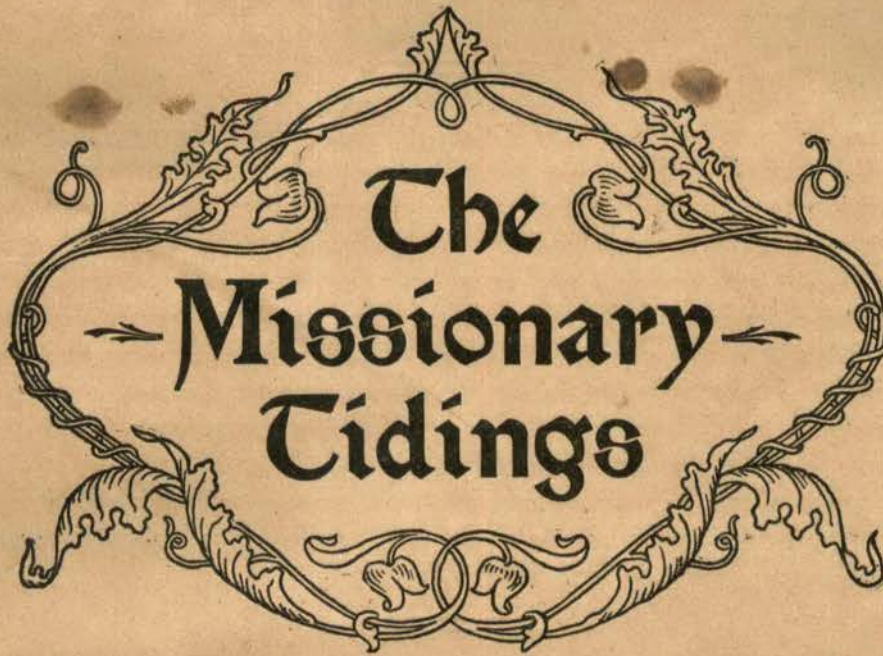


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How futile it seems as the ages roll,

Do what it may, or strive how it can,

To alter the sweep of the infinite whole!

A single stitch in an endless web,

A drop in the ocean's flow and ebb!

But the pattern is rent where the stitch is lost,

Or marred where the tangled threads have crossed;

And each life that fails of the true intent

Mars the perfect plan that its Master meant."

MOTTO FOR NOVEMBER.

*Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness.*

## PRAYER CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER.

- I. That in the homes of our country there may be God's peace and joy to crown the Thanksgiving festival.
- II. That all Auxiliary officers and members may work prayerfully to realize our aims for the new missionary year.
- III. That we may share the joy of our Lord with the women and children of "Old India."
- IV. That New India may belong to our Lord Christ.
- V. For all missionaries and native Christians in India.
- VI. For the fulness of Christ's reign upon the earth.

WATCHWORD FOR OUR NEW MISSIONARY YEAR.

<i>Information,</i>	<i>Inspiration,</i>	<i>Realization,</i>
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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

How do you like our watchword for the new missionary year? It was chosen by a competent committee and heartily adopted by the representative workers who were in conference at Minneapolis. Let us realize each item. We are able, constrained by the love of Christ.

We reported sixty-one more missionaries in the field this year than last, and an advance in our offerings for the year of \$28,711.82. Our actual receipts for the year were \$135,441.58. Ohio led all the States in gifts, her offerings reaching \$18,692.48; Kentucky was second, with \$17,261.73; Indiana third, with \$9,448.26. Michigan has the largest percentage of her church membership in our Auxiliaries and Texas makes the largest use of missionary literature. Pennsylvania won the banner of the Young People's Department.

The Indiana delegation carried a beautiful State banner to Minneapolis. It was of white satin with gold trimmings. On one side was the inscription "Indiana C. W. B. M.," and on the other Indiana's motto, "Love Never Faileth." Indiana's plan is an excellent one, and we hope it will be adopted by other States. The location of the banners in the convention hall will make a fine rallying place for the workers, and will give many opportunities to become familiar with the personnel as well as the mottoes of the various States.

Preparations for the observance of C. W. B. M. Day should be thoroughly well in hand by this time. Remember, this day presents the first opportunity of the missionary year to bring our work before the churches. Let us make it a golden day for the advancement of our missionary enterprises. The first Lord's-day in December is the date assigned us by the National Convention. Let us make it tell for "Information, Inspiration, Realization," and for "15,000 subscribers for the TIDINGS, 50,000 women and \$150,000."

The ladies of the Minneapolis Auxiliary gave a delightful reception for the National officers and missionaries on Wednesday afternoon, October the sixteenth, at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Morgan. Our sincere thanks are given our hostess and the Auxiliary friends for this happy opportunity of meeting the many friends socially.

The number attending the Convention was not so large as that of last year. We understand three thousand delegates registered. The attendance at our woman's sessions was excellent; the attention was undivided, the addresses were fine and the committee reports thoroughly well prepared.

The local committees had done their work thoroughly; nothing was lacking for the dispatch of business or for the comfort of the guests. From the time we reached our rooms at the hotel and found there a great mass of fragrant, beautiful roses breathing a welcome from the Minneapolis Auxiliary, until the moment of leaving, when the efficient local committee arranged for the packing and forwarding of the curios and the unsold literature, there was nothing lacking for the pleasure of the guests or the advancement of the work.

We are to go to Omaha, Neb., next year. The West certainly seems fond of National Conventions and is determined to keep them within her borders. The Convention refused to adopt the report of the committee, which was in favor of Pittsburg, Pa., and decided in favor of "The Gate City of the West."

*Be sure your Auxiliary observes C. W. B. M. Day.*

"The Missionary School," prepared and arranged by Mrs. Effie Cunningham, Franklin, Ind., furnishes an excellent program for C. W. B. M. Day. We commend it heartily. It may be obtained from Mrs. Cunningham or from the office. The price is fifteen cents.

Charles A. Young, who for ten years has been in the employ of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, has severed his connection with our Board to engage in special work in Chicago, Ill. Bro. Young entered the service of the Board August the fifteenth, 1891, when he became pastor of our mission church in Ann Arbor, Mich. Much of his service has been given to our University Bible work. For the last three years he has been the resident teacher at the University of Virginia, where he is much loved. His business interests in Chicago were such that he could not give his full time to the University Bible work. This we believed to be imperative. Our best wishes are with Mr. and Mrs. Young.

We are sure our readers will be pleased to know who were the prize winners in our story and plan of work contest. The story prize was awarded to Mrs. Lulu Linton, of Franklin, Ind. The plan-of-work prize was divided between Miss Rachel Crouch, of Montrose, South Dakota, and Miss Laurene Highfield, of Quincy, Ill. The prize sketches containing plans of work are given in this number of the TIDINGS in order that they may be utilized in the observance of C. W. B. M. Day. The prize story will be given next month. We have on hand a number of stories and sketches of much merit. We hope the writers will be patient with us. We will communicate with them as soon as the press of work belonging to this season of our missionary year is past. We sincerely thank all who so kindly responded to our call for stories and plans of work.

#### AN ADVANCE.

The summary of our work, as given in full in this number of the TIDINGS, should be full of vital interest to each member of our organization. Comparing it with that of one year ago there are several items to be noted with profound gratitude. In the summary for 1900 we reported one hundred and six missionaries; in that for 1901 we report one hundred and sixty-seven, a gain of sixty-one. New helpers have been added in every field in which we are laboring. So capable and loyal are our workers that the entire enterprise of Negro Education and Evangelization, as carried on by the special Board of our Brotherhood organized for that purpose, has been added to our regular undertakings without causing the slightest inconvenience to any of our older missions.

We are happy in what we have accomplished and hope our Father is pleased with our efforts at service. While we are happy, we are by no means satisfied, and the Convention has laid out for us yet larger undertakings. As committee after committee reported, it was

very evident the sisters believed that the large work accomplished was but an earnest of still greater work to be at once undertaken. Additions were recommended for every field. For Jamaica there is to be especial work for the women and children. For India, an evangelist in Calcutta, the opening of the Ohio and Gerould memorial stations in the Hamirpur district and the sending out of Miss Mattie Burgess, Miss Florence Mills and Miss Zonetta Vance. For Mexico, a new mission plant. For Porto Rico, a boys' Orphanage, and in the United States new buildings for the Hazel Green and Morehead schools, a resident Bible teacher to take the place of Prof. C. A. Young at the University of Virginia, a Chinese Mission for San Francisco, Cal., the opening of work in Utah, an evangelist for Chicago, and such other enlargement as can be made.

In order that these plans may not fail, the States will work to enlarge their resources. The watchword for the year, "Information, Inspiration, Realization," will be sounded far and wide until we have for the dissemination of information concerning our work fifteen thousand subscribers for the TIDINGS; for our inspiration fifty thousand women—earnest, intelligent, consecrated, and all bent upon the realization of our aim—one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the enlargement that has been planned.

This increase of the force by which this great work is to be accomplished is none too great. We should secure the three thousand and seventy-six new subscribers for the TIDINGS which are necessary in order that we may have a subscription list of fifteen thousand. This enlargement is one in which each one of us can lend a hand. Let us do this at once in order that our friends may have information concerning our work early in the year. The same clubbing rates will be continued, an extra number being furnished for every ten, and two extra numbers for every twenty subscribers. If a reduction in price is preferred, clubs of ten can receive the magazine for forty-five cents and clubs of twenty for forty cents a year each.

The twelve thousand eight hundred and ten members necessary to give us a working force of fifty thousand must also be obtained and we can help by personal effort. We hope special attention will be given to securing young women. We need them, and they need the work. It will give strength, grace and dignity to their fair young womanhood. Let us not for one moment lose sight of the fact that personal, prayerful effort will bring this increase.

Our receipts this year were \$135,441.58, so the advance necessary in order that we may realize our aim for \$150,000 is surely not unreasonable. God grant our gifts to the work may represent pure, unselfish love given to the One who first loved us and gave Himself for us. With love to Him as our guiding star; devotion to His service, in the Church, the home, the business place, wherever our lives may be cast, as our life principle, and a vital intelligent interest in and sympathy for the whole of humanity as our purpose, we shall surely reach our watchword, "Information, Inspiration, Realization; 15,000 subscribers to the TIDINGS, 50,000 women and \$150,000."

## Contributed

## A MESSAGE FROM ROME.

DEAR TIDINGS—A few words to you this morning concerning your missionary. Miss Graybiel and I sailed out from New York harbor on September seventh, just when our country was bowed in grief over the attempted assassination of President McKinley. Our ship, of the German Lloyd line, was a staunch boat with but twenty-four first-class passengers. Twelve of these were ladies and eight of the twelve were more or less interested in missions; five returning missionaries, and three ladies visiting mission fields. Mrs. Mount, of Indianapolis, was on her way to visit her daughter in Beirut, and Miss Parsons, editor of "Woman's Work for Woman," is making a missionary tour of the world. I fancy our paths will cross many times. We reached Naples on schedule time, September the nineteenth, and spent four days in that beautiful city. We esteemed ourselves fortunate in having a room looking out upon the beautiful Bay of Naples, although by so doing Vesuvius was out of our view. The two events of that four days that stand out most clearly are a visit made to Puzzoli, the Puteoli of Acts, the twenty-eighth chapter, where the Apostle Paul landed on his journey to Rome, and the day spent in Pompeii. I may have been more ignorant of this exhumed city than others, but I was greatly surprised to see so much beautiful frescoing and painting upon the walls done in such wonderful coloring that it still stands out as clearly as two thousand years ago, and the acres of mosaic floors as perfect as though laid but yesterday. It was only when we saw the bodies of Pompeii's victims in stone that we realized the horror of it all. Naples, at the foot of this same volcano, goes on happy and gay, and Vesuvius smokes quietly on. We came to Rome four days since and shall remain here till Tuesday, October the first, when we make a start for Brindisi. Traveling in this country seems very formidable to me, and it is likely to take us a day and a half to reach that seaport which a good American train would reach in six hours. We had expected to go to Alexandria, Egypt, but owing to reports of quarantine on account of plague have changed our route to Palestine, and we are going by way of Athens and Smyrna. We desire to know whether the work begun there by Bro. Errett is still carried on. We are very much pleased with these Italian people. They are so polite, and the men, at least, are very fine looking. I could not tell them from so many American gentlemen until I hear them speak. Then my suspicion is allayed at once. We are being entertained in "Crandon Hall," a college and institute under the auspices of the women of the M. E. Church of America. The success of this work is due, I am confident, to the courage, wisdom and rare executive ability of Miss Vickery, of Indiana. She came out here thirteen years ago, and with rare judgment studied the problems of mission work in this stronghold of Romanism. The Women's Society of America has backed her in all her desires and undertakings. She has erected a fine building on Via Veneto, across the street from the Queen's palace. The building is a stately structure of brick and marble, and here Miss Vickery, assisted by a corps of skilled teachers, carries on collegiate and institute work among the higher classes of Italy. She has the daughters of ambassadors and nobility. The royal director of studies for Rome, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Government Inspector of Girls' Schools greatly praise the work of this school. Of the twenty-six teachers in the school last year twenty were Italians. Notwithstanding the excessive and unjust income tax levied upon the institute, last year it was successful financially, about \$6,000 being received for the tuition and board of the pupils. All do not board in this building. Some come from their homes and recite each day. But the Jesuit is not idle. He has caused threats to be published in the Roman papers and in those of Paris, London and Berlin: "This so-called International Institute is only a Metho-

dist trap, an exotic which we shall not allow to take root on Italian soil." We shall watch the growth of this work with great interest. A Baptist missionary first brought Bibles into Rome in 1870. He came in after the soldiers with a hand-cart filled with Bibles and sold them all.

There are 40,000 monks and priests in the employ of the Vatican and 30,000 soldiers. If Protestantism does anything in Rome it must be with a generous and large spirit. Thousands of dollars must be spent in undermining the system so entrenched in the history and spirit of the "Eternal City." The large mass of Italian men hate the Church and have nothing in its place. We have visited the Vatican, St. Peter's and other wonderful churches; have descended into the Catacomb of St. Calixto, with only a guide and our wax tapers; have visited the Coliseum under the bright light of an Italian sun; have descended into the prison where Paul and Peter were made fast in the stocks and where a fountain sprang up to commemorate this event. (?) So says the Church; have looked upon miles of statuary and painting, and yet our hearts are foolish enough to look back with longing to our native land. God bless you and keep you all.

Mrs. H. GEROULD.

Rome, Italy, September 29, 1901.

## THE SOCIAL FEATURE.

While much has been said and written about the Auxiliary work, we believe the "social feature" should receive some attention.

When we talk of the "social feature" we have reference especially to those gatherings we have aside from the regular monthly meetings. In some Auxiliaries the membership roll is divided into four divisions. Each division is then required to give one social event during the year. Other Auxiliaries have an annual picnic, to which are invited those who are not members.

We think the great aim and object of the social committee is to bring those who know little or nothing of our work into contact with the Auxiliary members. Hence, invite them to these gatherings of which we have spoken and then invite them to your regular meetings.

There are members of the Church of Christ all over the land who absolutely know nothing of the Auxiliary work. They do not know that the women of the church are supporting missionaries in many lands; feeding and clothing hundreds of orphan children; giving Christian education to hundreds of boys and girls in this and other lands; teaching the blessed Book to scores of young men in our universities; healing the sick and cleansing the leper. Neither do they know of the black man's burden which we are trying to lighten, nor of the mountain schools, where superstition and ignorance is being replaced by culture and refinement.

Some of our Auxiliaries hold their meetings at private homes in different localities of the city, and invite those in their particular neighborhood to attend. Many times after the meeting the hostess will serve dainty refreshments, and a happy social time will result. This is excellent, yet we believe it to be profitable to arrange something extra occasionally aside from the regular meetings. Let me tell you how to prepare for one social hour during the year.

At your regular meeting in September announce that there will be a public installation of officers in the auditorium of the church, on an evening two weeks from that date. Then appoint the following committees: Refreshment, Program, Publication and Invitation. This last committee must do its work thoroughly. Announce your service at all the regular meetings, and place at least two notices in your city papers. Be sure to invite those who are not members of the church to attend. Neatly-written invitations often prove very effective.

The Committee on Program will see that the regular church choir assists in the music. Invite it to furnish one anthem and a solo. These, with appropriate hymns,

will be sufficient. If you have a sister who is a fluent speaker, have her give a talk on "The Aim and Object of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions." For your other literary number have a paper entitled, "A Sketch of Our Local Auxiliary."

After the musical and literary part of the program has been rendered the installing officer should take her chair. I might add here that the installing officer should be a Past President, but, if this be not feasible, your pastor—idle man!—can do the work.

Your installing officer takes her position in front of the pulpit. The incoming officers—President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer—then come forward. Separately, each is given her charge. (The President can be presented with a gavel. This gavel can be easily made by any turner or cabinet-maker.) After the charges are given, an earnest prayer to the All Father for help and guidance is offered.

When all are seated, the presiding officer may announce that refreshments are to be served. Everything should be as informal as possible. Now, Auxiliary sisters, is your opportunity. Improve it to the utmost and see to it that every guest is cordially and heartily invited to your next regular meeting. Cause each one to feel that her mere presence at a meeting is an inspiration to you.

After you have thus spent the evening, I am sure that you will not be sorry for the effort you have put forth, but, on the other hand, I am sure that you will be made glad by the results which will follow.

Noblesville, Ind.

Mrs. W. D. STARR.

NOTE.—There is a folder published at headquarters called "Duties of Auxiliary Officers," which will prove helpful to the installing officer.

## The Prize Sketches

### THE CHAIN THAT BINDS INDIA.

"I don't see what we are going to do about our next missionary meeting," said Miss Ann Kendry as she and Gladys Waitman came out of church side by side, after the morning service. "Mrs. Roland has typhoid fever, you know, and will be confined to her home for weeks, although the doctors say she will live. She had set her heart upon having an open session, with a special program of some kind."

"And for her sake, if for no other reason, it mustn't be abandoned," responded Gladys. "There are surely enough of us to make that meeting a success, even if our beloved President is ill."

"Of course," said Miss Ann promptly, "there are enough of us to carry on the Lord's work even if she died, though He alone knows how sorely we should miss her; but the trouble is, no one will take the responsibility of arranging these things as she does, and when she isn't with us we are like a lot of school children with the teacher away. Mrs. Travers is out of town, too, which leaves another vacancy, and, besides, I didn't know until yesterday that we were on the program committee, so I really don't see how we can do very much on such short notice."

"We have three weeks. The topic is 'India,' isn't it? We have had ever so many India meetings," said Gladys.

"Yes, and it would be easy to arrange an instructive program of songs and topical papers and the like, but people wouldn't anticipate anything new or interesting and no one would go but the workers, who don't need any special instruction to get them to do their duty. If we could induce six disinterested people to attend in addition to the regular force, I should feel encouraged."

Gladys laughed. "Some people are easily satisfied," she said brightly. "For my part I aspire to a whole room full of enthusiastic and appreciative listeners when I talk about missions. I am sure we can do something original if we try. Here comes your car, Miss Ann. I will come over to see you this afternoon, and we

shall see if our combined inventive genius won't prove the salvation of that meeting."

Gladys walked home in a thoughtful mood, revolving in her mind all sorts of plans which might possibly be utilized for the prospective open session. They had tried various and ingenious methods to arouse a general interest in missions, but somehow the only people who seemed to really enjoy any of their gatherings were the ones who got them up and participated in them.

They had arranged missionary tours and lectures, and mite-box openings celebrated with special ceremonies, and teas with missionary programs attached, but brought on as a sort of minor or secondary consideration, and stereopticon exhibitions with a great many general "views" and a few pertaining to missionary enterprises, but none of these had proved eminently successful, or at least not sufficiently so to justify a repetition of any one of them.

When Gladys entered the house her sister asked her merrily: "What were you nodding with such vehemence about as you came in the gate? Were you concurring in the theories advanced by Bro. Brown in his sermon, or have you made up your mind to desperate deeds? You really looked heroic."

"Which would require the greater heroism, do you think?" Gladys inquired with a whimsical smile, for she knew her sister always agreed with Dr. Brown. "Nay, it was nothing so serious, though equally important. I have an idea that I think will be worth fostering."

"Be careful of it, then, and don't lose it. Some things are valuable on account of their rarity, you know. What is it?"

"I shall not reveal it to your critical eye," said Gladys gayly. "I shall save it until I see Miss Ann."

Now, Gladys was in the habit of saying laughingly, "Miss Ann and myself are the only girls in the Auxiliary," whenever any one commented on their intimacy. To be sure, Miss Ann was almost sixty, but that fact did not appear upon the secretary's book, and her own and Gladys' maiden appellations made a break in the otherwise continuous list of Mesdames upon the roll.

That she was forty years older than her little friend did not appear in their congenial companionship either, for they enjoyed one another's company thoroughly and had many mutual interests.

They usually served upon the same committees, and just at this time found themselves constituting two-thirds of a program committee, the other third of which was in California. So when they began to consider ways and means together, they felt at liberty to proceed without fear of hindrance.

At the next meeting of the Auxiliary, Gladys rose to make her report, and after stating the date and object of the proposed open session, said: "In the first place, every member who is present must take some part; this will be rigorously insisted upon. Some places upon the program are already assigned—Mrs. Davis will preside, of course; Mrs. Wright will play the accompaniments; Mrs. Slater will sing a solo—don't decline or debate or demur, or even think anything beginning with a 'D,'" she interpolated as the last-mentioned lady shook her head, "for this program is composed and compounded, and has already crystallized, so there can be no deviation from it. Miss Ann will write a poem, which it must be distinctly understood shall be limited to twelve lines, and others will be called upon to take part in the devotional service and furnish missionary data, while everybody must sing everything that is announced."

"And we haven't forgotten the Juniors either," supplemented Miss Ann. "The children shall have a part in presenting the glorious work that is being done in the Master's name in India."

In accordance with the usual custom, the open session was held in the church parlor on a week-day evening, so several of the brethren besides Dr. Brown were able to be present. A number of the disinterested women of the church were there, too, drawn either by a mild curiosity as to what the missionarily inclined would do

next, or constrained by a passing interest, and of course the regular attendants and enthusiasts were all in their accustomed places. Then there were fourteen women who had never before been known to attend a missionary meeting, but who had to come to bring the children. These were the mothers or sisters of the fourteen little girls chosen to "take part," for Miss Ann had selected the speakers from the Junior C. E. Society with this very object in view, so you see the little parlor was comfortably filled at the hour announced for the service to begin.

Mrs. Wright conducted the devotional period, and read the eighty-sixth psalm, calling upon several of the members who had declined doing anything more pretentious to read Ephesians ii:13-14, Acts iv:10-12, John iii:36, Romans x:13-14 and Second Corinthians v:14-15; for, as Gladys had declared, every member was required to take some part in the exercises. Several inspiring songs were sung, and a number of fervent prayers ascended to the God of love, invoking His blessing upon the work and workers.

Then Mrs. Slater sang Miss Frost's beautiful song, and as the touching strains of "India, sad India" quivered in the air, there arose before many of the listeners a mental picture of the stately temples and massive towers, the wealth, beauty and glorious possibilities of that noble land, now degraded, burdened and overshadowed by a cruel, relentless and bitterly disappointing idolatry. When she sang "open now thy door," one could almost see the divine Master standing without the portal and repeating again the message first spoken to His chosen in Judea—"Go ye—preach the gospel to every creature."

As the tender pleading strains died away, one of the little girls from the Junior Society took her place upon the platform, bearing in her hands a strip of white cardboard about three inches wide by twenty-four long, one end of which was shaped like an arrow-head, the other having a slot in which the head could be inserted to form a ring. Upon the cardboard was printed the word "Bilaspur," and, holding it up, the child said:

"I bring the first link of a chain that is to bind India in bonds of sympathy and helpfulness—Bilaspur."

Mrs. Wood, who was stationed at the map, pointer in hand, at once indicated the location of Bilaspur, and Gladys called upon various members of the Auxiliary to give the names of the workers stationed there, with some account of results already attained. As these questions and answers had been previously prepared by the committee, a great deal of valuable information was given in a concise manner, several of the participants reading relevant clippings from the TIDINGS.

The little girl sat down, for she was to remain upon the platform during the succeeding numbers, and another came and took her place beside her, saying:

"I bring the golden link of love,  
It firmly joins heart unto heart;  
If all the links as strong shall prove,  
Our chain will untold good impart."

She slipped her link through that of her neighbor and joined the ends together.

The third speaker bore the word "Bina," and said:

"I bring another link in India's chain. The love abiding in the hearts of our missionaries will in God's own time flow together through the hearts of the people, forming a continuous chain."

She joined her link to that of "Love," and as Bina was located on the map and the most important bits of information pertaining to it were presented, the preceding speaker returned to her seat.

Then a fourth little maiden in white appeared, her slip being lettered with the word "Joy," and as she fastened it in place she quoted from the sixteenth chapter of John the words:

"Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name He will give it you; ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

"Mahoba" came next with the words:

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are

few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

Mention was made of the work to be done among the widows at Mahoba, of the evangelistic work, and of the Orphanage that shelters more than one hundred and seventy bright girls, and an earnest prayer was offered for Dr. Oxer, Elsie Gordon, Miss Brown and the rest of the consecrated toilers, and for the dear girls, as well, that they might grow up to be noble Christian women, accepted of Him who does not despise the love of loyal hearts, even if they be but the hearts of women.

Mahoba was followed by "Zeal," which was added to the lengthening chain by a tiny girl, who recited:

" 'Tis only earnestness and zeal  
That by our actions can reveal  
The love and sympathy we feel."

The next speaker brought "Deoghur," saying:  
"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

In the questions and answers that followed, the importance of the Bengali work was touched upon, and the needs of the Orphanage briefly cited. After a review of the work already accomplished in Deoghur, another link was placed in the chain as "Faith" said:

"Faith is a link that can never be broken,  
It reaches from earth to the throne of the King,  
Of life everlasting the earnest and token,  
The faith of our Savior to India we bring."

Another child introduced "Pendra Road" as she said:  
"The chain grows longer and longer; the faith and zeal of God's people will some day enable the Gospel of love to encircle the whole earth."

Like the other stations mentioned, Pendra Road was pointed out upon the map, and tribute was paid to Brother and Sister Madsen for their devotion and consecration to this, the first new work of the twentieth century.

"Prayer" was linked to "Pendra Road" with the blessed promise: "Ask of me, and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance." This was followed by "Calcutta," the little girl who bore it saying proudly:

"Calcutta, with its great possibilities for good, is a shining link in the chain—a mighty link of wonderful opportunities."

The beginning already made there by Brother and Sister Forrest was duly set forth, and to Calcutta was joined the link of "Peace."

"The peace of God which passeth understanding  
Be with the laborers in the harvest field,  
Abiding with them till for all their toiling  
Great India shall a bounteous harvest yield."

Then still another of the Juniors came, bringing a slip with the words "The Hamirpur District," and said:

"We long to include every place where heathen temples usurp the land which rightfully belongs to the Church of Christ."

After this new district was located upon the map, Mrs. Porter read from the September TIDINGS Adelaide Gail Frost's message, written for "those unable to speak for themselves," and brief mention was made of the missionaries under appointment to take up the work there.

The last link in the chain was "Hope:"

"Hope looks forth to a brighter day,  
Trusting God for yet fuller light,  
Pointing men to the better way,  
Knowing Jesus will lead aright."

The first speaker arose and joined the last at the front of the platform; the final link was slipped through the first and closed, forming a continuous chain, and Miss Ann read the following lines:

"Through countless ages India's land  
Has been enchained by vice and sin,  
With pagan shrines on every hand  
And untold wretchedness within;



Sin-cursed and sin-sick in its need,  
 A better day it soon shall know;  
 The world's great Light has risen indeed,  
 The eastern sky begins to glow;  
 A chain of love will circle 'round  
 The land now cursed by gods of stone,  
 And truth and justice shall abound;  
 Christ will claim India for His own."

There was an interval of silence. The room was so still that the rustling benediction of the leaves outside could be distinctly heard; then Mrs. Wright began to play, very softly, the dear familiar hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," and as they sang it, even those least interested forgot for the time being that India and foreign missions had ever seemed far away, and they drew near to the great loving heart of the Redeemer of all the nations, and remembered only that "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

LAURENE HIGHFIELD.

Quincy, Ill.

#### THAT PERIOD SOCIAL.

The Young Ladies' Auxiliary  
 of the  
 Christian Woman's Board of Missions  
 will hold a  
 Period Social in Arlington Hall,  
 Thursday Evening, December Eleventh,  
 Nineteen Hundred.

You are cordially invited to attend.  
 Admittance for Gentlemen, with or without Ladies,  
 Twenty-five cents, including Refreshments.

So read the notices given out on the previous Sunday morning, in various tones of approval and disapproval, in the six churches of Hartford. They were scattered through the business houses also, and an enterprising small boy, for the consideration of a dime, delivered one at each house in town, for, as the President, Madge Pierce, said, "There is no use of our hiding our light under a bushel."

Esther Hoyt, the Secretary, was energetic. She was on good terms with the editor, and had an attractive notice in the local paper. Now, she was as eager as any one that this should be a success; though when the matter of holding a public social was first suggested, she shrank from taking the missionary society into the town hall where dances were held and plays given; but she always yielded her will to the majority, and she felt the truth of Bettie Barton's terse statement:

"Not one of our parlors will hold thirty people comfortably, and it will do that old hall good to have something good in it once."

"Besides," added Nell Myers, "no one but nice people would come to a missionary doings."

"We are told that Paul was all things to all men, that by all means he might win some," chimed in Lulu Payton, "and we can get young people to come to the hall that wouldn't come to our homes to a missionary social—really nice young people, only not interested in missions."

"Yes," said Madge Pierce, "there are a number of young men in this town who spend plenty of money, but not on missions, because they are not interested, but they are interested in some of our young ladies, and if you girls use your influence right, they'll all be there."

Jennie Gray said: "That is true; but to entertain them after they are there, is the rub."

"Trust 'The General' for that," laughed Joy Meredith. "You know she can lead anything—even a forlorn hope."

The girls were fond of calling Madge "The General," because she was a born leader.

Much curiosity was aroused over this new departure of the Auxiliary. The young men of the town were anxious to learn "Who belonged to the Auxiliary?" When Harry Alton found out Madge was President, he told the other fellows: "It will be safe to go; with Madge running the thing, we will get our money's worth of fun. It won't be just an ordinary 'missionary hold-up.'"

There was a good-sized crowd of nice young people assembled early in Arlington Hall the night of the social. The room was made as presentable as possible by pretty decorations, in which missionary pictures in various unique and attractive frames held a conspicuous place. There were seats all along the sides of the hall, and the center was left open. In one corner was an attractive little table, containing missionary curios. A Chinese dish of odd design was placed in the center. Back of the table were seated several ladies from the women's missionary society who had come to watch the entertainment, act as chaperones, and encourage the girls in a general way.

As eight o'clock drew near, and Madge saw so many wholly uninterested in missions, she felt a troublesome lump in her throat, and little chills would run down her back without provocation. "Would they be able to make a success of this undertaking?" She offered a silent prayer for strength and guidance, that all should be done in His spirit, and that good might be accomplished, then turned and walked through the laughing, chattering groups of young people to the head of the long room, where a little call-bell stood on a small stand. She tapped the bell and in the silence that followed said:

"The time has now come for opening our evening's entertainment. You will first secure your partners for the program. Miss Bettie Barton and Miss Joy Meredith will assist you in doing this."

They stepped forward with slips of paper in their hands. Joy gave the lavender papers she carried to the gentlemen, and Bettie handed each of the ladies a cream slip, but the older ladies declined to take any. Those receiving the papers were warned not to show them to any one, nor to tell what was on them.

When the papers were all distributed, Madge tapped the bell and said: "On the slip of paper you hold there is written the name of a missionary song. The ladies will now each whistle the song called for on her slip, and the gentlemen sing theirs. Those having corresponding songs will be partners during the program."

This period proved to be a very jolly and rather lengthy one, as some were not familiar with their songs, and required assistance in rendering them. As the consequent confusion slightly subsided, and when all had secured partners, Madge again tapped the bell and said:

"The next period is one of introduction. You must each introduce your partner to every one in the room. If you get around the room before twenty minutes expires, you will have to start over again."

Quite amusing developments were made as to the guests present. Queen Wilhelmina, the Princess of Wales, the President of the United States, and various home and foreign missionaries appeared in the persons of ordinary-looking young men and maidens. Peals of laughter rang through the room, and the blood began to steal back into Madge's icy fingers and toes. Then she tapped the bell and announced:

"The next period is twenty minutes' conversation on missionary subjects with no one but your partner. If you are silent or talk on any other subject, you must put an offering in the Chinese bowl on the stand."

A hum of conversation at once arose; those who knew nothing of missions wondered who belonged to the young ladies' society, and what they did.

The next period was one of silence, when all speech was prohibited. The assembly at once began communicating by signs and grimaces, spelling words on their fingers, and by every imaginable pantomime. In mercy, Madge shortened the time to ten minutes.

Then came a period of games played with their partners. Some played "pin," "Simon says Thumbs Up," or "cat's-cradle," but "Pease porridge hot" seemed the favorite, with Bettie playing the air on the rattle-te-bang of a piano standing in the hall.

Then came a "musical period." When Madge announced this, she said: "Any person present can call on any other person whom they desire to sing a missionary song, or give a missionary recitation. If the one called on can not respond, they have the privilege of

calling on all present to join in some familiar missionary song. Bettie will preside at the piano. Any one declining to take part must make an offering to missions," and she nodded at the dish in the corner. This period Madge had approached with fear and trembling. "What if they keep their seats, and act stiff and bored after having had such a good time before?" she thought. But her fears were without foundation. By this time all had entered into the spirit of the occasion, and were bent on having a "good time," and the calls and responses were prompt and cordial. Some sang but a verse, some gave a Scripture quotation on missions, and those who could not sing when called on in their turn, called on all to join in singing "Send the Light," or some other old favorite. There were two or three solos from young ladies who had prepared special music for some regular Auxiliary meeting. This period was so plainly enjoyed that Madge let it run over until nearly an hour passed. Then some one called for Lily France to sing, with guitar accompaniment. "That's not fair," exclaimed Lily. "You know there is no guitar here." Just then Bettie leaned down and drew Lily's own beribboned guitar from the end of the piano, where she had secreted it when she smuggled it into the hall. Amidst a gale of merriment she placed it in Lily's hands and murmured in her ear: "Lily, sing the 'India Sunset Song.' Do your sweetest. Madge will tell them before about it."

In a few earnest words that had been carefully studied beforehand, but were spoken so naturally as to give an easy effect, Madge told of the young girl who went to India with that veteran missionary, Miss Graybiel. Pointing to their pictures on the wall, she told of their home by beautiful *Kirat Sagar* lake, of the old suttee piles on the lawn where once widows were burned, of how at sunset "Our Adelaide" would think of the home folks, and how she composed this sunset song and sang it to guitar accompaniment. As she finished speaking, Lily softly twanged her guitar, and her beautiful voice floated through the hall. She sang with great expression; every word was distinctly uttered, for the picture was plain before her. The silence that followed for a moment, hushing idle words and laughter, was a better tribute than any amount of applause.

Then came a period of "missionary hot-shot," when "General" Madge fired missionary questions into their midst and produced panic in the ranks of the ignorant. Esther kept tab of those who answered correctly and of those who failed. Many declared themselves too ignorant on missionary subjects to make the attempt, and, dropping their offerings in the ever-ready dish, remarked that next time they would bring "a bushel of pennies." However, they found amusement, and it is to be hoped gained some information from those who did take part. Hattie Martin, who was always reading the *MISSIONARY TIDINGS* and other missionary literature, received the prize. Her glowing eyes spoke her appreciation as Esther handed her a copy of "Uncle Jerry's Platform." Then Esther turned to Dr. Simmons, who had recently settled in Hartford, fresh from college, to give him the "booby prize." She pinned a bunch of green leaves on his coat. He looked down admiringly at her fair face, as he remarked:

"I think that is quite ornamental. What does it signify?"

Esther archly replied, as she stepped a pace back and viewed the effect: "'Nothing but leaves,' not a single bud of knowledge. I thought you certainly would know 'Who was the great missionary to Africa?' and you said 'Henry M. Stanley.'"

He flushed slightly, then said in a graver tone: "Really, Miss Pierce's hot-shot made me feel for the first time in my life that to be ignorant of missions is to be ignorant on one of the vital questions of our time, one that touches politics, history, commerce, medicine, the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God, indeed, almost every living issue. I mean to inform myself, and at your next social you will see I shall not wear the booby prize."

Just then the bell tapped and they were told to change partners for supper.

Bettie and Joy then passed cards, and after this was done, Madge explained that the gentlemen's cards each bore the name of a missionary supported by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, and the ladies' cards bore the name of the stations where they were located. She went on to explain: "There are several missionaries located at each station. For example, suppose your card had May Brown on it, and another might have Martha Smith, and another Jane Colter, and they all worked in Bengal, India. There would be three ladies having Bengal on their cards, and you can take your choice, if some one else with a Bengal missionary does not get ahead of you."

During this period the young ladies of the Auxiliary were kept busy telling where different missionaries were located. Jennie Gray said to Madge:

"What possessed you to do this? You might have known every one would ask us girls, and half of us don't know a little bit about it."

"You will all know more after tonight," smiled Madge, "for those who are not posted will feel properly ashamed and make an effort to redeem themselves."

"That's a hot-shot for me," laughingly replied Jennie, "for I know I was provokingly indifferent when you put me on the committee to raise a club for the *MISSIONARY TIDINGS*; but I feel the need of it now, and have gone to work. I have secured two subscribers tonight, and mean to get more before we go home." Then she turned to tell Harry Alton that Bertha Mason was not located in India, and Lois MacLeod was not at Monterey, Mexico, etc.

When all these questions were satisfactorily settled and the company seated, a part of the Auxiliary passed plates with cheese wafers, tongue sandwiches, and cake on them, and others followed with hot chocolate, made on a gasoline stove behind the scenes.

When this part of the program was completed, Madge thanked them for the interest they had shown, and hoped all would attend the next social given by the Auxiliary. She told how, when and where the meetings were conducted, and asked the young ladies present to become members. She said the gentlemen would be received as honorary members. "The only privileges you will be debarred from are voting and holding office. Women have known for a long time how 'taxation without representation' feels, and here's a chance for you men to find out." This speech might have sounded snappy if spoken by a vinegar-faced woman, but Madge would never be that, for she had early begun drinking of the fountain of immortal youth. Some day she will wear the sweet, placid content on her countenance that rests on the saintly faces of her older sisters of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. Tonight her smiles and dimples and roguish eyes would have made a harsher speech sound bright and taking. So it was small wonder the young men clapped their hands, and a half dozen at once gave Esther their names for membership.

As they prepared for home, the Auxiliary members, in their hearty, girlish way, asked the other girls present to "join." There is a suspicion abroad that as they walked home through the moonlight some of them asked their escorts to become honorary members; for at the next district convention the Young Ladies' Auxiliary of Hartford was reported as having the largest membership in the district; the largest contributions to missions; the most copies of *MISSIONARY TIDINGS* taken; and was frequently and pointedly complimented on its long list of honorary members.

Montrose, S. D.

RACHEL CROUCH.

Strange that we creatures of the petty ways,  
 Poor prisoners behind these fleshly bars,  
 Can sometimes think us thoughts with God ablaze,  
 Touching the fringes of the outer stars.  
 And stranger still that having flown so high,  
 And stood unshamed in shining presences,  
 We can resume our smallness, nor imply  
 In mien or gesture what that memory is.

—Richard Burton.

## EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1901, 9:30 A. M.

Members present: Mesdames Moses, Cunningham, Darnall, Gray, Sidener, Syfers, Tilley and Miss Judson.

Miss Judson opened the meeting by reading and leading in prayer.

## OUR MISSIONS.

## JAMAICA.

A. C. McHardy wrote inclosing the report of the Jamaica Committee. A plan for a cottage desired at High Gate was also inclosed for our inspection.

The recommendations of the Committee as to the work were considered singly.

## INDIA.

C. G. Elsam wrote in regard to an allowance for his children.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Menzies wrote from Glasgow, Scotland, of their pleasant visit there.

## MEXICO.

A. G. Alderman wrote from Monterey as to an additional helper. They desire two sets of Primary Charts, one in English and one in Spanish.

On motion, G. E. Hawes was appointed on the terms named in the letter. The purchase of the Primary Charts was referred to a committee.

## UNITED STATES.

Morehead, Ky.—Mrs. Anna Shouse wrote in regard to the new assembly building.

F. C. Button wrote of the opening of the school.

California, North.—Mrs. Mattie C. Proctor wrote from San Jose in regard to opening a Chinese Mission at San Francisco. She thinks the outlook is encouraging for such a work. She inclosed the report of the State officers and their recommendations.

Levi Marshall wrote concerning appointment of W. W. Rumsey as Organizer in Missouri.

L. B. Cupp wrote recommending Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wallace as workers in Mexico.

South Carolina.—Cora Brunson wrote asking aid for her State.

Michigan.—T. W. Grafton wrote recommending Miss Stuckey for missionary appointment. Her name will be placed on file.

Iowa.—Miss Louise Kelly and Miss Annette Newcomer wrote in glowing terms of the State Convention and the fine impression made by Miss Mills.

## PORTO RICO.

A brief letter from Miss Nora Collins gave an account of her safe arrival and pleasing impressions of her new home.

A motion to adjourn prevailed.

ANNIE B. GRAY, Recording Secretary.

OCTOBER 2, 1901, 9:30 A. M.

Members present: Mesdames Atkinson, Moses, Sidener, Tilly, Gray, Darnall, Syfers, and Misses Judson and Pounds.

Mrs. Sidener led the devotional services.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts for September.....	\$33,835 38
Receipts for the year.....	135,441 58

## OUR MISSIONS.

## JAMAICA.

King's Gate.—Neil MacLeod wrote in regard to their new building, giving details of plan and material.

## INDIA.

Bilaspur.—Ada Boyd wrote of her stay in Deoghur and her pleasure in the workers at that station.

Deoghur.—Jane W. Adam wrote in regard to the work in her district.

Ella Maddock wrote of the fine work being done by Miss Lackey and of her own happiness in her village work.

Mahoba.—Miss Rawson wrote of her enjoyment of the Orphanage work and of the pleasure she anticipated in the coming of Mrs. Menzies.

Bina.—C. G. Elsam wrote of the repair of the cracks and weak places in the foundation walls of the Bina Bungalow and inclosed the vote of the India Committee.

Moved and carried that the \$200 requested to repair the foundation at Bina be allowed.

## MEXICO.

Monterey.—Miss Mason wrote concerning the progress of the work.

## PORTO RICO.

Bayamon.—Mrs. A. M. Fullen wrote in regard to sending some of the girls to the United States for special training.

## UNITED STATES.

Chicago, Ill.—W. B. Taylor wrote concerning the work in Chicago and inclosed a report of the work we have been assisting there.

Iowa.—E. F. Christian wrote from Alta requesting aid for the Scandinavians. Action deferred until the general convention.

Boston, Mass.—Abbie Child, Secretary of the World's Committee, wrote in regard to maps for use in the "United Study of Missions." Action deferred until convention.

California.—Mrs. Eli Fisher asks aid for Pacific Grove Church. Action deferred until after convention.

Hazel Green, Ky.—W. O. Mize, being in the city, called and spoke to us of the work in Hazel Green and of the building in course of erection.

On motion the session adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

1:30 P. M.

In reassembling we had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Cora Campbell Barnett, who was especially invited for this purpose, give a report of her recent visit to our Mountain Mission Schools in Kentucky. Mrs. Barnett's report was full of information and interest and upon its conclusion a cordial vote of thanks was tendered her.

The session closed with prayer by Mrs. Moses.

ANNIE B. GRAY, Recording Secretary.

## ENTERED INTO LIFE.

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

KREUZBERGER.—On August fourth, 1901, our Sister Catharine Kreuzberger fell asleep in Jesus. She was liberal in her views, patient in suffering, and devoted to her home. She accepted Christ, and united with the Christian Church in 1897, and has since lived a life consistent with her profession. The last two or three years of her life were years of great suffering and agony, yet

her faith seemed to grow stronger. A number of times it would seem as though she could live but a short while, and after one of these times she said to the writer: "I'm never happier than when I'm suffering most, for I feel that perhaps each severe attack may be the last, that God will call me home." The church and Auxiliary mourn her departure, but rejoice that she was so well prepared to go to the home where sorrow and suffering never enter.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband, mother, brothers and sisters, and commend them to God and His Word, which alone is able to console them.

MRS. FAY,  
MRS. W. G. McMILLIN,  
Committee.

Sacramento, Cal.

LOWE.—Sister Lula Lowe, who was a charter member of the Auxiliary of Weldon, Iowa, and was a faithful and aggressive worker and our county manager, fell asleep in Jesus August 29, 1901, being the first member removed by death.

WHEREAS, The Auxiliary to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions of the Weldon Church of Christ has lost by death our beloved sister,

Be it resolved, That we express our deepest and sincerest feelings of sympathy to Brother and Sister Lowe, who mourn their sad loss.

Resolved, That we keep in sacred memory her life and works, and may it be an incentive to us in our work for the Master.

Resolved, That a copy of these statements and resolutions be sent to Brother and Sister Lowe; that they be recorded in the minutes of the Auxiliary of Weldon, Iowa, and that they be published in the MISSIONARY TIDINGS.

C. L. ORGAN,  
MRS. OLA RUFFCORN,  
MISS RILLA EDDY,  
Committee.

ANDERSON.—Florida has again been called to give to higher service one of its faithful Christian Woman Board of Mission workers. On September sixth, after a very brief illness in Nashville, Tennessee, Mrs. Nannie E. Anderson went to her Heavenly home which she was so ready to enter. Born in Cincinnati, December 26, 1863, she was baptized in the Central Christian Church when fourteen years of age by her grandfather, James Challen. At twenty years of age she became a charter member of the First Church at Jacksonville, and leaves a vacancy that no one person can well fill. At the time of her death she was President of the Auxiliary to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions of that church, and was teacher of a large class of girls in the Bible School. During the time of suffering in Jacksonville she was at the head of the Distributing Department of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jacksonville Relief Association. She leaves a husband and two children, the precious legacy of a life well spent in the Master's service.

Soon after the disastrous fire to the city she called the members of our Auxiliary together, though widely scattered, and while they had no church home, ninety-seven families of the church virtually lost not only homes, but everything else. Still she recognized the wider call, and this band of noble women, through the courage of their President, were among the first to pay their pledge to our Bible Woman in India and the Florida room in the Southern Christian Institute. I can not forget how earnestly she showed forth the spirit of her Master as she asked me last February to speak to her class of girls on deciding for Christ now and not waiting for a large meeting.

Surely it may be said of her she "went about doing good."

HARRIET M. RUGER.

POGUE.—Within the short space of a few months the Mayslick Auxiliary to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions has been called upon to give into God's keeping

three faithful workers. Sister Mary Jones Pogue entered into life September 6, 1901. Although the Master's call was very sudden and a great shock to the many friends, still, what a comfort, what a blessing to know that she had a living faith, believing in that most beautiful of Scripture texts: "Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." She was always ready to speak a word of cheer, always ready to defend what she felt to be right. Probably one of her greatest virtues was her beautiful love of home, where she welcomed her dear friends with a loving hospitality. A true lover of flowers, she was most generous, bestowing love to the sorrowing and pleasure to the glad. A woman possessed of more than ordinary literary ability, she had made her library a life-time study. Truly hers was an ideal home of comfort. We, her sisters of the Auxiliary, desire to pay a tribute of love to her memory. We therefore extend our sympathy to her husband and friends, pointing them to the one who has promised to "never leave nor forsake them." May her life as we knew it be a sweet memory and a blessed consolation to her bereaved husband, and sisters, and aunt.

MARIA W. ROFF,  
MYRA D. MYALL,  
ZUBIE L. FOX.

Mayslick, Ky.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call unto her eternal rest our sister in Christ Cornelia Langham, who fell asleep in Jesus on the morning of October 10, 1901, at the age of seventy-nine years, and

WHEREAS, The Christian Woman's Board of Missions Auxiliary has thereby sustained a great loss; therefore, be it

Resolved, That hereby we express the deep grief we feel at this loss to us, to the Church and the cause of Christ, in which she so earnestly and lovingly labored. And, be it further

Resolved, That her place can not be filled in this society, in the Ladies' Aid Society and Senior Bible class, in each of which she was a zealous disciple and a worker, ever faithful.

