O. Carrier, president of the Home Extension Board. Rev. James H. Nicol of Syria was optimistic both from the fact that Pan-Islamism is gone and the Mohammedans are no longer afraid to acknowledge that they believe in Christ, and because of the perfect confidence which the Turks have in the American missionaries.

MISS MARY E. HOLIDAY, Synodical Westminster Guild Secretary for Indiana, has given her services to her country and is now on the way to France. Miss Jane Harris of Muncie, Indiana, will take up the work of this office.

THE FIFTH FRIDAY of the month is a day given up to a general view of the work of the secretaries of the Board. A fifth Friday fell on the last day of November, and Mrs. Tillman, secretary for Synodical Societies, showed us one of our Western problems in the frequent changes of officers. Seven states have changed presidents. The new ones are: Colorado, Mrs. Robinson; Indiana, Mrs. Sidwell (returned); North Dakota, Mrs. McIntosh; South Dakota, Mrs. Kettle; Michigan, Mrs. Risedorph; Wisconsin, Mrs. Fitzgerald; Montana, Mrs. Fergus, and there are three new corresponding secretaries, besides several other changes.

OUR TREASURER, Mrs. T. E. D. Bradley, reported on December 1st, a total increase in gifts of over \$39,000.

MRS. ZARTMAN, Young People's Secretary for Indiana, gave an encouraging account of the young people, and urged attendance at the Winona Young People's Conference.

Two of our missionaries are at the Presbyterian hospital in Chicago: Miss Edith Buck of Siam, and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald. Mrs. Van Hook and Miss Laible are at our Fur-

lough Home in Howe, Indiana. We still need a few furnishings there. A good, comfortable couch would be delightful in the living-room, and another bureau with a mirror, or even another mirror without the bureau. If you have these things and live near in Indiana, the shipping would cost little.

LEADERS of Mission Study Classes will find *The Missionary Review* a very useful help. November, December, January and February all have colored maps and other helps.

### From New York

Prayer-meeting at 156 Fifth Ave., cor. 20th St., the first Wednesday of each month, at 10.30 a. m. Each other Wednesday there is a half-hour meeting for prayer and reading of missionary letters, commencing at same hour. Literature should be obtained from Room 818, 156 Fifth Ave.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church will be held in the Central Presbyterian Church, New York City, on Wednesday, April 24, 1918. There will be a morning and afternoon session. At this time when the attention of every one is called to the suffering caused by the war, it is well to remember that our own missionaries need the prayers and help of their supporters more than ever before, and it is hoped that the societies near New York will be well represented at this meeting. Further details will be given next month.

THE SUMMER OFFERING to help meet emergency medical costs in our hospitals and dispensaries due to the war, and for which \$3,000 was asked reached the sum of \$4,983.88 on December nineteenth. The loyalty and interest of our constituency is again shown in this generous response.

CAYUGA's corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. S. Hughes, has resigned and Mrs. C. M. Morse, 165 North Street, Auburn, N. Y., has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

WHAT the American flag means in mission lands was eloquently told at a recent monthly meeting. The flag which flew for five months over the mission compound at Urumia, Persia, protecting fifteen thousand defenseless Christians, was hung over the platform. Rev. Hugo Müller told its history and said his work had been at the gate over which the flag flew, and that if the flag could speak it could tell many a story of rescue and assistance. The Jewish and Catholic missions were saved by our flag. To-day we have no consul in Turkey, but about fifty missionaries are in the Empire, which means that the Turks have a feeling of respect for our flag. Mrs. Hoskins spoke of her love for the flag and the comfort of knowing always that she was an American. Over the hospital, the press and the home in Beirut, Syria, the flag has been a protection and an inspiration. In that city, where a Red Cross chapter was formed in 1860, and in other parts of Syria the missionaries are doing Red Cross work among the sick and the starving.

With the constantly increasing number of committees and committee meetings in the different departments of the Board's activities, a committee room has become a necessity, and Room 927, on the ninth floor of 156, has been procured for this purpose.