Resolved, That the Church and community has lost a noble Christian woman and devoted friend.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her two sons, to her sister and to the MISSIONARY TIDINGS and *Central Christian* for publication. Last

Resolved, That these resolutions be embodied in the minutes of this meeting.

MRS. E. A. DINGMAN,  
MRS. EVA G. CANNAN,  
MRS. ELIZA DEAN,  
Committee.

Toledo, Ohio.

MARTZ.—With deep sorrow we record the loss of our faithful and beloved sister, Mrs. Maggie Martz. After a patient struggle of three months' sickness, Sunday evening, October 6, just as the sun was setting, she fell asleep. She was a charter member of our Auxiliary, a loyal and faithful member, always in her place, willing to do her part; cheerful, helpful and hopeful. May God in His wisdom and love comfort our hearts and sanctify our sorrow to the good of His cause.

MRS. L. I. MERCER,  
MRS. C. W. GRANGER,  
VESTA M. EVANS.

Noblesville, Ind.

WHEREAS, Our Father in Heaven in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from us our beloved sister and faithful co-worker, Mrs. Letitia Faurot, and

WHEREAS, The Auxiliary at St. Louis has lost one of its most earnest and faithful members, be it

Resolved, That we hold her life in tenderest remembrance and, as Christians, take her as a model in loving kindness, gentleness and patience;

Resolved, That we extend our love and sympathy to her foster daughter, who took such tender care of her in her declining years, and to her aged and only sister,

and commend them to Him who is able to comfort them in their lonely hours, and who doeth all things well.

Mrs. I. M. McCARTHY, *Secretary.*

*St. Louis, Mich.*

## Program Department

Mrs. LOUISE KELLY, *Editor.*

EMPORIA, KANSAS.

### PROGRAM OUTLINES FOR 1902.

JANUARY: ADVANCEMENT—MUCH LAND TO BE POSSESSED.

By Evangelization.

By Education.

In the Home Land.

In the Lands Afar.

FEBRUARY: HOW AWAKEN THE LATENT POWER OF THE CHURCH.

Through the Auxilliary.

Through County and District Organization.

Through the State.

MARCH: OUR RECRUITING STATIONS (The Young People's Work).

In Jamaica.

In India.

In America.

In Porto Rico.

APRIL: THE CONQUEST OF MEXICO.

Of Romanism.

Of Ignorance.

Of Protestant Indifference.

MAY: INDIA'S DAWNING DAY.

The beams of truth.

In Christian Orphanages, Hospitals and Schools.

In brightened zenanas.

Through Christian literature.

JUNE: OUR ISLAND WORK.

Jamaica: The Needs of the Women. Our Schools.

Porto Rico: The Island as a Mission Field. The

Boys of Porto Rico.

JULY: OUR EDUCATIONAL WORK.

In Ann Arbor.

In Charlottesville.

In Lawrence.

In Calcutta.

AUGUST: WORK AMONG THE NEGROES.

Head.

Hand.

Heart.

SEPTEMBER: HOME PROBLEMS.

Ignorance among the Mountain People.

Chinese Idolatry and Vice.

OCTOBER: HOME HARVEST FIELDS.

Frontier Lines.

Centers.

NOVEMBER: THE GROWTH OF WOMAN'S WORK IN MISSION FIELDS.

Its outward expression.

Its reflex influence.

DECEMBER: SNAP SHOTS FROM THE CONVENTION KODAK.

### AUXILIARY PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER, 1901.

ECHOES FROM THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Song: "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him."

Prayer of thanksgiving for the blessings of the year.

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 12.

Song: "Joy to the World."

Roll-call, with Scripture quotations, followed by sentence prayers.

Brief extracts from Secretary's and Treasurer's report and from the Superintendent of Young People's Work.

Brief report of our growth during the year and of the work undertaken during the past year.

Five-minute address by the President on the "Watchword for the New Year."

Circle of prayer for the missionaries recently sent out and those under appointment.

Song: "We Praise Thee, O God."

Business session: Minutes, reports, items of business.

Call for new members and TIDINGS subscriptions.

Payment of monthly offerings.

Doxology.

Benediction.

## "The Field is the World"

It has been seriously maintained that Islam is a preparation in some lands for Christianity, and might with advantage be introduced into some heathen countries as a stepping-stone to the latter. Never was greater error. To take one point only: I doubt if the ordinary uneducated Mohammedan's idea of God is really any higher than that of the average heathen. In Palestine the Deity is regarded as a weakly indulgent being who, on the Day of Judgment, is to be cheated into letting people into Heaven. A lady missionary in that land was once speaking to some Moslem women on Christ's atonement for them, when one replied, with all seriousness: "Oh, yes! We all know that our Lord Jesus will tell lies for us on the Day of Judgment."

C. J. WILSON,

*Missionary to Palestine.*

In Hinduism we have a high and most philosophical religion, the religion of a noble people. Hinduism is a high religion, and yet in the name of religion widows were burned to death. One of my colleagues, an ordained minister of my Presbytery, is an old man who brings us very close to one of the terrible fruits of Hinduism as a religion. He was a Brahman of the Brahmans, a *Kulin* Brahman, whose father died when he was a boy. His mother ascended the funeral pyre, and he, the little lad, had to take in his own hand the torch that set fire to the pile of wood upon which his own mother was burned to death in the name of this religion—this Hindu religion. She was the last suttee in India. But if tomorrow British rule in its strength were relaxed, over the length and breadth of India the flames of widow-burning would be relighted.

W. S. SUTHERLAND, M. A.,

*Missionary to India.*

I believe that the race prejudice in South Africa is growing all the while. The same thing is true with reference to West Africa. The prejudice in South Africa will force our missionary societies to recognize that the American negro can do a work that no other people can do; but when you come to the west coast of Africa you will find that here is posted an armed sentinel, marching up and down, ready to beat into delirium and death any daring missionary who goes there to offer the word of God. Only one man is practically immune from the deadly African fever, and that is the black man.

So when I see the negroes in our Southern States—people who came here naked savages, having no word of our language and having no idea of God, and who today are four millions in number, redeemed, regenerated, dis-inthrilled—I believe that God is going to put it into the hearts of these black boys and girls in the schools of the South to go with the message to South Africa and to West Africa, and vindicate American slavery so far as it can be vindicated by taking across the ocean the Bread of Life.

CHAS. S. MORRIS,

*Missionary to Africa.*

Sir Charles Elliott, while Governor of Bengal, said in a public address:

"I congratulate you that the last census and the signs of the times all point to a very positive and somewhat rapid progress of the missionary work in India.

There is unquestionably an undercurrent working among the higher classes in India toward Christianity, in spite of all the open manifestations against it; and we may look forward with confident expectation to the day when all India shall bow at the feet of Christ, who alone can uplift, purify and save."

A Tamil tract has been circulated up to our very church doors. Among other things it said: "Hindus! Awake, or you are lost! How many thousands of thousands have these missionaries turned to Christianity! On how many more have they cast their nets? If we sleep as heretofore, in a short time they will turn all to Christianity, and our temples will be changed into churches. Is there no learned Pundit to be secured for money who will crush the Christians? \* \* \* How long will water remain in a reservoir which continually lets out but receives none in? Let all the people join as one man to banish Christianity from our land."

JACOB CHAMBERLAIN, M. D., D. D.,  
Missionary to India.

### Young People's Department

#### NEWS NOTES FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Watchword: \$25,000 and 25,000 new members in the Young People's Department.

Our watchword last year was "twenty thousand dollars and twenty hundred contributing organizations to begin the twentieth century." The offerings amounted to \$23,352.99. We failed to secure the "twenty hundred contributing organizations" for which we were working, yet 1,083 young people's organizations had fellowship in our work, a gain over last year of 245.

Fifty-seven of the organizations in Virginia reported to their State Superintendent, and forty-five of these reached their apportionment.

Pennsylvania won the National banner, having paid for the largest number of shares in excess of her apportionment. The Junior Society at the East End Church, Pittsburg, is the banner organization in the department; these young people having given \$200 to our work. Six other organizations gave more than \$100 each; three of these are in Kentucky.

The building of an Orphanage for boys in Porto Rico was most enthusiastically recommended by the Convention. The young people should begin raising money for this work at once.

At the conference of workers for the young people it was decided to increase the amount apportioned last year by \$1,500, and to make the basis of the apportionment this year the amount of offerings given last year and the relative ability of the various States to increase their offerings. With these things in view, the apportionment has been made out. It is hoped that no injustice has been done to the work in any State. Reports of the aggregate membership of the societies and bands was given by but twenty-three States. These report a membership of but little more than 25,500. The actual membership is doubtless much greater than this. But taking this as a basis, and calculating the probable membership of the States not reporting, we have between 31,000 and 32,000. Our watchword asks that we gain 25,000 members during the year. The whole number asked for has been apportioned among the States, taking into consideration their present membership and the number of churches within their borders believed to be interested in the Young People's Department. These apportionments are as follows:

	No. of Shares to be of \$10 Each.	No. of Mem- bers Asked For by the Close of This Missionary Year.
Alabama	15	600
Arkansas	30	1,000
California, North	20	500
California, South	20	500
Colorado	5	100
Connecticut	5	200
District of Columbia	15	300
Florida	16	600
Georgia	1	100
Idaho	140	5,000
Illinois	160	5,000
Indiana	1	50
Indian Territory	100	5,000
Iowa	60	5,000
Kansas	175	4,500
Kentucky	1	50
Louisiana	10	200
Maritime Provinces	2	50
Maine	15	300
Maryland	10	100
Massachusetts	35	500
Michigan	20	300
Minnesota	1	50
Mississippi	120	6,000
Missouri	25	200
Montana	35	1,500
Nebraska	40	1,000
New York	1	50
New Jersey	1	50
New Mexico	20	200
North Carolina	1	50
North Dakota	200	6,000
Ohio	5	200
Oklahoma	16	1,000
Oregon	120	3,500
Pennsylvania	10	100
South Carolina	2	100
South Dakota	8	200
Tennessee	75	2,000
Texas	3	50
Vermont	60	2,000
Virginia	25	1,000
Washington	15	1,000
West Virginia	8	500
Wisconsin		

### The Auxiliaries

#### FIFTY THOUSAND WOMEN.

Mrs. J. L. Moore, of Palmyra, Mo., has reorganized the Auxiliary at Macon City, Mo. Mrs. Joe Jaeger is the President.

Miss Mary A. Lyons, of Ohio, has reorganized an Auxiliary at Leipsic, Ohio, with eighteen members. She also organized a Junior Society with fifteen members.

Miss Annette Newcomer, of Iowa, organized an Auxiliary of fifteen members at Atlantic, Iowa.

Mrs. J. L. Moore, of Missouri, has organized Auxiliaries at Elm Grove and Philadelphia, Mo.

Mrs. R. D. Tyler, Grove, Va., organized an Auxiliary at Grafton, Va., with nine names enrolled; Mrs. Dr. Cook, President; Miss Burcher, Secretary.

We are glad to report a new Auxiliary of seventeen members at Ocean View, Delaware. It is a pleasure to welcome a society from this oldest State in the sisterhood of States to our ranks. We trust she will not object to being called our youngest child.

The Butler, Ky., Auxiliary reports twenty-one active members.

From Mrs. L. G. Bantz, Secretary of Missouri, comes the following excellent report of organizing work done in her State during October. This is a fine beginning for the first month of our missionary year. Missouri is beginning without loss of time to secure her share of the fifty thousand women:

Center, Ralls county, September 29. By Mrs. M. J. Kirtly, County Manager. Members, 9; TIDINGS, 2. Officers: President, Mrs. Matt. Ralls; Secretary, Mrs. Sallie Sears; Treasurer, Mrs. Carrie Culbertson.

New Hope, Lincoln county. By Mrs. J. L. Moore. Members, 10; TIDINGS, 2. President, Mrs. Dr. Taylor; Secretary, Miss Mayme Mayes; Treasurer, Mrs. Lena McDonald.

Olean, Miller county. By Mrs. H. E. Monser. Members, 8; TIDINGS, 2. President, Mrs. Lowry; Secretary, Mrs. John Franklin.

The Convention of the Tenth District of Kentucky, comprising the counties of Lincoln, Garrard, Rock Castle, and Madison, met with the Auxiliary of the Lancaster Church, in Garrard County, September the twenty-sixth. The Convention was better attended than ever before. Every Auxiliary in the district was represented, and all reported. The reports showed an increase in interest, in numbers and in offerings. A number of ministers in the district were present and gave efficient help in our work. We were most cordially received and beautifully entertained by the good women of Lancaster. Lincoln County is again the banner county of the district and Stanford the banner Auxiliary of the county. However, Lancaster Auxiliary deserves special mention for having doubled its membership and for being so symmetrically developed. Our pastor has just returned from our State meeting and reports that we are the banner district of the State. This is gratifying, though we have tried to work from our souls—"as unto the Lord and not unto men—knowing that from the Lord cometh the recompense," and to His name be all the honor and all the glory and all the praise. We have in the district nine Auxiliaries, five of these in Lincoln County, one in Garrard and one in Madison; two hundred and sixty-six C. W. B. M. women in the district—one hundred and fifty-six of these in Lincoln. The grand total amount raised for all purposes in the district was \$970.60; \$508.55 of this amount raised in Lincoln County. The children in the district have done beautiful work—much better than last year. Miss Anne Shanks was re-elected District Manager, Miss Anne DeJarnatt Secretary of Madison County, Mrs. Mary P. Severance Secretary of Lincoln County, Miss Sallie Elkin Secretary of Garrard County. The Secretary of Rock Castle County is to be appointed later.  
Stanford, Ky. ANNA H. SHANKS.

Mrs. Ida C. Garwick, Griswold, Iowa, writes: "I want to tell you how we organized our Auxiliary at Griswold, hoping that the plan may be helpful to some other. The congregation has struggled with a heavy church debt until it is a little hard to look far from home even now since the debt is paid. I was lonesome for an Auxiliary and its blessings in our midst, so Mr. Garwick and I planned a reception for our ladies. We sent a neat little invitation to each lady, reading: 'Mr. and Mrs. Noah Garwick will entertain the ladies of the Central Church, Saturday afternoon, September the fourteenth, from three to five o'clock, at the church. Luncheon, four o'clock.' We prepared tables in the church parlors so all could be seated at once. Our tables looked inviting, decorated with flowers, fruit cake, candy and olives. When all were seated and Grandma Pearson had returned our thanks, sandwiches and chocolate were served by my older Junior girls. About fifty were present. After a pleasant lunch, and while all were at the tables, I read a paper on the work of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. Brother Elliott gave a good toast on our "Personal Responsibility," then Mr. Garwick urged an organization and we succeeded in organizing with twenty-six members. Our ladies here

are a unit in any undertaking, and I am sure it means very much that they are now enlisted in this unselfish work. We went home rejoicing that our work and our prayers were rewarded. In two weeks we had Miss Newcomer here over Sunday and that day we added five new names to our list. As we organized a successful Auxiliary in a similar manner at Coleta, Ill. I thought, perhaps, some one who is longing for an Auxiliary might succeed in like manner."

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NOTES AND NEWS.

We are pleased to note the advance made in our work in California, North. The State now has forty Auxiliaries. The gain in membership is 112. The plan of work for the new missionary year includes an earnest and systematic effort to enlarge the fund for State development and definite plans to increase the circulation of the TIDINGS.

From the Fourth Church Auxiliary, Indianapolis, Ind., comes the following note, to which we gladly give space, knowing, as we do, the earnest, consecrated work of Mrs. F. P. Smith:

"For seventeen years Mrs. F. P. Smith has been President of the Fourth Church Auxiliary, and is the only one it ever had. She probably would have served many years longer had not increasing age warned her to resign. She lays down the office now, honored and loved by every member of the society. She was always so gentle, so deferential. Her whole heart was in the work, is yet, and will be while she lives. She always declares that to the missionary work, more than to any other, she owes what she is, and her belief is that no woman can engage in it without becoming enlarged. For all of her work and care on its behalf, we thank her, and pray God to bless her.

"MRS. ANDERSON,  
"MRS. GUY,  
"Committee."

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The Lynnville, Ill., Auxiliary has taken a Life Membership as a gift of love to Mrs. Alice B. Gordon.

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Mrs. P. L. Bland, of Marshall, Ill., has made a special gift to our work in memory of her husband. This is the most fitting monument that could be reared to a friend.

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Miss Mattie Burgess attended the State Convention of Wisconsin, which was held at Waupun. She reports a delightful meeting. At the close of the Convention she visited the Auxiliary at Hickory, Wis. While there two Union Missionary meetings were held; that of the morning being in the Christian Church and of the evening in the Methodist Church. The services were very earnest and helpful and an offering of \$8.95 was given Miss Burgess. Following this she visited Green Bay and held a parlor meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman. After a stop in Milwaukee, Miss Burgess visited our Chicago Federation meeting and also met with a number of our Auxiliaries of the city. We are glad for our work to be profited by the visits of this faithful missionary.

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The Conventions of Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia were very successful. The missionary spirit was marked and arrangements for the development of our work were made.

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The Convention of the Western District of Pennsylvania, which was held in Allegheny, was full of enthusiasm. Forty-eight Auxiliaries were reported. There are four Young Ladies' Auxiliaries. These are doing excellent work. C. C. Smith attended the Convention and interested the workers in our schools for negro education. The Convention, at the close of his address, raised the money to furnish a room at the Southern Christian Institute.

We have a coin card without a name, mailed from Ash-tabula, Ohio, September the twenty-seventh.

The Auxiliary at Minneapolis, Minn., has a membership of one hundred and twenty. It tries to have a part in all the special work of our organization. The regular meetings are full of interest, the programs always being well prepared.

Mrs. F. F. Walters, of Salida, Colo., writes: "We have as good an Auxiliary as any I have ever known. We have recently held a "TIDINGS Social" and invited the Juniors to be present and take a special part on the program. About twenty-five Juniors responded. After the Junior part of the program was over, our Secretary of Auxiliary, Sister Meachem, called the roll, to which each member responded with a quotation from TIDINGS, which had been written on a neat little card tied with a tiny bow of black and white ribbon, the black in memory of our martyred President. At the close of this we were favored with a solo by Mr. Walters, our pastor. Every one then enjoyed a social time. Refreshments were served before leaving, and we succeeded in raising about five dollars, or at least enough to complete our twenty-five dollars pledged for the support of our native teacher in Bilaspur."

The Saratoga, California, Auxiliary held its annual meeting September the sixth. Good reports were given of the work and an increase in members over last year was shown. The Auxiliary was reorganized just two years ago, with eight members. The year's work closed with twenty-five members, and the promise of two new ones with which to begin the new Auxiliary year. Eight of the members attended the State Convention at Garfield Park, Santa Cruz. Two of the members were on the honor roll for attending every meeting of the Auxiliary. There were others following closely, but with one omission during the year.

Mrs. A. M. Parkinson, of Pleasant Grove, Minn., writes: "Mrs. Louise Kelly has recently visited us, and spoke to a good audience. She gave us a talk on her travels of this summer and our work among the Chinese. She made an earnest appeal to our sisters that will surely be fruitful of good."

The Compton Heights, St. Louis, Auxiliary is making an earnest effort to enlarge its TIDINGS subscription list.

Mrs. Virginia A. Pollard, Kokomo, Indiana, writing of the Harrod's Creek, Ky., Auxiliary, which she has recently visited, says: "Let it never be said that a country church can not have an Auxiliary, for at this meeting were some members who drove a distance of five miles, part of the distance being over quite rough hills. The church house not being open the meeting was held, the weather being pleasant, in the summer-house of the cemetery, which adjoins the church yard. These women are to be commended for their zeal."

The Carlisle, Ky., Auxiliary is arranging for a set of maps illustrating our mission fields.

From the Southern Christian Institute comes this glad news: "We are nicely settled in our new dormitory, with furnace, water-works, bath rooms, dumb waiter, door bells, acetylene lights, electric buzzer, everything convenient, and all the young people glad and happy."

Brother W. P. Dorsey, of Frankfort, Mo., has held a meeting in Youngers that has greatly strengthened our Auxiliary at that place. We are very grateful for the good work he has done and for the special gifts and interest that have come as the result of his faithful, unselfish efforts.

#### ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION.

It is ever a joy to attend the State Conventions of Illinois—dear old Illinois, where more than five of the first years of my public work for the Christian Woman's Board of Missions were spent. The people are always cordial, the reports full of good cheer, and the spirit so sweet and harmonious that one is constantly saying, "It is good to be here."

At the State Convention, held in Springfield, October ninth to twelfth, one entire day was devoted to the work of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, and among the familiar faces of the workers were many new ones. The program was excellent and the interest splendid. We missed the dear face and kindly advice of Miss E. J. Dickinson, who had never before been absent from one of our State meetings, and who has been so fitly called the mother of the Illinois Christian Woman's Board of Missions. She was remembered by loving greetings in response to her words of good cheer. We missed Mrs. Jane E. Davidson, our faithful Recording Secretary, whose interest in the work grows with each succeeding year. Many other familiar faces were looked for in vain, and special mention would be made of each if space permitted.

Among the faithful ones present who have helped to make the work what it is in Illinois, as the years have come and gone, were Miss Annie E. Davidson, the State President; Mrs. Sydney Sutton, the Vice-President; Mrs. S. J. Crawford, who for many years has been our very faithful State Treasurer; Miss Anna M. Hale, the earnest and thorough-going State Secretary and Organizer; Miss Minnie Dennis, the devoted Superintendent of the Young People's Department; Mrs. Catharine F. Lindsay, who stands at the head of the Missionary Social Union movement, which is coming to mean much to all missionary interests; and a host of others, too many to mention in this report. God bless every one of them and everybody who has helped even just a little.

All of the State officers were re-elected without a dissenting voice, and the reports were excellent. There are now one hundred and eighty-four Auxiliaries in the State, with a reported membership of nearly four thousand, and the total amount reported to State officers as contributed for all purposes was \$5,298.96. Nineteen Auxiliaries have a place on the roll of honor.

It was not my privilege to attend the reception given on Monday evening, but I am told that good cheer abounded. The program consisted of the usual reports and the President's address, which was an excellent setting forth of the work accomplished and being accomplished, and two conferences on various phases of the work. One was led by Mrs. Sue F. Odor, Decatur, and the other by Mrs. Mary Pickens-Buckner, of Macomb, a number of sisters taking a part in each conference. The evening address was delivered by C. C. Smith, whose coming to an Illinois Convention is always a happy anticipation and a blessed reality. His address on the "New Work of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions" was considered the finest he had ever delivered on the subject. At the close he asked for \$35 in cash with which to furnish a room in the girls' dormitory at the Southern Christian Institute, and over \$50 was immediately given. He was instructed to use the surplus as he deemed best for the work. Illinois stands as a unit for this new work. During the Convention it was decided to make the supporting of an evangelist in Chicago, Illinois's special work for the coming year. More than half the necessary amount was subscribed at once.

A large number of Life Memberships were reported, and the committee on future work made a most excellent report. The day meetings were held in the church and the evening meetings in the Representatives' Hall in the State Capitol. Following C. C. Smith's address, Mrs. Emma C. Crow, of Pittsfield, conducted the Harvest Home, which for years has been the closing service of our Illinois Convention. The music throughout the Convention was fine. Illinois has done well, but can do far better, for she has the men and the women and the



money. Illinois was the first to form a State organization of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, which she did about six weeks before the National organization was created. She has ever stood loyally by all departments of the work. With such an excellent State Board, and strengthened by such a host of capable and devoted women as she has, there is no good reason why Illinois should be second to any other State.

*Carthage, Ill.*

LURA V. THOMPSON.

#### IOWA STATE CONVENTION.

Rejoice with us, oh sisters of the TIDINGS family, in the consumation of twenty-one precious years' labor for Christ.

The Iowa sisters of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions celebrated their twenty-first anniversary at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, September 9, 10, inclusive. An ideal program had been prepared, and the attendance was unusually good.

Beginning at 2:30 p. m., after devotional and appointment of committees, came the Secretary's hour. This was conducted by our well-known and as well loved State Secretary, Miss Annette Newcomer, who, in a pleasing way, introduced her staff of district secretaries, each responding well on different phases of their work. Monday evening Mrs. Kelly addressed the convention, much to our joy and satisfaction. Oh that more women would use their gifts and talents in a consecrated way as does Mrs. Louise Kelly. Her addresses were inspiring, her parting words a benediction upon us.

The second day was crowded with interest. The reports of State Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent of Young People's work showed a steady advance; \$6,727.88 have been sent to headquarters from the Auxiliary department and \$806.21 from the Young People's department, making a total of \$7,534.09. This is a gain over last year of more than \$800. Total amount raised for all purposes, including TIDINGS and local expenses of auxiliaries, is \$9,400.81.

There are 172 Auxiliaries, with a membership of 3,466. These reports show that some one has been at work. The President's address was a happy review of the labor and laborers in the Iowa vineyard for the last twenty-one years.

The Workers' Hour, conducted by Mrs. Louise Kelly, was instructive and helpful. The last session found the climax of the whole Convention. After the Devotional came the Anniversary Hour. Miss Newcomer had warned all not to miss this hour, as the Woman's Board would celebrate their coming of age. The hour had four divisions, and was conducted by Mrs. Lou R. Brown, one of the district secretaries. The first division was devoted to the memory of the departed sisters. Mrs. Mary Fuller, the "mother of the Iowa Christian Woman's Board of Missions," spoke touchingly of the early workers who now rest from their labors.

In the second division Mrs. Ida M. Slayton, our Recording Secretary, commended the earnest, consecrated living workers. The third division—a Mizpah service—"The Lord watch between our band and the noble workers now in distant countries." This was a beautiful service by Miss Letta Ashley, State Treasurer. But the fourth division, the "Harvest Home," was a season unparalleled in our history. The last triumphant scene—a candidate for the missionary field, Miss Florence Mills, of Des Moines—came forward and offered herself, her time and energy to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. Her simple eloquence of sincerity and earnestness swayed the audience to a manifestation of joy and praise as she touchingly uttered these beautiful words: "When, as a little girl in one of the country churches in southern Iowa, I heard and accepted the Gospel invitation, I knew—although I thought as a child and understood only as a child—I knew what it meant for my life, and since that time, through my school-girl days, as a teacher and as a college girl, the thought uppermost in my mind has been, 'What would Christ have me to do? Where would Christ have me to go? And so it is not that I give myself to you today, rather it is that Christ returns to you the life long ago given to Him.

Take me, if you will, and use me for your own service for the glory of Christ and for the salvation of the world."

The President proceeded to present plans for raising Miss Mills' salary during the coming year, but the intense feeling and emotion could not be smothered, and spontaneous offers of money, pledges, Life Memberships, and "I want her to work a day for me" flooded the stand until the salary was almost provided.

It was a scene never to be forgotten; our cup was full. The mount was, as it were, transfigured with a divine glory. Thus passed the scene which, no doubt, angels rejoiced over, and the twenty-first annual Convention closed with a quickening power and enthusiasm which will, we trust, stir the entire sisterhood of Iowa to greater action, and the influence of which will go on and on forever.

EMMA E. OGBURN,

*Chairman Press Committee.*

#### THE KANSAS STATE CONVENTION.

The annual Convention of the Churches of Christ in Kansas met in Hutchinson, September thirteenth. Our period was placed first on the program. Our beloved President, Mrs. Libbie F. Ingels, was absent on account of the sickness of her husband. This was a great disappointment to all. We missed her genial presence, her kindly word, her happy smile. Earnest prayers from loving hearts ascended to our Father on behalf of her and hers. Bro. W. Chenault, as an elder brother, presided at the evening session. The prayer service conducted by Mrs. Carey attuned our hearts for the days ahead. Bro. Donaldson, the genial pastor of the Hutchinson Church, said some pleasant things in cordial greeting, to which Bro. Chenault made hearty response. Then came the address of Mrs. W. C. Payne, "Consecration of Self." This was a production of great merit, and was so delivered as to be distinctly heard in every part of the auditorium. Bro. A. McLean said that it was worthy of any platform before any audience in this great land. Mrs. Payne had never been with the Kansas people in convention before, and the first thing she did was to walk right down into all our hearts and take up her permanent abode. Bro. McLean then told us of the work of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions in India. All were delighted with his talk from first to last—his confidence in our ability to do, his appreciation of what we have done, his love for humanity, his faith in God, his consecration to His service; it was a feast to our souls and an inspiration to our efforts.

Tuesday, with Mrs. Payne in the chair, the praise service was led by Mrs. Putnam, of Hoisington. Bible Study, by Prof. W. C. Payne, of Lawrence, was begun and carried through the whole Convention. Prof. Payne is a born teacher, has a strong personality, and bears the marks of the scholar and the gentleman. He has made a good impression upon our Kansas people, and we think the Christian Woman's Board of Missions has put the right man in the right place.

The President's address was read by Mrs. Rotherman, and was full of good things. She recommended that we raise \$1,200 for Bible Chair work the next missionary year, and also that we immediately secure the ground for a building. The Convention resolved, with God's help, to carry out these recommendations. This means not less than \$3,000 for the Christian Woman's Board of Missions of Kansas aside from our regular State and National dues. Our faithful Secretary, Miss A. Rosalea Pendleton, made her report, which was full of encouragement to those who know the difficulties to be overcome.

Our State Organizer, Mrs. Rogers, was with us. She has done her work patiently and well and is well beloved by all the churches in which she has labored.

One of the pleasant features of the Convention was the presentation of the beautiful junior banner in a very appropriate and beautiful address by Miss Alma Evelyn Moore, of Kansas City, to Bro. Mallory, representing the Junior Endeavor of the Third Church of Topeka, which had gained the first prize in the contest for superiority. Following this was the junior address by Mrs. Pile and a beautiful solo, "The Plains of Peace," by Miss Bertha Moody.

Our State officers were all retained except the Junior Superintendent, who has removed to Oklahoma. Miss Moore, of Kansas City, was selected for that office, and knowing, as we do, her qualities of mind and heart, we feel assured that the junior work will make a step forward the coming year.

The last was a consecration service, held on Friday morning, led by Mrs. Payne, and we thank God for the sweet spirit that pervaded that meeting and rested in holy benediction upon each of us as we separated.

Mrs. A. P. ATEN.

Mrs. J. O. Allen, of Edmund, Oklahoma Territory, was a delegate to the Minneapolis Convention.

Mrs. Elma L. Danford, of Cripple Creek, Colo., writes: "We are arranging for an afternoon open meeting. We have invited all the other missionary societies of our city and have arranged an interesting program. We feel that in union there is strength."

### Our Missions

#### King's Gate.

King's Gate District is in the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Neil MacLeod. The event of the year in this District has been the building of the mission house at King's Gate. Mr. MacLeod writes: "I wish you could see the house. Everybody thinks it is nice, and I feel that we have got the most and the best possible, in Jamaica, for the money. The amount raised by the churches is yet small, and part of it in work, and cash had to be expended on the preparation of the grounds, fences, etc.

"We have received from C. W. B. M....."	\$1,500 00
Raised on the field.....	165 34
Total .....	\$1,665 34

"This leaves a balance still due to E. Lyons & Son, of Kingston, for materials, of \$279.13. This shows the total cost of the work to date to be \$1,943.76. This covers all cost to date, and includes \$17.46 for stove for the kitchen, improvements of grounds, fences and extras. The house has cement concrete foundations two feet above ground level at lowest point, concrete steps to doors, and concrete walk three feet wide in front of kitchen, bath room and servants' room. The house contains, besides those just mentioned, a pantry, drawing-room, dining-room, bedroom, study and two closets down stairs. The stairway is built outside and covered, rising from the dining-room door and landing by easy steps in a small hall, from which open three bedrooms, each connected with a closet. A covered veranda runs across the front and to the east side of a drawing-room. The ceilings are all of dressed pitch pine, oiled and varnished. The walls are brick-knogged, that is, all spaces between the framework filled with bricks four inches thick, weatherboarded outside with pitch pine, painted and sanded—smooth-plastered inside and painted down stairs. The up-stairs walls are finished with 'home wall colors.' Folding doors open onto the veranda from the study and drawing-room, and from the down-stairs bedroom, also between study and drawing-room and dining-room. All rooms are provided with doors and windows enough to secure the best possible ventilation. The boys' room, carriage house and stable are all complete and convenient. We have used the best materials procurable here for such work, and I have tried to see that the work was well done. We have named the place, after the general custom of giving every place a name, in honor of our beloved President of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, 'Burgess Place.' We held an informal 'house-warming' on the evening of the Fourth of July, with 'Old Glory' floating from the veranda and fire-crackers fur-

nished for the occasion by Mrs. Willett. We have had the pleasure of entertaining most of our fellow-missionaries in the new home, and hope to make it serve and honor the Master, and give comfort and shelter to His servants who come to us. It is a very comfortable and convenient house, and a great advantage to your missionaries in carrying on the work of this station, and gives prestige and strength to all our work. I have no doubt the work has stimulated the liberality of the churches, and, in spite of hard times, our receipts in the District were \$165.24 in excess of last year, and only \$29.16 less than in the Jubilee year, 1899."

#### A NOTABLE MEETING.

There were twenty-five men present. They were from Bengal, Orissa, Behar, Central and Northwestern Provinces in India, and from Burmah and Ceylon. Twelve of them are classical students, twelve medical and one law. They are all dark-faced, but the men of India have the clear-cut features of the Aryan race, while the men of Burmah resemble the Chinese. Altogether the company had a command of some twenty-two different languages and dialects.

These different "races, peoples and tongues" proceeded with the conversation, music, games and refreshments much as a like group of young men would do at an American social. One feature of the evening was the finishing of the following rhyme by supplying, in the blank spaces, the missing names of birds:

"A serious nuisance is the \_\_\_\_\_;  
 Every farmer will tell you so.  
 The little chattering saucy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ever found near the homes of men.  
 Sweetest of songsters is the \_\_\_\_\_;  
 When it sings we feel like saying, "Hush."  
 The timid, gentle, fluttering \_\_\_\_\_,  
 An emblem of devoted love.  
 Very good eating is the \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Shot by the sportsman that has good luck."  
 Etc., etc.

It would be a very simple thing for American boys to complete the lines. But it is different when one's language is not English, and some of the birds are strangers to his country. The men did remarkably well at the exercise. There were songs in native languages to weird tunes. Then your scribe, who usually does *nothing* less dignified than deliver Bible lectures, was obliged to revive his youthful accomplishments and contribute to the fun. This he did by reciting "Pyramus and Thisbe," and, later, by singing a most ridiculous college song, entitled, "Mary had a William-Goat." It carried me back to my own college days. The wild applause and laughter of the men showed that the Oriental student has a sense of fun no less keen than his brothers of the far West.

But the noteworthy feature of the evening remains to be remarked upon. Those men are far from all being Christians. There were present that night Christians, Brahmins, Buddhists and Hindus. Some of the men were Brahmins of the highest caste, some were members of lower castes, others were of no caste at all. Yet they all sat together and played together, and ate together. Think of it: In the land where the Brahmin has been taught for centuries that he is polluted by the very shadow of the low caste men; where it has been regarded as a well-nigh unpardonable sin for different castes to eat together, and especially to partake of Christian food!

Surely India is moving, even though some have thought it immovable. A new spirit of brotherhood has come to these people. Can you doubt whence it has come? The influence of Christ has already extended far beyond those who have named His name. It is pleasant to know that such socials have become possible. They

are still new enough, and sufficiently rare to be called notable. But they are a prophecy of the good time to come, when there shall be in India neither Mohammedan nor Hindu, neither high caste nor low caste, for all shall be one in Christ Jesus. W. M. FORREST.

86 College Street, Calcutta, India.

#### BOOK NOTICES.

**DAY BY DAY.** By J. Wilbur Chapman. Published by the United Society of Christian Endeavor, 600 Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass. Price 35 cents.

Mr. Chapman, so well known and loved by Endeavorers, has prepared under the title given above a series of meditations for the Morning Watch or Quiet Hour. These meditations are well suited to young people and are along the lines of thought adapted to their needs and aspirations. Helps for prayer thought are given for an entire month. Some of the subjects considered are: Preparing to see the King; The Holy Spirit's Presence; Our Secret Life; Our Reading and Our Dress; Our Social and Business Life; A Definite Yielding; Bible Study and Prayer. There are other topics equally helpful. We think this an excellent book to put into the hands of a young Christian and commend it to our young friends who realize their need for definite helps to meditation and prayer.

**MY BEST FRIEND.** By Floyd W. Tomkins. Published by the United Society of Christian Endeavor, Boston, Mass. Price 35 cents.

This little volume contains six meditations for the Quiet Hour. They are arranged in the following order: Confessing Christ, Trusting Christ, Walking with Christ, Serving Christ, Nourished by Christ and Christ in Me. Mr. Tomkins, in speaking to Endeavorers, gives these thoughtful words: "We must be careful to make the Quiet Hour strong. It may easily degenerate into a sentimental and moody thought of self, or else into excited and unreal use of language concerning the Master. We need to think of Christ as one altogether lovely and loving, but also as one whom we follow and serve. Hence our meditations must be manly, honest and intelligent. We need to know the truth and then to do it." These clear, forceful words are an index to the volume, which is one to be relished by those of mature thought as well as those who are young in years and experience. We heartily commend this book.

**SIDE WINDOWS, OR LIGHTS ON SCRIPTURE TRUTHS.** By Mattie M. Boteler. The Standard Publishing Co., Cincinnati, O. Price not given.

Miss Boteler's new book, which will be welcomed by her many friends, is a collection of illustrations of the truths of the Holy Scriptures. In her fore-word Miss Boteler says: "In so far as one may lay claim to originality for any product of the mind, the author does so for the appended illustrations. \* \* \* They are sent out with the hope that they may help Christian workers, in many fields, to make more luminous the truth as it is in Christ Jesus."

These illustrations are many-sided, and often clear, bright and forceful. The topical index given is very helpful to the student or worker who desires to avail himself of Miss Boteler's careful work.

**NOW! THE MISSIONARY WATCHWORD FOR EACH GENERATION.** By Rev. Henry C. Mabie, D. D. The Fleming H. Revell Co., New York and Chicago. Price, 15 cents.

This little booklet should be carefully read and studied by every one who claims Christ as his leader. It is a clarion call to the present opportunity. It is an appeal for action so clear, so convincing, so true that to study it should be to obey it. We hope it will be widely read.

**LIGHT—LIFE—LOVE. BIBLE FACTS FOR BUSY PEOPLE.** By Calla Scott Willard. The Fleming H. Revell Co., New York and Chicago. Price not given.

This volume is, as its title suggests, a collection of Bible facts for busy people. President W. P. Aylsworth, of Cotner University, says in the introduction that the lessons of the book are from the brain of a teacher having more than thirty years of experience in class-room work. The lessons of the book well bear out President Aylsworth's commendation of Mrs. Willard as a teacher;

they will be of very great value to Sunday-school workers and busy people.

**THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY INDEX.** A Report of the Eighteenth Annual Conference, Clifton Springs, N. Y., June 5-11, 1901.

This report is full of suggestion, instruction and inspiration. There were in the conference, which is international in character, missionaries from nearly every country of the globe. Sixteen missionary organizations were represented. Eighty-eight missionaries responded to roll-call. The addresses of many of the speakers are given in full, and deserve a prominent place in missionary literature. This report should be widely read.

**FORWARD SONGS AND HYMNS.** By T. C. O'Kane and J. B. Shaw. Price, 25 cents. The Fleming H. Revell Co., New York and Chicago.

A collection of over two hundred songs and hymns to be used in any department of Christian effort. This collection contains many of the tried and loved hymns of the church, as well as some new songs of real worth. It is above the average in merit. It lacks a topical index, which should always accompany a collection of musical selections.

**MINUTES OF THE OREGON CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION.** Price, 10 cents.

The Oregon friends have published in a neat pamphlet the minutes of their State Missionary Convention and their Year-Book for 1901. The booklet contains much information concerning the Oregon work, and should be in the hands of the members of the church in that State. It may be obtained from J. B. Lister, Eugene, Oregon.

## Business Department

### RECEIPTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1901.

ALABAMA.—Lum School, \$59.18; Fairhope aux, 4.10.	Total, \$63.28.
ARKANSAS.—Denning Jr C E, \$6; Cedar Creek Jr C E, 1.80; Military Heights aux, 1; Eureka aux, 5.55; Siloam Springs Jr C E, 7.50, aux, 2.70; Fayetteville aux, 8.20; Little Rock aux, 5.70, Jr C E, 21.72; Ft Smith aux, 3.90; Hope Jr C E, 2.70; Camden aux, 1.70; Harrison Jr C E, 5.50; Russellville aux, 1.60; Altus Jr C E, 2.20; Hot Springs M B, 1.	Total, \$78.77.
CALIFORNIA.—Covina Jr C E, \$3, aux, 7.65; S California Jr C E, 8.45; Los Angeles 1st ch, 32.50; Pasadena 1st ch, 10.20, aux, 11.75; Int C E, 5, Jr C E, 4.15; Napa City aux, 80c; Monrovia, Mrs Ella Tripp, 30; Woodland 2d ch aux, 10.80; Hanford aux, 1.30; Saratoga aux, 8.85; Alameda aux, 3.30; Corona aux, 2.95; Whittier aux, 4.55; Santa Cruz aux, 2; Vacaville aux, 3.80; E Los Angeles aux, 5.85, M B, 5; Glendora aux, 3.60; Orange aux, 6.45; Stockton aux, 3.40; Fortuna aux, 6.50; Compton aux, 2.70; Los Angeles 1st ch aux, 35.90, E 8th st aux, 3.90, Jr C E, 10.65; Winters aux, 3.25; Riverside aux, 7.50; San Francisco 1st ch aux, 46.80; Red Bluff aux, 3; Warm Springs aux, 5; Healdsburg aux, 4; Long Beach aux, 4.40; Azusa aux, 3; San Diego aux, 3.35; Santa Ana aux, 10.56; Oakland 1st ch, 5, Jr C E, 3.15; Watsonville aux, 8.10; Gilroy, Mrs A E Clark, 5, aux, 3; Pomona aux, 53.75; Irvington aux, 2.90; California North, 5; Fresno aux, 2; Los Gatos aux, 4; Geyserville aux, 6.80; Petaluma aux, 2.45; Bloomfield Jr C E, 3; Whittier Jr C E, 5; Santa Barbara aux, 3.80; San Jose Cent aux, 90c; Sacramento aux, 7.45; Santa Paula aux, 1.90; San Bernardino M B, 1.05.	Total, \$450.11.
COLORADO.—Canon City aux, \$7; Salda aux, 2.82; Manzanola aux, 3, Jr C E, 4.50; Colorado Springs aux, 22.25; Pueblo Cent ch Jr C E, 6; Loveland aux, 6.40, Errett F Hunt, 5; Cripple Creek aux, 12.10; Pueblo Cent aux, 9.85; Denver, S Broadway aux, 3.45, Highland L M aux, 12, Cent Jr C E, 20, East Side aux, 5.60; Boulder aux, 4.60; Salda aux, 11.65; La Junta aux, 4; Berkeley aux, 10.30; Grand Junction aux, 5.20; Colorado City aux, 3.60; Longmont aux, 6.	Total, \$165.32.
CONNECTICUT.—Danbury aux, \$17; New Haven, Edwin J Toof, 25.	Total, \$42.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Washington, North Side aux, \$2.90, Vermont ave aux, 40; United Auxiliaries Washington City, 5.25.	Total, \$48.15.
FLORIDA.—Ocala aux, \$7.21; Daytona aux, 7.70, Jr C E, 12.13; Ocoee, Rebel Withers, for Juniors, 30.	Total, \$57.04.
GEORGIA.—Harmony Grove aux, \$3.40; Acworth aux, 4.80, Jr C E, 2.21; Watkinsonville aux, 9; Augusta 2d ch aux, 7.10, 1st ch aux, 10.80; Atlanta, West End Jr C E, 1.11, West End aux, 4.10, 1st ch aux, 16.50, Mrs Henry Lewis, L M, 12.50; Tennesse aux, 6.15; Savannah aux, 6.82, Jr C E, 7.50; Mt Vernon ch aux, 1.50; Sandersville Jr C E, 10, aux, 12.60; Athens Jr C E, 1.35, aux, 3.30; Dublin Jr C E, 8; Augusta Jr C E, 3.75; Free Chapel aux, 2.80; Tennesse Jr C E, 2.45; Macon aux, 4.30, Jr C E, 2.80.	Total, \$144.84.
IDAHO.—Moscow Jr C E, \$1.	Total, \$1.
ILLINOIS.—Elkhart Jr C E, \$2.50; Grayville aux, 5.85; Jacksonville 2d ch aux, 5.17; Mechanicsburg Jr C E, 5; Deland	







# TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

# Christian Woman's Board of Missions

HELD IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, OCTOBER 10-12, 1901.

The opening meeting of the first Twentieth Century Convention of the Christian Church in the interest of missions, was held in Exposition Hall at Minneapolis, Thursday evening, October 10. Much work had been done for the convenience and comfort of the hosts expected. The stairways and the vast auditorium, with its capacity for seating seven or eight thousand persons, were tastefully decorated with autumn boughs, the brilliant tints forming a most pleasing contrast against their dark background. Pillars and walls were bright with coloring and the spacious platform was furnished with splendid Oriental rugs. An attractive Rest Room with plenty of couches and easy chairs was a provision greatly appreciated and enjoyed by weary women later on. Many maps and charts illustrating our mission fields and forces hung in profusion about the walls. Only one State banner was displayed—that of our beloved Indiana, bearing its inspiring motto, "Love Never Faileth."

In the introductory service on Thursday evening, J. W. Wilson, of Indiana, led the music, the audience joining heartily in the singing of familiar church hymns.

The Vice-President of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, Mrs. A. M. Atkinson, presided. A. B. Philpott was asked to lead in prayer, after which Hon. A. T. Ankeny, President of the Minnesota State Normal School Board, was introduced, who formally welcomed the convention to Minneapolis in the following address:

#### *Worthy President and Ladies of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions:*

This is an occasion of more than ordinary interest. The time, the place, the object of your present gathering, all conspire to make it a notable event, not only in your lives but in ours. This is the first time you have ventured so far from home—I mean in this direction. As a reward of merit, the churches of Minnesota now propose to give you such a warm welcome that it will not only long live in your memories but excite within you an ardent desire to come again.

It should be to you a significant fact that you are now to hold your convention in a new century. Such periods in the world's progress are always peculiar, and demand at our hands a close consideration. Did you ever stop to think that somehow, somewhere, in the great cycles of time, and as an old century gradually unfolds itself into the new, events of more than usual import to the race were sure to follow? The very beginning of our present measurement of time marks the new era when Peace on Earth and Good Will to Man was first proclaimed, and from which unnumbered blessings have come to the world. It was at or about such a period when Columbus and his compeers fully revealed to the old world the new continent. A century later the bounds of human empire were vastly enlarged by the Shakespearean Plays and the Baconian Philosophy. Still a century later we find the English constitution fairly established, securing a larger liberty to the people. Another revolution of time sees our own government fully at work in its wonderful mission. The student of today

must be indeed blind who fails to note anything remarkable in our present enlarged dignity and power as a nation. We find ourselves in the midst of startling events whose shadows will culminate only in eternity. In our strong hopefulness, in our resistless energy, in our ever-widening philanthropy, aye, in our very aggression, we recognize those evidences of modern thought and modern methods which mould and move the world. Standing as we are now permitted to do upon this high vantage-ground, we look out into the future, and we see, not the mists of darkness and despair, but the rising beams of a coming still more golden, glorious day.

All this is made the more inspiring by the place at which you now hold your convention. Your Society now stands upon the soil of the noblest and grandest of America's young States. In her magnificent extent of territory, in her broad fields of luxurious vegetation, in her forests and her mines, her workshops and her mills, in her splendid equipments for public education, in her patriotism that never falters and her sublime faith that never fails, in short, in everything "that constitutes a State," Minnesota justly claims and proudly enjoys a most enviable position. Moreover, you now sojourn within the limits of the most marvelous of America's growing cities. This very temple may well be an inspiration, dedicated as it is to the exposition of a people's proudest triumphs, made now historic by the thrice repeated visits of our martyred President. Within its walls has resounded the eloquence of the country's most noted orators. Readers, musicians and songsters have here thrilled the thousands as they never were thrilled before. Surely, in such a place, at such a time, God's glory will encompass you as you here recount your glad successes and bravely plan for greater ones to follow.