### From St. Louis

Meetings first and third Tuesdays in the month at 10.30 a. m. Room 707, 816 Olive St. Visitors welcome.

ONE who doesn't love the slush and cold of winter, loves its shortest day, for after that, underground forces get busy for Spring. After all, it was a brief winter! Just a few yesterdays ago, it was the beginning of October. It was brief because of its fullness. One should thank God for work; one has less time for grief, of which there is a plenty. Said a sad-faced mother to one of our beloved secretaries, "You, too, have a son in the army?" There were tears in her eyes, and something of regret in her tone. But our Beloved, for answer said: "And are we not glad they wanted to go?" putting stress on "*wanted*," for one must be proud, as well as strong.

SYNODICAL presidents have sent the year's greetings to their presbyterial presidents. The one from the new leader of Oklahoma is before us. We are glad as we read it—it makes us feel our partnership in it.

LETTERS were from Mrs. Winn of Chosen; Miss Hicks and Mrs. Hunter Corbett of China, and a loaned letter from Mrs. Higginbottom of India. The latter rejoices over the success of agricultural missionary work, and is glad that the force is about to be strengthened. In Mrs. Corbett's letter is a word concerning the noted Chinese evangelist, Ding Li Mei, once a pupil of Dr. Corbett's, and still the earnest, convincing speaker for Christ, with always an interested following. Speaking of the floods that swept the flat country around Tientsin and for miles beyond, she writes of rows and rows of little cottages built for the refugees, and soldiers giving out the supplies. The soldiers are having a new impression of the Chinese as they see their patience and good nature while waiting their turn. They realize that the work which is being done for these needy people is something worth while. One of the young American soldiers acted as interpreter for the Chinese. The son of a missionary, he knew Chinese well, and was sent up to Tientsin for that purpose. Many sons of missionaries have come back to China as business men, or as educators, physicians or in other professions. So China is literally home to many of us.

We are still trusting hopefully that our good people will meet the "special" of the Board—our ten thousand dollars. We do not forget the multiplicity of calls, all worthy of response. There are many people to whom this call of our Foreign Board would not appeal. For that very reason, the missionary societies must place it in the foreground just in rear of their pledges.

### From San Francisco

920 Sacramento St. Meetings first Monday of each month, at 10.30 and 1.30. Executive session, third Monday. Prayer Service, first and third Monday at 12-12.30.

THE CHINESE girls at "920" began the day early on Thanksgiving morning with singing a hymn, and concluded a happy day with the dinner provided as usual by one of the churches. The Annual Bazaar for which the girls had worked all the year, under Mrs. Fenn's direction, was a success. Part of the proceeds were given to the Tooker School and the Red Cross, and with the remainder of the funds a sewing-machine was purchased and each girl was given a small amount to devote to her personal needs.

VISITORS at the December Board meeting were Deaconess Julia Clark of the Episcopal Mission in Ichang, China, and Dr. and Mrs. Mansfield, Canadian missionaries from Gensan, Korea. Deaconess Clark was introduced by Mrs. Paul Raymond with whom she has been on a speaking tour in ten conventions of the Laymen's Missionary Movement recently held in California towns, separate meetings for men and women being arranged. She brought us news of the Pilgrimage of Prayer in which she has taken part. It began in England, through the need of spiritual support for the men in the trenches. The pilgrims went out, two by two, dressed in pilgrim smocks, and carrying staves. The movement spread to New York, to the Canal Zone, to China where the women took up the pilgrimage.

Dr. Mansfield gave some interesting items on the beginnings of evangelism in Chosen, and the great success of trained nurses in expounding the "better baby" creed among the ignorant mothers, thus saving many little lives.

A LETTER from Miss Grace Herriott, Hengchow Hospital, China, told of the revolution where two factions are fighting each other within twenty miles of the hospital which is full of wounded Chinese soldiers. The Chinese school girls are rolling bandages. The missionaries are under the protection of the American flag, but are completely worn out with their work of treating the wounded.