What need I say of your work? Although it is favorably known it is not nearly so well known as it deserves to be. It is yours to help maintain preachers and teachers wherever they may be needed the wide world over. In addition to your mission work abroad you now work in twenty-eight of the forty-five States of our own country. You maintain mission and industrial schools among the lowly, while the Bible Chairs at several of the State universities accomplish a great good. You began your work in 1874, and there was for that year placed in your hands the sum of less than \$800. Last year your receipts for such work were over \$135,000. We rejoice to know, too, that this is a work wholly managed by women. You have earned a distinction of which you may well be proud. A noble work, in the hands of a noble society, generations yet unborn will rise up to do you honor. And yet you stand but one of the three great forces which now here assemble in convention. On either side is the Foreign Christian Missionary Society and the American Christian Missionary Society. Together you represent over ten thousand active and vigorous churches with a membership of a million and a quarter souls. Such a regenerating force, moving as it does upon society, can not but accomplish grand results, not only in the propagation of the truth, but in lifting into a higher sphere of action the splendid capabilities of our race. And such, let me say, is at last, in the divine economy, the chief work committed to human hands.

Friends: As I now in behalf of the churches of Minnesota extend to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions a hearty greeting, will you not rise and join me

in making it a truly Minnesota welcome to a truly noble organization.

The audience arose and united heartily in singing our national hymn, "America," as a song of welcome to the convention.

Gov. Van Sant followed Mr. Ankeny, and spoke in behalf of the State. He referred to Minnesota as the "bread and butter State," and gave the visitors welcome to both, with plenty of pie thrown in. He said that the city and State would both be better for the convention having come. The Hon. S. H. Hall then gave the convention welcome in behalf of the city. A telegram of regret and a message were received from ex-Gov. Drake of Iowa, who was detained by illness—his first absence from convention in twenty years. These were presented by Pres. A. McLean of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, after which Sec. B. L. Smith of the American Christian Missionary Society also responded to the addresses of welcome. Fraternal greetings and handshaking concluded the evening's entertainment.

EXPOSITION HALL, 9:15 A. M., October 11, 1901.

The morning session was promptly called to order by C. B. Newnan, of Detroit, who led in prayer, after which the hymn, Coronation, was sung. C. A. Young, of Chicago, gave a Bible study on the book of Romans, separating the chapters into groups and explaining the purpose of each in the development of the lesson to be taught.

Mrs. A. D. Harmon, President of Minnesota, was introduced by the President, Mrs. O. A. Burgess, and, after giving the workers an eloquent welcome, led in a devotional period by reading Psalm 61 and offering prayer.

The list of committees was announced as follows:

#### EDUCATIONAL WORK IN THE UNITED STATES.

Mrs. Ida Withers Harrison, Kentucky.  
Mrs. Lathrop Cooley, Ohio.  
Mrs. Emma Campbell Ewing, Illinois.  
Mrs. Ida Coler, Michigan.  
Miss Annette Newcomer, Iowa.

#### EVANGELISTIC WORK IN THE UNITED STATES.

Mrs. F. P. Arthur, Michigan.  
Mrs. E. W. Tucker, Wisconsin.  
Mrs. W. A. Chastain, Georgia.  
Miss Rachel Crouch, South Dakota.  
Mrs. Louise Kelly, Kansas.

#### INDIA.

Mrs. L. G. Bantz, Missouri.  
Miss Mattie W. Burgess, Missouri.  
Miss Adelaide G. Frost, Ohio.  
Mrs. Libbie F. Ingels, Kansas.  
Mrs. S. K. Jones, Indiana.

#### MEXICO.

Miss Grace Carlton, Texas.  
Mrs. Josie Yowell, Arkansas.  
Mrs. Laura B. Thompson, Colorado.  
Mrs. A. C. Smither, California.  
Mrs. W. J. Lhamon, Pennsylvania.

#### ISLAND WORK.

Mrs. Chas. Jordan, Illinois.  
Mrs. Ella M. Huffman, Iowa.  
Miss Harriet Ruger, Florida.  
Mrs. I. J. Spencer, Kentucky.  
Mrs. Laura Medbury, Indiana.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Mrs. Effie Cunningham, Indiana.  
Mrs. Ira Towner, Minnesota.  
Miss Mollie Hughes, Missouri.  
Mrs. Mary Smith Walden, Kentucky.  
CHAIRMAN OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.  
Mrs. J. T. Ingersoll.

The delegates were requested to place their credentials in the hands of the Recording Secretary.

Our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Helen E. Moses, presented her Annual Report in printed form, with some explanatory and supplementary remarks. Ohio led all States in money given, with Kentucky a close second and Indiana third. Iowa has made the greatest advance, while Michigan has the greatest proportion of church members enlisted in our auxiliaries.

#### REPORT OF BOARD.

##### OUR MISSIONS.

##### JAMAICA.

The year just ended will be memorable in our history as the Silver Anniversary, or the completion of *twenty-five* years of our work as a mission under the auspices of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. Under the fostering care of this Board, which has during all these twenty-five years manifested a deep interest in the work, and has sustained it with great liberality, the mission has grown and is growing, as the facts given in this report will reveal.

No changes have occurred in the ministerial force, and all have kept steadily and faithfully at their posts during the year. Bros. Louis Thomas and Arnold Shirley, who returned to our island at the beginning of our missionary year, have during the year labored in the Highgate and Oberlin districts, respectively. Bro. Thomas has, through his efforts, considerably advanced the work in the Highgate district. Bro. Shirley is engaged in school work in connection with the Manning's Hill Church and also assists in preaching at the several stations in the Oberlin district.

An event we can not fail to note, because of the good we believe it brings with it to our mission, is the marriage of our esteemed Bro. Neil MacLeod to Miss Lois A. White, formerly the Secretary of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, who, in that position, has been for many years in close touch with our mission, and has always manifested a deep interest in it. Brought, as she now is, into closer association with the work, we believe the mission will gain from her deepened interest and valuable personal help. We wish them both much joy and success in their united lives and labors.

##### The Churches.

Of the twenty-one churches on our roll, reports have been received from all. Some of these reports breathe a cheerful spirit and are in many instances radiant with hope. They tell of sinners saved, of slumbering souls awakened, of wanderers from the Father's home, wearied and unsatisfied with the husks of worldliness and sin, reclaimed. They speak of larger sympathies, deeper interest, greater liberality being manifested, all which indicate a true and real growth in the divine life. There is, however, another side to the picture.

Let us for a moment glance at these reports: Bro. C. E. Randall writes of Kingston: The year has been a trying one in several respects principally because there have been several seasons of prevailing sickness, and many of the members have felt the pinch of poverty. Special services were held at the end of December and the beginning of January, with some good results. A number of the members have been active workers for the Master in the various departments of church work, and a larger number than usual have been added, though it is to be regretted that the failures of others in their



duties has made it necessary to erase their names from the church roll. There has been some growth in all departments. At *Torrington* there has been no advance in the work. Some of the most reliable members have had to leave the district. Much work is bestowed on this field. Miss McHardy devotes most of her time to it. There is a good Sunday-school. Fruit may yet be expected.

*Bro. McHardy* writes: The work in connection with the churches of this district has gone on steadily during the year. The week of prayer was observed by all of them and was much enjoyed. The receipts in all the churches have advanced. We regret having to state that the majority of the members at Mt. Olivet show little interest in the work of the church. The weekly prayer meetings are poorly attended and the spiritual life of the church is low. The Sunday-school continues to do good work, but has fallen off somewhat in the number on the roll. The Christian Endeavor Society has not progressed as we could desire, but the interest of the members is good.

At *Bloxburg* there have been gratifying results during the year. The week of prayer meeting observed at the beginning of the year proved a great blessing. Since that time many of the young have been giving themselves to the Lord. The Christian Endeavor Society is doing good work and is planning for better things. The Sunday-school is doing good. Both teachers and scholars are manifesting a commendable interest on this work.

At *Mt. Zion* the work has been very trying. The working force is small and the interest shown is not such as could be desired. The weekly prayer meetings have been kept up, but the attendance is very small. The members have shown much zeal in the building of a lime kiln for some much needed repairs on the chapel.

At *Bushy Park* the general depression has affected many, some becoming so negligent as to necessitate the removal of their names from the church roll. One of the great needs of this church is more willing and efficient workers. The Sunday-school has been revived and we hope for better things.

*Bro. McLeod* writes: There is a gratifying growth in the spiritual life among many. The King's Gate Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has taken on new life and has trebled its membership, and is doing valuable evangelistic service. Our District Meeting was held during the year, attended by members from all the stations and several of our missionaries from other districts. It was a new venture and was an encouraging success.

*Bro. Meredith* writes: We are thankful for a year of peaceful, steady work in the district. At *Providence* the services have been regularly maintained. The week-day prayer meetings, as usual, have been a good deal neglected. A considerable amount of indifference has prevailed. Moreover, immorality and drunkenness, the latter especially during the planting season, in connection with digging matches, have been sorely in evidence. However, we discern cause for encouragement in the steadfast lives of the few, and also the increased attention of the young to spiritual things.

At *Chesterfield* the work has been stirred up during the year by the reorganizing and working of the Hermitage Branch. The result has been numerous additions by restoration and some by baptism, with a bright promise for the future.

At *Flint River* we have been toiling against odds. Two of our leading brethren have been sick to the drawback of the work. However, the few have shown throughout the year commendable zeal in the Lord's work. The indulgence of church members in rum drinking and dancing have caused much trouble and sorrow.

The cause at *Mamby Vale* has had a stormy year. The Romish faction near by have often caused the weak in the faith of Christ to stagger. In spite of turbulent events the little church is holding her own and a number have united with the church by baptism, for which we bless and praise the Lord.

*Bro. Purdy* writes: At *Oberlin* we have made little progress numerically. Hard times is keeping many back. In the grace of giving and from a spiritual point of view there has been progress. The Auxiliary and Endeavor Society continue a great blessing to the church. The Mission Band continues to do good work among the children.

At *Manning's Hill* there has been little change. The Auxiliary and Endeavor Society are doing good work.

At *Lucky Hill* we have a loss of twenty-one, due to carelessness and custom.

*Bros. Morris and Thomas* write: God has blessed our efforts here, and has manifested it in the increased interest of the people and by the fruits gathered.

*Bro. Robinson* writes: The work has had its difficulties. Scarcity of money, sickness and the very depressed state of things among the people have caused many to drift away into negligence. While there are some who are indifferent to their obligations to the cause of the Lord, there are others who not only remain faithful, but are making advancements all the time. Viewing these reports as a whole there is abundant cause for thankfulness.

Let us glance for a while at the statistics for the year. They reveal the following result:

Baptized .....	194	
Received .....	54	
Reclaimed .....	78	326

LOSS.		
Died .....	33	
Excluded .....	84	
Erased .....	134	
Dismissed .....	17	268

Net increase..... 58

With this increase our membership stands at 1,830.

Eighteen churches report 194 baptisms, while 3 report none. Fourteen churches report a gain of 120, and 7 report a decrease of 62. The number of candidates for baptism is 85.

A comparison with last year's report shows the following result: Number baptized in 1900, 176, or 60.9 per cent. of the increase; number baptized in 1901, 179, or 61.7 per cent. of the increase.

2. RECEIVALS. Number received in 1900, 49, or 16.9 per cent. of the increase; number received in 1901, 34, or 11.7 per cent. of the increase.

3. RESTORATIONS. Number restored in 1900, 64, or 42.1 per cent. of the increase; number restored in 1901, 77, or 26.5 per cent. of the increase.

It is gratifying to note the increase in the percentages of baptisms and restorations, and still more gratifying to note a decrease of 13 per cent. in exclusions.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Number of Sunday-schools in 1900, 20, with an enrollment of 1,120; number of Sunday-schools in 1901, 19, with an enrollment of 1,271.

DAY SCHOOLS. Number of schools in 1900, 9, with an enrollment of 573; number of schools in 1901, 9, with an enrollment of 571.

The number of Endeavor Societies enrolled is 15, and consists of 14 young people's societies and 1 junior. The membership is 784.

*Financial.*

We are glad to state that there has been an advance in the receipts for the year of £95 3s 9d. This is not simply due to the special effort to mark the Silver Anniversary year, for it may be noted that with the exception of Providence, Flint River, Lucky Hill, and Fairy Hill, all show an increase in their general receipts. The increase in general receipts for the year is £58 4s 5d. I may also point out that the increase would have been much more had all the churches been able to hold their missionary meetings during the year.

The amount realized by the special effort in connection with our Silver Anniversary is £113 10s 9½d.

The missionary receipts for the year show a decrease of £21 17s 9d; due as already stated to the fact that



"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name." These are the words with which I feel I want to begin my report. Yes, the Lord's name be praised for ever and ever. He has been very good to me during the last year. He has given me health and strength for the work He has entrusted to me, and has blessed me in many ways. May He help me to be always willing to give my strength and all that I have and that I am in His service.

The work in the three schools in my care has been doing nicely and is very encouraging. The attendance is steadily increasing in each of the three, and the people in Bilaspur are getting more and more interested in the education of the girls. We have now about one hundred and fifty girls in the Chata School, about eighty from the Orphanage and seventy outside girls. All the outside girls who have been promoted this year, except a few very poor ones, have bought their own books, a thing which would not have been done before. The government is taking much notice of our school work, and I have received letters of thanks from the chief commissioner of the central provinces and from the municipality of Bilaspur for the good work in our schools.

In the Chata School I have no master at all now. The work there is carried on by me, with the help of young girls trained in that school. The two sisters Rukmanibai and Mohnibai, who are two of our orphan girls, and who have passed their teacher's examination, are a great help to me. I do not know what I should do without them. Mohnibai is quite a young girl; she is only fifteen years old, but she is already a good little teacher. At a recent visit which the Inspector of Schools paid to the Chata School he saw her give a kindergarten lesson, and he told me afterwards that he had never seen a native teacher give a kindergarten lesson so well. Rukmanibai is seventeen years old; she has passed two teacher's examinations. Beside teaching Standard IV and part of Standard III, she attends to all the registers.

Four girls passed the teacher's and six the upper primary examinations last year, and I have another teachers' training class of seven bright girls this year. The Bible instruction is given regularly every day, and I am happy to say that the elder girls have gained a good knowledge of the Bible.

The older Orphanage girls are a source of great joy to us. Most of them try to lead earnest Christian lives, and show both in school and at home their desire to serve their Lord and Master. They have a very good influence over the Hindu and Mohammedan girls who come to school. Some days ago a young Brahman, an inspector of schools, who is very much inclined towards Christianity, came to me and asked me if I would not allow his young wife to attend the Chata School. He said he wanted her to come to our school because he would like her to associate with our girls. He remarked that, although they were educated, they remained simple and modest in their ways. This young man has seen a good deal of our girls in his capacity as inspector of schools.

Miss Marston has reported the Gol Bazaar School, so I need not say anything about that work. The Sakri Boys' School was made over to us by the government on January 1st. On the same day I opened a girls' school there. The first morning I found twenty-five boys present. The attendance has increased very much since then. I am able to report an average attendance of fifty-eight boys. The girls' school has done better than I had hoped. I was afraid we would get very few girls at first, and I was quite surprised to see so many attend. They have been attending very regularly, too, as you will see by the statistics. They are very different now from the wild little things they were at first. Many of them have made good progress and will be able to read and write nicely in another six months or so. They all have learned to knit, and great is the joy when they can take their knitting home to show it to their folks. In the dry season I have gone to this school regularly three times a week, and I generally remained two hours. Most of this time was spent in giving Bible lessons to the different classes and in teaching the boys and girls to sing hymns. They all enjoy the singing very much, and they

pay good attention to the Bible lessons. Now, in the rainy season, I can go out only once or twice a week. There are some big boys—almost young men—in this school, and I am glad that I can teach them the word of God. May the Lord bless this, our work, amongst the young people of India. Miss Gantzer will report the Zenana work, which she has been doing during Miss Boyd's absence. She has also helped me some in the school work.

Bilaspur, C. P., India.

BERTHA F. LOHR.

*Gol Bazaar School Report—July, 1900, to August, 1901.*

During the past year this school has done fairly well. The three girls in the IV Standard went up last March for the Government Upper Primary examination, and all passed in the first grade. Two of them—girls of fourteen and fifteen years—are not allowed to attend school any longer. The third, a bright, intelligent girl of eleven years, has been given a scholarship to enable her to attend Mrs. Lohr's Chata School. Her mother is a poor widow, and, but for the scholarship, would most probably have wished the girl to remain at home and help her in earning a living. Each of the three girls asked me for a copy of the New Testament when they said good-bye to me and to the school. The new IV Standard has only three girls in it. One is a little hunchback, and the other two are younger sisters of the two big girls, who passed their Upper Primary examination last March. They are three years younger than their elder sisters, and proportionately younger in mind and intellect. I feel very doubtful about their passing the Upper Primary next March. We have been unfortunate in having two of our teachers laid aside from work. One has developed consumption and is slowly wasting away. His successor has been suffering the last three months from inflammatory rheumatism, and has not recovered health yet. The wife of the consumptive Pundit is now working in the school.

The attendance fell off considerably during the hot months, but since school reopened after the summer vacation the numbers are increasing, and there are one or two new children every few days. The elder children seem to take real interest in their Bible lessons, and they are all fond of singing hymns. I am often asked to let them take a hymn-book home so that they may sing to their parents and friends. In days to come the meaning of the words they sing and of the psalms and other portions of Scripture they have committed to memory may dawn upon their minds and hearts and lead them to know and love their Savior. I pray and trust it may be so.

Laura E. Marston.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE CHATA SCHOOL FROM AUGUST 1ST, 1900, TO JULY 31ST, 1901.

<i>Receipts.</i>			
	<i>Rs.</i>	<i>A.</i>	<i>P.</i>
From C. W. B. M.....	702	12	6
From government grant.....	238	0	0
Total .....	940	12	6
<i>Expenditures.</i>			
Salaries .....	602	4	0
Contingencies .....	168	0	9
Furniture .....	88	13	3
Repairs .....	33	2	9
Total .....	892	4	9
Total receipts.....	940	12	6
Total expenditures.....	892	4	9
Balance .....	48	7	9

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE GOL BAZAAR SCHOOL FROM AUGUST 1ST, 1900, TO JULY 31ST, 1901.

<i>Receipts.</i>			
	<i>Rs.</i>	<i>A.</i>	<i>P.</i>
From C. W. B. M.....	460	0	0
From government grant.....	122	0	0
Total .....	582	0	0

*Expenditures.*

Salaries .....	289	8	0
Contingencies .....	105	8	6
Furniture .....	62	11	0
Total .....	456	11	6
Total receipts.....	582	0	0
Total expenditures.....	456	11	6
Balance .....	125	4	6

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE SAKRI SCHOOL FROM  
JANUARY 1ST, 1901, TO JULY 31ST, 1901.*Receipts.*

	<i>Rs.</i>	<i>A.</i>	<i>P.</i>
From C. W. B. M.....	275	12	0
Total .....	275	12	0

*Expenditures.*

Salaries .....	231	14	0
Contingencies .....	53	7	9
Furniture .....	32	12	0
Total .....	318	1	9
Total receipts.....	275	12	0
Total expenditures.....	318	1	9
Amount overdrawn.....	42	5	9

*Bilaspur Zenana Work.*

## STATISTICS.

16 Zenanas.

21 Zenana pupils.

I am sorry that I will not be able to write very much about my work, because it is almost all new, except three houses which Miss Boyd had on her list. I have now sixteen houses, which I visit every week regularly. If possible, I visit them twice a week. I have altogether twenty-one pupils in these houses. We never visit a house unless they are willing to receive Bible lessons. At one of Miss Boyd's houses, where there are three pupils, they always prepare their Bible lesson themselves. They are always very pleasant about them. Two are reading the third Hindi book. The youngest sister is learning English. She has passed her IV Standard in our own school. Her people think very much of her just because she has passed her IV Standard. She is getting on nicely with her English, reading the first book. In all my houses I try to get the women to commit to memory Bible verses. I gave these girls a verse book, and they were quite willing to learn their verses for themselves. They know thirty-five verses very well. They are just as interested in their Bible lessons as they are in their needle work or Hindi lessons. It is not always one gets such an interesting family of learners. All my pupils are not so bright. Some ask me to visit them just because they are anxious to be able to read and write. They do not care about the Bible lessons, and they know that I would not visit them unless they were willing to hear something from the Bible. One really does not know how much they understand. Sometimes they do not seem to pay much attention, and, again, those that are dull over their other lessons give very bright answers in the Bible lessons.

I feel if we are faithful, and teach them from the Bible, the Lord will bless His word. We have His promise in Isa. 11. He will in some way reveal Himself to them. We are to trust and believe, knowing that, in His own good time, He will bring these people into His fold, since nothing is too hard for Him.

A. M. GANTZER.

*Bilaspur Medical Work.*

Hospital .....	1
Dispensary .....	1
In-patients .....	300
Out-patients .....	22,858
Received in fees (Rs.).....	201

Another year has gone by—a year full of light and shadow, of pain and pleasure, of weakness and strength. It has also been a year full of the blessings and goodness of God. We of the Bilaspur medical work feel that there is much to be thankful for in the progress which has been made during the year.

Miss Gertrude Ottley and Miss May Littlewood have been my efficient helpers. Without their assistance it would have been impossible to have handled the large number of people who daily throng the dispensary and fill the hospital wards.

The famine of last year was largely instrumental in breaking down the native prejudice against the hospital. Some who came to us in fear and trembling had almost to be driven away when they no longer needed our services. These are of course from among the poorer classes. We rejoice also at the growing willingness of the higher classes to allow their sick to be taken to the hospital.

The treatment which the patients receive from their friends is often conspicuous for its coldness or barbarity. Our instructions count for but little when we are out of sight. The medicine may be all given at one dose or not at all; but when we can have them in the hospital under a trusty Christian nurse much can be done for both body and soul.

Among the dispensary patients the increase in numbers of the higher caste and wealthy people is apparent. Not that these are more precious to God or to us than are the poor, but they give a standing and influence to the work among the people which it is well for it to have, and which furnishes a basis of hope for at least a partial support for it in the future.

Many have heard the Gospel message, and learned to sing the songs of Jesus. Some, we believe, have gone back to their village homes to tell their friends of the wonderful words they heard at the hospital.

As we raise our hearts in thanksgiving to our loving Father in Heaven for the sustaining grace of the past year, we take courage for the future and press on strong in the confidence of victory through His dear name.

ADA MCNEIL.

*Financial Report.*

	<i>Rs.</i>	<i>A.</i>	<i>P.</i>
Balance on hand August 1st, 1900.....	268	11	10
Received by draft.....	1,649	5	0
Received in fees.....	201	8	0
Total .....	2,119	8	10
Total expenses.....	2,281	14	7
	2,119	8	10
Amount overdrawn.....	162	5	9

*Bina.*

Station opened February 1, 1894.  
 Sunday-school organized February 7, 1894.  
 Day school opened December 17, 1894.  
 Church organized April 8, 1897.  
 Number of meeting places, 2.  
 Number of Sunday-schools, 4.  
 Number of Sunday-school scholars, 220.  
 Native preachers, 1.  
 Bible women, 1.  
 Christians, 54.  
 Report for the seven months ending July 31, 1901:

*English Work.*

Sunday services in the church have been regularly held, morning and evening. Some thirty or forty persons attend our services, giving us an average evening congregation of between fifteen and twenty. The interest

seems good. When we came here only one family in the station contained members of the church; but since then, others have been transferred here, and there are now seven members residing in Bina.

I have held services at Bhopal and Mahoba, as well as at Bina. The former place gives encouragement in the shape of a fair audience and, seemingly, an appreciative one. My wife and I have regularly visited the people in their homes, and find them very friendly and well disposed. In all, we have paid some three hundred visits.

#### *Native Work—Preaching.*

When we came here in January, there was no native work being done except in the day school; but as the latter had only heathen teachers we felt that it had little influence as a spiritual work. However, Raj Kumar Cuyler rejoined the mission in February, and two months ago we secured a Christian master and his wife for our school. Village preaching has been regularly carried on by Cuyler, sometimes assisted by me, almost every day till the rainy season began. Cuyler also preaches in Etawah on bazaar day, Friday, when large numbers of villagers come in. The people listen very attentively to the Word, and there are several inquirers.

One of these is the father of one of our Kampur Christians. Another is an old man whom we found starving and at the point of death, and brought over to the mission compound to feed. He has fully recovered, and we trust his soul may be saved even as his bodily life has been. Four members were added by baptism in December, and one has been put out of fellowship.

#### *Day School.*

This we found solely in charge of Hindu teachers. I began by giving the pupils daily Bible lesson. Miss Drake's advent brought in a Christian influence again. She has since resigned through ill health; but a good Christian man and wife have now taken charge. The number of scholars on the roll has risen from forty-seven to fifty-seven, and the attendance from some fourteen or fifteen in January to over fifty, so we feel greatly encouraged at this part of the work.

#### *Sunday-schools.*

There are now four of these, one of them being English. Two new native schools were begun in February last, and have increased rapidly in numbers. The number of scholars has risen from about fifty to over two hundred. The attendance is good, and the children show much interest. This work also is encouraging.

#### *Colportage.*

This work has been faithfully carried on by Abraham, a man who came to us from the adjacent Swedish Mission. He sells on the railway platform, and to the people waiting for their trains. As Bina is a junction, there is a continual demand for these books, and the influence exerted by them must be very far-reaching. Up to the end of July, Rs. 29 10 6 worth have been sold, or about 1900 separate books and tracts. I believe this is a new department of work in Bina, and may be counted as a distinct advance. "Pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified."

Bina.

C. G. ELSAM.

There is not much that I can tell you of our few months' work in Bina, but I know that you will be interested in the little that I have to say, for you love this place for the sake of the Master. We arrived here at a delightful time of the year, and greatly enjoyed going in and out among the people. They received us very cordially and most of them have proved very friendly. I am writing now of the European population. The Sunday-school work was disheartening for a time, but we are getting a good attendance now. It is our earnest desire that some of these dear children may in the years to come take up the burden laid on us of endeavoring to lead India's sons and daughters to a knowledge of Jesus.

I have a most interesting little Sunday-school amongst

the natives. I began by inviting the children, merely, but I am having such a large proportion of women as well, now, that I must needs look for a helper. Then I shall be able to have two or three distinct classes. I hope when I get a zenana assistant to have her help in this department. The children have learned two hymns, "Jesus Loves Me" and "Jesus Has Saved My Life," beside learning to repeat John iii:16. Having them only once a week, they must of necessity be very slow in learning what they do, but they understand what they sing and are very intelligent in their answers. These are children from amongst the very poorest of the natives, and come in rags and tatters, unwashed and uncared for. We meet in the Church verandah, which is almost completed now. I should mention that, by way of inducement, I distribute amongst them some grain after the exercises are over. There is no doubt that this is an attraction to the poor little things, but I believe it is a few annas well spent. Our highest number has been ninety-five, including adults, but that was on only one occasion. We average fifty, or so, every Lord's-day.

I must tell you of one incident connected with this work which has its painful side, for it will help you to see the degradation of the children. A few weeks ago, while we were singing, I happened to discover a small circle of four or five boys seated behind some others, and in the shelter of a pillar, absorbed in some game. I stepped forward and felt much distressed to find that they were gambling. Their wealth consisted in a few *covries*, and this is the use the poor little urchins made of it. They were lads of twelve and thirteen, I suppose. All the clothing they wore was a rag, or so, over their loins. These are the children who lead a hand-to-mouth existence, when they are not starving.

I have paid a few visits amongst the surrounding houses, and have had a little work done amongst the native women in this neighborhood and in the native railway quarters. There is a large population of native railway employes and we hope to find a good field for work amongst them.

We have many plans for the future, but we want to be sure of the Lord's leading before stepping out, and we want and need your continued prayers, dear sisters, for the work the Father has put into our hands.

With Christian love, yours in Jesus,

Bina.

EDITH ELSAM.

#### *Mahoba.*

Station opened, March 1, 1895.  
 Sunday-school organized early in 1895.  
 Orphanage opened, July 26, 1895.  
 School work commenced, December 1, 1895.  
 Church organized, April 2, 1896.  
 Zenana work commenced, January 1, 1899.  
 Kindergarten opened, 1899.

Membership in church.....	88
Additions during the year.....	22
Number of Sunday-schools.....	2
Number of Sunday-school teachers.....	9
Number of Sunday-school scholars.....	180
Native preachers.....	2
Bible women.....	1
Students in special Bible training.....	50
Pupils in day school.....	150
Children in Orphanage.....	170

"He will wait that He may be gracious."

We are rejoicing in the prospect of the enlargement of the work as we look forward to the coming of those who have been chosen for this field of labor.

Brother Ram Dayal has continued preaching in this district during the past year, with the exception of three months spent at Bina. He has given his mornings to the villages and the afternoons to the town of Mahoba.

Brother Benjamin has had so many duties, in connection with the enlargement of the Orphanage for the new children, that he has not been able to go beyond the limits of Mahoba. We trust that during the coming year he may be able to give his entire time to this work.

He reports a friendly spirit among the high-caste people of Mahoba, where he was formerly persecuted.

Nineteen of our girls and three women have come out on the Lord's side during the year.

Our Orphanage girls increased to one hundred and seventy-five in number during the famine of last year. Two of our older girls have gone to homes of their own, and two have found service in another mission. Five others are helping in the school. We think that three of them will make good teachers. Another girl has become so helpful in the Orphanage that we feel we could hardly manage without her.

We had only one death among the famine children who came last year. These children have been so influenced by the older ones that we hardly know them as new children now.

Our native preachers have recently moved into the town among the people. We believe that their influence will be felt, and we rejoice that Sister Benjamin can take up zenana work.

We regret that it seemed necessary to send our women to another mission. They had been with us about eight months, and we had learned to love many of them. Mrs. Egan had charge of them, and the change in their behavior was very marked.

Miss Browne and her sister are carrying on the school work, with the help of our older girls. I annex a report of the school from Miss Browne.

ROSA LEE OXER.

I have been teaching in the school now for a year and a half, and enjoy it a great deal better than I anticipated. The children are more or less lovable, and I do love them. I have become very much attached to the girls in the two classes I teach. I feel each day the need of that beautiful virtue, patience, and would ask you to remember me in your prayers. Some of the children are very dull, but it is not surprising, stupefied as they are by generations of lethargy. It astonishes me that so many of them are bright and quick, and I am very thankful for the bright ones. It pleases me to see them try their best to get their lessons. More than anything else, it gives me much pleasure to see how grateful they are for the teaching received. They sometimes express their feelings of gratitude, and make me feel more than repaid for my efforts. I teach the third and fourth classes, and my sister Kate the first and second sections; the infant classes are taught by some of the larger girls. I am delighted with the work of one of the larger girls, Man Bhai. She manages her class beautifully. I think when our girls are trained to teach, they will make good teachers, and will be a great help in the school. The number enrolled is one hundred and fifty. Only two of the number come from the town. MAY BROWNE.

#### *Mahoba Orphanage.*

It is now time for the annual report and I sit down to my task with a sense of helplessness, for there seems so little that is really definite to report. I am able to give little more for the past year than in my first report, but, praise the Father who brings all things in His own good time, my work has at last begun in real earnest.

I returned to Mahoba the 1st of October, 1900, after six months in the hills. My kindergarten was opened a week after my return, and, though my power of expression in the new tongue was not great, we had some very happy, profitable times together. The children have taken hold of the work with great enthusiasm, and even the larger girls have begged to be enrolled in the new school. My children numbered fifty, thirteen of whom were scarcely more than babies. Of course, it was impossible to get on with such a number alone, and four of our half-grown girls were chosen as helpers. This added something to my work, for it was necessary to instruct them before they could teach the children. An hour was usually spent each day with them, and frequently more, as the case required. Kindergarten was

held only two hours each day, for the little teachers could not be kept from school too long.

Aside from school work I took up the task of keeping the orphanage accounts and teaching a Sunday-school class. The time which remained was spent in study, and at the annual convention in Deoghur I passed my first examination in the language.

The work was continued until the last of April, when, as we have no pundit in Mahoba, it was thought best for me to go to the hills for two months of study. This I did and came back feeling that I had accomplished more than half of this year's work in the language.

Dr. Oxer was very weary from the hard work of the hot season, and so I took up the orphanage work immediately on my return, that she might go away for a rest.

I have been mothering our 170 girls for a month now and can not tell you how happy I am in the new work. It is just what I have needed to give me practice in the language, and with the help of my many little pundits I am learning rapidly.

The responsibility is large and the work difficult without an assistant, but I believe it will be better for the children if I continue to do the work alone, if possible. It gives me an opportunity to be much with them, and so my influence will be much larger than otherwise. Please pray that it may always be that which will be pleasing to our Master.

If I continue the orphanage work I shall be unable to take my second examination next spring, but shall try to do so a year later. The way does not yet seem clear for continuing the kindergarten work again, but perhaps by the time cold weather arrives I shall be able to handle my work here with greater ease, and shall have more strength for larger duties.

God has been very good to me during the past year and a half in giving me strength to pursue my work uninterrupted by illness due to the new climate. There have been many trying days because of heat and dampness, but on the whole I believe I shall be able to adjust myself very well to India.

It is a blessed work to which you, dear sisters, have sent me, and I am striving to do it conscientiously and "in the power of His might." It is a most hopeful work, too, when we contrast our children with those about us. They are having principles laid down within their hearts which will make it impossible for them to become a part of the old life when they go out from us. There are those among them who love their Heavenly Father and His Son with earnest, loyal hearts, and there will be more and more as the years go by. How tenderly He must look down upon these little ones!

Dear sisters, we mission mothers and our children love you and pray for you. May the coming year bring to you a wondrous realization of your hopes and aims in this dear work, and may God keep you in His love and strength. May the convention bring a deepening of enthusiasm and consecration to all who attend.

My love and prayers for all and my best heart and life service here.

SUSIE L. RAWSON.

#### *Statement of Mahoba Orphanage Fund from August 16, 1900, to August 13, 1901.*

	Rs.	A.	P.
Aug. 16, 1900, amount on hand.....	4,214	10	1
Aug. 28, received from C. W. B. M.....	3,376	7	0
Sept. 18, received from government fund...	49	15	0
Oct. 18, received from government fund...	49	15	0
Oct. 18, received for support of child.....	6	0	0
Nov. 14, received from C. W. B. M.....	1,836	0	0
Nov. 19, received from government fund...	49	15	0
Jan. 2, 1901, received from gov't fund...	49	15	0
Jan. 5, received from Australia.....	75	0	0
Jan. 10, received from government fund...	49	15	0
Feb. 5, received from C. W. B. M.....	1,830	0	0
Feb. 16, received from government fund...	49	15	0
Feb. 28, returned for paper.....	1	0	0
April 20, received from government fund...	99	14	0
June 25, received from Dehia School.....	18	0	0
June 25, received from C. W. B. M.....	1,842	0	0

July 23, received from government fund...	100	0	0
Aug. 12, received from C. W. B. M.....	1,842	0	0
Total receipts.....	15,540	9	1
Total expenditures.....	10,902	5	4
Balance on hand.....	4,648	3	9

*Mahoba Medical Fund.**Receipts.*

November 16, 1900, from C. W. B. M.....	76	8	0
November 24, 1900, from other sources.....	2	0	0
January 3, 1901, from a friend.....	40	0	0
February 28, 1901, from C. W. B. M.....	76	0	0
May 25, 1901, from C. W. B. M.....	76	0	0
	270	8	0

Expenditures .....	173	13	0
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Balance .....	96	11	0
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*Mahoba Evangelistic Fund.**Receipts.*

Aug. 16, 1900, amount on hand...	54	7	6
Nov. 16, 1900, from C. W. B. M....	153	4	10
Nov. 20, 1900, books sold.....	13	6	
Nov. 20, 1900, other sources.....	15	4	0
Feb. 28, 1901, from C. W. B. M....	167	8	0
May 20, 1901, from C. W. B. M....	172	0	0
	563	5	10

*Expenditures.*

Salaries .....	440	9	0
Touring and incidentals.....	48	5	6
	488	14	6

Balance .....	74	7	4
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*Mahoba Zenana Fund.**Receipts.*

Nov. 16, 1900, from C. W. B. M....	30	9	9
Feb. 28, 1901, from C. W. B. M....	30	8	6
May 20, 1901, from C. W. B. M....	31	0	0
	92	1	9

*Expenditures.*

Salary for Rebecca Benjamin...	20	0	0
	20	0	0

Balance .....	72	1	9
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SUSIE L. RAWSON.

*Deoghur.*

Station opened December, 1886.  
 Chapel worship opened 1890.  
 Zenana work opened 1886.  
 Hindi Zenana work opened 1897.  
 School work opened June, 1897.  
 Orphanage opened—Boys', 1897; girls', 1899.  
 Evangelistic work opened 1886.  
 Pilgrim work commenced, 1899.  
 Members in church, 65.  
 Sunday-school work commenced, 1897.  
 Leper work opened.  
 Additions to the church during year, 9.  
 Stations—Deoghur, Jessida, Leper Hill.  
 Meeting places, 2; Sunday-schools, 1; native preachers, 2; orphanage helpers, 1.

Reviewing the bygone year, I might make some allusion to the orphanage and medical work, but I know that full particulars regarding the former will be afforded by dear Miss Lackey, who has just returned from a season of rest at Conoor, South India. Beloved Dr. Longdon will likewise give full and deeply interesting

details regarding the latter work. Our beloved co-worker, Miss Maddock, will give her experience in village work, and dear Miss Ehrenberg, whose return from Australia we are daily expecting, that of her's among the students, also that in such of the Bengal Zenanas as it has been in her power to visit.

I can say that, in spite of much discouragement from some who have long resisted the Truth (also trials in connection with the dear little orphan boys), we have abundant cause to set up our Ebenezer, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Various opportunities have been and are afforded me of placing the claims of Christ before the educated Babus; also of giving them valuable books to read. One great hindrance is their familiarity with the state of matters throughout the so-called Christian world. Referring to the protracted African war, they say: "Look how you Christians fight one another!" Well they know that He whose name we bear commands the standard of Divine love—"that ye love one another *even as* I have loved you"—to be unfurled before all the nations upon earth.

Oh, how I pray for and entreat them to look not to those who profess a faith which they do not possess, but to Christ Himself! Yes, they point to the love of pleasure—self-seeking in various forms, combined with the contempt for the natives—so openly and persistently shown by many professed Christians in this country. This tends to steel their hearts against the Gospel. I assure them that the state of matters they now behold had been foretold by the Savior Himself; that the Scriptures give a true picture of that departure from the faith which we so deeply deplore.

With unfeigned pleasure I now mention some, (all it would be impossible to enumerate), of the blessings received during the past year.

First, the return from the hills of our beloved Dr. Longdon, after a season of earnest preparation for her arduous duties, and with increased physical invigoration.

Second. The Annual Convention of Christian Missionaries, being the first ever held in Deoghur. It was indeed a joyful, helpful time of Christian Communion.

Third. Dear Miss Maddock's return after a lengthened season of trial. Our hearts did rejoice to see her again in our midst.

Fourth. Although the plague was permitted to enter Deoghur, its progress was arrested in answer to prayer. Praise God!

Fifth. More earnestness and, we believe, increased desire for spiritual blessing among those who have professed Christ here.

Sixth. The addition to our little band of dear Mrs. De Monti. Our greatly beloved Dr. Baldwin and myself took hold on the promise, "Call upon me," and she came, was sent, in answer to our cry. Mr. De Monti was also given to be a father to the orphan boys.

Seventh. The rapid progress of the mission building under Mr. Stubbin's energetic and skillful superintendence.

One very remarkable answer to prayer (omitted in the above, but which filled and continued to fill our hearts with praise) was the arrival from Bilaspur of our precious sister, Miss Boyd. She has been such a benediction in the orphanage and a real cheer and comfort to us all. Her coming was a joy and strengthening to our beloved Dr. Baldwin. JANE WAKEFIELD ADAM.

*Deoghur.**Deoghur Orphanage.*

"He maketh the solitary to dwell in families."

"When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up."

Having taken in many famine children from Central Provinces, our number is greatly enlarged. On account of the lack of room and the impossibility of obtaining helpers, the work of caring for the increased

number during the winter was most difficult and unsatisfactory. A dining-room, hospital (for orphanage) and outbuildings were sorely needed. The dormitory, although completed, was damp and unfit for use until March.

Sister Adam gladly gave the use of her lower story for the children, and later we were enabled to rent a large house which served both for dormitory and school chapel.

Mr. Stubbin has again this year kindly given most of his time to building work in Deoghur. The addition to the dormitory was completed some months ago.

Graciebai, a Christian woman about twenty years of age, the wife of an invalid husband and mother of two little children, was the only helper obtainable. This woman has done the best she could, but being inexperienced, has little control of the children.

Several of our older girls are more efficient helpers than Graciebai. The new girls needed training in everything and the old girls (those brought from Damoh) graciously received all who came and helped to comfort them and teach them our ways.

Most must be taught, even the rudiments of morality. But it is a cause of wonder and gratitude to God that some of the heathen children are sweet and gentle and well conducted. Two new girls, even as old as twelve and thirteen, are especially remarkable. It is marvelous that, through ages of heathenism, God has in some preserved His image so little marred. But even these do not know Him, and if left in heathenism must become corrupted.

The children soon learned to sing and to pray to God. Disciple Bible lessons were taught them. They soon learned to repeat and to try to put in practice the Golden Rule. The added responsibility thrown upon the old girls has proved to be good discipline and given good training for future work.

The household work, including washing, is still done entirely by the girls. Several have developed good superintending ability. One girl has had charge of the orphanage storeroom. With two assistants, she cleans and puts it in order every Saturday morning. Saturday is market day, and as the provisions come in she receives and weighs and arranges in order the week's supply of grain and vegetables. Twice a week she receives and sees that the meat man properly weighs the meat. Twice each day she weighs out provisions for the superintendents of the two cooking classes. A number of the girls are good cooks. All learn to cook as soon as old enough. One is an excellent cook, and is a fine manager as well. She ordered and superintended the preparation of our Christmas dinner for one hundred and fifty people, children and guests. This dinner, cooked by the girls without assistance, was a success in every particular.

This year a number of the girls have had little gardens of their own, in which they took much interest.

The older girls each care for a younger one, and do her washing and sewing. It is our custom to have Bible verses learned during the day and repeated at prayer time. Some of the older girls are very faithful in teaching the little sisters, and we all love to hear the tiny voice with its sweet message.

Some of our girls, of whom we expected much, have this year lost step in our Heavenward march. Alas! what can we expect? Who can know the heredity and early training which must be overcome by these girls? But the naughty girls still try, and we still hope and pray for them. And while we grieve over the serious failures of some, we rejoice that the many, though stumbling occasionally, are bravely marching on. And we are especially happy to know that two of the older girls who have cost us the most effort and anxiety are now doing nobly. These two girls have had a hard struggle. Again and again have they battled with the arch-enemy, and God has given the victory. They are now earnest helpers and the promise for their future is bright.

Among those who have this year put on Christ and stepped into line are two of our blind girls.

Among those who died during the year was our baby, whom the Lord graciously lent us for a few months. She was picked up by the side of the road, a skeleton baby, and brought hundreds of miles to us. When cared for she grew plump and bonny. A great blessing the sweet, smiling, winsome baby was to us—and is—though now in Heaven.

It was with a sad heart that I bade good-bye to the dear children. But I am well satisfied to have them under the care of such faithful guardians as Miss Boyd and Miss Lackey. God bless them all.

Minneapolis, Minn.

OLIVA A. BALDWIN.

#### Deoghur Zenana and Village Work.

Zenanas visited, 10.

Villages visited, 30.

Village Sunday-schools conducted, 3.

Native helpers, 2.

Last February found me back in Deoghur, after an absence of eight and one-half months from India. Soon after reaching Deoghur I visited several Zenanas. Rohimibai and her mother seemed glad to see me again. We had a Bible lesson together, and I left with a promise to visit them soon. A few days after this, on the 17th of March, both died suddenly of plague. They were Mohammedan women and were kept in strict *pardah*.

Owing to a severe sprain, I was unable to do any outside work for almost two months, but the Lord gave me something to do on the compound.

Since April 1st I have had two Bible classes daily and the mid-week prayer meeting. From May first to July fourteenth I have had charge of the girls' Sunday-school; also the Christian Endeavor meetings.

Two villages near here were visited quite regularly in May. A dying man in Cherilidia accepted Christ as his Savior. In June twenty-five villages were visited regularly and eight Gospels sold, and two Sunday-schools opened in Bamaysara and in Cherilidia.

Since June third I have had a native evangelist to help in the village work. He is a Marahti, and came here from Raipur, where he had been doing evangelistic work for the German mission the last five years. He seems like an earnest Christian. His wife will help me in Zenana work this fall.

In July thirty villages were visited regularly, 1,443 persons talked with and nineteen Gospels sold. One more Sunday-school opened in Basmatta.

The outlook seems very hopeful both in the village work and in the work among the women in the Zenanas. The year has been full of blessings from the dear Father. My heart is full of gratitude to Him for bringing me out to India again, and also to the dear sisters of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, that made it possible by their gifts.

May God's blessing be on the great convention this year. "Peace, peace be unto thee and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee." Your sister in His service,

ELLA M. MADDOCK.

Deoghur.

#### Account of Evangelistic Funds.

Receipts from August, 1899, to August, 1900.

C. W. B. M., per Mrs. Bessie Farrar Madsen—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Medical supplies.....	61	13	3
Native evangelist.....	32	0	0

#### Expenditures.

Almina for medicines.....	15	0	0
Day book.....	3	8	0
Medicines.....	43	5	3

Total.....	61	13	3
Native evangelist for December.....	8		
Native evangelist for January.....	10		
Native evangelist for February.....	10		
Native evangelist for March.....	10		

Total..... 38



*Receipts from March 1st, 1901, to August, 1901.*

Deoghur Church, by collection—

	Rs.	A.	
March .....	26	0	
April .....	15	14	
May .....	17	2	
June .....	22	14	
July .....	18	4	
Total .....		100	2

*Expenditures.*

To Mr. De Monte for preaching, from March 1 to August 1 (10 Rs. per mo.)	50	0	
Unfermented wine for Communion (one doz. bottles)	20	0	
Repairing roof of hut belonging to an old Christian woman	2	0	
Total .....		72	0

Balance on hand..... 28 2

*Deoghur School Fund.*

*Statement from September 1st, 1900, to July, 1901.*

	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount in hand September 1, 1900 .....	109	0	0
Received from board.....	1,575	0	0
Total .....	1,684	0	0

Amount paid to teachers for school and for language teacher for Miss Campbell. 838 0 0

Amount paid for other expenses, including books, slates, maps, school furniture and furnishings for teachers' rooms..... 341 10 7

Total amount spent..... 1,180 10 7

Balance .....

*Deoghur School Report.*

I can hardly realize the fact that another missionary year is almost closing. As you remember, I took the orphanage for Dr. Baldwin last July and kept it until October, when she returned from the hills. On September 1st the school work was turned over to me by Miss Farrar, who was returning to the home land. From September, 1900, to July, 1901, I have been doing the school work, Sunday-school work, and a part of the time I have had the Christian Endeavor and a prayer meeting once a week for the Christian girls.

A few weeks after I had taken the school work the inspector came, and after examining the school he found that the highest class was not ready for the Lower Primary examination, as they were supposed to have been. As soon as possible, in this slow country, I secured the books required by the government for the Lower Primary classes, and the girls have been studying for that examination, which I hope they may be able to pass this autumn.

On account of the famine, our school grew in numbers from about sixty-five to more than one hundred and thirty. As I was very much in need of teachers, I had the most advanced girls to help teach the small children. Toward the close of the year I found a heathen teacher, whom I employed. The girls did very well in teaching, and I paid them a very small amount for this extra work. All the children take more interest in study than they did in the beginning of the year.

Miss Campbell has been very faithful in her work as assistant teacher, and she has been a blessing in the school. Miss Amy Gantzer is proving herself a faithful and efficient helper in the school of which she now has charge.

I have enjoyed the school, Sunday-school and Chris-

tian Endeavor work very much indeed, and I had been looking forward to and planning for the coming school year when the letter came from the board asking me to take over the orphanage, so this month of July, 1901, finds me in this new sphere of work. It was after much prayer that I was enabled to consent to undertake this great and most responsible work, not in my own strength, but in the strength and the wisdom of God alone. I am sure He has given it to me and I am very sure He will be with me at all times. This is an exhaustless source of strength.

I continue to superintend the Sunday-school, and I shall also continue my Bible class with the Christian girls, and I hope to be able to manage a Junior Band a little later. We have so many dear little girls. Oh, it is blessed to belong to Christ, and to be allowed to live for His little ones in India. I just praise Him more and more for this precious opportunity.

"O, praise the Lord all ye nations; praise Him, all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord."

My rest time this summer in the Missionary Rest Home in South India was a time full of overflowing with spiritual blessing. I feel that God led me there and that He gave me this help in order to prepare me more for the work He has given into my hands. His leading is wonderful! Let us trust Him more and follow Him more closely.

ANNIE A. LACKEY.

*Deoghur.*

*Deoghur Dispensary.*

Dispensary patients.....	1,494
Visits to patients.....	153—1,647
Surgical dressings.....	165
Treatments .....	60
Minor surgical operations.....	36
Visits to Madhupur.....	15
Vaccinations .....	91

*Epidemics in Orphanage—*

Pediculosis.	
Scabies.	
Mumps.	
Chickenpox.	
Deaths in Orphanage—	
Broncho-pneumonia .....	1
Intestinal tuberculosis.....	1
Chronic dysentery.....	1
General inanition.....	1—4
Deaths in Out Practice—	
Spinal meningitis.....	1
Plague .....	1
Miliary tuberculosis.....	1
Tropical dropsy.....	1—4
Received in fees.....	Rs. 147 8

MARY LONGDON, M. D.

*Deoghur Building Account.*

*Receipts.*

1901.	Rs.	A.	P.
April 1, from O. A. Baldwin (Wm. Watson & Co., Bankers).....	2,161	12	4
May 28, New York draft, Hong Kong and Shanghai .....	1,226	0	0
May 28, interest, Hong Kong and Shanghai		3	1
June 6, from C. W. B. M.—Repairs to bungalow roof.....	689	10	0
June 25, deposit on time in Bank of Calcutta .....	2,000	0	0
June 25, interest accrued on deposit.....	45	0	0
Total .....	6,122	9	5

*Expenditures.*

1901.			
April 2, by check dated March 26, 1901—			
Mrs. Madsen.....	30	7	0
April 11, by check to F. E. Stubbin, Esq....	500	0	0
April 23, by check to F. E. Stubbin, Esq....	600	0	0

May 7, by check to F. E. Stubbin, Esq. ....	501	0	0
May 23, by check to F. E. Stubbin, Esq. ....	560	12	4
June 25, by check to F. E. Stubbin, Esq. ....	500	0	0
Balance .....	3,430	6	1
Total .....	6,122	9	5

*Medical Financial Account in Full.**Receipts.*

	Rs.	A.	P.
For medical supplies.....	417	0	0
For medical assistant.....	225	0	0
For Dispensary building.....	1,532	8	0
In fees.....	147	8	0

*Expenditures.*

For medical supplies.....	583	1	0
For acquiring Dispensary land.....	65	0	0

## AMOUNT ON HAND FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES.

For Dispensary building.....	1,532	8	0
To order for assistant.....	225	0	0
To order in fees.....	147	8	0

## AMOUNT DUE.

Balance for medical supplies.....	166	1	0
For acquisition of Dispensary land.....	65	0	0
Total .....	231	1	0

The time passes on flying wings. The year just flown has not found the work completed that was desired, yet we will ever press onward and upward and earnestly follow in His steps more faithfully today than yesterday.

My medical work in Deoghur for this year began December 8th, 1900. This was later than we had planned. In September, I was called by wire to Damoh by the illness of Dr. Mary McGavran. As soon as she was able she was taken to the hills. Here she remained until the 1st of December, when she was able to walk a little. She had been very ill with remittent fever, and some anxious moments were passed.

In my work, the houses of a number of priests have been entered; this could not have been without medical necessity. As almost invariably these are Bengali-speaking people, I manage to struggle along with a little Hindi and by the careful use of my "five senses." My efforts at teaching in these homes have come to nothing. The inmates do not speak Hindi and I do not speak Bengali. Yet my Hindi vocabulary is most unsatisfactorily limited. The ideas of these people concerning religion, morality and life are so absolutely in opposition to Christianity that some fluency is required to teach even the simplest lesson.

There is one great comfort which I count one of the richest blessings God has given me. It is the perfect confidence of the people in me. One patient was almost beyond help and there was just one chance for her life. She had been ill weeks before I saw her. This chance was a minor operation. The people fear operations with all their being. The patient's husband, who spoke English, gave permission for me to do anything necessary in the case. Today his wife is well. Miss Maddock's able assistance deserves mention with this case. Again and again men go away without any medical treatment rather than go to the Government Hospital.

Most repulsive cases come, one a woman with an ulcerated surface no less than twelve by fifteen inches in area. She quickly responded to treatment. A little boy about a year old was brought with his left eye-ball degenerated into a tumor the size of a teacup. Of course, these are extreme cases. Many pathetic incidents occur. I was in the Bazaar, and was called to see an old woman sitting helplessly on a veranda, blind.

They wanted me to cure her, and she did not have even one eye-ball! The two sockets were completely empty. This shows their confidence. The parents of the baby with the tumor of the eye would not allow Dr. Barbre, of the Government Hospital, to operate nor allow the little one to remain in the hospital.

I feel that I have made some progress in the language. We can not secure a good Hindi teacher, and for a long time had none at all. During the hot season I did not do all that I might have done on account of prostration from heat. During my busy times no regularity in hours of study could be observed; hence it will take very hard work to get ready for the second year's examination, which covers a great bulk of reading for a doctor who is not a linguist. I know the dear home folk will pray for me in the language study. I felt the results of their prayers last year, and need their help even more this year. If I am successful I shall take up Bengali, as it is absolutely necessary for me among the many Bengali zenana women whom no one else is permitted to see.

Detailed record of work in Orphanage has not been kept since January thirty-first, 1901. In the epidemics only a minority of cases required any attention from me. The itch and pediculoses were vigorously attacked.

The deaths in the Orphanage are: One baby from broncho-pneumonia, one from intestinal tuberculosis, one from chronic dysentery and one of the later famine children from general inanition. In the out-practice a small boy in the Bazaar died of spinal meningitis the day I first saw him; in the case of plague I was called in a few hours before death; in the case of miliary tuberculosis, the man was from a village which Miss Maddock had visited. She had talked with him; he really appeared to be a Christian. His people would not allow him, after the first few times, to take any medicine from us. They said he was possessed of an evil spirit and called a fakir to drive it away. They were afraid of his avowing his belief in Christ. He had been taught years ago by dear Miss Adam just as hundreds and hundreds of villagers throughout this district have been.

May the home sisters continue in prayer that I may be a better instrument in His hands this coming year. May the Convention be one of unprecedented spiritual uplift and general prosperity unto the fulfilling of His will in all works.

MARY LONGDON.

Deoghur.

*Bengali Work in Deoghur.*

Yes, God is Almighty. Ah! what comfort and strength this glorious fact brings to one. Being sent forth, we can take Jesus at His word, "Lo, I am with you," and know that, while we are nothing, there is a power with us and in us that must prevail.

A few months ago, as I was going into the town, I met a poor pilgrim woman on the road, so stopped to give her a little message from the Lord. Before I had spoken a dozen words she burst into tears and said: Oh, Miss Sahib, I am so tired! Look, my feet are swollen and sore, and I have not tasted food for days. I can not walk any further." I said: "You will gain nothing by worshipping at the temple. Won't you come home with me and get some medicine for your poor feet, and some food?" With very little persuasion the dear soul consented to come, and she was soon comfortably settled in a little room, her feet having been attended to by Dr. Longdon. After she was somewhat rested, she told us that she had one son, and when he was a baby she promised the gods that if they would spare him until he was twelve years of age she would go and pay her respects to the great temple of Baidyanath. And God in His love led her to turn from the temple into the little room where she was, to learn of Him to whom in truth she owed the life of her child. During the seven days that she remained with us she received a Bible lesson every day from Miss Lackey, and we have reason for hope, for before leaving she said that she would not worship idols any more.

God's power to save was seen again last week. While Miss Maddock's evangelist was preaching to a number of pilgrims, he found a Bengali man among them to be a real seeker after truth. When his preaching was done he brought him on to the Mission House for further instruction, and the following day our hearts were made glad by seeing him bowed before God, seeking forgiveness in the name of Jesus. This man has been going about from shrine to shrine for twenty-five years in search of God, and he seems so happy now that he has found peace and the weary search is at an end.

I continue to visit between forty and fifty families almost every week. It would perhaps be more correct to say that the women from this number of houses get a Bible lesson every week, for it is because of the women of several houses meeting together in one that so many are reached. Generally, as soon as one begins to sing, the women living near come to the house where the missionary is, and all get a lesson together. But in places where the women are not as free as in Deoghur, this, of course, can not be done.

A Bengali evangelist came to us at the end of last year with very good letters, but I found him unfit for the position because of an impediment in his speech and a drawing way of speaking—Mr. Ietran, of whom I wrote as "one of India's jewels" in *MISSIONARY TIDINGS*, February, 1900. Ietran kindly came and helped us, but could not be spared from his own station any longer. However, I hope to be able to say very soon that this position is again filled, for we need an evangelist for the educated Bengali men in Deoghur very much indeed.

Believing for still greater blessing through the coming year,

Yours in the dear Master's service,  
Deoghur. FREDDIE EHRENBURG.

*Report of the Calcutta Bible Lectureship  
From December 13, 1900, to June 30, 1901.*

The period covered by this report is from the time your representative arrived in Calcutta to the time of the opening of the new collegiate year, upon the resuming of work after the summer vacation. The part of this period actually spent in systematic Bible work among the students was from the end of the Christmas holidays to the beginning of the summer holidays, or about three months.

When the Apostles began the world-wide preaching of the Gospel, they were greatly favored by two things. The widespread influence of Greek culture had provided a universally understood language for the communication of the truth. The Jewish dispersion among all peoples and the establishment of synagogues had everywhere provided pulpits for the preachers of Christ. Your representative found himself similarly favored when he arrived in Calcutta. The extension of English culture had imparted a knowledge of the English tongue to thousands of India's sons in the city. And the establishment of the College Y. M. C. A. had provided a building and an organization through which the students could be easily reached. Hence it was that your missionary found it possible to address a company of some two hundred students three days after landing in India, and to proceed almost immediately to the organizing of Bible classes, and the delivery of systematic lectures and addresses. The College Y. M. C. A., through its secretary, Mr. B. R. Barber, deserves special mention and hearty thanks for allowing us the use of its classrooms and lecture hall, and rendering other valuable assistance.

After the Christmas holidays, during which a visit was made to a students' conference at Serampore and to the Mission Station of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions at Deoghur, work was resumed by the opening of several Bible classes in the Y. M. C. A. building. The remainder of the college year was a busy round of duties.

Below will be found a summary of courses given, addresses delivered, attendance, etc.:

Courses.	No. of lessons or meetings.	Agg'te attend-ance.	Av'ge attend-ance.
1. The teaching of Jesus in Matt....	10	106	11
2. Miracles of Jesus in Mark.....	6	47	8
3. Epistle to Hebrews.....	7	97	14
4. What Must I Do to Be Saved?...	4	21	5
5. Lectures on Book of Job.....	4	120	30
6. Occasional studies and private readings .....	5	31	6
7. Gospel addresses and lectures on evidences .....	19	2,375	125
Totals .....	55	2,797	199

It will be noted that in making up the averages fractions are avoided. The difference in the length of these various courses, as is indicated by the number of times they met, is due to the fact that they were organized as occasion offered. They all continued up to the time the students were finishing their examinations and going to their homes. All of this work was for Hindu and Mohammedan students, except the class in Hebrews. That was made up of Christian English and Eurasian young men who are in the Government Medical Military College. As they always carefully studied their lessons in private and at their regular prayer meeting, the work was most encouraging.

The class on "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" also calls for special mention. It was conducted in a room occupied by four exceptionally bright young Hindus in a students' hostel, or lodging house. It was upon their earnest invitation that the class was begun. It met one hour per week, and was attended by them and one or two others in the same house. All manifested great interest. There are openings for many such classes, and it is a most hopeful kind of work. In the other classes and in private readings with individuals there were usually eager questions, the presenting of personal difficulties, and earnest attention on the part of the men. All courses were given one hour per week, which seems to be all the time students can spare from their studies.

The addresses were delivered in the Y. M. C. A. lecture hall, and at open-air meetings in College Square. The latter meetings were especially satisfactory. The aggregate attendance upon these various meetings is seen to be nearly twenty-eight hundred. It indicates that in Bible classes and addresses Christian truth was brought into contact that number of times with the minds of students who are destined to exert a great influence upon India's future. It is a constant marvel that the children of the religious systems which are so hostile to Christianity are so eager to receive instruction in the Bible. Had time and strength permitted, many more classes might have been taught. Whatever else this may mean, it certainly indicates a great opportunity for sowing the seed of Christian truth in this dark soil.

In addition to the above report, it may not be amiss to indicate other activities that have fallen to the lot of your Bible Lectureship instructor. Certain general lectures, sermons, Bible studies, etc., have been given. These were chiefly during the summer vacation at Landour, but in part in Calcutta and elsewhere, outside of regular student work. They may be summarized as follows: Addresses and sermons, 14; studies in the Life of Christ, 6; letters and articles for local, state and general home papers, 23.

While at Deoghur six of the orphan girls and two ladies were baptized as a result of the regular missionaries' labor, of course. During the summer the funeral of a little boy connected with our mission at Mahoba was conducted with the aid of Bro. G. W. Brown. The little child was buried at Mussoorie, where he died. In Calcutta many meetings were presided over and conducted and some aid rendered in the routine work of the Y. M. C. A.

The class in the Life of Christ at Landour was organized at the request of certain missionary ladies who

felt the need of Bible study as an aid to their regular work. The entire life of Christ as presented in the four Gospels was covered in the six lessons. The class was so well prepared for the work, and studied with so much zeal, that it was a joy to conduct it. There were fourteen regular students, and enough others to bring the average up to seventeen. Most of the members were Zenana workers and teachers; several belonged to our own mission. This class and the various sermons and addresses delivered at Landour and Mussoorie were the more gladly undertaken because they served the double purpose of helping Christian missionaries from all over India and, indirectly, of bringing our Calcutta work into prominence.

The labor of the new college year is soon to begin. If no unforeseen mishaps overtake it the year will surely be as successful and as richly blessed as was the last quarter of the past year. Calcutta's thousands of students offer a great field, and it seems that he who wills may scatter seed therein. What the teaching of Christian truth to these bright young men may mean in future years no one can tell. At present it seems especially difficult to win open converts from among India's educated classes. But nothing is more certain than that this land is destined to undergo a great change at no very distant day. Whether it shall then irrevocably decide for or against Christ will depend upon what Christendom does for it in the interim. Now is the golden opportunity to surcharge the minds of its future leaders with Christian teaching. And in this work we are permitted to have a part. To walk through the streets and lanes of the native section of Calcutta seems almost like going through Dante's Inferno. And one's soul is torn by the conflict of deciding whether he shall flee away from it all back to a Christian land, or stay to help lift this city from Hell to Heaven. Concerning which is better in the mind of Christ none can doubt. May it be the ambition of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions to have large share in the regeneration of India through teaching God's Word to its educated sons:

W. M. FORREST.

86 College Street, Calcutta, India.

*Financial Statement of the Calcutta Bible Lectureship From December 13, 1900, to June 30, 1901.*

	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance paid on passage money.....	70	2	0
Stationery .....	4	5	6
Postage .....	14	0	2
Traveling expenses.....	28	10	4
Office furniture.....	28	2	6
Pundit .....	25	0	0
Office rent, (February and March).....	70	0	0
Lodgings .....	453	0	0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>

W. M. FORREST.

*List of Property Belonging to the Calcutta Bible Lectureship June 30, 1901.*

	Cost.
"Blick" typewriter.....	\$ 50 00
Three maps and one chart.....	9 29
Set of rubber stamps.....	2 50
Office table.....	5 37
Two chairs.....	4 00
<b>Books—</b>	
Willet's Prophets of Israel.....	32
Gilbert's Revelation.....	1 12
Layman's Study of English Bible.....	75
Social Teaching of Jesus.....	1 12
Goodspeed's Messianic Hope.....	1 35
Man Christ Jesus.....	57
Wise Men of Israel.....	94
The Bible and English Prose Style.....	50
Inter. Crit. Com. Romans.....	2 70
" " " Deuteronomy .....	2 70
" " " Judges .....	2 70
" " " Luke .....	2 70
" " " Proverbs .....	2 70
" " " Philippians .....	1 80
" " " Samuel .....	2 70
" " " Ephesians .....	2 25
" " " Mark .....	2 25

Ramsey's St. Paul the Traveler.....	2 25
Stevens and Burton's Harmony.....	57
Uhlhorn's Conflict of Christianity.....	1 88
Gilbert's Paul.....	1 13
Green's Introduction. Canon.....	1 13
Green's Introduction. Text.....	1 12
Moulton's Literary Study.....	1 50
Miraculous Element—Bruce.....	1 88
Parabolic Teaching.....	1 88
Schultz's O. T. Theology. 2 vols.....	5 40
Orelli's O. T. Prophecy.....	2 03
Briggs' Study of Holy Scripture.....	2 70
Stalker's St. Paul.....	45

\$123 55

W. M. FORREST.

*Pendra Road.*

Station opened November, 1900.  
Forms of work—Evangelistic, Sunday-school and Village.

*Buildings.*

Bungalow.  
Chapel.

We have had rich manifestations of divine grace and blessing. We are here in the very infancy of the work and our task so far has been one of clearing, plowing and planting, besides getting our temporary home prepared.

According to the wish of the Board that our lives for the time being should be devoted to evangelistic work, I have been going about among the surrounding villages and have everywhere met with a very kind reception and an eagerness to listen to the Word. I have as yet established no workers in the villages away from our own station for the simple reason that to appoint any such before being satisfied that he is established in character would be ruinous, or to say the least, useless, and those who come drifting from other churches are nearly always more or less suspicious cases.

I have with me four well-grown orphan boys, I could almost say young men, who must soon be settled in homes of their own. These, I purpose, God being willing, to settle in villages where they can work for their own living, and at the same time preach the Gospel. I have three men under instruction who have declared their desire to, as they say, get deliverance from sin by Jesus, and who are willing to be baptized. One of them is able to read some, and seems a very good man. Such a one, after he is baptized and has more instruction, will, I hope, also be settled to do good work for our savior.

I have not at all changed from the hope and desire I entertained when I first settled here, and for a long time before, that the gospel should be propagated in a natural and inexpensive way. Besides these, there are three or four other families of which I am very hopeful.

Our Sunday services are attended by between twenty and thirty persons. The general rule in India is that until we get a Christian congregation we must go to the people in their villages. We also have a Sunday-school at our place and daily family prayer in Hindu, to which most of the people who are on the compound come. Every Sunday night when we are at home we have a small English service for ourselves and the family of a railway employe, who lives near the railway station.

The outlook seems to me to be very hopeful, and I do not hesitate to express my firm conviction that if we are faithful to our trust, before our work on earth is finished, we shall see a large and glorious ingathering around this place.

*Pendra Road.*

N. MADSEN.

"At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea—  
As your days may demand so your succor shall be."

It is difficult to write a separate report of our work in Pendra Road. My time has been spent in helping my husband and in doing the little things that are scarcely worth reporting, and yet that will bring forth fruit to

His glory when blessed by Him. It is good to look back over these few months and see the changes. At the beginning, this place was a thickly grown jungle, and under one of the tall mohuwa trees there was a shrine to the demons which the people worshiped. About a mile away our tent was pitched—we came in the name of the dear Lord—trusting in His strength, praying for more of His love. Today, the jungle is cleared from a few acres, leaving the large trees standing. The shrine under the mohuwa tree has been thrown down and a chapel has been built, from which every day praises ascend to the living God. Then, no one had heard the name of Jesus in all this country. Today, there are some who are wanting to be followers of Him. Then, the people in the villages near looked suspiciously at the white-faced sahibs who had come, and now, some of these show their regard for us in many ways. And yet, it is only the beginning, but our Father is present with His blessing. We will attempt great things for God. We will expect great things from God.

Last August, my report was written from Deoghur. At that time I was giving over charge of my part of the work there, preparatory to a visit home. In September I sailed for the Mother-land; in October I was at home, after just five years in India.

The glorious autumn and the dear winter days were strength to me. Dear familiar faces were about me and everywhere loving hands and hearts were ready with a hearty welcome and helpful, encouraging words. It was my privilege to tell these of "Our India," their sincere interest and true sympathy were health to me. After these three months of refreshment, the Father permitted me to set sail again for India. I was in time for the India Convention, which met in old Deoghur. There, among fellow workers, native Christians and the Orphanage girls, I began the second part of my life in India.

My husband and I came at once to our work in Pendra Road. Since then he has been busy building the chapel, in which we now live, and teaching and preaching. His report will tell you of it, and I have been helping as best I could.

It is good to see the sincere interest on the faces of those who are daily learning to know Him, and the friendly interest of the villagers is encouraging. Some days ago about fifteen farmers from a village three miles away came to see "the sahib." After a little while of chatting about the outlook for the crops and other things that interest the farmer, they were eager to hear some music. So the autoharp was brought out and we sang some of the words about Jesus and His love, which Mr. Madsen explained. The old farmers went away saying, "They were good words which the sahib spoke." This is how our opportunities come.

We feel, dear friends, that He is with the work. Pray that we may labor on only for His glory here, doing what each day brings, as unto Him.

And now, may the Lord be with you all in comfort and in peace, in wisdom and in strength.

In His dear service,

Pendra Road.

BESSIE FARRAR MADSEN.

#### MEXICO.

##### *General Report of Monterey Mission.*

Mission opened, 1897.  
 Sunday-school opened, 1897.  
 Day school opened, 1897.  
 Auxiliary to C. W. B. M. organized, 1899.  
 Junior Christian Endeavor Society organized, 1899.  
 Night school opened, 1900.  
 Mexican school opened, 1901.  
 Out station at Topo Chico opened, 1901.  
 Church organized, September 14, 1901.  
*Gospel Call* published July, 1901.

##### *The Church.*

Up to the first of last June, Bro. L. M. Omer and wife had the care of the mission church. Though hindered much by sickness in the family, they did a good work. The gospel was preached regularly with zeal and intel-

ligence, and a Christian home was open house for all. Many friends were made who will in time become loyal workers. One American was baptized.

Since the twenty-sixth of June, your servant has been preaching twice on Lord's-day in English, and has made many visits among Americans, some of whom have since begun to work with us. The attendance at our regular meetings has grown from four to twenty. On the second Lord's-day in September, 1901, the congregation—the first Church of Christ in Mexico—was organized amid much rejoicing, with fourteen charter members. In all the work of the church Miss Case and Miss Mason have been untiring helpers. Mrs. Alderman has now been with us three weeks and has also assisted as far as she could.

The Auxiliary, which had not met for some months, will meet with Mrs. Alderman next Friday. There are five of the original members here, and several more will soon become members.

The Junior Society will be reorganized tomorrow, and will meet every Lord's-day afternoon with Mrs. Alderman.

The Mexican Bible School meets at 9 A. M. on Lord's-days. Miss Case is the efficient and faithful Superintendent. The school is growing and now numbers about twenty-five.

The American Bible School meets at 10 A. M. on Lord's-days. Two months ago it was organized with six scholars. It now has twenty.

For some months past Bro. Anaclato Flores, a native Mexican, has labored with us without any remuneration. Recently he has been employed by the Board, and now preaches regularly at the mission every Wednesday night, and at Topo Chico, a village six miles from Monterey, every Lord's-day afternoon. The attendance at these meetings is growing and now runs from fifteen to over thirty. Many of the Mexicans are much interested and some are not far from the Kingdom.

##### *The School.*

During the greater part of last year, Bro. Omer maintained a night school for boys. The attendance has varied greatly, but much good has been done. Bro. G. E. Hawes, who is now living in Monterey, has kindly taken charge of the night school and is doing good work. The day school has enrolled thirty pupils, and more will enter soon. Twenty-two of these are Americans and eight are Mexicans. The Bible is taught daily to pupils in all grades. We are offering instruction to pupils of all grades and classes, and with better equipment the school would soon become a center from which we could extend much influence.

Miss Mason goes every Saturday to Topo Chico, where she has a class of eleven little girls who are doing good work.

##### *House-to-House Visitation.*

Monterey presents an unlimited field for house to house visitation. To this work Miss Mason has devoted a liberal share of her time, and the other members of the mission have done what they could. It is desirable that Mrs. Alderman and myself be so far relieved of school work as to enable us to devote more time to this important method of reaching the people.

##### *The Printing Office.*

Since the first of July the press has been busy turning out matter in both English and Spanish. The principal publication is *The Gospel Call*, a small weekly newspaper which carries announcements and invitations, and disseminates a little doctrine. It also serves as a medium for advertising the school and helps to keep the people informed in regard to our work.

##### *Buildings.*

The mission owns no buildings. At the present rate of increase our quarters will be too small before spring. Rents are high and are rapidly rising. We can not hope for the largest gains until we have better accommodations. Provision should at once be made for two more rooms for the Mexican school and meetings. But the time has come when the need of suitable buildings of our own is imperative. It is the judgment of the

workers on the field that there should be erected next year, on the same block, or a portion of a block, a combined chapel and school building with homes for our families adjoining. It is believed that suitable buildings can be provided for about \$15,000.

*Enlargement.*

No country in the world present a more needy population, nor does any promise larger increase than Mexico. The field is practically unlimited. What is being done in Monterey could be repeated in hundreds of other cities. Every village is virgin soil for the pure seed of the Kingdom. Our great need is workers who can speak the Spanish language—workers physically, intellectually, spiritually strong. Where can there be found? How can they preach except they be sent? "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth more laborers." If the Monterey Mission is well equipped, it can do something toward preparing native preachers and teachers for the field. Fruitful stations can be opened for all, both native and foreign, who can preach and teach in the language of the people.

A. G. ALDERMAN.

*Personal Reports.*

I arrived in Mexico June the twenty-sixth, 1901, and since that time I have been busy preaching, teaching, printing and visiting from house to house. I need to be relieved somewhat from the school room in order to give more time to the study of the language. I can not as yet preach in Spanish, but can sing and exhort a little. From the first, the climate has agreed with me, and now that my family is here I am very happy in this work. The outlook is brighter than I anticipated, but we shall need the earnest prayers and the liberal support of our co-laborers at home.

A. G. ALDERMAN.

I arrived in Mexico August the twenty-ninth, 1901. I have begun the study of the language; have done some house to house visiting and have assisted with the English services on Lord's-days.

The Auxiliary to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions and Junior Endeavor meetings will be held in our home. I hope to urge this work forward at once. We have a number of bright boys and girls in the Bible school, whom I hope to interest in Junior Endeavor work. Truly, the harvest is great and the laborers are few.

MRS. CORA M. ALDERMAN.

School opened last September with five pupils. During the year I lost some and gained others, so that, in all, there were thirteen during the year. While I regretted the small number, yet I was better able to become acquainted with the pupils, and I trust that they love the Word of God more because of the year's work. In the summer, I had three private pupils and did some work in preparation for the coming year.

This year I was given charge of the younger pupils in the English school, and now have ten. Three more are expecting to come very soon. The work is carried on under some difficulties. When I read a teacher's paper from home, I am apt to feel discouraged. There are so many good suggestions that will not fit the circumstances. Still, what I read does help me, and I try to improve the work from day to day. The friendship of the children is a great blessing. Six of them attend Sunday-school, and the three who expect to enter in October have been coming to Sunday-school for about two months.

It was a great disappointment to us to lose Bro. Omer. His character did not fail to make a deep impression upon the people who knew him here. Our Mexican friends appreciated the brotherly way in which he treated them, and often make inquiries about him now, as well as about Mrs. Omer and the little ones. But the mission has found able successors in Bro. and Sister Alderman. They have entered heartily into the work and are an inspiration to us who are under their leadership. Our new worker, Miss Eubank, will soon be with us. Some of us have met her and liked her very much. Bro. Cleto Flores had become indispensable to the mission before

his appointment by the Board. We are glad to have him numbered with us.

We are looking forward to a year that is full of bright prospects, and we feel grateful to the thousands of women in the home land who are making it possible for us to labor here.

CLARA L. CASE.

The work of the year seems very small as we look back at the little accomplished and what might have been. There has been no difficulty in finding something to do, but it has often required much patience and faith to choose from the many things those most necessary and far-reaching.

My correspondence with the members of the Christian Church in this country has brought us many words of welcome and encouragement, and has resulted in locating twenty-six members in Mexico and five in British Honduras, Central America. It is a joy to us that this correspondence need not be carried on any longer by hand. As the *Gospel Call* reaches all these and many more every week—carry all the news of our mission work.

Social work among the Americans has occupied much time. My visits and literature have found for us many friends among the lonely homesick women of this place. One lady has studied Farrar's *Life of Christ* with me regularly. Visiting among the Mexicans has been more difficult, but is richer in definite results. There are eight women with whom I could have had regular Bible study each week, but because of school work and other duties I have had to be content with only an occasional hour of work with them. This is one of the most fruitful fields we have to occupy. Since the Mexican women go out of their homes very little, we must carry the gospel to them. From November until April my Spanish teacher had a Bible lesson daily with me. A long severe illness took him away from his work and the city, but a recent message from him brought the good news that he reads his Bible daily, and is much interested in it. This work of reaching directly after the people's hearts with the Gospel is the sweetest of all.

In January, 1901, we felt that the demand for a Mexican school must be met. Accordingly, I opened the school with three pupils. This occupied my mornings, while the afternoons were still given to outside work. At the beginning of the school term, September, 1901, the enrollment is nine, with others promised when the heated term is over. The regular day school lasts from Monday to Friday noon. Friday afternoons some American ladies help me prepare quilt scraps and other material for the two girls' sewing classes.

Saturdays and Sunday afternoons are occupied with our little mission at Topo Chico. This is a most promising work. The school, on Saturdays, has been most inspiring and discouraging. The children are eager and bright, but their parents frequently prevent them from attending regularly, because they fear the priests. In both the Topo Chico and city schools the children have regular instruction in all ordinary branches and sewing and Bible lessons. They have learned to sing well many Christian hymns.

Whatever I may write to you, sisters, of the details of work accomplished, I can not send you the knowledge of the longing, the joy, the love that has been mine in the service. This has been the fullest, best year of my life.

Monterey.

BERTHA C. MASON.

PORTO RICO.

Bayamon Orphanage.

Opened August 1st, 1900.

Number of children, 46.

In taking a retrospect of our year's work in the Orphanage at Bayamon, we see much to be thankful for. The year has been a very full one, hence has passed very quickly.

We came into the house on the 1st of August, 1900, with five orphans. The house was in a very unfinished condition, with debris within and without; but willing hands and willing hearts have transformed it into a

beautiful home. We put out 100 platna and banana trees as soon as possible, some of which are now fruited. We will soon supply the family with fruit therefrom. We are also very thankful for our fence. It affords much protection and privacy. Our flower garden is the delight of our eyes and our constant joy.

The Catholics opposed our work very strenuously at first, trying by their misrepresentations to keep us from getting the girls; but, as we were sustained by a power greater than our own, our work prospered. We now have forty-six girls and have had to turn many away. We are glad to say that the work has withstood the storm of opposition and now receives praise where once it received censure—that now it is more perfectly understood where once it was misunderstood. There has been a wonderful improvement in all departments of the work. The girls have improved in their methods of house work. They sew nicely and have advanced rapidly in their school work, considering the time spent upon it, for it was only possible to give four half days of each week to this work. Morally they have improved, for their standard of right and wrong is much higher than when they came.

Five of our girls have confessed the Savior during this year, and there are others who are ready as soon as they understand the way more perfectly. God, in His wisdom, removed from our midst one of our girls—took her to that beautiful home not made with hands.

God has richly blessed us in this, the first year of our work, and the outlook for the future is very hopeful.

Bayamon, Porto Rico. MRS. A. M. FULLEN.

I arrived at Bayamon Friday morning, September 4th. Mr. Erwin met me at San Juan. I had no trouble whatever. The strange customs, strange people and strange animal and vegetable life are all very new and very wonderful to me.

I can see even in the few days I have been here that Mrs. Fullen has done a wonderful work with these children. They are bright, active, well-behaved, obedient, and several of the older ones who have not confessed Christ are trying each day to do their very best to serve Him.

I am glad I am here, even though I can not do all I would like to do at first.

The beautiful sunsets and the palms remind me of Miss Frost's Sunset Hymn.

I am very happy here and will get into the work as rapidly as I can.

Bayamon, Porto Rico. NORA COLLINS.

Financial Report.

Receipts.

Received of C. W. B. M. ....\$1,546 62

Expenditures.

Salary .....	\$ 400 00
Two cows .....	71 00
Hired help .....	160 35
Living expenses .....	492 04
Improvements and repairs .....	340 84
Household expenses .....	110 27

Total .....\$1,574 50  
\*Deficit .....\$ 27 88

\*Our fiscal year began one month later than the C. W. B. M. year, so we asked that no apportionment be made for that month, taking the expenses partly from the last quarter's apportionment of last year and partly from the first quarter's apportionment of this year.

MRS. A. M. FULLEN.

THE UNITED STATES.

Forms of Work: Evangelistic, Pastoral, University Bible, School, Industrial, and Organizing.

States in which work is conducted: Alabama, Arkansas, California, North and South, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin—a total of twenty-eight.

List of Schools: Hazel Green and Morehead, Ky., Mountain Mission Schools; Edwards, Miss., Louisville, Ky., Lum, Ala., and Martinsville, Va., Schools for Negroes; Portland, Ore., Chinese Mission School.

University Bible work is conducted at the State Universities of Michigan, Virginia and Kansas.

Arkansas.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions has a part in all the missionary work done in our State.

Including the colored evangelist, Henry Martin, whom you have been helping, there has been assistance given to fifteen preachers.

The time spent in work amounts to over eight years. Baptisms, two hundred and fifty; other additions, one hundred and thirty; total, three hundred and eighty.

Places visited, one hundred and seventy-five or more.

Churches organized, five; churches built, five; now building, seven.

The possibilities of the State are almost beyond calculation. There is not a neighborhood where the Disciples have not a representation. The work can not be established without some money. The drought has been unprecedented. I fear we will not be able to keep up the work already begun unless we can get additional help.

It may be difficult to understand how so many members can be scattered over the State, and yet so little be doing. The following is somewhat the explanation. When Daniel Somers and the Firm Foundation tried to draw the lines, some years ago, and build up a party on a series of negations, they had a good deal of influence with the majority of the Arkansas preachers. Then men did not get a competence out of their work, except when they flew from place to place to hold protracted meetings. The care of the churches was entirely neglected. Incompetent men have been at work who entertain partial views of truth and a penchant for debate. The conditions that now confront us are the legitimate fruits of such a tree.

We are under the most sacred obligations to the consecrated sisters who have helped us. If we could have an increase to our mission funds, we could do good work along every new railroad in the State, and could advance the cause of our Master in the most rapidly developing portion of the State.

Little Rock, Ark.

E. C. BROWNING.

Colorado.

We have had a prosperous and happy year in our state missionary work. The appropriation from the Christian Woman's Board of Missions has enabled us to make good progress. Through this assistance our State Board of Evangelization has aided in the support, for a part or all of the year, of fifteen men in thirteen fields.

Grand Junction.

It is the metropolis of western Colorado. Western Colorado is as large as the State of Pennsylvania. Grand Junction is the key to it. Nature has decreed that it shall be a city. We own four of the finest corner lots in the city. They are opposite the block owned by the county, on which they will erect their permanent buildings. In one part of this block a public library building has just been completed, to which Andrew Carnegie gave \$8,000. We have had only a wooden tabernacle,

which has become unfit for use. Much effort has been put forth, and a beautiful building has been planned. To avoid future errors, the whole structure has been planned, but only half of it will be built now. The cost of the part now going up will be \$4,272. The auditorium will seat 250, the gallery 150. The pastor's study and one robing room will also be built. When the entire structure shall be completed, it will be the best and most useful house of worship in western Colorado. The erection of the present part of the house will mark the beginning of a new era in our work in that vast section of the state. M. A. Thompson is pastor. Although the church has met in the old tabernacle and the present court-house, four blocks away, yet good progress has been made. There were thirty-four additions during the year, and the total amount of money raised \$1,391.48, of which \$106.02 was for missions.

#### *Carbondale.*

Robert W. Moore labored six and one-half months. His work was substantial. His influence for righteousness was strong. There were a number of useful additions. The congregation's indebtedness to the Board of Church Extension has been reduced to less than \$100. At present the church is without a pastor.

#### *Colorado City.*

Flournoy Payne has remained through the year. The church is in the best condition in its history. Spiritual growth has been very marked. The Sunday-school outgrew the building, compelling the erection of an additional room. A Y. P. S. C. E. has been organized, with eighteen members. The church has raised \$1,043.04. Of this amount \$96.85 was for missions. The total just named does not include a negotiation by which their indebtedness has been reduced from \$801.60, at the beginning of the year, to \$78.40 at the close. The chapel is being seated with opera chairs. The church asks less help this year than last.

#### *East Side, Denver.*

T. T. Thompson, pastor, was sick from January 1st to July 1st. We are deeply grateful that he was spared. The church waited patiently for his recovery. The work is taking on new life. Nineteen additions during the year. The results are far from what they would have been had Bro. Thompson been well through the year. The church is agitating the question of a permanent building. They meet in rented rooms, but own good lots. They raised \$924.40, paying \$78 for missions.

#### *Manzanola.*

The church was without preaching over seven months. H. T. Morrison, of Chicago, came to them in April. He soon visited Rocky Ford, a prosperous town of more than 2,000 people, nine miles distant. Many Disciples were found. July 7th a church of seventy members was organized. It has since grown to eighty. They have a Sunday-school of fifty. There is some of the very best material for leaders. They called Bro. Morrison for one-half time. Mazanola accepted the other half and relieved the board from further aid. Manzanola has forty-four members. Their report, not complete, shows money total \$431.63, of which \$50.06 was for missions.

#### *Monte Vista.*

David C. Peters, pastor. There are sixty-three members. Seventeen have been added. The church is out of debt. They raised \$881.25, giving to missions \$44.35. Bro. Peters has preached at Hooper, twenty-five miles distant, one Lord's-day each month since July. He has done much visiting in the valley. The lack of spirituality presents a great barrier to progress here.

#### *Cripple Creek.*

Joe S. Riley closed January 1st. R. H. Lampkin began January 15th. A number of valuable improvements have been made on the church building and parsonage. A local mortgage indebtedness is being raised.

The building is not yet finished inside. An effort will be made to do this. The receipts were \$1,237.87, of which \$107.20 went for missions. Business and system are being introduced into all departments.

#### *Trinidad.*

Frederick W. Henry continued until September 15th. The church began the year owing more than \$500 of current deficit. At the close of August the indebtedness was but \$126. Almost enough pledges are provided to pay the remaining amount. The increase in financial receipts over last year was fifty per cent. The average per member for all purposes, \$18. This is the best financial showing this church has made for years. Next year they will take up payments on their debt to the Board of Church Extension. The church has raised \$1,447.64. There are sixty-eight members.

#### *Windsor.*

The church has thirty members, the largest number they have ever had. Their purpose has been unwavering. Samuel R. Willson labored until September 1st. He has removed to California. His work strengthened the congregation spiritually and in influence. The interior of the beautiful little house has been almost finished. The church raised \$617.18. There is a good future before this work.

#### *La Junta.*

B. F. Vaughan closed February 15th. A successor was not secured until August 1st, when Walter S. Hayden, Jr., came. H. A. Davis supplied during June. The old property, being inadequate, was sold. The church owns excellent lots. The project of a new building is immediately before them. Its erection is vital. The church meets in a hall. The town is very important. The church has raised \$985.69, giving \$40.94 for missions.

#### *Florence.*

There are fifty-five members. There were thirty-four additions. Twenty-six non-resident members were dropped from the list. The church meets in a school-house. But they are agitating the purchase of real estate. They have many obstacles to encounter. If even a temporary building can soon be secured the work will go forward faster. The total receipts were \$808.35, of which \$35 was for missions. The closing, temporarily, of several reduction works has made times locally very depressing. David Lyon has continued as pastor throughout the year.

#### *Lamar.*

Clay T. Runyon has ministered to this church throughout the year. The work is growing. There are fifty-nine members. Twenty-six were added. A Y. P. S. C. E. was organized, with twenty-four members. All departments have grown. The receipts were \$825.67. For missions, \$50. Prospects good.

#### *Broadway Church, Pueblo.*

This was formerly the Mesa Church. The most important feature of their year's work was the purchase of property. They bought the Broadway Methodist house and lots. There is no finer location in South Pueblo. The purchase was made in June. The church will have possession in one year from date of purchase. The price was \$4,500. They hope to raise \$2,500, and borrow \$2,000 from the Board of Church Extension. The permanency of the work is assured by this purchase. The church continues to meet in the hall of the Masonic Temple. Clyde Darsie is pastor. The church has raised \$1,446.36, and paid \$118.65 for missions.

#### *Summary.*

Membership of the churches aided, 991.	
Amount raised for local work.....	\$11,500 47
Amount for missions.....	790 97
Total for all purposes.....	\$12,291 44
Average per member for all purposes,	\$12.40.



Note that the above represents only the mission churches which have received aid from the board as named above, and not any of the self-supporting churches, nor any of the weak churches which we have been unable to aid. In our effort to raise \$1,500 in the state for Colorado work, we have received pledges aggregating \$1,735.04 and cash on the same to the sum of \$1,475.14. So the \$1,500 necessary to entitle us to the \$2,000 from the Christian Woman's Board of Missions this year is assured. We have voted to raise \$1,600 in the new year. The Corresponding Secretary has given personal work to several churches which receive no money assistance. Some of these places are named in the summaries which follow:

Churches organized this year:

At Wray, by J. P. Lucas, with thirty-two members.

At Rocky Ford, by H. T. Morrison and Leonard G. Thompson, with seventy members; now have eighty members; Sunday-school of fifty.

Total new organizations, two.

Building enterprises now under way:

Windsor, house not fully completed.

Craig, to replace house burned in February; building about to begin.

Grand Junction, where building has just begun.

At Olney, where Clyde Darsie held a meeting, twenty members, not yet organized. Most of pledges secured, and work soon to begin.

At Wray, where J. P. Lucas held a meeting. Most of funds pledged; lots purchased; plans soon to be secured and work begun. Real estate purchased.

At Longmont, fine three-lot corner. A new house, to replace present one, an event of the not distant future.

At Glenwood, two lots; hope to build this year.

At Olney and Wray, as above.

The Corresponding Secretary has located thirteen preachers during the year, nine of whom came from without the state.

#### *New Evangelistic Movement.*

There were many more calls for meetings than the Corresponding Secretary could possibly answer. The board called H. A. Davis to do this work. One hundred dollars was appropriated toward his support; balance to be raised in the field. It was a heroic undertaking on the part of Bro. Davis and of the board. Bro. Davis has held excellent meetings at Florence, Lamar, Berthoud and Windsor. Also supplied the pulpit at La Junta four Sundays. We expect to hold more meetings in the new year. We enter the new year full of courage and hope.

LEONARD G. THOMPSON,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

Denver, Col.

#### *Minnesota.*

No report has been received from this State. An appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars is made to the State Missionary Board, and is disbursed as the organization deems best.

#### *Montana.*

No report has been received from this, our oldest home field. Two thousand dollars has been paid to the State organization. We regret extremely that Montana's report has failed to reach our hand. The work in this State has been unusually successful this year.

#### *New York.*

The Empire State has forty-nine churches, with a total of 8,247 members, or one to every 893 of the population. Two new churches have been organized during the year, one at Hallspport, by R. H. Miller, and the other at North Tonawanda, by J. H. Hughes. For years our society has been hampered by debt. Our motto for the past year was "Emancipation from debt in 1901." The Rochester Convention saw the realization of our hopes. We are out of debt. During the year we have assisted the work, by the aid of your appropriation, at the following points:

Elmira First Church and Elmira West Side, Gloversville, Lansingburg, Brooklyn Second, Rochester Second and Watertown. Our missionary work is in a very prosperous condition. Our churches have a missionary conscience, and, with one exception, all co-operate with the Board. We expect to have this church in line soon.

New York is the greatest field for the Disciples of Christ in America. The field is white to the harvest. It is our aim to do some very aggressive evangelistic work in the State this year. We must move on some of our great cities, which as yet have not a Church of Christ. Albany, our State capital, is in this list.

With the continued assistance of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions and the American Christian Missionary Society, we shall be able to do a great work in the State. We are enthusiastic and hopeful. God is blessing our work.

Buffalo, N. Y.

J. P. LICHTENBERGER,  
*Cor. Sec. N. Y. C. M. S.*

#### *Oklahoma.*

As your worker, I have been in the field just four months the fifteenth of September. I have helped six points. I have preached one hundred and ten sermons; reorganized one church that was apparently lost to us, and started the members to work with a preacher for one-fourth time, which they have already increased to one-half. I dedicated one church, organized two Sunday-schools, located two preachers, personally raising the money for their salaries, inaugurated communion service at one point, held two socials, and secured the promise of three lots with deed to same for church building purposes. Raised in cash and pledges for work in the local churches, \$710. Have made one hundred and forty-four calls, and have done considerable work that it is hard to report. I have had but ten additions to the Church. I go to the hardest fields, and have not visited a place where they were really ready for a meeting, and have had the assistance of but one pastor.

I feel there is a bright promise for future work. I have another church dedication before me in October at Stroud, and will begin work there on the twenty-ninth to get things ready. We hope to be remembered in the prayers of the sisters. This is a great field, and results will be seen if faithful work is done. Mrs. Hilton has accompanied me to every point but one, and gives her time as best she can. She takes charge of the music. Our greatest need for the present is a baby organ, and about fifty song books. We have had to visit three points where there were no books, and no organ. We go on in faith, and pray for success.

Yours in His name,

Perry, O. T.

C. H. HILTON AND WIFE.

#### *Report of the Anadarko Tabernacle.*

Having been requested by the Territorial Board to attend to the purchase of church lots and the organization of a church at Anadarko, I arranged with Daniel Stewart to take the pastorate of the church.

With the \$150 so generously appropriated for a tabernacle by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions we purchased a good canvas, two-pole tabernacle, 40x60, and four dozen folding camp-chairs.

Until the lots in the town site were put up for sale, we had the tabernacle pitched at Tent Town adjoining the town site. We have organized a church with thirty-nine members, a Sunday-school and a Y. M. C. A. and I installed Bro. Stewart as pastor. With little effort the membership can easily be raised to one hundred. At the sale I purchased three lots, half a block from the court-house square, at a cost of \$330.

This was with money appropriated by the Church Extension Board. The tabernacle was then pitched on the church lots.

The tabernacle is the best at Anadarko. While others leak badly when it rains, ours is water-proof.

We feel that the work is committed to good and wise hands.

Mrs. Stewart also is gifted and consecrated and can preach acceptably when occasion requires. Any expenditure of time and means in this great new southwest at this time will be as helpful as ten-fold such expenditure later on.

Respectfully submitted,

El Reno, O. T.

J. M. MONROE.

California, South.

An appropriation of \$200 is made to the missionary organization of this state. The Secretary has failed to have his report reach our office on time.

Wisconsin.

I herewith present summary of work done in eight months: Sermons preached, 119; miles traveled, 9,405; baptisms, 35; accessions otherwise, 39; churches organized, 2; reorganized, 1; Bible schools organized, 2.

It was recommended at our Convention to continue the general features of our work, but to increase it as much as possible. We are very greatly encouraged at the outlook, and trust, with the blessing of God, to accomplish more in the coming year, but make no boast of what we are hoping to do.

J. H. STARK,

Milwaukee.

Cor. Sec. and Evangelist.

LOCAL CHURCHES ASSISTED.

Altoona, Pennsylvania.

We are in the midst of a meeting, and are having fine attendance and splendid attention, but, with comparatively few exceptions, those coming are not regular attendants. The preaching will do us good for a long time, I believe. People are talking and thinking. It would be better if Brother Hall could stay with us longer, or else that we could get some one else to go on with the meeting. We will make an effort to have the meeting continued.

The work here is in good condition, so far as the interest among the members is concerned. Peace and harmony prevail, and among the leading workers there is a willingness to do what they can. We have, as all churches, those who can not be depended on for help in any way. The work needs patient, kindly, careful attention, and will build substantially step by step.

The church debt is as follows:

Mortgage on property.....	\$3,750
Notes in bank.....	925
The estimated valuation of Chapel and lot is.....	\$3,000
Other church property.....	3,500

The other church property includes the double house on the corner of lot, for which we are receiving \$22 per month rent, and about \$500 stock in building and loan association.