THESE Christmas days we of the far Pacific Slope have the holly of England in some of our gardens—a reminder of the first Christian missionary to Britain, the land of our forefathers. We also have, in San Francisco and other cities, the streets of the Chinese Quarter where the Chinese lily-bulbs are already set out in bowls of water, on the sidewalks. These plants are carefully tended by the superstitious heathen in order to insure good luck by their blossoming for the Chinese New Year. But they also bloom on the window-ledges of Christian Chinese homes, for God's sun "shines on the just as well as the unjust." And up on the hill at "920," just out of the shadows of Chinatown, they bloom at the Home, typifying the purity of young girl lives saved from the darkness.

### From Portland, Oregon

Headquarters, 454 Alder St. Meetings: Board of Directors, on first Tuesday of each month at 10 a. m.; visitors welcome. Executive Session, third Tuesday of each month at 10 a. m. Literature to be obtained from Miss Abby S. Lamberson at headquarters.

WE had with us at the directors' meeting in December, Mrs. Wallace, of Salem, just returned from the East, who reported that the missionary work east and west was going on in an encouraging manner considering the many campaigns for the war. Mrs. Linn, just returned from the Student Conference in New York, told many interesting and important things about that gathering, quoting Miss Walker as saying, "The avenue of approach to college girls is broader and easier than ever before. Give them good definite work—not teas. Tie them to the church; presbyterial work would thrive in their hands and be good for them."

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE STEELE are Portland young people who went to Bangkok six years ago to have charge of the Boon Itt Memorial Institute, a Y. M. C. A. Mrs. Steele was at this December meeting and after expressing her joy in being with us and saying she had not been anywhere before since their return as it took her utmost care to watch over two little folks who had never been cool in all their lives before, told of the busy hive the Boon Itt Y. M. C. A. is. The institution does not close its doors until midnight. It has been a slow work, but the growth has been steady. There were 30 members when they began and 250 at the end of the six years. The Siamese are not eager for the gospel but indifferent. The religion of Buddha is a spineless one. Siamese do not care for anything but pleasure and ease.

A LETTER from Mrs. Douglas, dated September third, was over two months on the way. They had just heard in Teheran that the U. S. had entered the war, and she writes, "We feel so proud that our country has taken her rightful place among nations to fight for *righteousness* and *permanent peace*. We give all honor to our great and wise President and to the loyal people who are responding to his call." She wrote of the annual meeting of the mission which was held in Teheran. They had hoped to entertain Mr. and Mrs. Allen from Urumia, but there was no delegate from Western Persia on account of the difficult desert roads. There were twelve delegates from all the other missions of Persia, with the eleven in Teheran making twenty-three in all.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO., is the present address of Miss Eula Van Vranken, only thirty-five miles from Parkville where her beloved Park College is. Four weeks there find her somewhat improved in health. She writes of the comfort of freedom from care, responsibility and anxiety, and that it is as much her effort to gain mental and spiritual health as that of her body. All of these we are praying will come to her in good time.