For all purposes, the church has raised the last year \$1,114.40. This does not include the ladies' work, the C. E. Society nor Sunday-school. They have kept up very well on pastor's salary until just recently, when the expense of our meeting has made a falling off in offerings to the pastor's salary.

From September first, 1900, to September twenty-sixth, 1901, there have been additions as follows: By baptism, eleven; others, twelve; total, twenty-three.

We expect, so soon as the meeting closes, to begin a systematic campaign to help reduce expenses.

With the above conditions, we feel encouraged for the final triumph of the cause in this city, and think everything indicates a better showing for the year to come than at any time in our history. We are very grateful to the Board for the amount contributed this year.

Hoping and praying that we may have a good Convention at Minneapolis, and that the work may be prospered of the Lord,

Altoona, Pa.

E. E. MANLEY.

ANN ARBOR CHURCH.

The past missionary year has been one of encouragement to the faithful band who are planting the cause in this great educational center. The gain in membership has not been so large as in some previous years, but there has been a decided increase in the attendance at the regular church services, and the financial condition of the church is better than ever before. By the end of the fiscal year, October 1, a debt of three hundred dollars, with which the year began, will be fully paid, and plans completed which will largely increase the contribution of the church toward self-support.

During the year thirty have been added to the church membership—19 by letter, 4 by confession, and 7 from other religious bodies. The loss has been 2 by death and 16 by letter. The present attendant membership of the church is 138. To this may be added 100 who still hold membership with us, but reside elsewhere.

The contributions of the church during the year have been as follows:

On regular subscription.....	\$634 42
For missions and benevolences.....	227 51
Ladies' Aid Society.....	155 51
Auxiliary of C. W. B. M.....	98 12
Sunday-school.....	87 00

Total .....\$1,202 56

Expenditures were:	
Repairs on building.....	\$62 66
Janitor.....	102 00
Missions and benevolences.....	342 63
Fuel and light.....	94 67
Music.....	100 00
On Pastor's salary.....	200 00
Note in bank, with interest.....	215 00
Miscellaneous.....	85 60

Total .....\$1,202 56

The various activities of the church are in a flourishing condition. The Sunday-school, Y. P. S. C. E., Auxiliary to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions and Ladies' Aid Society are all co-operating in an effort to increase our strength and influence. Our Sunday-school has added a Chinese class under the instruction of Bro. James Smith, a returned missionary. The Ladies' Aid Society has undertaken a house-to-house canvass for the purpose of presenting our work to new families.

The church celebrates the tenth anniversary of its permanent organization October 18. During that time it has made a steady growth; 393 members have been enrolled. As the majority of these have been students, the gain to the local church has only been temporary, but to the church at large it has been permanent. The church has sent out four missionaries to the foreign field, and several of its members have become pastors and Christian workers. Five are now ready for the mission field as soon as an opportunity presents itself. Altogether the church is proud of its past, hopeful for the future and grateful to the generous sisterhood that has made its achievements possible.

T. W. GRAFTON.

*Asheville, North Carolina.*

The work here, since the first of last October, has made a good and steady progress. At that time there was a membership of about thirty, but with no church building. This membership has put up a substantial and beautiful brick building, with stone finish. The building is centrally located.

During the church year the congregation has raised, for all purposes, four thousand four hundred and twenty-eight dollars. (One thousand of this was given, outside of this congregation, by our dear Sister S. A. Holman, Peoria, Ill.) I have never known a congregation to be more liberal. The church has received two hundred dollars from the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. The Christians here are profoundly pleased at the interest the Woman's Board has taken in the work in Asheville.

The church is in healthy and growing condition. It now has fifty members. It has a live and most useful Sunday-school, and also a Christian Endeavor Society. The Auxiliary meets every month in regular business session, and once each week, except summer months, for prayer service and Bible study. It has regularly paid its offerings to the National Board, and in addition has also made contributions to the State Development Fund.

As tens of thousands of visitors come to Asheville annually, and many of these visitors know nothing, or comparatively nothing, of the Christian Church, with its simple, reasonable Scriptural plea, it is most important that there be a strong Christian Church here. Then there is need of a mighty Gospel work in the mountainous country surrounding Asheville. Our souls burn within us to see Christ's work increase in this part of the harvest field.

May our Father guide and bless the Christian Woman's Board of Missions in the great good it is doing.  
Asheville, N. C. DANIEL E. MOTLEY.

*Athens, Georgia.*

Report of work done by A. B. Reeves, the minister, and the church at Athens, Ga., beginning February 17 to September 30, 1901:

I. Work of the minister.	
1. Sermons preached—	
(1) At Athens.....	44
(2) At Bishop, Ga. (Union Church).....	5
(3) At Reese, Ga.....	14
Total .....	63
2. Organized one Cottage Bible Class—	
3. Y. M. C. A. addresses.....	2
4. Funeral services.....	3
5. Visits .....	230
6. Additions—	
(1) At Athens .....	7
(2) At Bishop .....	11
(3) At Reese .....	1
Total .....	19
II. Work of church—	
(1) Organized a Jr. Endeavor, 28 members.	
(2) Reorganized the Sunday-school.	
(3) Will elect new officers.	
2. Money raised—	
(1) Sunday-school .....	\$17 88
(2) Jr. Endeavor .....	22 80
(3) Christian Woman's Board of Missions.....	25 89
(4) The church—	
(a) For pastor .....	177 72
(b) For foreign missions.....	10 23
(c) For home missions .....	15 00
(d) General collections.....	53 01
(e) Fund for printing house.....	19 45
Total .....	\$341 98

*Berea, Kentucky.*

Report of work done in Berea during year beginning October 1, 1900, and closing September 30, 1901:

Number of baptisms.....	33
Number received by letter.....	11
Amount received for salary from church.....	\$131 97
March offering.....	50 00
Children's Day.....	35 00
State work.....	18 00
To C. W. B. M. mission work.....	35 00
For new organ.....	45 00
To wood, janitor, and incidentals.....	27 73
To new music books.....	20 00
To repairs.....	10 00
To visiting ministers.....	8 00
To caring for poor (in money).....	3 00
To student aid.....	3 00

Total .....\$386 70  
Respectfully submitted, and with thankfulness for God's blessing.  
H. J. DERTHICK.

*Berea, Ky.*

REMARK.—Five of baptisms reported were baptized in Jackson county.

*Chicago Missions.*

*Austin Church.*

Pastor, G. A. Campbell.

Membership of church, 138; days of service, 263; sermons, 79; additions, 43; money raised toward building, \$1,300; pledges toward building, \$1,400; current expenses, \$1,000.

Brother Campbell has a large hold on the confidence and affections of the people of the community. Brother Campbell preaches for the Morehead Mission, known as "The Christian Union Congregation." The name was selected by open ballot of the workers. It is made up of about eighty or ninety persons belonging largely to the Presbyterian and Congregational churches. They began the work by the aid of members of the Austin Church who lived in that community. They all desired Brother Campbell to preach for them and aid them in the Sunday-school. The evening audiences were small despite the earnest efforts to build them up. Austin is a suburb of homes. At the mission, which meets in a beautiful hall, he preaches to perhaps the third largest congregation of any of our preachers in the city. Many are fine young people. They are already done with denominationalism and are trying to arrange with one of our evangelists to hold a meeting. They have a Sunday-school enrolling 240 members.

There is no busier man in Chicago on Lord's-days than G. A. Campbell. He preaches twice, teaches two Bible classes and conducts an inquiry meeting after the evening service. The Austin congregation has bought a very desirable lot in the very heart of the city at a decided bargain. It was proposed to build thereon a business block, with the auditorium on the second floor. Now the sentiment seems to be changing in favor of a church building proper.

W. B. TAYLOR,  
Chicago, Ill. Supt. of Missions.

*Edmund, Oklahoma.*

C. W. VanDolah has toiled faithfully and well at this important point. We are thankful for his work and for the help from the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, which has made his employment possible.

MRS. J. M. MONROE, President.

*Everett, Washington.*

We assumed care of the work here last June. In February there had been thirty-six additions to the church. We also held a meeting to begin our work, which resulted in five additions. Four have been added since that time, making a total of forty-five for the year.

When we came here there was no work being done, except the Lord's-day morning service and Sunday-school. There was an attendance upon the church service of from fifteen to twenty five. Now we have from fifty to seventy-five. We have organized and reorganized a Junior C. E. and Y. P. S. C. E., Ladies' Aid Society, and, with Mrs. Kelly's assistance, an Auxiliary of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. All these are doing fairly well. We have put a thousand dollars of insurance on the property for three years and paid for it, paid the year's interest which was past due on the loan of five hundred dollars from the Church Extension Board, and paid nearly twenty-five dollars in missionary offering—more than the church has done in its history, so far as we have been able to learn. The church is owing H. O. Stacy, a banker of Portland, five hundred dollars on the church property, and is paying him ten per cent. interest on it. We have arranged to make a second loan from the Extension Board for five hundred dollars and pay this, Mr. Stacy agreeing to give us one hundred dollars of the account, which makes it possible, by raising about thirty dollars more, to pay the interest and seventy-nine dollars back taxes which are against the property. After this clearing up is done, we can begin to work on a better foundation.

Everett, Wash.

W. W. PEW.

*Fort Wayne, Indiana.*

I desire to submit the following account of our work at the West Creighton Avenue Church of Christ, Fort Wayne, for the year closing October 1, 1901:

During the year there has been a decided progress in all lines of our church work. We have not advanced as rapidly as we had hoped, but, considering everything, I feel we have done fairly well. Last year was a very heavy strain on our membership, and on that account the work has been somewhat harder than otherwise it would have been.

There have been twelve accessions to our membership during the year, and these are making very substantial members.

During the summer months we have been unable to accomplish much, but now that autumn is at hand we are organizing our forces for our winter work. We are planning for a protracted meeting.

Our Sunday-school has done very good work during the year, and we hope to reap some of the fruits during our meeting.

An Auxiliary to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions has been organized, and the ladies have held regular meetings. I think they are doing very good work.

The church has met its financial obligations in a very acceptable manner this year—much better than ever before in its history. The church is not strong financially. Our members belong almost exclusively to the laboring class of people. Still I doubt if there is a church in the State doing more according to ability. We expect to have our obligations met within one month, so that everything will be straightened out to begin the new year, so far as arrearages are concerned.

We are hoping and planning for a successful work this fall and during the coming year. We shall all do our best, and leave the results to God. Pray for us.

With many, many thanks for the kindness and help rendered us by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, and with kindest regards and prayers for its future success.

ZACH. A. HARRIS.

Fort Wayne, Ind.

*Hanford, California.*

We have had a great year, one worthy of the attention of the brotherhood at large. We ended the year with all current expenses paid in full, fourteen hundred dollars of the old debt paid, a great many improvements made and paid for. We have had fifty additions to the church. I can truthfully say that the work done in one year is

the wonder of the whole community. I think that we can lift the balance of the debt this winter.

T. H. LAWSON.

*Palo Alto, California.*

Bro. D. A. Russell had charge of this work until a month ago. I find the work very interesting and promising. There has been one addition by letter since my coming. I have preached five Sundays. We are meeting in Naitree Hall, which place we expect to occupy until our promised church house is built. I have made some eighty-seven calls since I came and am getting very well acquainted with the people. The Auxiliary to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions and the Ladies' Aid Society meet regularly. The Sunday-school, with an average attendance of thirty-five, meets every Sunday; the Y. P. S. C. E. every Sunday—the attendance is about thirty. The crowds at the regular services are large and earnest.

DAVID M. CRABTREE.

*Parkersburg, West Virginia.*

Membership at present time, 119; received since September 1, 1900, 35; dismissed, by death, letter, etc., 17. We have had 136 members all told.

Sunday-school.—September 8th, 189 pupils and teachers, 128 present. Offering, \$2.54. Collections, \$115 during eight months.

Finances of Church.—Total amount raised, year ending August 31, 1901, \$3,100. Of this, \$52.15 was for missions and \$520 for minister. Other money for minister: C. W. B. M., \$100; A. C. M. So., \$75; total salary, \$695.

God promises us much through the Sunday-school, and gives us joy in His service.

O. G. WHITE.

Parkersburg, W. Va.

*Salinas, California.*

The board has assisted in maintaining Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Nesbit in their unselfish work at this point.

*Traverse City, Michigan.*

In the name of our Master, by whose grace was the work accomplished, I submit this report. We continue to hold our meetings in Grange Hall, which is very centrally located. Our audiences at all of the services have been good. Sixty have been received into the Church by obedience, letter and statement. We had hoped to begin to build this fall, but have deferred this until spring, although we still add to our Church-building Fund. Harmony prevails. We have taken part in all of the missionary offerings, our contributions to district, state, home and foreign work amounting to more than fifty dollars.

The brethren are very prompt in meeting the expenses of the work. We are practically out of debt. We use the envelope system for the Lord's-day offering, many of us giving the tithe and a free-will offering.

The Auxiliary to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions has gained twenty new members, making forty in all. The meetings are very interesting. We hope the next year will be much in advance of the past in this line of service.

The Sunday-school has increased from thirty-one to an average attendance of seventy-five. We desire to have one hundred before the year closes. The school is out of debt.

A Junior Endeavor Society has been organized, and now has a membership of thirty. It is doing excellent work.

The Dorcas Aid Society is doing good service. The members visit the sick, look after the poor and in many ways help the Pastor.

The Endeavor Society has made much progress. Several new members have been added.

God has put it into the hearts of the members to give as they are prospered. Because of this we have never been financially embarrassed, nor have we resorted to "benefits" of any kind whatsoever.

Pastor and people desire to give our thanks to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions for the interest of the organization in our welfare, and request a continued interest in your prayers.

To Him, the giver of every good and perfect gift, be all the praise, both now and forever, Amen.

THOMAS P. ULLOM, *Pastor.*

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*Tyler, Texas.*

During the year there have been added to our church roll thirty-four, of which all but seven are adults. While this is considered a splendid increase for the cause here, it is offset by about half that number of removals from the city, so that our net gain is much reduced. Those, however, who have united with us have, generally speaking, been a means of strength to the church. It is true that many are babes in Christ, and need to be instructed.

Since last Convention we organized an Auxiliary, which holds its regular services, and is proving a means of blessing to our sisters, as I am convinced it always will wherever organized.

The church chose out eight men to serve and hold the office of deacons. In all my experience I have never seen a better selection, for every man is well qualified to act, and do so for the best interests of the church. These are all good business men of our city.

We have not been without a share of discouragement during this year. Those who come to Texas usually do so to seek wealth, and in seeking the temporal and material they often neglect the spiritual and eternal. One very encouraging feature is the attendance of the young people at our services, and very many who do not belong to any church. They seem to like our services, and we always have a warm welcome for them. Taking all things into consideration, we can take courage and press on.

During the year we took up offerings for missions and church extension, as well as bought an organ and reduced our debt on the church a little. Your Board is wisely expending money on the work in this important field of eastern Texas—in fact, I might say *the* important field.

Wishing and praying for the most abundant blessing of God on our Christian Woman's Board of Missions,  
Yours in the work,

J. C. DICKSON,  
*Pastor First Church.*  
*Tyler, Texas.*

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*Whitney Ave. Church, Washington, D. C.*

I have the honor herewith to submit my report of the work done at the Whitney Avenue Memorial Christian Church for the year ending September thirtieth. During the year our work has been richly blessed by the Lord. Progress can be reported in all lines of the enterprises of the church. The spiritual life of a church can be judged by the attendance of its members at the Lord's-day morning service. In order to increase this service I have added to the regular committees of the Endeavor societies "The Sunday Morning Service Committee." The duty of this committee will be to distribute invitations and in every way possible increase the attendance at the morning service, making it the crowning one of the whole week and emphasizing the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Our Sunday-school has an attendance of one hundred and sixty-two out of an enrollment of one hundred and eighty, and is second in the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Missionary Society in its report. Our Y. P. S. C. E. numbers forty. The prayer meet-

ings are held just before the night preaching service; they are spiritual, helpful, and exert quite an influence on the life of the church. The best work done during the year was the distribution of flowers to the sick of the neighborhood.

The Junior Endeavor has a membership of eighty-three; the meetings were continued during the entire summer, which for Washington is quite unusual. The attendance is quite large, and the missionary spirit is especially enthusiastic. The work is done along the lines laid down by the Junior Superintendent of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. These boys and girls are to us the hope of the future, and we nurture them carefully.

Our night preaching services are largely attended, and we make the special object of the meeting the salvation of souls. This is done by a strict adherence to the Apostolic method.

We celebrated our second birthday recently. We had the church decorated, and were blessed during the entire day by large audiences and much enthusiasm. The Sunday-school observed Boys' and Girls' Rally Day for America, and a good collection resulted.

We have had during the year fifty additions, and we have contributed to all our missionary enterprises. The Auxiliary to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions is in flourishing condition. It now numbers twenty-seven, which is an increase over last year. And there was a decided increase in the contributions to the cause of missions. Possibly the best feature of our work is the enthusiasm for the cause of world-wide missions. There is not a single person to our knowledge but that is thoroughly alive to this, the greatest enterprise of the Church of Christ. It is kept constantly before them. In prayer-meeting, sermons, stereoptican views, and in every way, the "Great Commission" is advanced as the one tremendous enterprise of the Church under the directing power of our Savior.

We are grateful to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions for the continued help, and we are trusting in God and going forward. Our motto for the year is: "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and give His life a ransom for many."

IRA W. KIMMEL.

—  
MOUNTAIN MISSION SCHOOLS.

*Hazel Green, Kentucky.*

We come to the making of our annual report with some feeling of pride and yet with deep humility, knowing full well that had we done all possible, we would still be unprofitable servants.

Our eleventh annual report, and the fifteenth since the Christian Woman's Board of Missions has controlled this mission, brings to all workers and well-wishers of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions glad tidings of much joy.

On September 11th, 1900, the enrollment of students on the opening day was eighty-five—a marked increase over any previous year's opening enrollment. The number of matriculates increased until we reached a grand total for the year of two hundred and seventy-eight. Of these, one hundred and thirty-nine were boarders. We had in the music classes, thirty-four; in the teachers' class, fifty-eight; in the business course, eight; living in the town of Hazel Green temporarily, twenty; residents of Hazel Green, sixty-nine; day pupils, twenty; graduates, three. These pupils came from fifty-one communities of the mountains, from nine counties, from three States and one Territory. When the homes from which this large student body comes are known, then will be more clearly shown that the work of the Hazel Green Academy is not local in its nature or influence. Out of an enrollment of two hundred and seventy-eight, during the last session, only sixty-nine

were residents of the village, and two hundred and eleven came from beyond this little mountain town.

The deportment and behavior of this large student body were exceptional. The work done by the students in study halls and class-rooms was good and satisfactory progress was made.

The tuitions charged for the session amounted to \$1,796.54. Of this amount \$1,235.38 has been collected in cash, and of the remainder charged, the Auditing Committee says \$264.38 is good and will be collected. We can then count our tuitions for the session at \$1,499.76—a very great increase over any former year. The amount of expenditures, including salaries of all assistant teachers except the music teacher, was \$1,103.42. Of that amount of expenditures there is on hand material for school uses, amounting to \$41.99, leaving the net expenditures at \$1,051.44. Fifty-eight dollars of this was for rent of extra rooms for boarders. W. O. Mize furnished gratis to us one house for boarders, and we rented another.

The principal has received for the work of the year:

From tuitions.....	\$131 46
From C. W. B. M.....	500 00
From K. C. M. C.....	205 00

Making a total of.....\$806 46

We did not rest satisfied with the work of text-book and class-room, by giving our pupils lessons in language, mathematics and the sciences, and fitting them for earth's callings; but we took them up through nature to nature's God and gave them lessons from life. They were impressed that life's mission is not to make a living, but to make a life.

The work of the church in all its departments was very good when environments are understood. Our students, for the most part, attended all the meetings of the church and much helpful service was done them. During the year H. D. Clark, of Mt. Sterling, preached for us ten days and gave helpful Bible talks at the chapel services. Robert M. Hopkins was with us for four days with his splendid Sunday-school work and Bible studies. The work done by each of these brethren was far-reaching, and much harvest will be gathered from their sowing. The principal of the school preached during the year one hundred and four sermons and received into the church by baptism twenty-five, by commendation seven, and reclaimed eight, making a total of forty additions to the local congregation and adding thirty-three to the Kingdom.

The church gave for missions \$100. The citizens of Hazel Green and community, most of whom are members of the Church of Christ, gave to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions a beautiful thirty-acre campus, for which they paid in cash \$1,200. The students of the Academy gave \$8.39 to home missions. The total amount of money for Hazel Green for the year for the Christian Woman's Board of Missions is \$2,808.15.

Successful missionary work is done in the mountains of Kentucky through the mission school. The school and church must go hand in hand through the mountains, into the home life, into the social life, into the business life, into the political life, and into the spiritual life if we would win the mountain people for Christ and the church. Eastern Kentucky seems an especially good field for such work as we are trying to do. The time is now. This field is already white unto the harvest. Say not it is yet time enough. The people are seeking leaders. They want a shepherd; may we lead them to the Great Shepherd.

The present session, 1901-1902, opened on September the third under most favorable conditions. The prospect of larger and more comfortable buildings, with better facilities and accommodations, has interested many in Hazel Green Academy. The enrollment is now one hundred and twenty-seven, of whom the town of Hazel Green furnishes forty-five. The others come from other sections and communities. Thirty are boarders, twelve have moved into the town for the year. Thirty-five are day pupils from the adjacent country. There are fifteen

in the senior class—eight young women, seven young men. The commercial department opened well and most satisfactory work is being done there.

Work on the new building is moving on well, and with good weather through the fall, it will be ready for occupancy by the early spring.

Hazel Green, Ky.

W. H. CORD.

#### Morehead, Kentucky.

Report of the Morehead, Ky., Normal School for the first year under the control of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

#### The School.

Number enrolled.....	219
Number of boarders.....	67
Increase of enrollment over previous year.....	108
Increase of boarders over previous year.....	51
Amount received from tuition, etc.....	\$1,263 29

#### The Church.

The church has been made self-sustaining, a good preacher employed, and a parsonage to cost \$800 is in process of erection.

#### The Community.

The county of Rowan has been freed from the licensed traffic in intoxicants by an overwhelming vote of its people at the instance of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

#### General Statements.

An epidemic of small-pox, occurring in the spring, made it necessary to close the school some time before the date set in the catalogue.

Morehead, the location of the school, is a rapidly growing town. Two new lines of railroads, touching the town, are now in process of construction—one from the Ohio river, and the other going from Morehead into the mountains. There are 288 pupils in the town, and over 600 pupils in walking distance of the school.

The above considerations, together with the easy access to the town, make Morehead a center unusually adapted for a mountain mission school.

Morehead, Ky.

F. C. BUTTON, Principal.

#### CHINESE MISSION.

#### Portland, Oregon.

#### Forms of Work:

- Day School.
- Night School.
- Sunday-school.
- Y. P. S. C. E.
- Street Preaching.
- House-to-House Visitation.

In the behalf of our Chinese Christian Mission of Portland, we send you greetings, praying our Heavenly Father's richest blessings shall be upon you at your annual gathering. May you be guided in all your deliberations by divine wisdom and love.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions has been doing missionary work among the Chinese in Portland for the last nine years, and in our judgment great good has been done. We have the strongest mission in the city in point of attendance, interest and membership, for which we are grateful. The work here consists of indoor preaching, street preaching, Sunday-school, night school (English and Bible), and house-to-house visitation. During the year just closed the Lord has been gracious to us, and has blessed us abundantly. In our evening school we have had an average attendance of twenty-nine, including the summer school. The enrollment of this year is much larger than last year. The last year's enrollment was fifty-five, and this year it is

eighty-one. Since the Powers have entered into the walls of Pekin our people seem to show a different attitude toward our native Christians, and their speeches are not so bitter and full of hatred as in times gone by. This is a great encouragement to us, and it is a favorable sign of the Gospel triumph. We pray that before very long all our beloved countrymen will become followers of Christ and receive from Him salvation.

During the year just closed we have done the best we knew how to bring our people to the knowledge of the true and living God. We only regret the small result. Paul said, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." So it is with us; we may work and plan, but God will give the increase.

Dear sisters, is it worth while to work among the Chinamen here? I know it costs labor and money, but I hope we shall think more of human souls than of the labor and money spent in saving them. All your servants ask is that their lives may be spared a little longer to render some service to those who know not Christ, and that you may pray for our success, asking God's richest blessing to be upon the work among the Chinese in Portland.

The following is the summary of our work of the year just ended:

Money raised for all missionary purposes.....	\$98 40
Money paid to teachers by scholars.....	\$496 00
Scholars enrolled.....	81
Average attendance for the year.....	29
Sermons preached.....	63
Baptisms.....	7

Respectfully submitted,

Portland, Ore.

MR. AND MRS. LOUIE HUGH.

#### UNIVERSITY BIBLE WORK.

##### *Report of the Ann Arbor Bible Chairs for the Year Ending September 30, 1901.*

This has been in some respects the best year in the history of our work. The enrollment in our classes for students was two hundred and forty-eight. Besides these classes, we had two others composed mainly of citizens of Ann Arbor, in each of which the attendance averaged about thirty for each session. The work that we have done has been of a much higher grade than any that we have heretofore been able to do. Many of the students are deeply interested in Bible study, and we are very much encouraged with the outlook for the coming year.

The student classes for the past year were as follows:

1. Introduction to Old Testament Study, three classes.
2. The Life of Christ, three classes.
3. The Life and Writings of Paul, one class.
4. The Gospel of John, two classes.
5. The Sermon on the Mount, one class.
6. Introduction to New Testament Study, one class.
7. The Literary Study of the Bible, three classes.

Mr. Ernest P. Wiles taught the classes in the Literary Study of the Bible and one class in the Life of Christ, and helped in many other ways with the Bible Chair work while carrying post-graduate studies in the University. In June he received his Master's degree from the University of Michigan, and he spent a part of the summer vacation in the University of Chicago, where he took some special courses in Bible study. This year he will devote his whole time to Bible Chair work, assisting me at Ann Arbor, and holding Bible Institutes when he can be spared from this work.

#### *Our Bible Chair Rooms.*

Until this year our Bible Chair work has been without any headquarters except a class-room that we have been renting in Newberry Hall, the home of the Students' Christian Association. In October, a year ago, we rented and furnished a suite of four rooms near Newberry Hall, and have made these rooms our headquarters for the past year. The rooms cost ten dollars a month. We

still rent the room in Newberry Hall for class use. The Bible Chair rooms were not furnished, and I furnished them at my own expense, expecting to make the money back by holding Bible Institutes. We regard the Bible Chair rooms as one of the best investments we have made for our work. Students will come to the office for consultation when they would not call on me in my home or in the recitation room. Besides this, there are many other advantages that come from having these rooms.

#### *A Bible Chair Loan Fund.*

A year ago I undertook to raise a Bible Chair Loan Fund of \$200, to be used by Mr. D. E. Dannenberg as a means of attending Hiram College in order to fit himself for Christian work as teacher, preacher, or missionary, as the Lord may lead him to see his duty and privilege. Contributions to this fund were as follows:

By Mrs. Helen E. Moses, Indianapolis.....	\$10 00
By Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Coler, Ann Arbor.....	10 00
By Mrs. J. M. Ferguson, Richmond, Mo.....	20 00
By Rev. E. L. Powell, Louisville, Ky.....	5 00

Total .....\$45 00

I furnished the remaining \$155 of this fund myself, and thus supplied Brother Dannenberg with the needed \$200. I am hoping that friends of our work may yet contribute to this fund, so that the \$155 can be returned to me, and so that the fund will grow far beyond \$200. Mr. Dannenberg expects to return the money after three years, with 5 per cent. interest. It will then be used as a loan fund to help other worthy and capable persons who desire to prepare for Christian work.

#### *Bible Institutes.*

In April of this year I held Bible Institutes in Kentucky at Mt. Sterling, Louisville and Maysville. In August I spent two weeks at Fountain Park Assembly, Remington, Ind., giving one Bible study each day. The money received for these services was used in paying for the furniture and other equipment of our Bible Chair rooms, and for some books that we needed for our library. Mr. Wiles and I hope to hold several Bible Institutes the coming year. Full information concerning this department of our work will be sent on application.

#### *Bible Chair Extension.*

We have been able to prepare but one course of Bible study for non-residents—the "Twelve Studies in the Life of Christ." The enrollment in this course has reached nearly 2,000. This means that more than 2,000 people have been reached by this course, because in many places one book and set of studies is used by several persons. There is a growing demand for other courses, but it is not easy to put the work in the shape that it ought to have. I expect to publish two additional courses the coming year—one in Old Testament History, and one for children from five to nine years of age. I shall also revise and simplify the "Twelve Studies in the Life of Christ," and we will continue this course. The first of the studies in Old Testament History will be ready by or soon after October 1, and I hope that about the same time I may have the first of the revised studies in the Life of Christ ready. It is probable that I can not get the course for children ready before January 1, 1902.

#### *Some of Our Greatest Needs.*

We need a Bible Chair Building, where we can have library room, recitation rooms, reception rooms and committee rooms. We are hoping to be so worthy of this building that God will move friends of our work to provide the building for us. We also need a library fund, so that our students can have easy access to the best biblical literature that is published, and a Bible Chair Extension fund, so that we can push that department of our work and have thousands taking our courses for non-

residents where otherwise only hundreds can be reached. Then above all these material things, we need the continued prayers and sympathy of those who contribute to this work, and the continued guidance of our Father in Heaven.

G. P. COLER.

*Ann Arbor, Mich.*

*University of Virginia Bible Lectureship.*

The University of Virginia Bible work made progress during the past year in several directions. First, the class-room work was steadily maintained during the larger part of the college year. Classes were organized in September and continued until the latter part of April. Second, the Bible study was pursued more systematically by the students than during any previous year. More than a score of the best students in the university pursued courses of study in Biblical history and literature for thirty-six weeks. Their class-room work was very commendable. Third, the endowment of the University of Virginia Bible Lectureship, founded by John B. Cary, amounting to twenty-five thousand dollars, has been completed. The number of students registered in the various classes were about forty. As our Bible work stood solely on its own merits, without the aid of the college Y. M. C. A., and as the university had two serious epidemics—typhoid fever and smallpox—the regular attendance at the Bible classes was very commendable.

This closes ten years of delightful service for the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. Mrs. O. A. Burgess, who first proposed in our National Councils to undertake the teaching of the Bible to the students in state universities, has lived to see the work firmly established in the two most strategic state universities in America—the University of Michigan and the University of Virginia. A number of other universities are receiving the benefit of this movement. May God bless our noble handmaidens in their great work, and especially the difficult and delicate task of saving our educated youth from skepticism and winning them to the service of Christ.

*Chicago, Ill.*

CHAS. A. YOUNG.

*Kansas University Bible Chair.*

The purpose of the Bible Chair is to provide instruction of University grade in the Bible and about the Bible for university students, and for any others who may desire to avail themselves of this instruction.

The courses of study arranged for are as follows:

1. Twelve studies in the Hexateuch.
2. Twelve studies in the life of Christ.
3. Twelve studies in the teachings of Jesus.
4. Twelve lectures in introduction to New Testament study.

A class in the life of Christ for the University Y. M. C. A. will be conducted on Sunday at 9:00 A. M.

A normal class in the life of Christ for teachers of the Y. M. C. A. will be held Fridays at 5:00 P. M. at the lecture room.

Tuesdays, at 8:00 P. M., at the city Y. M. C. A., there will be conducted a study of the Sunday-school lesson.

At the request of the missionary committees of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., Mrs. Payne will give a course of five lectures on the "History of Missions," as follows:

1. Beginnings of Christian Missions, from Malachi the Jew to Lief the Norseman.
2. Missions and the Reformation.
3. The Modern Missionary Movement. India.
4. Missions in Buddhist Lands.
5. The Dark Continent and Islands of the South Seas.

Our welcome to Kansas has been most cordial. Many opportunities have been given us to address churches, conventions, Auxiliaries and Young Men's Christian Associations concerning the work. We have gladly availed of these and have thus met many friends of the work in various parts of the State. The outlook is encouraging.

*Lawrence, Kan.*

WALLACE C. PAYNE.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

*Of the Board of Negro Education and Evangelization, including Board of Southern Christian Institute, being its first report under the management of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, for the year ending October 1, 1901.*

*To the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, Greeting:*

It is with joy and gratitude that we place before you the reports of negro education and evangelization in the United States for the past year, reports of the various schools under your management, and of the evangelists serving under your direction.

The reports speak for themselves. Never since the organization of the board has there been such a year of prosperity for all departments of the work; never since his connection with the board has the work been such a constant source of joy to your secretary. The careful and sympathetic study given by your board to every department of this mission has given assurance of permanency. The liberality with which you have supported all prudent undertakings, and the rigor with which you have curtailed any needless expense will certainly give confidence to the supporters of this cause. By the course you have taken all the workers are made to feel that they will be properly sustained in every wise enterprise, yet that each will be called upon to render a careful account of his stewardship. Nothing else gives such confidence to the true servant of any cause as to know that all his acts will be carefully and kindly scrutinized. Nothing else gives such encouragement to the supporters of any cause as to know that a careful study is made to make the funds accomplish the most possible.

At the time the Christian Woman's Board of Missions took this work every department was on a cash basis excepting the Southern Christian Institute. Here was a deficit of \$1,500, caused by three successive years of epidemics of yellow fever and smallpox. The bequest of J. W. Cassell, of Hopedale, Ohio, of \$5,000 being realized, enabled you to place everything upon a cash basis without doing injustice to your other missions.

I am glad to report to you that the colored people themselves are coming into hearty support of every department of this cause. Last year the colored women in and around Louisville put new seats in the Louisville Bible School. This year the Kentucky Christian Woman's Board of Missions (colored) has placed \$200 in your hands to be held in trust for a girls' school in Kentucky, and has sent \$20 toward the expense of beds and bedding for the dormitory of the Louisville Bible School. They have organized and are working to raise funds for all needed furniture for this school, and the Kentucky Convention sent \$23 toward the support of it. The school and churches in Virginia contributed \$376, which paid all expense for their school, and \$50 on money advanced them by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, with which to purchase school property. The colored Disciples in Alabama have given the best of support and encouragement to their beloved school at Lum—aiding in the care of the buildings and the beautifying of the campus. King Brown is now making a thorough canvass of the churches in Mississippi in the interests of the Southern Christian Institute. But better even than all this, the colored Disciples are about to set aside the Sunday before Thanksgiving as a national educational day. They are rallying to the support of the cause of education as never before. The Gospel Plea, published at the Southern Christian Institute, is being recognized as the organ for the colored people, and is greatly aiding in unifying and strengthening the cause among them.

All ministers educated in these schools enter the field without expense to the board. They do not even ask aid, and some of them have built up strong churches in new fields—partly supporting themselves by the labor of their hands. No report is made of this work because they are independent evangelists. Self-reliance is one of the fundamental principles taught in all the schools.

Another cause for thanksgiving is the warm reception given this work by the leaders of the Christian Woman's



Board of Missions in the different states. There have come to your missionary more invitations to speak at conventions and churches than he could possibly accept. Everywhere the greeting has been warm and cordial. This cause no longer has to go begging for a hearing. At my office more calls have come for literature giving information than during all the previous years, and I know that the bulk of these calls has gone to headquarters at Indianapolis.

In the field your missionary has raised, as you know, over three thousand dollars. Some of this has been sent direct to you. While the support of this work has been accepted by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, I am sure its friends, both men and women, will realize that their aid will still be needed and trust that they will give liberally for its maintenance. It would be a most ungallant thing to ask you to assume the management of this mission and then withdraw aid. I am sure all will see the wisdom of asking your missionary for negro education and evangelization—to raise all the funds necessary for buildings, furnishings and improvements.

I can not express to you my gratitude for your reception of this work; for the aid and care you have bestowed upon it amid the multitude of cares resting upon you, and I am sure, together, we are thankful for the blessing bestowed upon this cause by our Heavenly Father.

C. C. SMITH, *Missionary.*

#### SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

Dear Friends of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Christian Institute for the Christian Woman's Board of Missions—I submit the following report for the year beginning September 1st, 1900, and ending September 1st, 1901.

#### Financial Report.

##### Receipts.

To amount received from the B. N. E.	
E. ....	\$1,288 20
To amount received from the C. W. B.	
M. ....	5,735 82
To amount received from tuition, sale of clothing, rents, table board, donated boxes and sale of new clothing .....	4,098 72
To amount received from printing of fice, plantation, factory, sewing-room, sale of stock, cane mill, brooms .....	1,702 53
To amount donated by A. J. Lewis, Edwards, Miss. ....	150 00
To amount, gain on old accounts....	91 79
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To total receipts.....	\$13,067 06

##### Expenditures.

By balance from last year.....	\$2,738 20
By amount for industrial departments .....	2,539 00
By amount for running expenses....	6,713 15
By amount for improvements.....	1,184 82
By amount for interest.....	90 00
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By total expenditures.....	\$13,265 17
	13,067 06

Balance due.....\$ 198 11

The \$1,288.20 received, as per above report, from the B. N. E. E. was due on last year's account, but was not paid over until in the present year; and \$1,500, as per above report, made up deficit caused by three successive years of epidemic.

C. C. S.

#### General Report of the Work.

In the years 1897, 1898 and 1899 we were interrupted nearly three months each year by epidemics of yellow and typhoid fevers. In the year 1900 we were interrupted three months by a smallpox epidemic in the school. But this year, we are thankful to our Lord, whose work this is, that nothing of the kind has come to us, and neither

the school work nor the industrial work of the summer has been interrupted in the least from sickness. As a consequence, the work has been a delight all the year. For seven years previous to 1897 we were uninterrupted by sickness of any kind and we most earnestly pray that we may not be so hindered again. The campus and surroundings of the school are kept in a most sanitary condition, and the location is as healthy as any found in this section. The prospect of being delivered from epidemics is most gratifying to us.

The total enrollment of the past year was ninety-four. Seven of these were in the primary department, thirty-six in the preparatory department, fourteen in the normal, classical and Biblical departments combined, and thirty-seven in the industrial department. Nearly all those in the preparatory department should be classified as industrial students, and practically the whole school as Bible students, as regular instruction is given to all pupils in that study every day.

Last May we had seven graduates from the higher courses who are now out in their various fields of labor. We trust their work may bring to them success in the effort to uplift their people.

Thirty-seven of our pupils were what we call day pupils, because they came from the neighborhood and did not board here. Fifty-seven were boarding students. Our dormitory was crowded to its full extent. However, the rooming capacity has been greatly enlarged since we have finished Allison Hall, and we expect to greatly enlarge the number of boarding students, and with the increase in the number of these our opportunity for accomplishing the work for which the school has been established is enlarged. Character-building is the principal part of our work, and this can be most successfully done with the boarders and industrial students. The people of the community have recognized this fact and have done all they could to encourage this department of our work.

We feel that we have all the conditions here necessary to the building up of a great school, which may become a center of influence for the uplifting of a race. Especially do we feel the helpful influence of being under the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. The Auxiliaries North and South have put themselves in touch with this work in a way that great strength has come to it.

We have dropped the classical course from our curriculum and have substituted in its place a philosophical course. We found by actual experience that there is no demand in this work for a classical course, and we have made the change, with the permission of your board, that we might more thoroughly equip those who come under our instruction for the actual conditions they will meet when they go out into life. It is necessary for us to teach the young men so they can lay hold of conditions as they are. Their education should be such as to best fit them to do this. The real need of the negro in his present condition is to gain and hold his place in the industrial world in order that he may make it a base for development.

The negro is now forming his taste for literature. We do a service for many generations when we see that the literature of the Bible is studied by him. It would be detrimental if the heathen literature of Greece and Rome should be studied before any influence from the sacred lessons of the Bible had been received.

During the past year we have finished Allison Hall and are now engaged in furnishing it. Commodes, wardrobes and tables for it are being made in our factory. This furniture is made from timber taken out of our own forest. The lumber is planed in our mill, and the table legs are turned on a lathe in the factory. This furniture is finished as nicely as any found on the market, and will be a great addition to the furnishing of this hall.

We have gotten out about 30,000 feet of other lumber towards the erection of a boys' dormitory. This lumber is dry and will be ready to work as soon as we are ready to build. We are now prepared to manufacture weather-boarding, ceiling, flooring and all the other material we will need in the boys' hall, which building we

propose to name after Dr. Belding, who did so much toward this work in its early history.

Our force of workers for the present year are J. B. Lehman and wife, A. T. Ross and wife, Jennie E. Britton, Clark Marsh, Carrie Taylor and Adaline Hunt.

We are maintaining the following departments, viz: Bible, Literary, Musical and Industrial. The Industrial consists of farming, gardening, carpentry, broom-making, shop work, printing, laundering, cooking, canning, sewing and housework. We have no one at the head of the departments of printing and carpentry. What we do now in these departments we do through our best trained students. We hope it will not be long until we can have these departments well looked after by competent foremen.

With an earnest prayer for guidance and strength for the work,  
J. B. LEHMAN.

#### THE LOUISVILLE CHRISTIAN BIBLE SCHOOL.

##### *To the Christian Woman's Board of Missions:*

The record of another year of the Louisville Christian Bible School has been made.

The friends of the school have reason to be grateful for the success with which their God, whose they are and whom they serve, has blessed their efforts.

General good health and a spirit of concord and co-operation between teachers and students in the work of the school and among the students themselves prevailed throughout the year.

The attendance was composed of young men from the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia.

Fairly satisfactory advancement in their studies and improvement in their manners and ways of thinking was apparent in most of the students.

The daily students' meeting, which is as much a part of the school as any class in it, was maintained throughout the year with the usual interest and profit. At least twenty of the students availed themselves of their privilege of conducting in regular turn this meeting. It is a gratifying surprise how appropriate generally is the selection they make of topics for their sermons, and how fitting and practical are the lessons they bring out of their topics and texts. Many of their sermons would be creditable in these respects to preachers of vastly superior advantages and of much larger experience. A number of the young men are teachers in and some are superintendents of Sunday-schools in the city. Frequently on Sunday from two to six sermons are preached by as many students in the different pulpits of the city, besides occasional sermons at more distant points.

The school has been greatly benefited by friendly calls and timely addresses of true, sympathizing friends, men and women both white and black. A few of these among the colored people are S. R. Cotter, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Dr. Robinson, of Louisville, a frequent caller, and always a staunch friend of the school; William Richards, Pastor of the Hancock-street Church; R. E. Pearson and J. R. Smith, Pastors respectively at Paducah, Ky., and at Nashville, Tenn., and Mrs. L. M. Bonner, always anxious prudently to do something in the interest of the school.

Among the white friends who have thus favored us are Brethren Winn and Palmer, Pastors in New Albany; Bro. Coler, of the Ann Arbor Bible Chair; Bro. S. M. Barnard, of Parkland, and Bro. C. C. Smith, of Cincinnati, who is always seeking to do more to further the good work to which he is giving his life.

Among the sisters who are kindly remembered for having visited the school and encouraged it by their expressions of good will and cheer are Miss Sue Sublette, State Organizer of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions for Kentucky; Mrs. M. J. Poindexter, Georgetown, Ky.; Mrs. M. F. Jones and Mrs. L. M. Suber, of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. H. L. Fawcett and others, of New Albany, Ind.

The sincere thanks of teachers and students alike are tendered to these and other friends for their very welcome presence and their truly helpful addresses.

The attendance of both white and colored people at the closing exercises in June was larger and perhaps more enthusiastic than ever before. Never have there been more hearty, earnest demonstrations of approval and delight in the manner in which the young men acquitted themselves. Many who had not before attended the closing exercises expressed their surprise and joy in what they had so unexpectedly witnessed. Here is a quotation that is characteristic of what seemed to be the common impression of those present: "I am really glad of this opportunity to express briefly my admiration for the work that I believe is being done by the Louisville Christian Bible School. The student's determination to make the most of his privileges in this school, which he seems to love and appreciate fully, the patience with which he pursues his studies under difficulties, and his earnest endeavor to faithfully perform his duties, show a development of Christian character that one whose experience in the matter was limited could scarce believe. I pray that all who come beneath the beautiful Christian influence of this school will be an honor and credit to you, so that you may have some reward for your labor in this life as well as in the life to come.

"May God abundantly bless you and prosper the Louisville Christian Bible School. Very sincerely,

"MRS. JAMES F. BLACKBURN,  
"Louisville, Ky."

Teachers, students and many friends are already rejoicing in the prospect of improved quarters for the coming year. The school property, which had not before been the property of the board, was purchased last winter, and is now undergoing extensive, much-needed and thorough repairs. The improvements will cost about a thousand dollars, the money being judiciously and economically expended. But the students on their return will hardly recognize the place as the same they left. It will be far better and more attractive than they have ever seen it.

We are hoping to begin on the 12th day of September a more prosperous year than ever, and we ask the sympathy, the hearty co-operation and the earnest prayers of the friends of negro education and evangelization, that the blessing of God may rest upon this work.

A. J. THOMSON, *Principal.*

#### LUM GRADED SCHOOL.

##### *To the Christian Woman's Board of Missions:*

In compliance with the requirement of your board, I submit the following report for the Lum Graded School for the year beginning October 1st, 1900, and ending October 1st, 1901:

##### *Financial Report.*

###### *Receipts.*

To balance brought forward.....	\$ 5 82
To cash from Alabama Convention.....	5 00
To cash from public funds.....	60 00
To cash from C. W. B. M.....	50 00
To cash from tuition.....	59 18
To cash from C. W. B. M.....	400 00
To cash from C. W. B. M.....	18 32

Total receipts.....\$598 32

###### *Expenditures.*

By cash, R. D. Brooks' salary.....	\$250 00
By cash, Maggie V. Brayboy's salary.....	120 00
By cash, Julia E. Williams' salary.....	65 00
By cash, Estelle M. Carson's salary.....	90 00
By cash, two out buildings.....	20 00
By cash, for seats.....	30 00
By cash, incidental expenses, including purchase of school bell.....	23 32

Total expenditures.....\$598 32

The people of this county and adjoining counties seem

to have realized as never before the merits and aims of our school. Approval was expressed on the faces of the large number of people who gathered to witness the closing exercises. As they sat and listened to the very touching orations of the young men finishing the English course, and to the entertainment, composed of recitations, dialogues, tableaux, music, etc., carried out so intelligently by their boys and girls, they were forced to shake hands and say: "What could we do without such a school in our midst?"

We enrolled one hundred and thirty-six students, the highest enrollment in the history of the school. Comparatively more were boarding students than in any previous year. The homes of the community could hardly accommodate those who applied for boarding places.

We here call the attention of our friends to the need of a boarding hall. A hall for girls would suffice for the present, as the second story of our school building could be fitted up for the boys. The parents and local board have realized the great necessity of such a hall, and they are willing to have the framing cut and sawed and help in putting up such a hall.

It seems to me that this would be the first step toward the establishment of an industrial department for this school, as it is necessary to have the students on the grounds before we can do regular and systematic work. The boys on the farm raising corn, peas, potatoes, sugar cane, etc., to run the boarding department, while pursuing the regular course of study—the girls cooking, sewing, washing, ironing, etc., together with their regular literary pursuits—must combine to make Lum the ideal school and community.

Our force of teachers has worked in perfect harmony, doing all in their power to advance the interests of the school. We employ well-trained teachers; two of our teachers graduated at Fisk University; one is an advanced student of the State Normal School at Montgomery.

We have added a few elementary sciences to our English course—physics, chemistry and botany. Our aim has been to lay well the foundation studies, reserving more advanced work until facilities increase, in order that our attempts at such work may be successful.

We wish to speak of the many valuable gifts which we have received during the year. Miss Lydia O. Pennington and her good mother, of Cleveland, Ohio, have continually sent us just the things that were needed. The past year she sent a box containing goods for the girls' sewing department, ready-made garments, over one hundred song books—which supplied our day and Sunday-school students—and Bibles which were much needed for our morning devotional exercises. Miss Pennington and her society helped one of the young men who graduated this year to the amount of fifteen dollars. He is a poor boy, and has worked at the school five years to pay his tuition. A lady of Detroit, Mich., heard of our efforts at this place through our friend, Miss Londen, of Troy, who was in Detroit, and immediately sent us some valuable gifts for the school. Several other articles, such as maps, books, charts, etc., are among the gifts of the year. We have many students who are unable to pay the small amount of tuition and keep themselves well-clad for our severe winters, and these goods go far toward supplying their needs.

The next session of the school begins October seventh. Judging from the numerous letters which are coming in, and from expressions of patrons in general, we will have a full attendance early in the session.

We make this report in the name of Christ. We trust that by the reading of it many will feel assured that the interest, painstaking care and funds put into this school are yielding a twofold profit in lifting the negro to a true state of Christian culture and helping him to a realization of his relationship to the rest of mankind.

We thank the members of the board for their sympathy, guidance and trust, which have been an inspiration to us in successfully accomplishing the work given us to do. Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. BROOKS, *Principal.*

#### THE PIEDMONT SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY.

##### To the Christian Woman's Board of Missions:

I beg leave to submit for your consideration the following report of the Piedmont School of Industry for the period beginning October 8, 1900, and ending August 26, 1891:

Number of pupils enrolled, 43; number of teachers, 1.

##### Financial Report.

###### Receipts.

To cash, tuition.....	\$179 50
To cash, school commencement.....	16 60
To cash, pledges from various churches..	95 65
To cash, district treasurer.....	20 00
To cash, State Convention (Pulaski).....	65 00

Total receipts..... \$376 75

###### Expenditures.

By cash, for running expenses of school..	\$ 24 80
By cash, for books (still in stock).....	5 85
By cash, for salary of teacher.....	184 85
By cash, for expenses and salary for canvassing .....	42 52
By cash, for amount paid back on loan of C. W. B. M.....	50 00

Total expenditures..... \$308 02

Balance in treasury..... \$ 68 73

Balance to be collected on pledges..... 74 50

We have succeeded in running this school for one year very successfully in spite of some discouragements in the beginning. The attendance at first was very small, being only seven the first week, and we labored under the disadvantage of having to teach in the church. But early in February, 1901, the Christian Woman's Board of Missions came to our assistance and loaned us \$676 to help us to pay for a nice piece of property for which we had been negotiating. This property includes a building which, with some repairs, will answer for a school-house for the time being. I wish, in behalf of the colored brotherhood of this district, to assure the Christian Woman's Board of Missions of our lasting gratitude for their timely aid.

There are not more than 2,000 colored Disciples in this State, and when only the active, burden-bearing ones are considered I think I can safely say that there are not more than 1,500. But notwithstanding this small number, enough money can be raised to support this school, if it can only be brought together and applied to this one thing instead of being used for so many things. Our people are anxious to do good, and enough money is raised with which to do it, but the one thing needful is a full realization of the meaning of the old adage—"one thing at a time."

Now, while we are perhaps as fortunate as our sister schools in that we are surrounded by good land, which may be purchased at reasonable prices, still they are more fortunate than we in that they own good timber land. We do not, and so we will have to buy all timber needed. We will, however, put under careful cultivation what land we have, and student labor can be employed to advantage in working all the timber we buy or have given to us.

We wish, in advance, to assure all persons who wish to contribute a good book or any amount of money, however small, that it will be highly appreciated and honestly used.

With God's help, I feel confident that we shall be able to make a more creditable report next year. Very respectfully,

JAS. H. THOMAS.

Martinsville, Va.

#### REPORTS OF EVANGELISTS FOR NEGRO WORK.

*Report of William Alphin, Evangelist of Kansas, for the Year Ending September 1st, 1901.*

Meetings held, 3; accessions (Confession and Baptism), 8; accessions (letter and statement), 12; churches reorganized, 1; Bible-schools reorganized, 3; Auxiliaries

to Christian Woman's Board of Missions reorganized, 4; business meetings, 21; trips to all points, 43; sermons and addresses, 241. Churches in state, 13; missions, 4; preachers giving entire time, 3; preachers giving part time, 4; Auxiliaries to Christian Woman's Board of Missions, 5.

Collected on field:

For self-support, including expenses.....\$218 05  
For other purposes..... 55 93

Total ..... \$273 98

*Receipts.*

From Kansas State Board.....\$ 50 00  
From B. N. E. E. (October, 1900)..... 15 00  
From C. W. B. M..... 75 00

Total ..... \$140 00

Grand total .....\$413 98

On account of the condition of the Kansas work and the circumstances surrounding the evangelist, it is impossible to give his report as an evangelist and show the actual work done.

The fact that we have thirteen churches and four missions, with only three pastors giving entire time to the work, really makes the evangelist's work the care of pastorless churches, hence much of the actual work must be and is omitted in this report. But to all who are acquainted with church, pastoral and evangelistic work it is only necessary to mention the above to enable them to properly consider the report. Our principal work has been to hold, add to and strengthen what organizations we already had. New fields stand open to us, and we are anxious to enter, but not being able to occupy and cultivate after entering we have reluctantly refused to enter.

According to reports and the actual work of our congregations this year, the addition to our preaching force and the recognition our work is receiving from the State and National Boards, we can soon do evangelistic work in a true and permanent way. With the co-operation of the pastors, and not a few church workers, we have gained and occupy some important fields within our borders. We are working with the conviction that when our congregations are fully built up and organized in the mission work the natural result will be expansion, and that with the ability to protect and develop acquired territory.

All of our congregations will pay full apportionment to Kansas missions this year, and have instructed the State Board to raise their apportionments for next year.

We thank the State Board, B. N. E. E. and the Christian Woman's Board of Missions for past help, and, in advance, for future aid.

WILLIAM ALPHIN, *Evangelist.*

*Report of J. H. Rogers, Evangelist, of Florida.*

For year ending September 1, 1901: Points visited, 28; sermons, 150; accessions, 38; Sunday-schools organized, 2; meetings held, 7.

*Report of H. Martin, Evangelist, of Arkansas.*

For year ending September 1, 1901: Churches organized, 1; accessions, 40; Sunday-schools organized, 1; Auxiliaries organized, 3; number of churches in State, 18; money raised on field for self-support, \$116.87; received from Christian Woman's Board of Missions, \$50; raised for home missions, \$10.30; raised for foreign missions, \$10.15; one church house erected.

*Report of James S. Hughes, Evangelist, of Missouri.*

From T. A. Abbott, Corresponding Secretary, we have the following report for Missouri for year ending September 1, 1901:

We employed James S. Hughes for all of his time. He was put into the field as general evangelist, but for the latter half of the year his work was confined to the church at Columbia. There was imminent danger that

this church would be lost unless we should make extraordinary efforts to save it. The placing of Bro Hughes there has done this, and the church is now in good shape. The report of his work is as follows: Days worked, 365; sermons preached, 168; other services held, 76; churches organized, 1; Bible-schools organized, 1; additions by baptism, 6; by letter, 3; otherwise, 14; total, 23; salary collected in the field, \$116.24; for other purposes, \$34.05; total money raised, \$150.29.

In addition to Bro. Hughes, three months ago it was thought best to supplement the salary of R. L. Winn, of Hannibal, for three months. I think the \$5 per month, given by the board, in support of that work, was money well spent. His report is as follows: Days worked, 90; sermons, 28; other services, 10; baptisms, 2; other additions, 3; total, 5; money collected in the field for salary, \$19.51; for building and repairs, \$51.50; for missions, \$12; total, \$83.01.

In addition to these two men, we employed C. H. Poindexter, of New London, to hold a meeting at Vandalia. We had no church there, but a few scattered Disciples, who needed to be gotten together. Bro. Poindexter remained with them two weeks and did splendid work. His report shows: Days worked, 15; sermons, 12; churches organized, 1; one Bible-school organized; baptisms, 1; by letter, 1; otherwise, 16; money collected in field, \$1.10. For the above reports we have the following: Days worked, 470; sermons preached, 208; other services, 86; churches organized, 2; Bible-schools organized, 2; baptisms, 9; by letter, 4; otherwise, 33; total, 46; total amount of money raised, \$234.75. In addition to this the churches of the State have sent to me, as treasurer of their State work, \$49.08. There have been, besides the above, additions in the churches by the regular pastors (and this work has been largely stimulated by the work we are doing), additions by baptism, 38; otherwise, 43, thus making a total increase of 127 during the year. I think this is a splendid showing, and I trust the Christian Woman's Board of Missions will be thoroughly satisfied with what we have tried to do through them. We are planning to do a larger work next year."

During the past year the work in Missouri has received from the B. N. E. E. \$50, and from the Christian Woman's Board of Missions \$100, and largely because of this the above work has been possible.

*Report of Archie Peddiford, Lancaster, Ky.*

The work has been done in Lancaster and in and about Berea. Through the help of the First Church at Lancaster, a house of worship has been built.

SUMMARY.

Work is conducted in the United States, Jamaica, India, Mexico and Porto Rico.

The forms of work are evangelistic, pastoral, educational, industrial, medical, orphanage, zenana, village, railway, colportage, and leper.

We have one hundred and six missionaries in the United States, seventeen in Jamaica, thirty-five in India, seven in Mexico, and two in Porto Rico. The total number of missionaries and assistant missionaries is one hundred and sixty-seven—a gain of sixty-one over last year. Beside these workers, there are native evangelists, teachers and helpers.

Our stations in Jamaica are Kingston, Torrington, Mt. Olivet, Bloxburgh, Mt. Zion, Bushy Park, King's Gate, New Bethel, Carmel, Providence, Chesterfield, Flint River, Mamby Vale, Oberlin, Manning's Hill, Lucky Hill, Bethel, Airy Mount, Fairy Hill, Berea, Branch, and Hazel Grove. The new missionary for Jamaica is Mrs. Neil MacLeod, formerly Miss Lois A. White, so well known to our sisterhood during her long term of service as Corresponding Secretary of our Board.

Our stations in India are Bilaspur, Deoghur, Bina, Mahoba, Calcutta, and Pendra Road. School work has this year been opened at Sakri, in connection with Bilaspur. The new missionaries in this field are Mr. and Mrs. Menzies. The new assistant missionaries are Miss

Kate Brown, Miss Alice Gantzer, Miss May Gantzer, and Mr. and Mrs. DeMonte—in all, seven.

Our station in Mexico is Monterey, with an out station at Topo Chico, which has been opened this year. Five of the missionaries at this station are new—Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Alderman, Miss Lucile Eubank, Mr. G. E. Hawes, and Mr. A. Flores.

Our station at Porto Rico is at Bayamon, where we conduct the first Protestant Orphanage opened in the island. Miss Nora Collins has been added to our list of workers in this field.

The new enterprises for the year in our various fields are as follows:

In Jamaica, the building of the King's Gate Mission House and the Manning's Hill Chapel.

In India, the opening of the Sakri Schools out from Bilaspur; the Mission Home and Chapel at Pendra Road; the Dispensary and Gospel Hall at Deoghur, and the enlargement of the Orphanage at Mahoba.

In Mexico, the opening of the out station at Topo Chico, and the publication of the *Gospel Call*.

In Porto Rico, the thorough fitting of the Orphanage building and grounds for their intended use, and the supplying of a teacher for the Orphanage School.

The greatest enlargement of the year has been in the home-land. Last October the work of the Board of Negro Education and Evangelization was placed in our hands, and among our new enterprises are to be numbered the schools at Edwards, Miss., Louisville, Ky., Lum, Ala., and Martinsville, Va., also evangelistic work in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Illinois, Kentucky and Florida.

Wallace C. Payne and wife have been located at Lawrence, Kan., and regular Bible work for the State University students undertaken. Palo Alto and Hanford, in California North, and the State organization of California South, have been assisted. The Tidewater District, Va., and Parkersburg, W. Va., have also been given help. A new dormitory has been erected at Edwards, Miss., and a school building purchased at Louisville, Ky. The new workers for the year are Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Ross, Miss Jennie Brittain, Miss Effie Haines, Miss Carrie Taylor and Mr. J. O. Baker, Edwards, Miss.; Robert Brooks, Miss Maggie Brayboy, Miss Julia E. Williams and Miss Estelle Carson, Lum, Ala.; Mr. A. J. Thomson, O. Singleton, Louisville, Ky.; Mr. J. W. Thomas, Martinsville, Va.; James S. Hughes, Missouri; William Alphin, Kansas; H. Martin, Arkansas; A. Peddifold, Kentucky; J. H. Rogers, Florida; W. B. Taylor, Chicago, Ill. (for City Missionary Board); T. H. Lawson, Hanford, Cal.; D. A. Russell, Palo Alto, Cal.; O. G. White, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Payne, Lawrence, Kan.; Miss Lizzie Beazley, Morehead, Ky., and Miss Mae Davenport, Hazel Green, Ky., beside others in States assisted through the Missionary Boards.

#### *The Office.*

As our work enlarges, its central point grows naturally to be more deeply interesting to its Auxiliaries, hence our mission rooms are steadily becoming a place of greater interest to our workers. We have visitors in larger numbers with each passing year.

Our missionary library is growing, and many workers avail of its treasures. We are gathering curios from all our mission fields. Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hugh, of our Chinese Mission, Miss Case and Miss Mason, of our Mexican Mission, Miss Oxer, of the Mahoba, India, station, have sent very interesting and valuable collections; also Miss Frost and Miss Baldwin, of India, have made gifts that are much prized. We are crowded for storage room in our present quarters since our stock of literature and our volume of correspondence is increasing so rapidly. A study of the growth of our enterprises for the year will reveal something of the increase in the volume of our work at the mission rooms. One token of this can be noted in the fact that fourteen thousand four hundred and four entries were this year made upon our cash book.

#### *The Missionary Tidings.*

Our watchword for the year included this clause: "Twenty thousand readers of the TIDINGS." In order that our magazine might be worthy of an increased circulation, an earnest effort has been made to have it more truly helpful to our Auxiliary workers and more desirable as a magazine for the Christian home. We have not realized for it our highest hopes, though its friends have been true in trying to make its pages tell the story of our woman's work in a bright, interesting way. We thank them one and all for the help they have so readily and lovingly given. The prize-story and plan-of-work contest has brought new writers to our list of contributors, and will give our readers many valuable suggestions for work, as well as real pleasure through the interesting missionary stories, which will be given each month until all have been published. We wish to make especial mention of the splendid effort that has been made by some of our workers to increase the circulation of the TIDINGS. Among those worthy of special mention are the friends at New Castle, Angola, Wabash, Tipton, Rushville, Noblesville, Lebanon and Greenfield, Ind.; Ionia, Mich.; Troy and Eagle Mills, N. Y.; Lexington, Carlisle, Eminence, Danville, North Middletown, Versailles, Shelbyville, Richmond, Paris, Ky.; Bluefield and Huntington, W. Va.; Mason City, Red Oak, Onawa, Estherville, DeSoto and Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Stanford, Springfield, Mattoon and Dallas City, Ill.; Richmond, Va.; McKinney, Fort Worth, El Paso and Hickory, Texas; Nashville, Tenn.; McMinnville, Monmouth, Ore.; Tiffin, Portsmouth, Kenton, Killbuck and Hiram, Ohio; Fayetteville, Ark.; Shreveport, La.; Burlington, Kan.; Bozeman, Mont.; Omaha, Fairbury and Bethany, Neb.; Richmond, Lathrop, Independence and Moberly, Mo. Our subscription list reaches a total of eleven thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

Our magazine is in demand in all public collections of missionary publications, and has won high praise from men and women who are familiar with the best missionary literature. We should see that it improves each year, and should not forget that it can only grow better as we advance in holy living and high thinking. Our magazine is but our mirror. Let us remember this and perfect ourselves and it.

#### *Our Missionary Prayer Calendar.*

The second issue of our Missionary Prayer Calendar was out in time for the holidays. It was a work of art. The cover was designed by Miss Laura Wickard, of Kansas. The selection of the twelve women who were to outline the prayer topics was placed, as last year, in the charge of Mrs. Louise Kelly. The work was well done, and to many the calendars grew very precious as the months passed by. "Ask and ye shall receive" is a divine word. "I will be enquired of," said our God when speaking to His ancient people. This is no less true today, and in our prayer calendar the need of every phase of our missionary work is set forth. This calendar should have a place in each home. Let us do our best to send it out on its mission of love.

#### *Special Work.*

At the National Convention in Kansas City it was decided that the special work for the year should be: *First*, the Porto Rican Orphanage for Junior Christian Endeavor Societies, and special personal gifts. *Second*, the Calcutta Bible work, and the new station at Umara or Pendra Road, India. *Third*, the completion of the Endowment Fund of the Bible Lectureship of the University of Virginia. *Fourth*, the erection of the dormitory at the Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss. Each one of these special objects has had hearty and adequate help. The Bayamon Orphanage is in good condition. The Calcutta work has had many special gifts, and Pendra Road was not forgotten. The Endowment Fund has been fully completed, and the dormitory at Edwards is finished and furnished. The response of our sisterhood to these calls has been a joy to those having the care of the work, and surely has been pleasing to our Father.

*Special Gifts.*

From many sources have come special offerings to bless the work. Bequests have been received from women who were faithful stewards of the grace of our Father. A number of gifts on the annuity plan have been received. Several of these were from women of modest means who desired the safe investment of their funds in order that they might be sure of a settled income while living, and might know, beyond a doubt, that their money would work for Christ after they had entered into His presence. Many women should adopt this plan of giving, and we hope during this year the work may receive many such gifts.

*Living Link Churches, Societies and Individuals.*

"Go ye into all the world," said our Master, and in the early Church the Disciples felt they must either go or send in answer to this word of command. The seal of the Moravian Church bears the image of an ox standing between an altar and a yoke, beneath it the motto, "Ready for either." This spirit diffused throughout the Church would speedily bring the answer to our Savior's prayer that the world might believe on Him.

The Third Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, continues to support a missionary in Mahoba, India. When Miss Gordon was compelled to leave the station on account of her health, the church assumed the care of her successor, Miss May Browne. The church at Irvington, Indiana, continues to support Christian Benjamin at Mahoba. The churches of Des Moines, Iowa, support Dr. Ada McNeil. Dr. and Mrs. Gerould have provided for Dr. Rosa Lee Oxer at Mahoba, India. The Young Ladies' Society of the First Church, Akron, Ohio, support our Bengali evangelist at Deoghur, India. These young ladies pay his salary, one hundred and fifty dollars, in addition to their regular offerings. They are never late with their offerings. Their loyalty and promptness are always a joy. The Young Ladies' Mission Circle of East End, Pittsburg, Pa., support the matron of our Bilaspur Orphanage. The Auxiliaries at San Diego, Cal., St. Louis, Mo., Salida, Cal., Rock Island, Ill., Mt. Pleasant, Ind., the Young People's Societies at Milford, Ill., Madison, Ind., and Sacramento, Cal., and the churches at Sheridan, Elizaville and Martinsville, Ind., support native pastors, evangelists, Bible women or teachers. The number of churches, societies and individuals doing such work should steadily increase.

GENERAL ORGANIZING WORK.

We have been fortunate and happy in having Miss Burgess, Miss Graybiel and Miss Frost in the homeland, and they have done excellent work in the field. Many States have been visited by them, and a great impetus has been given our enterprises by their messages. In addition to their work, Miss Thompson of Illinois, Mrs. Kelly of Kansas, Miss Newcomer of Iowa, and Miss Orvis of North Carolina have done general work. California North, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, North and South Carolina, Oregon, Texas, Tennessee, Utah, Washington and West Virginia have been helped. Let us say again, no work surpasses in importance that done by the Organizers. They are the ones who, most of all, are the evangelists of missions. God grant them purity of purpose, wisdom of speech, power in prayer, and the grace of persuasion as they go on their mission.

*Miss Lura V. Thompson's Report.*

Immediately following the National Convention in October, I went to Mississippi and remained for two months. On January fourth I reached Nebraska, where I spent over six weeks in the field. In March I went to Michigan and remained five months.

During the year, beside attending the National Convention at Kansas City, I attended the State Convention

of Michigan, and two State Conventions in Illinois, also eight District meetings, one of them being that of Western New York, held in Buffalo in June. En route to New York I spent one day with the church at Fort Thomas, Ontario.

While in Mississippi I ran down to New Orleans for a short visit with the church and Auxiliary. I also visited Council Bluffs, Iowa, and several places in Illinois, delivering the C. W. B. M. Day address for my own Auxiliary, Carthage, Ill. Altogether, I spent two hundred and seventy-one days in the field, and visited and revisited one hundred and fourteen places. Members reported to me as added during my visits, three hundred and sixty-one, and *TIDINGS* subscriptions, sixty-two; Auxiliaries organized, eight, and to be organized, six; Juniors and Bands visited, thirty-two; organized, eight, and arranged and reorganized later, seven; Life Memberships secured, nineteen; cash and pledges for State and National work, \$412.68.

I found Nebraska one of our most thoroughly organized States, and the work being very satisfactorily carried on by an excellent State Board, and the Secretary giving her entire time to the organizing of new Auxiliaries and the strengthening of old ones. I visited organized places only, and found much to encourage on every hand.

I was present at the organization of the Federation of the Auxiliaries of Omaha and Lincoln.

Michigan I found with an excellent State Board, but regular, systematic organizing work greatly needed. Much of my work in the northern part of the State was regular pioneering, and the trip through the "burnings" in all kinds of conveyances and in all kinds of weather will long be remembered. The churches of Michigan are largely in the country, many of them are very small and without regular preaching, notwithstanding Michigan has one-tenth of its entire church membership enlisted in the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions has reason to be proud of its work in Ann Arbor. The church is in splendid condition, and the Bible Chair work never more encouraging.

In Traverse City I found a noble band of Disciples endeavoring to secure a church home. We have reason to rejoice that we have a part in so worthy a field.

In Mississippi, so little organizing work had ever been done that my visit might rightly be called "the pioneer trip." Mississippi is a great and needy field, and worthy of our best efforts. While in the State, I spent a most delightful week at the Southern Christian Institute. No finer or more telling work is being done anywhere by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions than that on Mt. Beulah plantation.

In the North, South, East and West I have worked during the year, and everywhere it has been a joy. The work is great and the people kind. God bless every one who has helped to make this report profitable.

*Carthage, Ill.*

LURA V. THOMPSON.

*Mrs. Kelly's Report.*

*Summary of work done from October 1, 1900, to October 1, 1901.*

Conventions attended.—National, Kansas City; State Conventions in Colorado, Washington, Oregon, California, Iowa and Wisconsin; Third District Convention, Parsons, Kan.	
Churches visited.....	60
Auxiliaries visited.....	53
Auxiliaries organized.....	1
Auxiliaries re-established.....	4
Members added to existing Auxiliaries.....	56
Members added to newly formed Auxiliaries.....	68
Total added.....	121
Junior Societies visited.....	5
Junior Societies organized.....	1
Junior Societies reorganized.....	1
Total members added.....	20
Addresses delivered.....	91

Parlor talks.....	22
Days spent in field.....	155
Subscriptions to TIDINGS secured.....	71
Orders taken for Prof. Coler's Studies in Life of Christ .....	11
Treasurer's books.....	3
Special Easter offerings received.....	\$2 50
Field collections.....	\$166 79
Total amount received for all purposes.....	\$208 54
<i>Emporia, Kan.</i>	
MRS. LOUISE KELLY.	

## STATE AND DISTRICT ORGANIZING.

*Arkansas.*—The work of this State has been looked after by E. C. Browning, the Evangelist. Mr. Browning has failed to send a report of his work. Mrs. Sarah Bostick, President of the woman's missionary work among our colored sisters, has organized 3 Auxiliaries, with 24 members.

*California, North.*—Mrs. Eli Fisher, 50 days in the field; visited 22 places; organized 4 Auxiliaries, with 70 members; added 46 members to existing societies, making a total of 116 new members. Forty-one subscribers to the TIDINGS and 10 to the *Junior Builders* were obtained. Much literature was distributed, but little was sold. One Junior C. E. has been organized, with 13 members; 1 Life Membership was secured, and \$46.50 collected in the field. Mrs. Fisher wrote 160 letters in connection with the work. She writes: "The days in the field were most happy. I received warmest welcome in many homes. Much remains to be done to bring our beautiful State into the sweet influence of that service which makes for peace and joy, and which will enthrone Christ as the Supreme Ruler."

*California, South.*—Mrs. R. L. Brown has served as Secretary and Organizer. She spent 19 days in the field; visited 16 places; organized 5 Auxiliaries, with 52 members; added 5 to existing Auxiliaries; reorganized 1 Auxiliary, with 14 members; total number added to Auxiliaries, 71; organized 1 Junior C. E., with 14 members; secured 11 subscriptions for the TIDINGS; 50 copies of TIDINGS, beside much literature; sold 16 calendars. Mrs. Brown thinks the Organizer should, wherever it is possible, be present at the first meeting of the Auxiliaries she organizes and give to the new workers a knowledge of the best methods of conducting the meetings.

*Georgia.*—Miss Mary I. Orvis spent 29 days in the field; visited 14 places; organized 5 Auxiliaries, with 54 members; secured 3 subscriptions for *Junior Builders*; distributed TIDINGS and other literature at each place visited.

*Illinois.*—Miss Anna M. Hale serves the State as both Secretary and Organizer. She has worked in all parts of the State, spending 159 days in the field; visiting 70 places; organizing 23 Auxiliaries, reorganizing 2, and organizing 4 Young Ladies' Auxiliaries. Five Junior C. E. Societies were organized; 40 subscriptions for the TIDINGS were taken, and 30 Life Memberships secured. In addition to the work done in Illinois by Miss Hale, Miss Mary Towne also spent 50 days in the field; visited 35 places; organized 7 Auxiliaries, with 54 members, and secured 24 subscribers for the TIDINGS. Miss Towne thinks much personal work should be done by our field workers, that those newly interested may be truly won to the work.

*Indiana.*—Mrs. Sallie K. Jones has served as Secretary and Organizer; spent 126 days in the field; visited 58 places; 16 Auxiliaries have been organized, with 145 members; 92 added to existing societies; 2 Auxiliaries have been reorganized, with 20 members, making a total of 228; secured 81 subscriptions to the TIDINGS; distributed much literature; collected \$43.40 in the field. Mrs. Jones writes: "The work done in the homes can not be given; the results will come in the future, and the Organizer may never know them. I have traveled 3,390 miles; sent to the Auxiliaries 1,196 report cards; filled out 148 annual blanks; written 386 letters and postals. Other work has been done that can not be written, but the Father knows and approves according as His will has been done."

*Iowa.*—Miss Annette Newcomer serves as Secretary and Organizer in Iowa. She spent 165 days in the field; visited 65 places; organized 3 Auxiliaries, with 46 members; added to existing societies 85; total number new members, 131; subscriptions for TIDINGS secured, 50; Mission Bands organized, 1, with 20 members. Much literature distributed; 6 Life Memberships taken and \$153.96 collected in the field. Miss Newcomer writes: "I have attended 11 Conventions; assisted in arranging the programs for many of them; made 147 addresses; arranged the itinerary of C. C. Smith; written 1,895 personal letters; sent out 625 circular letters and 900 mite-boxes, accompanied by printed matter; sent out 240 copies of State minutes, and many copies of TIDINGS and leaflets; attended to our State printing; kept the books and made reports. The work of the Secretary has very largely increased. I find I can not devote enough time to the field. Much field work has been done by our District Secretaries. The State President also assisted a number of societies in the observance of C. W. B. M. Day."

*Kansas.*—Mrs. M. C. Rogers, of Nortonville, Kan., served as State Organizer; spent 171 days in the field; visited 92 places; organized 13 Auxiliaries, with 121 members; reorganized 2, with 15 members; added 124 to existing Auxiliaries; total, 260; secured 27 subscriptions for the TIDINGS; collected \$131.91 in the field; secured pledges for Lawrence Bible work amounting to \$131.15, also collected \$73.50 from Junior C. E. Societies for the Builders' and Orphanage Funds.

*Kentucky.*—Miss Sue Sublette is State Secretary and Organizer. She spent 132 days in the field; visited 64 places; organized 24 Auxiliaries, with 216 members; reorganized 4, with 34 members; added 63 to existing societies, making a total of 316 members. Much literature was distributed. Miss Sublette writes that Kentucky hopes to make the organizing of young woman's societies a specialty.

*Louisiana.*—Mrs. John J. Zigler writes that 1 more Auxiliary has been added in Louisiana, with 9 members; 90 letters written; 21 TIDINGS subscriptions obtained; many TIDINGS and leaflets distributed. Few in Louisiana are acquainted with our work, and the State officers have made an earnest effort to inform the sisters of its work. They have secured the addresses of many sisters in the State, and are preparing for more active work.

*Michigan.*—The work in this State has been done by Miss Lura V. Thompson, who writes: "I have worked in all parts of the Southern Peninsula; spent 151 days in the field; visited and revisited 64 places; distributed TIDINGS, *Junior Builders* and leaflets; TIDINGS subscriptions secured, 68; *Junior Builders*, 32; 4 Auxiliaries organized, with 42 members, and 130 added to existing Auxiliaries, a total of 172; arranged for 7 Junior Endeavor Societies to be organized, and several Auxiliaries; 10 Life Memberships pledged, 1 paid in full and the first payment made on 2; cash and pledges for State and National work, \$322.01; attended 5 District Conventions and the State Convention. An Organizer's work can be but poorly judged by figures. Much of her hardest and most thorough work can not be put down in black and white. She learns as experience grows to carefully prepare the soil, and then sow the seed before expecting the harvest. More permanent work must be the aim of every Organizer. Better not organize than to do so where there is no prospect of the work surviving the first meeting."

*Missouri.*—The State has been fortunate in securing the services of a number of field workers. Among them were Miss Burgess, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Gilliam, Mrs. Monser and Mrs. Hooten.

Mrs. Bantz, the State Secretary, spent 43 days in the field; visited 14 places; organized 3 Auxiliaries, with 32 members; secured 10 subscribers to TIDINGS, and collected \$12.71; made 32 calls; 32 addresses; held 13 special meetings, 5 children's meetings.

Miss Burgess spent 110 days in the field; visited 72 places; organized 3 Auxiliaries, with 31 members; secured 6 subscriptions to TIDINGS; collected \$88.68 in the

field; gave 73 addresses; made 75 calls; held 43 special meetings and 28 meetings for children.

Mrs. Moore spent 83 days in the field; visited 45 places; secured 2 subscriptions for TIDINGS; organized 17 Auxiliaries, with 169 members; added 10 to existing Auxiliaries; organized 1 Junior C. E. and brought 1 into touch with our work; collected \$54.34.

Mrs. Gilliam spent 8 days in the field; visited 4 places; secured 4 subscriptions for the TIDINGS, 12 for *Junior Builders*; added 7 members to Auxiliaries; organized 1 Mission Band, with 27 members.

Mrs. Monser spent 6 days in the field; visited 4 places; secured 4 subscriptions for the TIDINGS and 2 for *Junior Builders*; distributed literature.

Mrs. Hooten spent 6 days in the field; visited 4 places; secured 11 subscribers for the TIDINGS; distributed literature; reorganized 1 Auxiliary, with 6 members; added 3 to existing Auxiliaries, making a total of 256 days of field work done, 143 places visited, 33 subscriptions for the TIDINGS and 19 for *Junior Builders* secured, 23 Auxiliaries organized with a membership of 242, 1 Auxiliary reorganized, and \$155.73 collected in the field.

Mrs. Bantz writes: "Our District and County Managers have done field work. They have visited Auxiliaries, often driving 6 to 18 miles in order to help a weak society. In St. Louis there is a constant, systematic interchange of visits. Of much of this work no record has been kept, but it is certainly field work, and very valuable."

*Nebraska.*—Miss Olive Griffith serves as Secretary and Organizer. She has spent 140 days in the field; visited 78 places; secured 57 subscribers for the TIDINGS; organized 15 Auxiliaries, with 189 members; collected \$68.37 in the field.

*North Carolina.*—Miss Orvis has had charge of the organizing work, and reports 3 societies organized; number of members not given.

*Ohio.*—Miss Mary Lyons has served the work as Secretary and Organizer; spent 10 months in the field; visited 185 places; attended 24 District and 2 State Conventions; distributed thousands of leaflets and TIDINGS; organized 22 Auxiliaries, with 367 members; added 179 to existing societies; organized 2 Young Ladies' Auxiliaries.

*Oregon.*—Ella Firman, of Washington, served the work; spent 30 days in the field; visited 18 places; secured 32 subscriptions for TIDINGS; organized 5 Auxiliaries, with 72 members.

*Pennsylvania.*—Miss Annette Newcomer spent 31 days in Pennsylvania, visiting 25 places and adding 109 to the Auxiliaries. Her visits did much to enlarge the activity of the societies she met.

*South Carolina.*—Miss Mary I. Orvis spent 29 days in the field; visited 12 places; public meetings, 14; woman's meetings and Auxiliaries organized, 5; Auxiliaries reorganized, 1; total number of members added, 65; subscriptions for TIDINGS, 3; distributed literature.

*South Dakota.*—The State President, Mrs. Baldwin, spent one month in the field; visited 10 places; secured 12 subscribers to the TIDINGS; organized 1 Auxiliary, with 11 members.

*Texas.*—This State is fortunate in having a company of choice spirits who are deeply interested in the development of the missionary spirit within its borders. During the year, work has been done by the Secretary, Mrs. Walden, by Miss Whipp, Miss Jordan and Mrs. Gibson. Mrs. Walden's work was done in northern and western Texas; 23 days were spent in the field; 6 places visited; 11 subscriptions for the TIDINGS secured; thousands of leaflets and dozens of TIDINGS distributed; 1 Auxiliary organized, with 8 members; 1 reorganized, with 6 members; 1 Life Membership secured. Miss Whipp also organized in northern Texas; spent 25 days in the field, visiting the State camp meetings at Claude and Seymour; 14 subscriptions for the TIDINGS were secured; much literature distributed; 12 members added to Auxiliaries; 2 Auxiliaries reorganized, with a membership of 30; 1 Junior C. E. organized, with a member-

ship of 19. Miss Jordan worked in northwestern Texas; spent 128 days in the field; visited 12 places; secured 37 subscriptions to the TIDINGS; distributed thousands of leaflets and 100 copies of TIDINGS; organized 3 Auxiliaries, with 25 members; added 6 to existing societies; reorganized 2 Auxiliaries, with 40 members; organized 1 Young People's Mission Circle. Miss Jordan revisited a number of the points where organizing had been effected, and did much house-to-house visiting and heart-to-heart talking with those whom she sought to interest in the work. Miss Jordan writes: "When a sister was found who was especially interested in the work, she was given as much time as I could arrange for. I realized there was no economy in great haste. While it seems I have done but little, I have been careful to do that little well. Beside the literature I have sent out, I have written several hundred letters, and have tried to keep as close to the new workers as possible." Mrs. Gibson worked in the northern part of the State; spent 17 days in the field; visited 3 places; secured 5 subscribers for the TIDINGS; organized 2 Auxiliaries, with 16 members.

In all, 193 days of field work has been done; 23 places visited; 65 TIDINGS subscriptions secured; much missionary literature circulated; 6 Auxiliaries organized, with 49 members; 18 members added to existing organizations; 3 Auxiliaries reorganized, with 46 members; 1 Junior C. E. and 1 Mission Circle organized.

In writing of the work, Mrs. Walden says: "It has largely been foundation work, and required much personal care and supervision. Every stroke has been put in with fervent, united prayer. While the tabulated results may seem meager, we do not feel discouraged, for this work had to be done before the fruit could appear. We rejoice in the promise that it shall appear after many days."

*Virginia.*—Mrs. F. F. Bullard has served as Organizer, spending 36 days in the field; visiting 30 places; 30 subscriptions for the TIDINGS were secured and literature distributed; 12 Auxiliaries were organized, with 154 members; 15 were added to existing Auxiliaries; 15 Mission Bands were organized, with 175 members; 15 were added to Junior C. E.; 1 Young Ladies' Circle and 1 Young People's Mission Circle was organized.

Mrs. Shelburn worked in the New River District; spent 9 days in the field; visited 9 churches, 3 of which already had Auxiliaries; organized 5 new societies, with 56 members; secured 9 subscribers for the TIDINGS; traveled 222 miles by railroad, 70 miles by private conveyance; held 9 public meetings.

In all, 45 days spent in the field; visited 39 places; secured 39 subscriptions for the TIDINGS; 17 Auxiliaries organized, with a membership of 210; 15 added to existing Auxiliaries—a total of 225.

Good work has been done by local workers who have fostered weak societies and organized new Auxiliaries. Mrs. Bullard writes that the associations of the work have been very sweet and helpful.

*Washington.*—Miss Ella Firman has done organizing work in this State; spent 48 days in the field; visited 29 places; secured 28 subscriptions for TIDINGS; distributed literature; organized 3 Auxiliaries, with 29 members; added 14 to existing Auxiliaries; reorganized 2 Auxiliaries, with 16 members.

*Wisconsin.*—Twenty-nine days of field work have been done in this field; 15 places visited; TIDINGS subscriptions secured, 14; number added to Auxiliaries, 47; 1 Auxiliary organized; 1 reorganized; 1 Junior C. E. organized; 3 Life Members secured.

The total work reported by our State and District Organizers is as follows:

Number of days in the field.....	2,166
Number of places visited.....	892
Number of Auxiliaries organized.....	201
Number of Auxiliaries reorganized.....	76
Number of Young Ladies' Auxiliaries organized....	6
Number of members added.....	2,855
Number of subscriptions for the TIDINGS secured..	595
Number of Life Memberships secured.....	50



This work has been done in the name and love of our Lord. The workers have His sure promise that His Word shall not return unto Him void. Those who have performed the painstaking service represented by this report have had a large share in preparing the church for the work her living Head has ordained that she shall do. May His joy and peace compensate them for all it has meant of toil, care, self-denial and exposure to the extremities of our variable climate.

"Rest them, dear Master, they have poured for us  
The wine of joy and we have been refreshed.  
Now fill their chalices: give them sweet new draughts  
Of love and life with Thine own hand. O touch them  
With Thy love and with Thy power,  
And gird them for new ministries."

#### NOTES FROM STATE SECRETARIES' REPORTS.

It is interesting to compare the experiences of those who are making true-hearted efforts to extend the Kingdom of our Lord; to note the faith that sustains each one and the similarity of their joys and discouragements, however widely they may be separated or how greatly different the circumstances under which they labor. The greatest enemy to the work seems to be the indifference of those who should be most earnest—the divided interests of those who have within their hold the Pearl of greatest price, yet who are in danger of losing it through grasping after cheaper, though more glittering jewels. Paul said he had stopped his ears to the alluring calls of the world. He was wise, for only so could he give the entire force of his being to the race he had set before him, the race in which he was determined to win the prize.

God grant we may, like Paul, enter the work of the new missionary year with a single heart, an undivided mind. With a prayer for a more cloudless future, a closer communion with the One toward whom we press, we pen the helps and hindrances which have marked the year now gone from our grasp.

*Arkansas.*—The Secretary feels the need of promptness on the part of her co-workers in answering communications sent them, and prays for fuller consecration for the entire circle of workers in her State.

*California, North.*—Desires a deeper appreciation of the condition of those less fortunate than the women of her prosperous State. The most helpful features of the work have been the Organizer's visits and the missionary literature distributed.

*California, South.*—"We need experienced workers and a closer acquaintance between our Auxiliaries. We also need to enlarge our State Development Fund." This State might well sound a note of praise for the faithfulness of its Auxiliaries in reporting. Not one has failed.

*Colorado.*—"The great distances between the churches and the expense of travel forbids an Organizer. The State Evangelist does what he can to serve the work. This has been a prosperous year. We improve in reporting and in our offerings."

*District of Columbia.*—Mrs. Bagby, in sending her report, does not name the helps that have been hers for the year, nor does she dwell upon the hindrances. The District of Columbia seems to have a purpose to move forward in the work.

*Florida.*—"The lack of definite knowledge of the fields and forces of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions and the lack of preachers in the State are the greatest hindrances. Miss Frost's visit is one of the choice blessings."

*Georgia.*—"Indifference the greatest hindrance; an Organizer one of our greatest needs; Miss Farrar's visit one of our great blessings."

*Illinois.*—The growth of the work among our young women has been a great blessing.

*Indiana.*—"Indifference the greatest hurt to the work; to overcome it we should strive for a larger fullness of the Holy Spirit."

*Iowa.*—"Our pastorless churches, the large amount of sickness among the workers, and too little field work have been our greatest drawbacks. The perfect harmony existing between our workers; the spirit of hearty co-operation throughout the State; Bro. C. C. Smith's visit to our State, and our hope to send out a missionary of our own; these are some of our encouragements."

*Kansas.*—"Our hindrance has been the lack of interest and knowledge. The work of our Organizer has been particularly helpful. The opening of the Lawrence Bible work has been a great blessing."

*Kentucky.*—"A lack of interest on the part of Christian women because of the neglect of the many sources of information within their reach, is our greatest hindrance; but the missionary leaven is working surely, if slowly. Persevering, patient faithfulness is our greatest need."

*Louisiana.*—"Our greatest hindrances to the work are ignorance and lack of co-operation. We look above for help to overcome them."

*Maryland.*—Does not name that which most severely tests her faith, but asks the grace and guidance of the Father for the work before her.

*Michigan.*—"Hindrances, lack of missionary intelligence and leadership in Auxiliary work. The work of Miss Thompson has been a great blessing."

*Minnesota.*—"We feel we are better equipped for the new year through the work Mrs. Kelly has done in our State."

*Missouri.*—"Our hindrances are ignorance and an anti-missionary sentiment. We need more women who are ready to do pioneer and personal work, with no thought for remuneration, either in praise, position or money."

*Montana.*—"We need a better acquaintance among our Auxiliaries, and an Organizer."

*Nebraska.*—"Hindrances—lack of leaders, ignorance of the spiritual value of our organization. Our blessings—they are too many to count, among them our consecrated women, our able District Managers, our wise State President, and Miss Thompson's work. We need 'every church member a Christian, every Christian a worker, every worker trained.'"

*New England.*—"Our needs are the common ones, and are made strong by our isolation."

*New York.*—"Our greatest need is more churches."

*Ohio.*—"This has been a year of strength and harmony in the Ohio work. At our State Convention, last May, we voted to establish a mission in the Hamirpur District, India, to be called the Ohio Mission. For this we agreed to raise \$5,000. When we have done this we shall be glad to send, under the Board and by its sanction, Bro. E. C. Davis and wife to take charge of the mission. We are happy today that more than one-half the amount is pledged, and \$1,077.70 is already paid. Beside this, we have apportioned the churches of the State a sum which, when all have paid, will complete the amount. We receive word from many that they are at work raising it, so we fully expect it all to be raised before many weeks. This is one-third the amount and one-third the workers that Miss Graybiel asked for at the Kansas City Convention, with which she hopes to evangelize the Hamirpur District. Dr. Gerould's personal friends are contemplating erecting a mission in this same District as a memorial to this worthy friend of missions. We rejoice in the deepening interest in missions in the Ohio churches, and shall work and pray for still greater things."

*Oklahoma.*—"Our hindrances are the lack of knowledge of the work and our need of an Organizer. We hope in Him who is able to help us over every obstacle."

*Oregon.*—"Our blessing was the visit of Mrs. Kelly."

*Pennsylvania.*—"The monthly united meeting of sixteen Auxiliaries of Allegheny county, going from church to church in circuit, and now in its one hundred and second meeting, is most stimulating to them all. The coming of Miss Newcomer into the Eastern District as

encourager and Organizer brought to view the strength and weakness there, and has proved a cheer and blessing to them. It showed the necessity of having an Organizer in the field during the most favorable months of the year for such work. Where the minister is alive to our work there is activity in the Auxiliary. This year a stronger attempt will be made to enlist every preacher in the State in our work. The yearly publication of the work done through the year in pamphlet form has been a guide and companion to the Auxiliaries. One of the great hindrances is the lack of county co-operation for counsel and comfort in the Eastern District, and in view of this the bravery of the Auxiliaries thus situated in keeping up the work is most commendable. The cordial relations of the past years between the State, District and Auxiliary officers still continue. We have a band of workers in Pennsylvania of whom any State would be proud."

*South Carolina.*—"The work done by Miss Orvis."

*South Dakota.*—"Our greatest need is education along the lines of the work of our organization, and our greatest human help and comfort in the work of our State is Miss Rachel Crouch."

*Texas.*—"The hindrances—lack of knowledge of what is needed in obtaining God's promises; lack of appreciation of what sin and salvation really are. Among our greatest helps have been our own pages in the *Courier* and *Fort Worth Christian*. We need a teacher and Organizer in each District, and the money to employ them."

*Virginia.*—"Our greatest need is an Organizer who can give her whole time to the work of setting in order the things that are wanting, and of organizing new societies."

*Washington.*—"Ignorance of the aims and methods of our work. The work of Miss Firman and Mrs. Kelly have been of great blessing to us. We need the continued field work of a wise and consecrated woman who can meet every objection that ignorance or indifference may furnish; one who can convince Disciples that to be a Christian is to be a missionary."

*West Virginia.*—"We need an appreciation of the value of the five cents a month for our State Development Fund, so that we may have an Organizer for a larger share of the time."

We lay our sheaf of blessing and our sad burden of fear at the Master's feet. The joy we feel in what has been accomplished is from Him; the fear that sometimes daunts us as we face the future is from our Adversary. "All things are possible to him that believeth." Be this our watchword as we greet the new year of opportunity.

ENTERED INTO LIFE.

Christ leads us through no darker room  
Than He passed through before;  
But he who enters Heaven's heights  
Must pass this lowly door.

As years of life are added to our organization each one, as it passes, bears with it a larger number of those who are dear to us because of their unselfish service to the Master, through the work we know and love. The names of a few of those who have put aside mortality are here recorded. They will be read through a mist of tears by many. To such our Lord is saying, "Why weepst thou?" To us all His message is, "Where I am there ye may be also."

*District of Columbia.*—Mrs. Kate D. Moore.

*Florida.*—Mrs. F. J. Longdon, Jr., DeLand; Mrs. Church Anderson, Jacksonville.

*Georgia.*—Mrs. C. T. Hussey, Mrs. B. S. McCash.

*Indiana.*—Mrs. Zerelda Wallace.

*Iowa.*—Mrs. G. L. Applegate, Marion; Mrs. T. Taylor, Stockport; Mrs. Ada Beughley, Liscomb; Mrs. Selina McGuire, Prairie Creek; Miss Lulu Lowe, Weldon; Miss Lulu Burgett, Deep River; Mrs. L. B. Ames, Mrs. Hoar, Des Moines; Mrs. Barrows, Davenport; Mrs. A. W. Hoyt, Sutherland.

*Kansas.*—Mrs. David Jennings, Oswego.

*Maryland.*—Mrs. Elizabeth A. Thomas.

*Michigan.*—Mrs. R. Farout.

*Minnesota.*—Mrs. J. D. Parks, Pleasant Grove; Mrs. Carrie Collins Bissell, Litchfield.

*Missouri.*—Mrs. Jennie Kelso, Kirksville; Mrs. Geo. Salling, North London.

*Nebraska.*—Mrs. Ameda Boyd, Falls City; Mrs. Sarah Gage, Fairbury; Mrs. Lizzie Booth, Hastings; Mrs. Roxana Fay, Waterloo; Mrs. H. A. Miles, Tecumseh; Mrs. J. O. Stevenson, Alma.

*New York.*—Mrs. Jennie Encell.

*Ohio.*—Dr. Henry Gerould.

*Pennsylvania.*—Mrs. Mary Lyons; Mrs. Jennie Lee, Mrs. Mary Austin, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Emily Moore, Mrs. Sarah Richmond.

*Washington.*—Mrs. Adelia Wilton.

"My soul, thou now shouldst to thy knees  
As daylight draweth to a close,  
And let Thy Master lift thy load  
And grant repose."

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR.

Statistical State Report.