# RECEIPTS TO DECEMBER 15, 1917

By totals from Presbyterian Societies

## Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church

ATHENS, \$221.70	LACKAWANNA, \$2,336.12	WASHINGTON, \$1,242.06	ZANESVILLE, \$795.47
BALTIMORE, 1,540.23	LEHIGH, 461.75	WASHINGTON CITY, 2,662.41	Ohio Synodical Soc., 30.00
BELL, 18.90	LIMA, 508.50	WELLSBORO, 33.00	Mississippi Synodical Soc., 10.00
BIRMINGHAM, 95.71	MCMINNVILLE, 66.95	WEST JERSEY, 657.89	Tennessee Synodical Soc., 10.00
BLAIRSVILLE, 1,057.00	MAHONING, 1,282.50	WEST TENNESSEE, 125.70	Miscellaneous Items, 2,250.96
BUTLER, 632.67	MARION, 431.81	WESTMINSTER, 295.58	
CHATTANOOGA, 114.15	MAUMEE, 325.81	WHEELING, 439.61	
CHESTER, 1,194.92	MONMOUTH, 485.50	WOOSTER, 604.35	
CINCINNATI, 1,340.29	NASHVILLE, 298.00		
CLARION, 192.95	NEW BRUNSWICK, 798.45		
COLUMBIA, 117.00	NEW CASTLE, 900.91		
COLUMBUS, 1,139.90	NEW HOPE, 12.55		
CUMBERLAND MT., 7.70	NEWTON, 416.75		
DAYTON, 470.07	NORTHUMBERLAND, 1,018.50		
ELIZABETH, 1,552.00	PARKERSBURG, 142.27		
ERIE, 1,333.45	PHILADELPHIA, 3,738.74		
FLORIDA, 17.50	PHILA. NORTH, 2,356.22		
FRENCH BROAD, 55.50	PITTSBURGH, 6,170.50		
GADSDEN, 17.95	PORTSMOUTH, 407.42		
GRAFTON, 156.00	REDSTONE, 709.91		
HOLSTON, 168.85	SHENAGO, 298.90		
HUNTINGDON, 2,455.47	ST. CLAIRSVILLE, 693.15		
HUNTSVILLE, 61.70	STEBENVILLE, 813.19		
HURON, 265.56	UNION, 278.66		
KITTANNING, 371.50			

Receipts for Regular Work and Special Funds, from November 15th to December 15th, 1917, \$48,708.76  
 Personal Gifts to Missionaries, 69.35  
 Armenian and Syrian Relief, 560.06  
 Latin America Development Fund, 582.55  
 Siam Extension Fund, 161.50  
 Million Dollar Fund Miscellaneous Items, 240.00  
 War Emergency Fund, 5,865.00  
 Publication Fund, 585.79  
 Total of all Receipts since March 15th, 162,398.67

(Miss) ANNA VLACHOS, *Treas.*,  
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## Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest

ABERDEEN, \$244.00	FT. WAYNE, \$694.00	OAKES, \$61.60	SHERIDAN, \$21.85
ADAMS, 65.10	GRAND RAPIDS, 122.00	OMAHA, 403.50	SIoux CITY, 483.50
ALTON, 304.00	GUNNISON, 117.00	OTTAWA, 298.00	SPRINGFIELD, 647.00
BISMARCK, 36.00	HASTINGS, 93.00	PEMBINA, 131.50	ST. CLOUD, 127.95
BLOOMINGTON, 430.20	INDIANA, 496.40	PEORIA, 686.00	ST. PAUL, 1,297.00
BOULDER, 468.80	INDIANAPOLIS, 974.65	PUEBLO, 284.00	WATERLOO, 383.17
BOX BUTTE, 26.00	IOWA, 609.31	RED RIVER, 127.44	WHITEWATER, 469.37
CAIRO, 33.00	IOWA CITY, 344.25	ROCK RIVER, 367.70	WINONA, 164.72
CEDAR RAPIDS, 679.63	KALAMAZOO, 61.00	RUSHVILLE, 321.00	WINNEBAGO, 216.75
CENTRAL DAKOTA, 17.50	KEARNY, 203.30	SAGINAW, 428.00	MISCELLANEOUS, 80.11
CHICAGO, 1,399.63	LACROSSE, 34.50	SIoux FALLS, 33.00	
CHIPPEWA, 55.00	LAKE SUPERIOR, 116.50		
CORNING, 359.00	LOGANSPOrt, 445.10		
COUNCIL BLUFFS, 248.00	MANKATO, 301.60		
CRAWFORDSVILLE, 569.46	MATTOON, 423.85		
DENVER, 631.25	MILWAUKEE, 443.80		
DES MOINES, 634.69	MINNEAPOLIS, 1,343.21		
DETROIT, 921.10	MINNEWAKON, 45.00		
DULUTH, 413.50	MONROE, 106.68		
FARGO, 87.35	MUNCIE, 486.43		
FARGO, 64.47	NEBRASKA CITY, 447.54		
FLINT, 267.35	NEW ALBANY, 255.11		
FORT DODGE, 291.57	NIobrARA, 68.92		
FREEMONT, 291.57			