STATES.	No. of Auxiliaries.	New Auxiliaries.	Disbanded.	Present Number of Members.	No. Copies Tidings Taken.	No. Life Memberships Taken.	Contributions.
Alabama.....	2	.....	.....	25	16	.....	\$223 28
Arkansas.....	16	2	.....	251	98	.....	384 12
California (North).....	40	5	2	791	283	1	3,927 55
California (South).....	24	6	.....	625	195	1	2,928 83
Colorado.....	19	1	2	446	217	.....	750 58
Delaware.....	1	1	.....	11	5	.....	.....
District of Columbia.....	4	.....	.....	210	79	.....	383 95
Florida.....	7	.....	4	106	56	.....	250 87
Georgia.....	20	6	1	372	99	.....	537 69
Idaho.....	2	.....	.....	36	12	.....	.....
Illinois.....	184	30	20	4000	1100	30	6,100 94
Indiana.....	156	16	8	4215	1250	.....	9,448 26
Indian Territory.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....
Iowa.....	176	6	10	3540	1105	66	6,750 41
Kansas.....	92	20	22	1336	442	15	3,927 55
Kentucky.....	124	24	4	2401	868	70	17,261 73
Louisiana.....	6	3	1	56	31	.....	76 73
Maryland.....	6	.....	1	343	55	.....	573 82
Michigan.....	46	12	.....	1003	316	8	1,894 27
Minnesota.....	19	1	5	448	142	.....	643 78
Mississippi.....	2	.....	.....	25	.....	10	6078 40
Missouri.....	171	32	13	3478	949	52	8,183 93
Montana.....	10	1	1	187	107	.....	3,883 03
Nebraska.....	74	15	11	1475	417	11	1,994 63
New England.....	12	2	.....	306	67	4	520 02
New Jersey.....	1	1	.....	9	9	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
New York.....	28	4	.....	1311	401	.....	3,521 63
North Carolina.....	20	1	1	200	68	.....	385 59
Ohio.....	230	22	11	5023	1385	37	18,692 48
Oklahoma.....	6	.....	11	142	71	.....	184 71
Oregon.....	29	6	5	418	132	5	523 98
Pennsylvania.....	73	8	1	1683	448	2	7,702 44
South Carolina.....	7	6	2	87	35	.....	152 60
South Dakota.....	7	1	.....	94	41	.....	90 55
Tennessee.....	9	.....	.....	190	61	.....	.....
Texas.....	51	10	14	843	443	1	2,858 12
Utah.....	1	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....
Virginia.....	72	12	5	750	301	12	3,176 39
Washington.....	25	4	1	435	183	.....	688 16
West Virginia.....	9	.....	.....	243	116	1	495 79
Wisconsin.....	8	.....	.....	150	100	.....	699 08
Wyoming.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
Nova Scotia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....
Mexico.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....
New Brunswick.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Ontario.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....
Foreign.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	163	.....	.....
* Total.....	1796	256	161	37,290	11,924	332	\$11,895 47

Total contributions as above.....	\$111,895 47
From other sources—	
Canada .....	\$174 82
Hawaiian Islands.....	12 00
Idaho .....	17 60
India .....	1,361 40
Indian Territory .....	1 65
Jamaica .....	803 90
Mexico .....	22 90
New Mexico .....	3 00
Porto Rico .....	12 00
Tennessee .....	289 91
Utah .....	188 15
	2,837 33
Total .....	\$114,732 80

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1901.

Monthly Receipts.

October .....	\$4,146 01
November .....	3,524 45
December .....	20,387 81
January .....	14,486 78
February .....	7,575 19
March .....	14,040 19
April .....	13,257 91
May .....	8,154 75
June .....	13,894 04
July .....	6,729 01
August .....	8,571 15
September .....	33,835 38

Receipts for the year..... \$148,602 67

Fund Statement of Receipts.

General Fund .....	\$91,146 95
Builders' Fund.....	9,958 58
Bilaspur Orphanage.....	2,496 59
Mahoba Orphanage.....	3,685 57
Deoghur Orphanage.....	3,736 38
Bayamon Orphanage.....	772 48
Special Object .....	772 72
English Bible Chair Endowment Fund..	4,172 01
University Virginia Bible Lectureship..	6,848 30
Organizer .....	643 97
Memorial .....	555 00
Woman's Home.....	5 80
Pearce Annuity returned.....	100 00
Endowment Loan returned.....	9,650 00
Endowment Interest.....	2,334 44
Jamaica School Fund Loan returned.....	169 79
Jamaica School Fund Interest.....	229 87
Insurance .....	129 45
Ruth Miller Memorial returned.....	200 00
Famine Fund.....	90 47
Annuity, Western friend.....	1,000 00
Annuity from a friend.....	2,500 00
MISSIONARY TIDINGS.....	5,171 09
Junior Builders.....	1,625 22
Treasurers' Books and Supplies.....	607 99

\$148,602 67

Receipts from States.

Ohio .....	\$18,692 48	D. of Columbia.....	\$383 98
Kentucky .....	17,261 73	N. Carolina.....	383 59
Indiana .....	9,448 26	Arkansas .....	334 12
Missouri .....	8,183 93	Tennessee .....	289 91
Pennsylvania .....	7,702 44	Massachusetts .....	276 85
Iowa .....	6,750 41	Florida .....	259 87
Illinois .....	6,100 94	Alabama .....	223 28
Mississippi .....	6,078 40	Oklahoma Ty.....	184 71
Kansas .....	3,927 55	S. Carolina .....	152 60
Montana .....	3,883 03	Utah .....	138 15
New York.....	3,521 63	Connecticut .....	122 37
Virginia .....	3,176 39	Canada .....	120 00
California .....	2,928 83	S. Dakota.....	90 55
Texas .....	2,858 12	Vermont .....	85 80
Nebraska .....	1,994 63	Louisiana .....	76 73
Michigan .....	1,864 27	Maine .....	35 00
India .....	1,361 40	New Brunswick... ..	30 00
Jamaica .....	803 90	Ontario .....	24 82
Colorado .....	750 58	Mexico .....	22 90
Washington .....	688 16	Idaho .....	17 60
Wisconsin .....	699 08	Porto Rico.....	12 00
Minnesota.....	643 78	Hawaiian Ids.....	12 00
Maryland .....	573 82	New Mexico.....	3 00
Georgia .....	537 79	Indian Ty.....	1 65
Oregon .....	523 98		
W. Virginia .....	495 79	Total .....	\$114,732 80

Total from States.....	\$114,732 80
Special offering for S. C. I.....	2,184 64
Offering from <i>Christian Herald</i> .....	1,055 33
American Christian Missionary Society.....	4,000 00
Special offering for Morehead School.....	395 65
Board of Negro Education and Evangelization .....	236 35
Insurance .....	129 45
University of Virginia Bible Lectureship Interest .....	840 12

Endowment Interest.....	2,334 44
Jamaica School Fund Interest.....	229 87
English Bible Chair End. Interest.....	1,460 18
Receipts from Y. P. Supplies.....	306 53
Receipts from sale of Calendars.....	127 92
Receipts from sale of Mahoba Booklets.....	4 00
MISSIONARY TIDINGS.....	5,171 09
Junior Builders.....	1,625 22
Treasurer's Books and Supplies.....	607 99

Actual receipts..... \$135,441 58

Passage money returned.....	126 30
Annuity Interest returned.....	265 00
Omaha, Neb., City Evangelization money returned.....	100 00
University of Virginia Bible Lectureship loan returned.....	500 00
Endowment loans returned.....	9,650 00
Ruth Miller Memorial returned.....	200 00
Jamaica School Fund loan returned.....	169 79
English Bible Chair Fund loan returned.....	2,000 00
Annuity loan returned.....	100 00
Piedmont School loan returned.....	50 00

Money refunded..... 13,161 09

Grand total..... \$148,602 67

This report is submitted with an almost overwhelming sense of responsibility. The growth the work has made, the possibility—nay, the *imperative necessity*—for still larger growth, these make us realize that we who serve it must grow with it, or prove unfaithful, unprofitable servants to the Lord of the harvest. May our God, who is willing to bless abundantly, even above that which we are able to think or ask, fit us for higher, holier usefulness.

In behalf of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions this report is presented in the name of Him whose love has constrained us to this service.

HELEN E. MOSES, *Cor. Sec.*

To the Directors of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions:

I hereby certify that I have examined and compared the cash-book and ledger kept by Miss Luella K. Barrow, the book-keeper of your Board, with the vouchers of receipts, showing the total receipts of the Board, from all sources, for the year ending September 30, 1901, and I find the entries therein to be true and correct.

I have also examined and compared with these books the Financial Report and Statement submitted by Mrs. Helen E. Moses, the Corresponding Secretary of your Board, and I declare the said Report and Statement contain a true and correct abstract and summary of the cash receipts, as set forth in the aforesaid cash-book and ledger.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of October, 1901.

W. S. MOFFETT.

Indianapolis, Ind.

Miss Judson, the National Treasurer, presented her annual report in abridged form—the whole being printed for distribution and closer inspection.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER OF THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1901.

Balance on hand October 7, 1900.....	\$17,836 63
ACTUAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.....	135,441 58
Loans returned.....	12,619 79
General Fund returned.....	541 30

Total .....

DISBURSEMENTS.

From General Fund.....	\$90,601 53
From India Orphanage, Bilaspur.....	2,955 67
From India Orphanage, Mahoba.....	3,485 00
From India Orphanage, Deoghur.....	4,193 38
From Porto Rico Orphanage, Bayamon.....	520 17
From Builders' Fund.....	9,286 90
From Special Object Fund.....	823 30
From Famine Fund.....	750 00
From Jamaica School Fund.....	294 04
From Endowment Loans.....	11,409 50
From Interest Account.....	2,300 19
From English Bible Chair Fund.....	4,462 15
From University of Virginia Bible Lectureship .....	9,988 28
From Memorial Fund.....	515 50
From Eliza L. Mills Memorial Fund... ..	700 00
From Ruth M. Miller Memorial Fund... ..	200 00
From Organizer's Fund.....	600 76

\$166,439 30

From Insurance.....	1,937 13
From Treasurers' Books and Supplies..	591 21
From MISSIONARY TIDINGS.....	5,511 78
From Junior Builders.....	1,625 22
<b>Total disbursements.....</b>	<b>\$152,751 71</b>
<b>Balance in bank.....</b>	<b>13,687 59</b>

FUND BALANCES.

General Fund.....	\$1,018 80
India Orphanage, Bilaspur.....	228 37
India Orphanage, Mahoba.....	1,175 11
India Orphanage, Deoghur.....	400 97
Porto Rico Orphanage, Bayamon.....	285 81
Builders.....	4,043 93
Special Object.....	123 27
Woman's Home.....	592 05
Famine.....	3 24
English Bible Chairs.....	75 75
University of Virginia Bible Lecture- ship.....	392 82
Endowment.....	37 63
Interest.....	34 25
Jamaica School.....	529 72
Memorial.....	50 00
Annuities.....	3,600 00
Organizers.....	179 17
Ogden Building.....	628 62
Treasurers' Books and Supplies.....	134 48
MISSIONARY TIDINGS.....	162 60
<b>Balance in bank.....</b>	<b>\$13,687 59</b>

STATEMENT OF MORTGAGE LOANS.

Endowment Fund.....	29,178 56
Memorial Fund.....	2,346 44
English Bible Chair Fund.....	24,900 00
University of Virginia Bible Lecture- ship.....	25,725 00
Ruth M. Miller Memorial.....	500 00
Eliza L. Mills Memorial.....	4,900 00
Mary Mansfield Memorial.....	500 00
Jamaica School Fund.....	3,175 00
Annuities.....	5,900 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$97,125 00</b>

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS.

Bilaspur, India.

Miss Mary Kingsbury, salary.....	\$600 00
Miss Ada Boyd, salary.....	600 00
Mrs. Bertha F. Lohr, salary.....	600 00
Miss Laura Marston, salary.....	300 00
Miss Alice Gantzer, salary.....	300 00
Dr. Ada McNeil, salary.....	600 00
Miss Gertrude A. Ottley, salary.....	300 00
Miss May Littlewood, salary.....	120 00
Orphanage support.....	2,705 67
Gift to orphan.....	30 00
Schools.....	535 00
Hospital.....	576 00
Medical supplies.....	180 93
Buildings.....	500 00
Land rent.....	50 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$7,997 60</b>

Bina, India.

C. G. Elsam, salary.....	\$1,000 00
Ben N. Mitchell, salary.....	333 26
School teacher.....	280 00
English assistant.....	80 00
Native helpers.....	172 75
Zenana worker.....	120 00
School allowance.....	40 00
Traveling expenses.....	1,310 22
Buildings.....	40 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,376 23</b>

Deoghur, India.

Miss Jane Wakefield Adam.....	\$400 00
Miss Bessie B. Farrar, salary.....	100 00
Dr. Olivia A. Baldwin, salary.....	550 00
Miss Ella M. Maddock, salary.....	450 00
Miss Annie A. Lackey, salary.....	570 00
Miss Freddie Ehrenberg, salary.....	600 00
Dr. Mary Longdon, salary.....	600 00
Medical assistant.....	130 00
Medical supplies.....	199 00
Miss Amy Gantzer, salary.....	300 00
Orphanage support.....	3,693 28
Orphanage assistant.....	300 00
Native helpers.....	255 00
Schools.....	400 00
Bazaar house.....	50 04
Traveling expenses.....	1,107 90
Per order of donor.....	2 00
Buildings.....	1,891 68
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$11,599 00</b>

Mahoba, India.

Dr. Rosa Lee Oxer, salary.....	\$606 31
Miss Susie L. Rawson, salary.....	585 00
Miss Elsie H. Gordon, salary.....	150 00
Miss May Browne, salary.....	150 00
Miss Mary Graybiel, salary.....	375 00
Miss Adelaide Gail Frost, salary.....	300 00
W. G. Menzies, salary.....	300 00
Language teacher.....	50 00
Native helpers.....	210 00
Orphanage support.....	3,100 00
Kindergarten supplies.....	40 00
Medical supplies.....	100 00
Zenana supplies.....	40 00
Traveling expenses.....	1,607 09

\$7,613 40

Calcutta, India.

W. M. Forrest, salary.....	\$900 00
Allowance for child.....	75 00
Traveling expenses.....	20 99
Bible Lectureship expenses.....	325 00

\$1,320 99

Pendra Road, India.

N. Madsen, salary.....	\$985 00
Native helpers.....	64 00
Tent and outfit.....	175 00
Buildings.....	500 00

\$1,724 00

Literature for the India committee on  
Christian Union.....

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Jamaica, W. I.

C. E. Randall, salary.....	\$1,300 00
Neil MacLeod, salary.....	1,000 00
G. D. Purdy, salary.....	1,000 00
A. W. Meredith, salary.....	700 00
A. C. McHardy, salary.....	852 52
Miss M. Isabel McHardy, salary.....	208 65
P. M. Robinson, salary.....	360 00
Henry Morris, salary.....	100 00
Robert Bailey, salary.....	100 00
Louis Thomas, salary.....	413 33
Arnold Shirley, salary.....	400 00
Mission expenses.....	1,368 74
Traveling expenses.....	81 15
Students' expenses.....	117 80
Buildings.....	2,825 13

\$10,827 32

Mexico.

A. G. Alderman, Monterey, salary.....	\$250 00
Miss Clara L. Case, Monterey, salary.....	575 00
Miss Bertha C. Mason, Monterey, salary.....	600 00
Miss Lucile Eubank, Monterey, salary.....	150 00
L. M. Omer, Monterey, salary.....	897 25
Mission expenses.....	408 06
School expenses.....	118 02
Traveling expenses.....	263 41

\$3,261 74

Porto Rico.

Mrs. A. M. Fullen, Bayamon, salary.....	\$400 00
Miss Nora Collins, Bayamon, salary.....	150 00
Orphanage repairs and support.....	1,036 62
Orphanage furnishings.....	256 37
Traveling expenses.....	100 00

\$1,942 99

United States.

ENGLISH BIBLE CHAIRS.

G. P. Coler, Ann Arbor, Mich, salary.....	\$1,700 00
Bible Chair expenses.....	1,051 60

\$2,751 60

BIBLE LECTURESHIP, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

C. A. Young, Charlottesville, salary (fif- teen months).....	\$2,175 00
Bible Lectureship expenses.....	91 60

\$2,266 60

BIBLE LECTURESHIP, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

W. C. Payne, Lawrence, salary.....	\$750 00
Bible Lectureship expenses.....	243 08

\$993 08

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Miss Mattie Pounds, salary.....	\$600 00
Miss Mattie Pounds, traveling expenses.....	70 81
Miss Faith Kern, salary.....	408 34
Clerical help.....	34 10
Stationery.....	114 43
Certificates.....	93 85
"Penny Helper" cards.....	13 50
Report postal cards.....	48 00
Reply postal cards.....	53 50

Topic cards.....	32 45
Pledge cards.....	42 35
Easter exercise.....	216 05
Copyright.....	1 00
Concert exercise.....	20 00
Leaflets.....	41 79
Badge pins.....	22 66
Mailing tubes.....	5 60
Boards, double corrugated.....	5 00
Mite-boxes.....	145 10
Expressage.....	1 48
Banner ribbon.....	50
Builders' Books.....	50 00
Printing.....	140 85
Postage.....	555 83
Office supplies.....	11 36
Junior Builders.....	2,354 33

\$5,083 38

Alabama, Robert Brooks, Lum, salary....	\$250 00
Alabama, Maggie V. Brayboy, Lum, salary..	120 00
Alabama, Julia E. Williams, Lum, salary..	30 00
Alabama, Lum, school furnishings and supplies	189 50
Arkansas, E. C. Browning, evangelist, salary	312 50
Arkansas, H. Martin, evangelist, salary..	50 00
California N., appropriation.....	400 00
California N., T. H. Lawson, Hanford, salary	200 00
California S., appropriation.....	200 00
Colorado, appropriation.....	2,000 00
District of Columbia, Ira W. Kimmel, Washington	500 00
Florida, J. H. Rogers, evangelist, salary...	120 00
Georgia, appropriation.....	325 00
Illinois, Chicago, appropriation.....	300 00
Illinois, Chicago mission (colored) appropriation	54 00
Indiana, Z. A. Harris, Ft. Wayne, salary..	225 00
Kansas, Wm. Alphin, evangelist, salary..	100 00
Kentucky, H. J. Derthick, Berea, salary..	270 00
Kentucky, Hazel Green school, appropriation	500 00
Kentucky, Hazel Green school, expenses..	220 75
Kentucky, Hazel Green school campus, 30 acres	1,200 00
Kentucky, F. C. Button, Morehead, salary	700 00
Kentucky, E. W. McDiarmid, salary.....	600 00
Kentucky, Miss L. Etta Rannels, Morehead, salary	600 00
Kentucky, Miss Cora Hook, Morehead, salary	345 00
Kentucky, Morehead, building and repairs	2,930 46
Kentucky, Morehead, school and dormitory expenses.....	1,290 69
Kentucky, Morehead, payment on land...	59 50
Kentucky, Morehead, cost of deed.....	3 75
Kentucky, Morehead, insurance.....	97 00
Kentucky, Morehead, school property.....	7,000 00
Kentucky, A. J. Thomson, Louisville, salary	1,500 00
Kentucky, O. Singleton, Louisville, salary.	360 00
Kentucky, Louisville Bible School, repairs.	500 00
Kentucky, Lancaster, appropriation.....	50 00
Michigan, T. W. Grafton, Ann Arbor, salary	1,800 00
Michigan, T. P. Ullom, Traverse City, salary	200 00
Minnesota, appropriation.....	325 00
Mississippi, J. B. Lehman, Edwards, salary	600 00
Mississippi, A. T. Ross, Edwards, salary..	450 00
Mississippi, J. S. Compton, Edwards, salary	187 50
Mississippi, Miss Jennie Britton, Edwards, salary	131 25
Mississippi, Miss Effie Haines, Edwards, salary	131 25
Mississippi, Miss Carrie Taylor, Edwards, salary	131 25
Mississippi, J. O. Baker, Edwards, salary.	225 00
Mississippi, G. W. Everett, Edwards, salary	50 00
Mississippi, Edwards, buildings for S. C. I.	1,225 00
Mississippi, Edwards, goods for S. C. I....	1,568 76
Mississippi, Edwards, debt and current expenses	7,543 04
Missouri, James S. Hughes, evangelist....	100 00
Montana Christian Association.....	2,050 00
Montana, Shortridge Mem. Ch., Butte....	5,375 00
Nebraska, appropriation.....	50 00
New York, appropriation.....	500 00
North Carolina, appropriation.....	300 00
Oklahoma, appropriation.....	600 00
Oregon, Louie Hugh, Portland, salary....	550 00
Oregon, Chinese Mission expenses.....	340 00
Pennsylvania, E. E. Manley, Altoona, salary	300 00
Texas, J. C. Dickson, Tyler, salary.....	300 00
Virginia, appropriation.....	237 50
Virginia, Martinsville school property...	800 00
Virginia, Martinsville school expenses...	326 75
Washington, John Young, Everett, salary, 12 months.....	162 50

Washington, W. W. Pew, Everett, salary, 3 months.....	37 50
West Virginia, A. E. Zeigler, Huntington, salary, 12 months.....	125 00
West Virginia, J. F. Stone, Huntington, salary, 3 months.....	25 00
Wisconsin, J. H. Stark, evangelist.....	400 00
C. C. Smith, salary and expenses.....	1,467 93
C. C. Smith, stenographer.....	200 00
Mrs. Louise Kelly, organizing.....	245 18
Miss Lura V. Thompson, organizing.....	340 57
Miss Mary Kilpatrick, organizing in W. Va.....	30 00
Miss Mary L. Orvis, organizing in S. C....	48 66
Organizing in S. Dak.....	29 00
Mrs. C. N. Pearre, literary work.....	40 00
Mrs. Helen E. Moses, salary.....	1,200 00
Mrs. Helen E. Moses, traveling expenses..	112 40
Miss Luella K. Barrow, salary.....	600 00
Miss Maude M. Roach, salary.....	408 34
Miss Ella D. Campbell, salary.....	360 00
Miss Mary J. Judson, salary.....	200 00
Miss Maud M. Smith, balance.....	40 00
Miss Mary Graybiel, field expenses.....	68 50
Miss Mary Graybiel, field collections....	15 00
Miss Adelaide G. Frost, field expenses...	60 00
Traveling expenses, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell.	23 50
Preparing statements in regard to Bina, India Station.....	47 40
Loans, Endowment Fund.....	9,909 50
Loans, Memorial Fund.....	515 50
Loans, English Bible Chair Fund.....	3,100 00
Loans, Bible Lectureship, Univ. of Va....	9,975 00
Loans, Eliza L. Mills Memorial.....	700 00
Loans, Ruth M. Miller, Memorial.....	200 00
Annuity to A. C. M. S.....	950 00
Annuity interest.....	1,430 50
Rebate of interest and collection charges..	86 78
Auditing accounts.....	224 50
National Convention expenses.....	70 01
Field expenses.....	11 00
Year Book.....	100 00
Blank books.....	33 00
MISSIONARY TIDINGS.....	5,000 11
Leaflets.....	234 71
Mite boxes and boards.....	145 45
Badge pins.....	88 50
Missionary maps.....	15 30
Indiana Paper Co.....	50
Letter copying books.....	8 00
Stereopticon slides.....	6 41
Cablegram.....	9 04
Per order of donors.....	6 00
Office furnishings.....	10 25
Office insurance.....	17 25
Office expenses.....	250 00
Electric lighting.....	15 25
Telephone service.....	49 88
Printing.....	1,562 52
Postage.....	567 80
Office rent.....	384 00
	\$91,963 67

Total disbursements..... \$152,751 71

Respectfully submitted,  
MARY J. JUDSON, Treas.

To the Directors of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions:

I hereby certify that I have examined and compared the several books and accounts relating to the cash receipts and disbursements of the General Treasurer of your Board, and the application thereof to the various Funds of the Board, for the year ending September 30, 1901.

I have carefully verified the several items embodied in the preceding Statements, prepared and submitted to me by the Treasurer, and I declare the said Statements contain true and correct abstracts and summaries of the accounts pertaining to the several Funds as exhibited in the Treasurer's cash book and ledger.

Each item of disbursement is vouched by a warrant drawn on the Treasurer, signed by the President and Secretary of the Board.

The balance appearing to the credit of each several fund in the Treasurer's ledger, aggregating in the whole the sum of thirteen thousand six hundred and eighty-seven dollars and fifty-nine cents, agrees with the balance of cash on hands, as set forth in the Treasurer's statement, and is certified as being deposited in the Bank by the Treasurer's Bank pass-book.

As witness my hand this 8th day of October, 1901.

W. S. MOFFETT.

Indianapolis, Ind.

On motion the Treasurer's report was adopted.

The Report of the Leaflet Committee was read by the chairman, Mrs. Gray.

REPORT OF THE LEAFLET COMMITTEE.

It is a pleasure to your Leaflet Committee to report a larger demand for missionary literature than in any previous year. In our effort to meet this demand we have had the best of help. Among those who have written new leaflets for us this year are: Mrs. Jessie Brown Pounds, Mrs. E. E. C. Glazier, Mrs. May McKittrick, Miss Adelaide Frost, Miss Rachel Crouch, Mrs. A. K. Thurgood, Mrs. A. C. Smither, Mrs. Louise Kelly, Miss Anna Hale, Mrs. Lathrop Cooley, Miss Mary Graybiel, and Mrs. M. C. Healy. Beside these, C. C. Smith, Errett McDiarmid and Robert Hopkins have given excellent help. Each leaflet issued has been of real value to the work. The librarian of the Drew Missionary Library said of our collection of leaflets that it was one of the best received from any missionary organization. It is the unstinted gifts of love and thought given the work by its friends that have made it what it is.

During the year we have issued a new edition of our Treasurer's Book and ten thousand leaflet catalogues. The Young People's Department has issued an annual leaflet and a Builder's Book. In addition to these the following leaflets have been published:

Aunt Emmeline's Might Box.  
 Auxiliary Finance.  
 A Vine of the Lord's Planting.  
 Eunice Frazier's Day Dream.  
 India Sunset Song.  
 In the Land of Saddlebags.  
 Just Around the Corner.  
 Maps of India.  
 Methods of Co-operation.  
 Methods of Organization.  
 More Than They All.  
 Mrs. Salisbury's Conversion.  
 New Work of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.  
 Parliamentary Practice.  
 Ruth Warren's Self-denial.  
 Such as I Have.  
 The Auxiliary, Purpose and Principle.  
 The Bible and Education.  
 The Child in the Midst.  
 The Chinese of the Pacific Coast.  
 The Evolution of the Bible Chair.  
 The Gift of Love.  
 The Mission and Ministry of Orphanage Work.  
 The Mountain People.  
 The Story of a Hundred Dollars.  
 The Work of the Organizer.

The leaflet, Aunt Emmeline's Might Box, has reached an issue of fifty thousand. It has been in demand far and near; workers of other missionary organizations buying it in quantities. Mrs. Healy's beautiful poem, "Such as I Have," has also been widely appreciated.

The offer recently made through the columns of the TIDINGS, of cash prizes for the best missionary stories, sketches, or outlines of Auxiliary plans of work, has done much to stimulate good writing and helpful thinking. Through this effort we are able to promise a number of choice and helpful leaflets at an early date.

We would like to urge that discrimination be used by those into whose hands our literature goes. It is said that the Chinese have a profound reverence for a written or a printed page because it represents thought. Our missionary literature represents thought and should be used thoughtfully. The leaflets going into the hands of our friends should be studied and given out thoughtfully, lovingly, prayerfully. Our sisters of Texas have made a specialty of such a dissemination of missionary literature and it will surely have its reward.

During the year we have published two million six hundred and fifty-six thousand pages of missionary literature. This does not include any of our missionary periodicals, as the TIDINGS or *Junior Builders*. In addition to this we have purchased and distributed forty-

four thousand seven hundred and fifty-two pages issued by other Missionary Boards, making a total of two million seven hundred and three thousand seven hundred and fifty-two.

The receipts for the sale of literature and gifts to the Leaflet Fund have not been encouraging. We can not meet the expenses of this department of our work from its receipts, but each year must call upon the General Fund to bear many of its burdens. If each Auxiliary would remember to make an offering of ten cents each quarter for this fund it could meet its own expenses. We trust this year will see a good advance in this direction.

The receipts for the year are three hundred and seventy-seven dollars and ninety-four cents. Of this amount two hundred and nine dollars and eighty-four cents went into the Leaflet Fund to meet the expenses of our publications. Sixty-five dollars and ninety-six cents was paid for postage on leaflets sent out and one hundred and two dollars and fourteen cents was paid for the publications of other missionary organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE B. GRAY.  
 HELEN E. MOSES.

On motion the report was adopted and the same committee continued.

Hymn, "Blessed Assurance," was sung.

Mrs. David Owen Thomas, of Minneapolis, addressed the convention on "The Omnipotence of Truth and Union." The President explained that Mrs. Thomas was the daughter of Ovid Butler, of Indianapolis, the founder of Butler College, and that Indiana contributed Mrs. Thomas to the State of Minnesota. At the close of the address the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," was sung.

Miss Pounds, National Superintendent of Children's Work, presented her report.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

"*Samuel ministered before the Lord, being a child.*"

It has been said that "The greatest discovery of the nineteenth century was the discovery of woman." It remains for the twentieth century to discover childhood. True, childhood in its sweetness and innocence has long been known, and it has been a joy and blessing to those who feel themselves to be guilty in the sight of God. Childhood in its helplessness has long appealed to every manly and womanly heart, and there has been such lavishing upon it of care and substance as to put the child to disadvantage, for it is less blessed to receive than to give. But childhood with all its potencies and possibilities is not yet well understood. And the study of childhood and the best methods of its development is so important that it may well claim the attention of this new century upon which we have entered. It is said that the children of today are to be the men and women of tomorrow. A truer statement is that the children of today *are* the men and women of tomorrow, —the same individuals who will live but one earthly life that is already begun. And one of the most important things about that life is the direction in which it has been started; for when the stream of life has run on for years constantly gathering strength it is not easily turned from its accustomed channel. It is second nature that becomes the strong nature. And if a child shall know nothing but the gratification of his desires, in maturer years he will probably be characterized by selfishness. If the young mind and heart are set upon worldly pleasure and treasure, there is much danger that those great enemies, the world, the flesh and the devil, shall control the after-life. But if, like Samuel, a child shall minister before the Lord, shall be brought up in the house of the Lord, shall early know what it is to give time and thought and treasure for the honor and greatness of the Kingdom, he will be ready to listen to the voice of God and accept the divine guidance throughout his life. It is the purpose of those engaged in the work of the Young People's Department of the Christian

Woman's Board of Missions to assist in giving the children under its influence proper training. It is believed that what is done for the children in this way is not of less importance than what their offerings make it possible to do on the mission fields.

#### THE WORKERS.

In all the States where there are children's organizations in our churches there is a State Superintendent of Young People's Work. These have been untiring in their efforts to advance the work placed in their hands. They have sent out blanks four times during the year for reports. Some have sent personal or circular letters each month to the Societies and Bands, and all have sent communications to the organizations in their respective States as often as once each quarter.

The local superintendents have been the chief workers in the training of the children. It has been their part to prepare for and conduct the meetings—to strive in the one hour each week given for this work to help overcome the effects of whatever of evil and worldliness that may have influenced the children during all the rest of the hours of the week. It has also been their work to arrange for socials that the children might be entertained, and to train them to take part creditably in some concert or other entertainment that brings the children's work to the attention of the whole church. In some places the superintendents have had willing and efficient help from the members of the Auxiliaries, into whose fostering care the children's work has been committed by the Convention; in other places the superintendents have been left to struggle on alone. Did the mothers who are members of the Auxiliaries realize what a blessing this work is, or may be made to be, to their own and their neighbor's children, the cry of over-worked superintendents for helpers would be heard and heeded.

The children themselves have been willing and hard workers. They have made glad and generous response to every earnest appeal for such service as is well pleasing to their Lord and Master, who, when Himself a child, said, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Some of the offerings the boys and girls have made represent far more of sacrifice than has been known by those who from their abundance or even their competence have cast much into the treasury. The members of the Dollar Brigade and the Missionary Phalanx have become a host, and quite a number of young people have each made offerings amounting to five dollars or more. Sometimes this money has represented many days of hard labor for a child, and it is certainly an offering of a sweet savor, acceptable unto the Lord, and which will be a blessing both to the worker and the work.

#### Number of Organizations.

There are 2,580 mission bands and circles and intermediate and junior societies of Christian Endeavor upon our list. This is a gain of 266 over last year. Quite a number have been reported disbanded, but as most societies report themselves disbanded when for any reason, such as the inability to secure a superintendent, they cease to meet, we trust that not many have disbanded permanently. Such societies so reported are specially marked and receive special attention. While, doubtless, not all the societies on our list are in existence, yet there are many in other of our churches that have never been reported at all; so we believe the actual number is rather above than under what the report shows. Of those on our list, 226 are intermediate societies of Christian Endeavor, 1,940 are junior societies of Christian Endeavor, and 414 are mission bands and circles. There are but few of the mission circles, and as these are sometimes reported as "circles" and at other times as "bands," it has been hard to distinguish between them; hence they have been put together on the list. There has been a steady growth in the number of bands and societies, as well as in the amounts of their offerings, as the following table shows:

	Number of Organizations.	Amount Contributed.
1884-5.....	28	\$ 147 03
1885-6.....	155	1,520 76
1886-7.....	222	3,496 02
1887-8.....	415	4,259 55
1888-9.....	533	3,163 50
1889-90.....	447	4,927 76
1890-1.....	524	4,673 43
1891-2.....	438	3,115 75
1892-3.....	448	4,682 75
1893-4.....	633	5,031 45
1894-5.....	674	5,548 01
1895-6.....	694	6,760 89
1896-7.....	1,146	10,035 87
1897-8.....	1,687	12,265 27
1898-9.....	2,122	17,138 41
1899-1900.....	2,322	19,276 77
1900-1.....	2,580	23,352 99

#### Number Making Missionary Offerings.

We began the year with the watchword: "Twenty thousand dollars and twenty hundred contributing organizations to begin the twentieth century." We regret that we have failed to secure all of the "twenty hundred contributing organizations." Yet there were 1,083 organizations that made offerings to our work. Last year there were but 838 contributing organizations; hence we report a gain of 245, and this gives us reason for rejoicing.

#### The Apportionment.

Last year \$10,000 of the amount asked for the department was apportioned among the various States. As twenty-nine states exceeded their apportionment, it was thought best by the committee to raise the apportionment in order that the young people might have some incentive to still more earnest effort. The Committee on Young People's Work decided that \$15,000 should be apportioned among the States. This was done as justly as it could be with the limited information possessed by those entrusted with the work. Although this raised the apportionment one-half, yet we are proud to report that fourteen States contributed more than the amount asked of them, and one other reached the full amount. The States are as follows: Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, New York, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah and Virginia.

While we failed to secure the twenty hundred contributing organizations for which we were earnestly working, yet Virginia has thirteen more organizations that have fellowship in our work than were asked of her, and three other States reached their apportionment.

#### AWARDS.

The National Banner was to be awarded to the State paying for the greatest number of shares beyond its apportionment. Pennsylvania has won this prize, having paid for forty-nine and a half shares more than were asked of her. Ohio is a close second with forty-one and a half additional shares. Missouri and New York each have paid for nine more shares than they were apportioned, and Kentucky secured eight and a half more than were allotted her.

All those organizations that made larger offerings this year than they did last won a place upon our Roll of Honor. There are 128 mission bands, 28 intermediate endeavor societies and 416 junior endeavor societies that enjoy this distinction.

The United Society of Christian Endeavor has a Missionary Phalanx, to which all Endeavor Societies are admitted that contribute \$20 or more each to missionary work. One hundred and forty-nine of our Endeavor Societies will have place upon the United Society's records on account of their offerings to our funds.

The banner organization in the United States is the Junior Society of Christian Endeavor at the East End

Church, Pittsburg, Penn. The next three places of honor were won by mission bands in Kentucky. These are at Paris, from which we received an offering of \$159.45; at Danville, which gave \$146.22, and at Richmond, the offering of which is \$145.25. The Junior Society in the Franklin Circle Church, Cleveland, Ohio, contributed \$127.57 to our funds. Two other societies have exceeded \$100 each and are deserving of honorable mention. These are the Junior Societies of Christian Endeavor at the Central Church, Lexington, Ky., and at the Mt. Cabanne Church, St. Louis, Mo. The former gave \$108.25, and the last named \$105.

#### THE WORK.

We asked for \$20,000 in offerings for the department during the year. We are very happy to report that much more than that was raised, the total amount of offerings being \$23,352.99. This is a gain over the receipts of last year of over \$4,000, or \$4,076.22. The financial statement is as follows:

#### Receipts.

Builders' Fund.....	\$9,958 24
Junior Builders' Fund.....	1,625 22
Special Object Fund.....	772 72
Bilaspur Orphanage Fund.....	2,496 69
Mahoba Orphanage Fund.....	3,685 57
Deoghur Orphanage Fund.....	3,726 38
Bayamon Orphanage Fund.....	772 48
Jamaica School Fund.....	205 39

#### Amount in Funds at Beginning of the Year.

Builders' .....	\$3,372 25
Special Object.....	173 85
Bilaspur Orphanage.....	687 45
Mahoba Orphanage.....	974 54
Deoghur Orphanage.....	857 97
Bayamon Orphanage.....	33 50
Jamaica School.....	415 10

#### Disbursements.

From Builders' Fund.....	\$9,286 90
From Junior Builders' Fund.....	1,625 22
From Special Object Fund.....	823 30
From Bilaspur Orphanage Fund.....	2,955 67
From Mahoba Orphanage Fund.....	3,485 00
From Deoghur Orphanage Fund.....	4,193 38
From Bayamon Orphanage Fund.....	520 17
From Jamaica School Fund.....	293 84

#### Fund Balances.

Builders' .....	\$4,043 93
Special Object.....	123 27
Bilaspur Orphanage.....	228 37
Mahoba Orphanage.....	1,175 11
Deoghur Orphanage.....	400 97
Bayamon Orphanage.....	285 81
Jamaica School.....	520 72

#### THE ANNIVERSARY SEASON.

There was a very general observance of the Anniversary Season of Self-denial by the members of those organizations having fellowship in our work. An entertainment at Easter-tide was given by a much larger number of societies and bands than in any previous year. The self-denial season, which continues from Junior Anniversary Day, March 27, until Easter, is coming to be observed by the young people's organizations of a number of the denominations. It will probably soon be recognized as the great annual festival of Junior Endeavor.

#### CONCERNING BUILDINGS.

**Jamaica.**—The most expensive building erected during the year in that fair island is the missionaries' residence at King's Gate, which cost about \$2,000. With this money, \$165.34 of which was raised on the field, has been put up a commodious house of first-class material. Brother McLeod, the missionary at the station, says: "We have named the place (after the general custom of giving every place a name) in honor of our beloved Christian Woman's Board of Missions President

—'Burgess Place.' We held an informal 'house-warming' on the evening of the 4th of July, with 'Old Glory' floating from the veranda. We have had the pleasure of entertaining most of our fellow-missionaries in the new home, and hope to make it serve and honor the Master, and give comfort and shelter to His servants who come to us. I have no doubt this work has stimulated the liberality of the churches, and, in spite of hard times, our receipts in the district were £34 in excess of last year and only £6 less than in the Jubilee year, 1899."

A four-room cottage has been built at Highgate by an outlay of \$750, of which amount \$150 is to be raised on the field. A wing has been added to the small cottage at Manning's Hill, and some repairs have been made on the Kingston property.

The church building at Manning's Hill is in process of erection. A grant of \$1,750 has been made by the board for this building, exclusive of furnishings. The remainder of the amount needed is to be raised by the native church.

**India.**—At the station at Bilaspur some additions and necessary changes have been made on the orphanage buildings and the medical missionaries' bungalow. A cottage for the helpers in medical work has been built near the hospital. The Sakri school-houses have been enlarged, and repairs amounting to \$100 put upon the Gol Bazaar school-house.

At Bina a cottage for the home of the assistant teacher was built, and the school-house has been put into good condition.

At Mahoba some needed out-buildings were put up, and one of the orphanage buildings enlarged.

At Deoghur the second orphanage building has been completed, and accommodation is afforded for the large number of orphan children that the famine sent to the missionaries. A school-chapel has been built, which, as a church will seat about 400 people, and as a school-house gives ample room for the crowd of orphan girls and all from without the compound who can be induced to attend. It is so arranged that class-rooms can be formed on either side when needed in Sunday-school or week-day school. A new lot some distance from the other buildings has been purchased, and a dispensary erected upon it; and there is to be built a "Gospel hall," where sin-sick souls may find healing. The sum of \$450 has been expended in putting a wall around this and the other compound. Owing to the inefficiency or dishonesty of the native workmen, the roof on the bungalow built a year or two ago has proven worthless, so the building has been re-roofed at a cost of \$225.

A bungalow is nearing completion, if not already finished, at the new station, Pendra Road. A chapel was first built, and this serves the missionaries for a home until their house can be made ready for occupancy. The money used for the chapel was contributed for famine relief, and the work as far as possible was done by those made destitute by the famine.

**Porto Rico.**—Some changes were made in the Girls' Orphanage building at Bayamon, and a good fence put around the premises. A building for a Boys' Orphanage, sufficiently large to shelter fifty or more boys, is needed at this mission station, and would be a means of advancing the Master's work in the entire island.

**Mexico.**—It was recommended by the Convention last year that a building be erected during the year at our mission station at Monterey, but the severe illness of some of the missionaries that caused them to leave that field, and the duties that devolved upon their successors in their new work, forbade the undertaking of a building enterprise. But the work should be done at as early a day as possible.

#### ORPHANAGE WORK.

Of the work for the children wrought by the Young People's Department an important part is done in behalf of the girls in other lands. Those directly under its care are in three orphanages in India and one in Porto Rico. There are also a few boys connected with



the India orphanage work, but the most of these are brought up in other Orphanages, the expenses being paid from our funds. It is hoped this Convention will authorize the opening of a Boys' Orphanage in Porto Rico, where a considerable number of boys may be cared for and trained by the missionaries of the Board.

*India.*—At the beginning of the year there were eighty-eight girls in the Orphanage at Bilaspur. Forty-six new girls were admitted during the year. Five have married, and four been called to the home on high, so that the present number is 125. The following by Mrs. Lohr speaks well for the training these girls are receiving: "The older Orphanage girls are a source of great joy to us. Most of them try to lead earnest Christian lives and show both in school and at home their desire to serve their Lord and Master. They have a very good influence over the Hindu and Mohammedan girls who come to school. Some days ago a young Brahman, an inspector of schools, who is very much inclined toward Christianity, came to me and asked me if I would not allow his young wife to attend the Chata School. He said he wanted her to come to our school because he would like her to associate with our girls. He remarked that, although they were educated, they remained simple and modest in their ways. This young man has seen a good deal of our girls in his capacity as inspector of schools." There have been seven boys connected with this Orphanage, all of whom are self-supporting but Sirawin, who is one of the brightest boys at the Boys' Orphanage at Damoh. Benji was also at that institution until his marriage last December.

At the Mahoba Orphanage there were 118 girls when the report for last year was sent in. Dr. Rosa Oxer reports 170 in the Orphanage at the close of this year. She says: "Brother Benjamin has had so many duties in connection with the enlargement of the Orphanage for the new children that he has not been able to go beyond the limits of Mahoba. We trust that during the coming year he may be able to give his entire time to evangelistic work. Nineteen of our girls and three women have come out on the Lord's side during the year. Our Orphanage girls increased to 175 in number during the famine of last year. Two of our older girls have gone to homes of their own, and two have found service in another mission. Five others are helping in the school. We think that three of them will make good teachers. Another girl has become so helpful in the Orphanage that we feel we could hardly manage without her. We had only one death among the famine children who came last year. These children have been so influenced by the older ones that we hardly know them as new children now." Eight or ten boys have been taken into this Orphanage, and as soon as they were old enough to go to school they have been sent to Boys' Orphanages at various mission stations.

Our Deoghur Orphanage girls' list has grown from 107 to 173 names during the year. Of all these, five have been withdrawn from the Orphanage, and twenty-two have died during the three years since the work was begun. Most of those who are not living died shortly after their coming to the missionaries. They were famine waifs, and were so reduced by hunger and suffering that it was impossible to save them, though they were given the most skillful treatment and loving care. Dr. Olivia Baldwin, who went to India in the autumn of 1898 to take charge of this new Orphanage, was obliged, on account of severe illness, to give it up in the early part of this year. Miss Ada Boyd went from Bilaspur to the assistance of the work and took charge of the Orphanage until the first of last July, when the work was given to Miss Annie Agnes Lackey. There are eight boys connected with this mission who are under the care of and having instruction by Miss Jane Wakefield Adam. Their home is Baidyanath Junction, some distance from the station proper.

*Porto Rico.*—Our Orphanage at Bayamon was the first institution for the care of friendless and destitute children in the island of Porto Rico. It was opened a few weeks before our present fiscal year began, and several girls were receiving training from Mrs. Fullen, the

matron, when the report for last year was sent in. There have been fifty-one girls taken into the Orphanage. Four of these have been sent away, and one the Master has taken beyond the need of human care. There are now forty-six girls at that Orphanage receiving care and instruction from our missionaries.

#### SPECIAL OBJECTS.

Our Special Object Fund was opened two years ago. Many children have each done one or more days' missionary work by proxy, through contributing to this fund sufficient to pay the salary of a favorite missionary for one or more days. Small offerings have been made through this fund to several of our missionary enterprises. The expenses of two young men from Jamaica—Charles Shirley and Henry Cottrell—were paid with interest accruing on the Jamaica School Fund.

#### THE WATCHWORD FOR THE NEW YEAR.

All the State Superintendents who have been heard from concerning our watchword cordially approve of "\$25,000 in the Young People's Department" as our watchword for next year.

#### CONCLUSION.

The results for the year are cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving. Our Father hath abundantly rewarded all the efforts, though feebly put forth, to further the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom. We commend to Him the work and all the workers. And may He who fed the hungry multitude with the five loaves and two fishes brought by the lad of Galilee so bless the offerings of the dear boys and girls that they may suffice for the satisfying of many famishing souls.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

MATTIE POUNDS, *National Supt.*

Prof. Fairfield, of Angola, Ind., addressed the convention on the subject of "Young People's Work." Hymn, "Revive us Again," was sung.

The Vice-President announced the afternoon programme.

The benediction was pronounced by B. B. Tyler, of Denver, Colo.

October 11, 2:30 P. M.

The afternoon session was opened by singing the hymn "Send the Light."

Mrs. Atkinson, the Vice-President, presiding, introduced Miss Mattie W. Burgess, of Missouri, one of our beloved missionaries home-returned from service in India.

Miss Burgess led in a devotional period by reading the Scriptures and offering prayer. "Ask of Me" were the words she briefly discoursed upon. Mrs. Payne, of Kansas, spoke also upon the text. Prayers were offered by Mesdames Medbury of Indiana, McCleery of Nebraska, and Miss Rachel Crouch of South Dakota. Petitions were also offered by Brethren Grafton of Michigan, and Goode of Missouri, and the hymn, "Christ is Precious," was sung.

Greetings were read as follows, by the Corresponding Secretary:

From the Christian Woman's Board of Missions of West Virginia, the Maritime Provinces, and Australia.

Mrs. Moses called attention to the literature of our Board and to the curios sent by our foreign missionaries, all arranged on tables in the building. Persons were urged to purchase our calendars for 1901 and 1902, and to avail themselves of the opportunity to take, without

cost, copies of our papers and numbers of our tracts and leaflets.

Ernest Wiles, of Michigan, addressed the convention on University Bible Work from the student's viewpoint. The address was followed by singing the hymn "Sound, Sound the Truth Abroad."

Mrs. L. G. Bantz, of Missouri, presented the Report of the Committee on India:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIA.

*Madame President and Sisters of the Convention:*

We, your Committee on India, would submit the following report:

We feel that our hearts should overflow with joy and gratitude to our God for the favorable outlook of our work in India. Good news comes from every station, and the prospect of large reinforcements during 1902 are most encouraging. The only sad note from the field is the illness of Dr. Olivia A. Baldwin, which necessitated her return to the home land.

The convention, last year, in accepting the report of its Committee on India, assumed large responsibilities. Some of these have been met, and the Church is now realizing the joy there will be in fulfilling all these obligations.

In view of the bright promise for 1902, we feel like making this report one of rejoicing, than one of recommendations.

1. We rejoice that so early in our missionary year, Misses Farrar and Maddock were able to return to India.

2. That our new station, Pendra Road, opened by Bro. Niels Madsen and Sister Bessie Farrar Madsen, is progressing so well.

3. That Miss Mary Graybiel and W. G. Menzies and wife are now on their way to India. We are also glad that Mrs. Henry Gerould, of Ohio, will this year visit India. Her report of that field will be of great benefit to our work.

4. That Ohio is preparing to send E. C. Davis and wife to open a new station in the Hamirpur District, to be known as "The Ohio Station;" and that this State will also provide a bungalow for these workers.

5. That personal friends of our beloved Dr. Gerould are planning to open another station in the Hamirpur District, as a memorial to him.

6. That Iowa will send Miss Florence Mills, and Indiana, Miss Zonetta Vance, and that Miss Mattie Burgess will return to India, by September, 1902.

Surely these tidings of growing interest in "sad India" should thrill our hearts, and give us courage to attempt great things for God.

We recommend:

1st. That an associate for Bro. Forrest, in Calcutta, be considered the most pressing need for the year.

2d. That attention be called to the necessity for a medical missionary for Mahoba.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. G. BANTZ, *Missouri, Chairman.*

MISS MATTIE W. BURGESS, *Missouri.*

MISS ADELAIDE G. FROST, *Ohio.*

MRS. LIBBIE F. INGELS, *Kansas.*

MRS. S. K. JONES, *Indiana.*

On motion the report was adopted.