Receipts from November 16 to December 15.  
 Regular Work \$22,655.91  
 Syrian & Armenian Relief 8.50  
 Million Dollar Fund 797.50  
 Miscellaneous 51.00  
 Total Receipts, March 16 to December 15, \$118,012.30

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## Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church

ALBANY, \$52.60	LYONS, \$76.35	WESTCHESTER, \$476.87	Miscellaneous, \$74.24
BINGHAMTON, 200.25	MORRIS & ORANGE, 1,054.75	Interest, 403.62	
BOSTON, 233.00	NASSAU, 122.00		
BROOKLYN, 778.85	NEWARK, 810.70		
BUFFALO, 716.49	NEWBURYPort, 38.00		
CAYUGA, 320.95	NEW YORK, 4,443.48		
CHAMPLAIN, 62.55	NIAGARA, 272.80		
CHEMUNG, 112.50	NORTH RIVER, 143.40		
COLUMBIA, 184.00	PRINCETON, 19.00		
EBENEZER, 68.50	ROCHESTER, 1,043.91		
GENESEE, 22.00	ST. LAWRENCE, 101.65		
GENEVA, 87.30	STEBEN, 75.75		
HUDSON, 202.15	SYRACUSE, 327.00		
JERSEY CITY, 480.00	TRAVNSYLVANIA, 85.00		
LONG ISLAND, 144.80	TROY, 186.70		
LOUISVILLE, 72.75	UTICA, 388.50		

Receipts from November 16 to December 15,  
 Regular, \$12,911.81  
 War Emergency Fund, 970.60  
 Total since March 15:  
 Regular, \$61,588.50  
 War Emergency Fund, 1,693.75  
 Latin America and Siam, 384.45  
 Total, \$63,666.70

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## Women's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest

ARILENE, \$99.50	HOUSTON, \$51.15	SANTA FE, \$70.50	TOPEKA, \$655.35
ARDMORE, 19.00	IRON MT., 45.50	SEDALIA, 153.00	TULSA, 168.50
ARKANSAS, 84.98	JEFFERSON, 20.25	SOLOMON, 243.00	WACO, 199.50
AMARILLO, 141.75	JONESBORO, 9.00	ST. JOSEPH, 366.69	WICHITA, 302.80
AUSTIN, 47.10	KANSAS CITY, 888.00	ST. LOUIS, 2,035.85	Miscellaneous, 29.54
BROWNWOOD, 121.82	KIRKSVILLE, 78.00		
CARTHAGE, 246.00	LARNED, 264.00		
CIMARRON, 67.00	MCALESTER, 41.53		
DALLAS, 173.05	MCGEE, 179.00		
EL PASO, 75.00	MUSKOGEE, 116.00		
EL RENO, 23.00	NEOSHO, 448.00		
EMPORIA, 126.00	OKLAHOMA, 184.39		
FORT SMITH, 69.80	OSBORNE, 109.25		
FORT WORTH, 351.85	OZARK, 130.05		
HIGHLAND, 261.00	PARIS, 71.00		
HOBART, 46.00	RIO GRANDE, 10.00		

Total for month, \$8,822.70  
 Total for year to date, 25,182.88  
 Relief Fund for month, 69.25  
 Relief Fund for year to date, 251.95  
 M. D. C. F. for month, 374.85  
 M. D. C. F. for year to date, 1,061.10  
 War Relief (Armenians and Syrians), 46.00

Mrs. B. F. EDWARDS, *Treasurer.*