Miss Rose N. Wood Allen, of Michigan, gave an address on "The Mission of Our Organization to Young Women."

The President announced that a message had been received from Mrs. Christian, of Arkansas, who regretted her inability to be present. She wrote that in spirit she was with us.

The hymn, "The World for Christ," was sung.

Several announcements were made, after which the benediction was pronounced by A. D. Harmon, of Minnesota.

7:45 P. M.

Mrs. A. D. Harmon, of Minnesota, presided over the evening session, which was opened with a brief song service, led by J. W. Wilson, of Indiana. This was followed by a devotional period, conducted by Mrs. W. J. Russell, of Indiana, who gave a Scripture reading and comment thereon. Prayers were offered by Miss Thompson of Illinois, Miss Lyons of Ohio, and Mrs. Cunningham of Indiana.

The hymn, "Draw Me Nearer," was sung.

Miss Withers, of Florida, addressed the convention on "A Retrospect of What I Saw of Woman's Work Abroad."

A solo, by J. W. Wilson, "Under His Wings," greatly delighted the audience, and a second song was given by him, "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," which was also much enjoyed.

Mrs. A. M. Haggard, of Iowa, addressed the audience on the topic, "Woman in the Kingdom."

After announcements and a verse of song the benediction was pronounced by C. L. Loos, of Kentucky.

SATURDAY, 9:15 A. M.

The session was begun by a Bible Study, given by W. C. Payne, of the Kansas Bible Chair. He discoursed on Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, giving a vivid picture of the city of Corinth and the church Paul had there planted. He also gave the various divisions of the letter. The 14th chapter, Mr. Payne said, taught the unity of the Church, and the 15th, the continuity of the present and future life. The lesson, which was full of helpful instruction, was closed with prayer.

Mrs. Atkinson, the Vice-President, presiding, opened the business period. Hymn, "Revive Us Again," was sung, led by Ernest Wiles. Miss Judson, of Indiana, offered prayer, after which the hymn "My Jesus I Love Thee" was sung. Mrs. F. P. Arthur, of Michigan, read the Report of the Committee on Evangelistic Work in Home Fields.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK IN HOME FIELDS.

Your Committee on Evangelistic Work in Home Fields submits the following report:

It is with profound gratitude that we view the work of the past year. We feel that God's hand has led us hitherto, and we pray that in the many responsibilities we bear, we may see only so many opportunities for service and may hasten to embrace yet other glorious privileges. We feel, too, that it is a cause of gratification that our Board has so wisely expended the funds at its disposal that they have made the Christian Woman's Board of Missions everywhere synonymous with justice and promptness.

We would recommend:

*First.* That in the main, the present policy of the Board be continued, and that in its expenditures, the Home Field share equally with the foreign.

*Second.* We recommend heartily the spirit of co-operation heretofore manifested, both with the State and National Boards. We would call attention particularly to the desirability of continued co-operation with Boards of City Evangelization, as in Chicago.

*Third.* We recommend that active evangelistic efforts be encouraged, especially in new places, when, oftentimes, a stirring meeting held by a reliable evangelist, always to be followed by regular pastoral work, would give the cause greater momentum than the granting of small amounts for a term of years.

*Fourth.* We cordially commend the organizing work in all its features, especially that designed to strengthen States where C. W. B. M. work most needs development.

*Fifth.* We earnestly recommend that special consideration be given those sections of our country where Mormonism is making its insidious inroads. This evil is so great a menace to the home that a *Woman's Board of Missions* may most fittingly fight it in its determined progress.

In order to strike at its root, we would recommend that work be resumed at Ogden, Utah.

*Sixth.* We appreciate the fact that appeals for help are numerous and urgent, yet we would not advocate the relinquishing of work already begun in points not yet strong enough to be self-supporting; still we would urge that, in the general distribution, the South as a mission field may not be overlooked. The phenomenal growth of its commercial interests and its rapidly increasing population furnish sufficient claim upon our early attention.

*Seventh.* The success of our Chinese work in Portland, and the increasing need of evangelistic and rescue work among the Chinese in San Francisco, make it more than ever desirable that we establish a mission in the last named place, and to this end we urge your attention as soon as consistent with plans already in operation.

In view of the national calamity that has so recently befallen us, the unceasing strife in the business world, the ever-present shadow of the liquor traffic, we call on all the great sisterhood which we represent to redouble their efforts in prayer and in work for the evangelization of our country, feeling confident that there is no remedy for the hurt of our people but the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, and looking toward the time when we can say, "Blessed is this nation for its God is the Lord."

MRS. W. A. CHASTAIN, *Georgia.*  
MISS RACHEL CROUCH, *South Dakota.*  
MRS. E. W. TUCKER, *Wisconsin.*  
MRS. LOUISE KELLY, *Kansas.*  
MRS. F. P. ARTHUR, *Michigan, Chairman.*

On motion the report was adopted.

In the absence of Mrs. Harrison, of Kentucky, the Report of the Committee on Educational Work in Home Fields was read by Miss Annette Newcomer, of Iowa.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL WORK IN THE HOME FIELDS.

We, your Committee on Educational Work in the Home Fields, beg leave to submit the following report:

The Educational Work in the Home Fields consists at present of our English Bible Chairs at the State universities of Michigan, Virginia and Kansas; of our Mountain Mission Schools at Hazel Green and Morehead in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky; of our Chinese Mission School at Portland, Oregon; and of our Negro Schools at Edwards, Mississippi, at Lum, Alabama, at Louisville, Kentucky, and at Martinsville, Virginia. We do not feel it necessary to emphasize the value of these enterprises; the importance and variety of the fields reached speak for themselves; they range from centers of culture like our great State universities to the isolated mountain districts of Appalachian America, from the heathen Chinese in the West, to the needy millions of negroes in our Southern States.

##### I. Bible Chair Work.

We are glad to bring before you the successful year just closed at the University of Michigan. Under the splendid leadership of Prof. G. P. Coler, assisted by Mr. Ernest P. Wiles, 248 students have been instructed in the word of God; besides these, two special classes were held for the citizens of Ann Arbor, with good attendance. The work of these brethren in Bible Chair Extension for non-residents is a notable and unexpected development of the Bible Chair idea; nearly 2,000 persons have enrolled for a course in Prof. Coler's "*Twelve Studies in the Life of Christ*;" two additional courses are in preparation—one in Old Testament History, and one for children; these are cordially commended to all who long to know the way of God more perfectly. Bible

Institutes have been another development of this beneficent enterprise. The work at the University of Michigan has outgrown the limited accommodations as to room at their disposal in the past. If any one desires to make a special offering to our educational work, we can commend to them as a worthy object the erection of a Bible Chair building at Ann Arbor, with library facilities, where students can have access to the best biblical literature published.

We recommend that the Virginia Bible Lectureship at the University of Virginia be continued along the same general lines as in the past, with a resident teacher employed to have it in charge.

The work at the University of Kansas only began last April; we recommend its continuance in the same admirable spirit in which it was begun. We especially commend Prof. Payne's vacation work in visiting the churches and district conventions of Kansas; it is our judgment that any work that fosters a close connection between the Bible Chairs and the churches is most commendable.

Finally, we would emphasize the fact that the good accomplished by our Bible Chairs should not only be measured by those who may choose the ministry for a life work, or even by the number of persons who may be converted; an equally important result will be in saving young men and women who are already Christians, from losing their faith in Christ and the Bible, and in sending them out to be active and competent workers in the churches.

##### II. Mountain Mission Schools.

We can not lay too much stress on the importance of the mountain region of Eastern Kentucky as a field for mission work. The isolation of this large area by reason of lack of water-ways, and by the almost incredible roughness and steepness of their roads, has practically cut them off from the outer world for a century, and has brought about a deplorable state of arrested development. The wealth in that region in iron, coal, timber, and recent discoveries in oil, is attracting the attention of capital; railroads are being built and projected, and the people are realizing their deficiencies as never before; now is an accepted time for work among them.

Our schools at Hazel Green and Morehead closed last summer the most successful year in their history. Our National Board has grasped the situation, and has contracted for the erection of a large brick and stone building at both of these places, with facilities for school and industrial work in each of them; we feel that we can safely trust the continuance of this beginning of an era of enlargement to the discretion of the Board who so wisely inaugurated it. We believe that industrial training should go hand in hand with mind and heart training in these schools; and as the establishment of industrial plants is necessarily expensive, we earnestly commend this good work to those who may have means for special offerings.

##### III. Chinese Mission School.

We are pleased to note the continued success of our Night School for the Chinese in Portland, Oregon; it is doing a needed and practical work under the faithful and efficient leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hugh, and we recommend that it be continued and strengthened.

##### IV. Negro Schools.

We have only had charge of our educational work among the negroes since last October, and we recommend its continuance along the same lines as have been followed during the past year. We gladly commend the policy which has been consistently followed by those in charge of making industrial training a leading feature in the curricula of these schools, and thus exalting the dignity of labor, and fitting the negro for the vocations open to him as a means of livelihood. We recommend the employment of C. C. Smith as special advocate for this great work, and urge that not only our auxiliaries, but our churches at large, give him a hearing, in his appeals for special gifts.

We have asked for no radical change in any of our educational enterprises; we only request our National Board to enlarge one and all of these undertakings as they may have opportunity. And we urge upon the membership of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions an earnest study of the conditions and problems confronting us in the four classes represented in our educational work, feeling sure that an intelligent acquaintance with them can not fail but enlist their active interest and heartfelt prayers.

IDA C. COLER, *Michigan*.

EMMA CAMPBELL EWING, *Illinois*.

ANNETTE NEWCOMER, *Iowa*.

IDA W. HARRISON, *Kentucky, Chairman*.

A motion was made and seconded, that the report be adopted. In asking for remarks Mrs. Kelly, of Kansas, responded by saying that she thought the report worthy of hearty approval and she hoped all would vote. The President urged that all exercise their privilege. The report was then cordially adopted.

C. C. Smith, of Ohio, gave an address on "Wards of Our Nation," which scintillated with wit, wisdom, pathos and inspiration. The hymn "America" was sung by the audience, standing.

Mrs. Cunningham, of Indiana, read the Report of the Committee on Young People's Work.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

We are glad to report the Young People's Department of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions in excellent condition, and we ask:

1. That the special methods of work, such as the apportionment of shares; the special object fund; the awarding of the National banner; the Roll of Honor; the granting of certificates; the support of orphans, and the observance of the anniversary season at Easter, remain just as they are.

2. That the new watchword be, "Twenty-five thousand dollars and 25,000 new members in the Young People's Department."

3. That the chief building this year shall be a boy's orphanage at Bayamon, Porto Rico; that the building recommended last year, for Mexico, should soon be erected; the chapel at Manning's Hill, Jamaica, and the bungalow at Pendra Road, India, be completed. We also recommend the beginning, if possible, of the building most needed in India.

4. That our National Superintendent be instructed to arrange for the preparation of a history of the Young People's Department. As it seems wise that this should be widely circulated, we ask that two sketches be prepared; one, a comprehensive outline statement of the work, to be used for free distribution; and the other, more elaborate, with suitable pictures and maps, a complete reference history, for which a small sum shall be charged.

5. That five dollars be appropriated as a reward for the best missionary story, suitable for use in the Young People's Work, and five dollars for the best plan of work, for bringing the Young People's Societies into closer touch with the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. The time for these contests to be selected by our National Superintendent, and all the manuscripts sent in to be used in the work as she thinks best.

6. That the local superintendents constantly keep before them the importance of the spiritual development of the children, teaching them to sing, and pray, and work, and give, in the spirit of praise and loving service.

7. We note with pleasure that our field workers are giving much attention to the Young People's Work. We ask that they continue to do this, and always, in their visits, look after this department of our Board. There are many societies which do not understand the relation they sustain to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions; there are many discouraged superintend-

ents who, with a few words of instruction and encouragement, will go on with renewed strength; there are many auxiliary women who need to know the importance of this work, and their responsibility to it, and there are yet many places where Young People's Societies can be organized. All this is legitimate work for an organizer of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

8. Where superintendents are not members of the Auxiliary, we suggest that they be made honorary members and their dues be paid by the society, or some of its members.

9. Again, we ask that our Auxiliaries take a personal oversight of their Young People's Societies. In the words of another, we say: "Good Christian people, here lies for you an inestimable loan—take all heed thereof, in all carefulness employ it. With high recompense, or else with heavy penalty, will it one day be required back."

And now, commending all our faithful local workers, our efficient State Superintendents, and our beloved leader, Miss Mattie Pounds, to the care and guidance of the Father of All, we pray that this may be the best year in the history of the Young People's Work.

EFFIE CUNNINGHAM, *Indiana, Chairman*.

MOLLIE HUGHES, *Missouri*.

MRS. MARY S. WALDEN, *Kentucky*.

MRS. IVY TOWNER, *Minnesota*.

On motion the report was adopted.

The President expressed the disappointment all felt in the enforced absence of Dr. Susie C. Rijnhart, who was too ill to be present.

However, a treat was afforded in the presence of several of our beloved missionaries now here on furlough. As they rose at the request of our President, a cordial Chautauqua salute was given by the large audience as it stood to greet them.

Miss Mattie Burgess, of Missouri, spoke briefly, urging that we all labor to enlarge the missionary spirit by personally interviewing the uninterested of the home land and enlisting them in our great work.

Dr. Olivia Baldwin, of Texas, was next introduced, and said, we must feel that we are only beginning the great work that is before us in foreign lands—so much is to be done.

Miss Florence Mills, a new worker, to be sent out to India by the people of Iowa, spoke of the joy she felt in having the honor and privilege of going out as a missionary field worker under the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

Miss Daisy Drake, a student of Drake University, a prospective worker, spoke of how God's grace blesses small gifts, and, remembering this, she was emboldened to offer her feeble strength to the work.

Mr. E. C. Davis, of Ohio, was presented and spoke also of the joy of service as a missionary.

Mrs. C. E. Garst, a returned worker from Japan, was warmly greeted as a well-known and greatly beloved friend. She sang a hymn in Japanese, and then, in tremulous words, expressed her joy in the work and the workers, and her hope of returning some time to her former field.

Miss Lola Liddon, of Florida, was presented and told of her desire to enter the mission service for which she is now earnestly preparing.

The audience arose and "Blest be the Tie that Binds" was sung.

Mrs. Willard, of Nebraska, was introduced and led in a Bible Study, in which she referred to Hannah, Dorcas, Tabitha and other characters whose good works

found mention in the sacred pages. She read Solomon's estimate of womanly qualities as given in Prov. 31. She noted a distinction made between *house* keepers and *home* keepers. She closed her lesson with prayer.

The hymn "Nearer, My God, to Thee" was sung.

The session was closed with the benediction by A. L. Thurgood, of Pennsylvania.

2:30 P. M.

Hymn, "Rescue the Perishing," was sung at the opening of the afternoon session.

Mrs. Louise Kelly, of Kansas, led in a praise service. A Scripture reading was followed with the hymn, "Joy to the World." Mrs. Kelly referred to the death of that princely friend of missions, Dr. Gerould, of Ohio. She asked that a voice from Ohio be heard as to the work he desired to aid. Mrs. Bartlett responded and said that Ohio claimed Misses Graybiel, Frost, Oxer and Rawson as their especial messengers. In memory of Dr. Gerould, his friends had pledged to open a new station in the Hamirpur District in India. She spoke of the Ohio Mission also.

Mrs. Bartlett referred to Ella Maddock as another precious worker from her State. She closed her talk with an earnest prayer.

Mrs. Kelly referred to Iowa's gift to India in the person of Miss Mills.

Miss Newcomer, of Iowa, spoke of Christ as God's love letter to the world, and so our missionaries are our love letters to the heathen world. The gift of Miss Mills was a recognition by Iowa of her twenty-first anniversary as a State. She asked all to join with her in thanks to God for the richness of the gift.

Mrs. Kelly asked Mrs. Jones, of Indiana, to tell about Indiana's share in this glad service. The Auxiliaries of Indiana will send out a living love letter in the person of Miss Zonetta Vance, who will go out to India some time within the new missionary year. Mrs. Jones led in prayer that Indiana women may be loyal and diligent in their support of Miss Vance.

Mrs. Kelly said B. L. Smith, F. M. Rains, Helen E. Moses and Mr. and Mrs. Menzies are all from her State of Kansas. Miss Lyon, interrupting, promptly claimed Mrs. Moses as an Ohio woman. Mrs. Kelly, in defense, called attention to the fact that Mrs. Moses was, at that moment, wearing the Kansas badge—a sunflower.

Florida, Pennsylvania and Kansas were spoken of as States already planning to establish these living love links.

Special petitions were offered by different persons for Mr. and Mrs. Menzies, Miss Liddon, of Florida, and for Pennsylvania and the workers in that State.

Mrs. Garrison, of St. Louis, said Missouri is planning to claim one of these love links, in the return of Miss Burgess to India. In closing, Mrs. Kelly asked all to join in the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," which was enthusiastically sung.

The Report of the Committee on Island Work was called for, and it was presented by Mrs. Ruby C. Jordan, of Illinois.

#### REPORT ON ISLAND WORK.

##### JAMAICA AND PORTO RICO.

Your Committee on Island Work would commend most heartily the present policy and plans of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions and the Jamaica Associ-

ation of Christian Churches for the christianizing of the Island of Jamaica, as promising permanency and steadfastness of growth. This is evidenced by the general hopefulness that has characterized the reports of the year.

We have learned with sorrow of the illness of Bro. McHardy.

For Jamaica, where the greatest need seems to be a spiritual awakening in the churches, we recommend:

1. That an organizer be appointed to form and foster Auxiliaries, providing each one, as soon as possible, with a missionary library and maps, and encouraging the recognition of C. W. B. M. day and the holding of union rallies as often as may be.

2. That orphanage work be begun as soon as is deemed wise, since the most permanent help to any people is given by training the children.

3. That to the Jamaica Association of Christian Churches be referred the advisability of beginning work among the women in their homes, corresponding to the zenana work of India.

4. That young men and young women be brought to the United States for education, as it may be deemed advisable by our Executive Board after carefully watching the career of those who have been so trained.

5. That, with firm faith in the ultimate results, this first field of our thought and care have continuous support to the limit of our means.

We rejoice in the providential opening of work in Porto Rico and the honor which is ours in opening the first Protestant Orphanage on this island.

We note with joy the fitness of Sister Fullen for the supervision of this work, and the happy, prosperous condition of the forty-six girls in her care; also that, already under her judicious direction, seven girls desire the beauty of the Christian life.

While we commend Sister Fullen for her heroic undertaking, a task far too great for one alone, we are glad that she has now the assistance of a trained Christian teacher—Miss Nora Collins.

The *present* is a time of opportunity in Porto Rico. Her special needs are more helpers and more commodious dormitories. We recommend, therefore:

1. That the Girl's Orphanage be sufficiently enlarged to receive at least one hundred; and that industrial training be given to fit them for the care of their own homes or for self-support.

2. That, through the TIDINGS, appeals be made for boxes of clothing for the needy children; also that copies of the New Testament in Spanish and English be distributed among the priest-ridden natives.

3. That, for boys, there be established an industrial farm to save them from the streets, where they are being schooled in crime and idleness, and may God bless the liberal hearts who may place in the hands of our Executive Board the means for this grand task.

4. That Mrs. Fullen and Miss Collins be urged to write very fully of the degraded life of the natives, that the real need of the island may be known among our people.

5. That we call attention to Mrs. Fullen's desire that girls be sent to the United States for education; but that the matter be left to the discretion of our Executive Board. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. I. J. SPENCER, *Kentucky*.

MRS. ELLA M. HUFFMAN, *Iowa*.

MRS. ANNA LAURA MEDBURY, *Indiana*.

MISS HARRIET M. RUGER, *Florida*.

MRS. RUBY GRAY JORDAN, *Illinois*, *Chairman*.

On motion the report was adopted.

Mrs. Cunningham, of Indiana, presented the Report of the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee recommend that this convention elect the following named officers for the Christian Woman's Board of Missions:

#### NATIONAL OFFICERS.

President, Mrs. O. A. Burgess, Indianapolis, Ind.; Vice-President, Mrs. A. M. Atkinson, Wabash, Ind.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Helen E. Moses, Indianapolis, Ind.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Annie B. Gray, Indianapolis, Ind.; Treasurer, Miss

Mary J. Judson, Indianapolis, Ind.; Superintendent of Young People's Work, Miss Mattie Pounds, Indianapolis, Ind.

RESIDENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

Mrs. Emma B. Ryan, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. R. K. Syfers, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. W. O. Darnall, Lebanon, Ind.; Mrs. Alice Sidener, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. James Tilley, Indianapolis, Ind.

STATE OFFICERS.

Alabama—President, Mrs. R. H. Kerr, care Kerr & Haley, Birmingham; Secretary, Mrs. J. C. W. Smith, Union.

Arkansas—President, Mrs. Kate W. Partee, W. 14th street and Summit avenue, Little Rock; Secretary, Mrs. Josie E. Yowell, care Yowell & Williams, Little Rock.

California, North—President, Mrs. Henry Shadle, Madera; Secretary, Mrs. Mattie C. Proctor, 415 W. San Fernando street, San Jose.

California, South—President, Mrs. A. C. Smither, 1147 S. Hope street, Los Angeles; Secretary, Mrs. R. L. Brown, 1923 Adair street, Los Angeles.

Colorado—President, Mrs. Laura B. Thompson, 214 W. 14th avenue, Denver; Secretary, Miss Sallie Barriger, 1441 Platte street, Denver.

District of Columbia—President, Mrs. Emma S. Lattimore, 1529 Corcoran street, Washington; Secretary, Mrs. Laura Morrison, D street, N. E.

Florida—President, Miss R. Withers, Ocoee; Secretary, Miss Harriet Ruger, Daytona.

Georgia—President, Mrs. A. B. Phillips, 629 Green street, Augusta; Secretary, Mrs. W. A. Chastain, 622 Crawford avenue, Augusta.

Illinois—President, Miss Annie E. Davidson, Eureka; Secretary, Miss Anna Hale, Athens.

Indiana—President, Mrs. Effie Cunningham, Franklin; Secretary, Mrs. Sallie K. Jones, Corydon.

Iowa—President, Mrs. A. M. Haggard, 890 26th street, Des Moines; Secretary, Miss Annette Newcomer, 1212 28th street, Des Moines.

Kansas—President, Mrs. Libbie F. Ingels, Leanna; Secretary, Miss A. Rosalea Pendleton, 1221 Clay street, Topeka.

Kentucky—President, Mrs. Ida W. Harrison, Elm Tree lane, Lexington; Secretary, Mrs. Sarah Yancey, 128 E. Maxwell street, Lexington.

Louisiana—President, Mrs. John J. Zigler, 4619 Perrier street, New Orleans; Secretary, Miss Grace Jackson, 2030 Barne street, New Orleans.

Maryland—President, Mrs. J. H. Rosenau, 847 Harlem avenue, Baltimore; Secretary, Miss Rebecca Sitler, 1210 McCulloch street, Baltimore.

New England—President, Mrs. Newton Knox, 19 Home street, Worcester, Mass.; Secretary, Mrs. James Warnock, 179 Burrill street, Swampscott, Mass.

Michigan—President, Mrs. Fannie R. Thomson, 901 Forest avenue, Ann Arbor; Secretary, Mrs. G. P. Coler, Ann Arbor.

Minnesota—President, Mrs. A. D. Harmon, 524 Ashland avenue, St. Paul; Secretary, Mrs. J. T. Ingersoll, 206 Nelson avenue, St. Paul.

Mississippi—President, Mrs. M. L. Glasscock, Madison; Secretary, Miss Lella A. McKay, Ridgeland.

Missouri—President, Mrs. M. M. Goode, St. Joseph; Secretary, Mrs. L. G. Bantz, 5738 Vernon avenue, St. Louis.

Montana—President, Mrs. J. M. Simpson, Deer Lodge; Secretary, Mrs. William Williams, Deer Lodge.

Nebraska—President, Mrs. J. S. McCleary, 1502 Summit street, Beatrice; Secretary, Miss Olive Griffith, Pawnee City.

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South Dakota—President, Miss Rachel Crouch, Montrose; Secretary, Mrs. Millie Vercoe, Bradley.

Texas—President, Miss Grace Carlton, Bonham; Secretary, Mrs. C. Walden, 720 W. 5th street, Fort Worth.

Virginia—President, Miss Ellen Kent, Louisa; Secretary, Miss Gillie Cary, 720 E. Franklin street, Richmond.

West Virginia—President, Mrs. R. H. Wynne, Bethany; Secretary, Mrs. R. A. Richardson, Bethany.

Washington—President, Mrs. Nettie Ebert, 1126 N. Prospect street, Tacoma; Secretary, Mrs. Lyda A. Hopkins, 3010 N. 9th street, Tacoma.

Wisconsin—President, Mrs. E. W. Tucker, 3030 Wells street, Milwaukee; Secretary, Miss Ida Towne, Waupun.

On motion the report was adopted.

Announcement was made of the sorrow now overshadowing several of our absent members. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, of Indiana, watching by the bedside of a beloved son; Mrs. Ingels, of Kansas, whose husband is on the brink of the dark river. Mrs. Moses led in special and tender petition for these dear friends.

Hymn—"Christ is Precious."

Mrs. Anna Atwater, President of Ohio Christian

Woman's Board of Missions, addressed the convention on "All Things are Yours."

Mrs. Atwater's presence and message were invested with peculiar and pathetic interest, owing to the fact that some of her beloved relatives were among the missionaries who fell victims during the Chinese atrocities.

"Bringing in the Sheaves" was sung.

Mrs. Moses moved that an expression of sympathy be tendered the Board, which is represented by Miss Stone, now in such severe trial, and that our prayers attend them in their efforts to furnish her ransom. The motion prevailed by a rising vote.

The President rose to express her satisfaction in the work done by the convention, and to thank these resident friends who planned so wisely for us that our sessions have been characterized by perfect order. Not once has the sound of the gavel been heard during the convention.

G. M. Walker, of Minnesota, proposed that the brethren who had been so richly blessed in their attendance with us be allowed to make an offering to the work of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. Hats were passed and \$35.33 was the result.

Miss Judson reported a pledge of \$50 from the Central Church of Indianapolis.

A motion to adjourn prevailed.

"Blessed be the Tie that Binds" was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by A. McLean, of Ohio.

ANNIE B. GRAY, Recording Secretary.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Mrs. Atkinson. After prayer, the Secretary called the roll of the States. The Chairman then asked that the reports of the various committees be read, in order that the State officers, upon whom rests much of the responsibility of carrying out the recommendations of the various committees, might have a full, frank discussion of the reports and express their judgment concerning them.

The report of the Committee on India was presented and discussed. Orphanage work in Jamaica and the effect of giving the students training in schools of this country were discussed. Mrs. Cunningham, of Indiana, presented the report of the Committee on Young People's Work. Miss Withers, in the absence of Mrs. Ida W. Harrison, of Kentucky, read the report of the Educational Committee. Mrs. Harmon, of Minnesota, warmly commended the report. Mrs. Moses explained the need of a Boys' Orphanage at Bayamon, Porto Rico, as requested by Mrs. Fullen, now in charge of the Girls' Orphanage, supported by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. Mrs. Harmon moved and Miss Withers seconded a motion that we recommend the establishment of a Boys' Orphanage at Bayamon, at the discretion of the National Board. Carried.

The report of votes concerning the Bina Mission, as forwarded by the State officers, was given by Mrs. Moses. The result was an unanimous endorsement of the action of the Executive Committee of the Board in this matter.

"The United Study of Missions" was explained by Mrs. Moses, in recognition of a request from the World's Secretary, Miss Abby Child. The books and maps to be used in these studies were named and prices given. Miss Lyons, of Ohio, and Miss Sublette, of Kentucky,

warmly commended this work, and urged that we enter upon it.

A desire for a conference of State officers was expressed, and, on motion, a meeting was appointed for Monday morning, October 14th, at eight o'clock.

A Junior Endeavor rally was announced to be held at Portland Avenue Church, Tuesday, October the 15th, at four P. M.

Miss Withers, of Florida, expressed her gratitude to the Board for giving her State the presence and services of Adelaide Gail Frost, who had been such a source of inspiration to them. Three persons of Florida are desiring appointments as missionary workers under our Board.

Mrs. Thomson brought the thanks of Michigan for the recent work done there by Miss Lura V. Thompson, and for aid extended to Traverse City.

Miss Sublette spoke of the liberal work done by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions for Kentucky in the two mountain mission schools now so well established at Morehead and Hazel Green. She offered the loving, grateful thanks of her State.

Miss Hughes, of Missouri, spoke in favor of the recommendation that Junior Superintendents be made honorary members of Auxiliary societies.

Miss Lyons favored Boys' Orphanages in India, as well as in other places. The difference in the amounts named for the support of orphans by the Foreign Board and the Christian Woman's Board of Missions was discussed. Miss Pounds explained that one includes entire support and pay for the missionary in charge, while the smaller sum includes only food, clothing and school-books. Miss Thompson thought the price should be made uniform. Miss Lyons agreed with Miss Thompson.

Mrs. Moses said that whatever we do we should keep to our agreement with the Foreign Board in regard to Boys' Orphanages and amounts named.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Thomson, of Michigan.

ANNIE B. GRAY, *Recording Secretary.*

#### OFFICIAL CONFERENCES.

On Monday morning, October the fourteenth, a State officers' conference was held in the Rest Room at Exposition Hall. Mrs. Moses presided. The meeting was well attended and full of interest. The first question discussed was that of Life Memberships. Since the change in the General Constitution permitting Life Memberships to be secured by taking an Annual Membership each year for five years, there has been much confusion in regard to remitting for Life Memberships. The Chairman explained that Life Memberships could be taken in two ways: First, by the payment of twenty-five dollars within two years, in not more than two payments. Second, by taking an annual membership for five consecutive years, the price of the annual memberships being five dollars. In some quarters the opinion had arisen that being a life member of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions freed an Auxiliary member from the necessity of paying her regular monthly offerings. This, the Chairman explained, was not the case. The provision for life and annual memberships was in the *General*, and not in the *Auxiliary Constitution*, and provided for membership in the general organization, and not in the local society. The provisions of member-

ship in the general and local constitutions are clear and distinct, and need never be confused.

Following the general discussion on Life Memberships, time was given to the question of annuities. The statement was made that the Board will receive gifts on the annuity plan, paying six per cent. interest to annuitants who are over fifty years old, the interest to be paid annually or semi-annually, as the annuitant desires. This plan was commended to the sisters who desire to give of their means to our woman's missionary organization, and yet have an income from their money during life. Our organization offers a safe investment for money, with no anxiety connected therewith.

Following the discussion of annuities, the roll of States was called, and in response the representatives, as far as was possible, gave their plan of work for the new missionary year. The discussion was earnest and helpful. A large majority of the States already had their plan of work well in hand, and evinced a vigorous determination to carry it forward.

A committee consisting of Miss Newcomer, of Iowa, Mrs. Cunningham, of Indiana, and Mrs. Bartlett, of Ohio, was appointed to select the watchword for the new year, and to report it on Tuesday morning, at the close of the Junior Conference.

After joyful words of encouragement, tender words of love for the work spoken by many, the meeting was adjourned with the mizpah benediction.

The committee reported the watchword: "Information, Inspiration, Realization; 15,000 subscribers for the TIDINGS, 50,000 women, and \$150,000." It was received with enthusiasm.

On Tuesday morning a conference of Junior and Intermediate workers was held in the Rest Room. It was well attended and well presided over by the National Superintendent of Young People's Work, who has written of its work on page two hundred and four of this number of the TIDINGS.

A conference for local workers was conducted by Mrs. Sallie K. Jones, State Secretary and Organizer of Indiana. This meeting was well attended, and was full of helpful suggestions for the Auxiliary workers present.

#### THE HOUR OF PRAYER.

The five o'clock hour of prayer, dear to the heart of each woman of our organization, was conducted by Miss Susie Sublette, of Kentucky. It followed almost immediately after the great communion service, and was a fitting close to that sacred season. Miss Sublette made it an hour in which our missionaries gave us heart-to-heart talks of their work. Among others, Brother Morton B. Adams spoke very earnestly and appreciatively of our missionaries in Bilaspur, India, and the great work they are accomplishing through the Orphanage and schools. He told of one of our Orphanage girls who had passed the best examination in the International Sunday-school Lessons of any girl in India. This fact gave every one present a thrill of gratitude.

The meeting was dismissed as the shades of evening fell about us. All felt that it was good to have been there.

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STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

	STATISTICAL DATA										BANNER ORGANIZATIONS.		Amt. of Offerings.	
	No. Mission Bands	No. Int. S. C. E.	No. Jun. S. C. E.	Total Number of Organizations.	No. Contributing to C. W. B. M. s.	Total Number of Conversions.	No. Subscribers to Junior Builders.	No. L. L. Bearers.	No. Members Reported.	No. Shares Appor-tioned last year.	Amt. Contributed to our Mission-ary Work by Child- ren's Organiza- tions.	Amt. Contributed for Purposes other than Mission-ary Offerings to C. W. B. M.		
Alabama	33	1	3	3	3	11	306	1	103.73	\$39.80	Newport Junior S. C. E.	\$5.25		
Arkansas	2	1	24	28	14	59	59	1	103.73		Little Rock Junior S. C. E.	38.50		
California, N.	9	6	66	78	28	59	297	17	246.23		Fortuna Junior S. C. E.	33.50		
California, S.	2	6	23	29	8	32	3	2	21.27		Los Angeles, 1st Church, Intermediate S. C. E.	25.00		
Colorado	4	4	20	28	8	14	115	20	104.81	47.95	Denver, Cent. Ch., and Colo. Sp'gs J. S. C. E. (each).	20.00		
Connecticut	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21.27		Danbury Junior S. C. E.	21.27		
Dist. of Columbia	2	2	5	7	2	7	72	5	55.00		Ocoee Junior S. C. E.	46.25		
Florida	1	1	12	14	9	7	34	3	158.10	6.10	Macon Junior S. C. E.	18.18		
Georgia	1	1	15	22	13	19	74	8	345.15	70.16	Moscow Junior S. C. E.	1.00		
Iaho	1	1	4	4	6	7	7	1	3.20		Jackonville Junior S. C. E.	42.30		
Illinois	29	20	234	283	100	198	1158	56	2720.140	1,217.37	Lebanon Junior S. C. E.	62.50		
India	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16.67		Des Moines, Central Ch., Junior S. C. E.	82.00		
Indiana	20	40	246	306	120	149	1005	83	2172.160	1,432.86	Oberlin Mission Band	38.74		
Indian Territory	1	1	5	5	5	4	4	2	84.54		Topeka, Third Church, Junior S. C. E.	50.00		
Iowa	26	11	173	210	80	1005	179	3036	100	945.98	Paris Mission Band	159.45		
Jamaica	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	84.54		New Orleans Mission Band	3.53		
Kansas	3	16	174	193	55	278	793	33	2965.60	488.03	Milton Mission Band	35.00		
Kentucky	65	17	63	145	86	123	799	173	2054.160	1,685.40	Hubeo Junior S. C. E.	10.00		
Louisiana	1	1	4	5	1	5	2	1	3.53		Hagerstown Junior S. C. E.	40.50		
Maritime Prov.	9	9	7	16	2	5	5	10	74.80		Boston Junior S. C. E.	20.00		
Maine	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	10.00		Monterey Junior S. C. E.	10.50		
Maryland	3	3	5	6	6	7	41	178	15	109.14	12.04	Detroit, Central Church, Junior S. C. E.	35.00	
Massachusetts	1	1	5	7	6	9	20	103	10	78.60	18.96	Minneapolis Junior S. C. E.	30.60	
Mexico	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10.50		St. Louis, Mt. Cabanne Church, Junior S. C. E.	105.00		
Michigan	10	8	36	54	23	147	14	188	25	238.05	85.46	Butte Junior S. C. E.	65.11	
Minnesota	9	3	16	28	11	16	84	14	188	20	97.40	43.73	Fairfield Mission Band	44.23
Mississippi	1	1	4	5	2	5	5	1	2.25		New York, Second Church, Mission Band	45.75		
Missouri	17	16	184	217	82	211	816	63	3296.100	1,093.98	218.02	Roswell Junior S. C. E.	3.00	
Montana	2	2	6	8	8	48	17	25	211.11		Kingston Junior S. C. E.	47.16		
Nebraska	13	7	68	88	31	105	327	27	976.35	293.78	127.10	Cleveland, Franklin Circle, Junior S. C. E.	127.57	
New York	7	4	26	37	20	35	35	35	392.17		Stillwater Junior S. C. E.	9.70		
New Mexico	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3.00		Salem Junior S. C. E.	21.00		
North Carolina	13	5	18	9	51	20	180.75	1	180.75		Pittsburg East End Junior S. C. E.	200.00		
North Dakota	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1.00		1.00	Robertville Mission Band	67.55	
Ohio	50	29	170	249	122	255	1153	105	2946.175	2,168.14	303.06	Verdon Mission Band	1.50	
Oklahoma	1	1	11	11	8	48	8	5	16.38		5	Paris Junior S. C. E.	40.00	
Oregon	1	1	30	31	10	14	61	478	16	149.37	104.57	Lockhart Junior S. C. E.	35.00	
Pennsylvania	27	6	68	101	59	167	656	40	1904.80	1,295.95	627.59	West Rupert Junior S. C. E.	30.00	
Puerto Rico	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1.00		1.00	Edinburg Mission Band	46.71	
South Carolina	3	1	4	3	2	3	37	4	94.00		1.00	Seattle Mission Band	39.94	
South Dakota	1	2	8	11	1	16	2	2	1.50		2	Bluefield Junior S. C. E.	79.02	
Tennessee	3	10	13	6	69	8	57.06	8	57.06		8	Center Junior S. C. E.	10.00	
Texas	9	13	131	153	52	411	23	75	618.57		75			
Utah	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10.00		1			
Vermont	1	1	2	1	7	31	3	3	30.00		3			
Virginia	53	28	81	62	50	200	13	1015	50	570.63	102.03			
Washington	4	4	26	34	12	12	147	214	20	198.56	70.85			
West Virginia	5	3	8	16	7	119	8	15	129.06		15			
Wisconsin	3	1	6	10	5	82	130	8	23.00		8			
Total	416	236	1940	2582	1083	1650	9902	907	25532					

\*Some Sunday-school classes, Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, etc., that contributed to our work are included in this summary.

## Convention Addresses.

### THE OMNIPOTENCE OF TRUTH AND UNION.

In writing of those things which help and hinder the Gospel, Alexander Campbell says: "Nothing is essential to the conversion of the world but the union of Christians. Nothing is essential to the union of Christians but the Apostle's teaching or testimony. Neither truth alone nor union alone is sufficient to subdue the unbelieving nations. But truth and union combined are omnipotent. They are omnipotent, for God is in them and with them, and has consecrated and blessed them for this very purpose." It is evident that what is meant here by truth are the doctrines of the Christian faith—those cardinal points in Scriptural teaching in which all churches believe, and upon which they virtually agree. But while all Christians agree that in the Bible is the truth of God, and that here is laid down the apostolic teaching concerning the truth, all do not agree that in the Holy Scriptures alone is the truth made sufficiently clear; hence to many Christians the necessity of creeds. Is it, therefore, this distinctive feature of the argument which we wish to emphasize when we speak of the truth upon which Christians are asked to unite; the truth as it is found in the Word, free from

all enforced human interpretation. From the viewpoint of the Christian, the Scriptures not only contain the truth, but are the truth. Other sacred books may have reflections of the truth, but the Bible holds the Divine light itself. Before a Christian audience, and at this time, any extended comment upon the truth as found outside the Bible is irrelevant. A brief note in passing is sufficient. Other systems of religion appeal to superstition. Christianity appeals to intelligence. With the pagan devotee the motive of life is a single and selfish one, impelled by fear. With the Christian the motives are manifold, selfless and born of love. Says Joseph Parker: "Other religions keep the people in the dark. Christianity says: 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.' Other religions are philosophies, philosophies only; Christianity is a Gospel." So much for the truth as it stands in Holy Scripture.

In order to understand the significance of the statement concerning union, we must needs hastily glance backward. During the Middle Ages, when the Bible was chained and men were kept in ignorance of its contents, there was no possibility of individual interpreta-



tion. Later, when it was more accessible, it was interpreted by the priests, and still later, when, through the German Reformation, the invention of printing and the revival of learning, the Holy Scripture was freely scattered, its meaning was darkened by tradition. Today the Bible is unchained; it is interpreted by every man for himself; but, alas, its meaning is still obscured by the traditions of councils. Every reformation has not only purified the church, but has emphasized some Christian virtue. One reform laid stress upon faith, another upon works, another upon love. The last reform—the American Reformation—laid stress, not so much upon the virtues as upon the prayer of the Head of the Church—"that they may be one"—and asked all Christians to unite upon the Bible alone. This thought was so simple that our forefathers marveled it had not already occurred to men. But the church was not ready. So the reformers became evangelists. They preached the primitive Gospel with power and unction. They relied upon it, and it alone as the hope of saving men. "They spoke no soft words. They cried aloud and spared not." Writes George Darsie: "They did not even build churches, believing that their teachings would soon unite all Christians." They said: "We do not need churches." The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul, but His law is always one of development. Our forefathers did not convince the church, for it was prejudiced, indifferent and conservative; but they left a heaven which has permeated the whole religious world. As a result of their labors we find everywhere today among Christians the sentiment of Christian union. Says one of our own writers: "The return of all Protestant Christendom to the simplicity of the Apostolic age is constant and manifest. The restoration of Christ to His central and rightful place in the Christian system is one of the most hopeful signs of the times, while the decay of creedism and the elimination of human philosophy from the Gospel of Christ all mark the progress of our great plea in working out the triumph of the kingdom of God on earth." Truth can never reach darkened nations if it is taken to them by only a few messengers. And the whole of Christendom united upon error can not touch the benighted. God's power is in truth and union combined. But how shall we combine God's truth and Christian union so as to make them omnipotent for God's purpose? Perhaps in no better way than:

First. By studying what the work requires.

Second. By appreciating, equipping and maintaining the workers.

Third. By opening our minds to all new and wise ways of saving men.

Fourth. By trying to understand the needs of the world.

#### *What the Work Requires.*

(a) In the light of history, education has been an aid to the dissemination of true religion. Among the Hebrews, the Schools of the Prophets was the beginning of the higher education. Through preparation the prophets were fitted to be the heralds of Christ's kingdom. The supreme element of Jesus' mission was to teach. All the great reformers were scholars. Wicliff, Huss, Wesley and Campbell were noted for learning. But what part does education play in modern missionary movements? The unsuccessful efforts of the eighteenth century are due to lack of interest on the part of educated men. The larger success which followed was due, says one, "to the influence of missionary intelligence and zeal in centers of learning, and the espousal of the cause by men of learning." The true idea of evangelization is through the dissemination of knowledge. In the future, education will not only promote missions, but it is destined—and the day is at hand—to be reorganized as a vast missionary force itself. The work requires the highest education for the greatest number, that the truth may be made manifest.

(b) Not only education in general, but specific religious instruction is needed. Herbert L. Willett says: "The danger which threatens the Bible today is neglect. The result is the too great readiness on the part of

imperfectly instructed Christians to accept the latest fads in religious teaching, whose fantastic teachings they are unable to contrast with the normal and balanced statements of Holy Scripture." We claim to be a Bible-loving people. How is this defect among ourselves to be remedied? Says Mr. Willett: "There is need of a revival of Biblical, even exegetical preaching. Biblical scholars are needed, not only in the churches, but as instructors in the colleges, and in communities where Christian people may be roused to an appreciation of the richness of the Scriptures." Such Scriptural instruction will draw men of all creeds and of no creeds close together. It will enforce missions. For the whole Bible is a missionary volume, and it is "a field-book of universal conquest."

(c) In addition to education and religious instruction, the work requires our own spiritual enlargement. We should have a sense of our own indebtedness to Christ who died for us, to the early missionaries who bore the Gospel to this continent, to the pioneers who translated the Word of God and laid foundations for us to build upon, and to our own missionaries from among our own people. We should have a sense of our indebtedness to society. Says one writer: "A nation can not afford to have ten millions of negroes in their midst more than half of whom are virtually unreached by either church or school." We hold, too, that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are our rights. They are not yet the secure inheritance of the black man. We should grow in Christian will-power.

"Forever 'round the Mercy seat  
The guiding lights of love shall burn.  
But what if—habit bound—thy feet  
Should lack the will to turn?"

And we should grow in Christian fidelity. Says B. Franklin: "Who are the men that encourage the people of God? Who are they that strengthen and inspire the churches with love and zeal and harmony? Who are they that are gathering men into the fold of Christ? Look over the land, brethren, and you can see who they are. They are the men who are doing the work in the churches and all around on every side. They are the men who are pushing our state missions, foreign missions and every other good work." Examples, these, of Christian fidelity.

#### *The Workers.*

The workers whom we are to appreciate, equip and maintain are the educators, the Bible teachers, the editors and the missionaries. We have already noted the historic influence in the church of Christian culture. How about our own educators? Who, with unremitting care, scatter the seeds of knowledge, while you and I sleep? Who watch the tender plants? And who are the first to see the fruit, and gather it ere the frost comes? The men who, with modest self-effacement, fill the chairs of our church colleges. We should know more of their work; for today the men and women who are consecrating their lives to missions are the cultured men and women of our church colleges. Says W. P. Aylesworth: "Our church colleges have sent forth by far the greater number of our preachers and missionaries. Their atmosphere of religious culture, the close fellowship of Christian teachers and students, the emphasis placed upon Biblical instruction, all tend to deepen convictions of duty." Formerly the Disciples, as a people, did not realize the relation of education to missions. Today the church is being roused, and, at last, sees that in her colleges she has her strongest force.

Biblical teaching is a new vocation, but its work is good in the state institutions, and our Bible teachers should be appreciated and encouraged. The editors of our religious journals are men of consecrated energy. They tactfully lead us up higher. Their influence should be felt in every home. Missionaries are men set apart. They are called of God, and can not be daunted by seeming failure. They are men and women of heroic mould, ready for any personal loss so the work fail not. None but courageous souls have ever entered upon tasks so stupendous. From the first missionary down, having set their faces, they have neither halted

nor turned in their work. Of the first missionary, W. J. Lhamon writes: "Picture an evangelistic movement extending from Jerusalem and Antioch, in Syria, through Asia Minor and Italy—the chief figure Paul, supporting himself, imprisoned, fronting mobs, shipwrecked, organizing churches, ordaining elders, restraining lawlessness, remembering the poor saints—all this and more. A movement which had Christ for its inspiration, and Paul for the first of its human agencies. Of modern missionaries, General Lew Wallace writes: "If anywhere there exists a band of devout Christian men and women, it is these." And of the work of modern missionaries, Darwin wrote: "Their success is most wonderful," and Julian Hawthorne says: "The native Christians of India are like the people of the Bible. One must live with the missionaries to understand what they are doing." In view of the character of her missionaries, the church of the twentieth century has every reason to be full of courage and hope. But she must show her appreciation by equipping and maintaining more workers in the field, for what are so few among perishing millions?

#### *New Methods.*

We must open our minds to new methods for reaching men. Great discoveries are made accidentally. Pearls are come upon in unexpected places. Vast enterprises develop of themselves. New ideas germinate from foreign thoughts. There is no monopoly of the place or the way in which truth is to be imparted. In darkened lands it is to be taught; in civilized lands it is to be shed abroad through Christian example. China must be instructed in Christian truth; America must be influenced by the infusion of the Christian spirit. Our national conventions should be such a mighty and spiritual force that for the time they become resistless in their local effect. Materially speaking, the Northwest is a bright and prosperous country, with an unprecedented future. It is the fairest and most favored part of the new America, and it is the gate-way to the rich, old, silent Orient. But, to a certain extent, the Northwest is like a young man who has wandered from the faith. He is gifted, rich, educated, well and strong. He can be moved only by peculiar influences. He weighs things, and just now he is observing this convention. The First Twentieth Century Convention was called to Minneapolis that it might be a Gospel messenger. It was believed that the manifestations of Christian faith through the large attendance of devout men and women, the publishing of Christian work and conduct through the press, and the announcement of the plea for Christian union through the pulpits, would have, with God's blessing, their due effect on this community.

#### *The Need of the World.*

This phase of my subject is so vast that it seems almost impossible to approach it. We can consider it only in outline. Statistics make little impression upon us. We grasp the figures, but fail to realize the conditions they signify. There are a few lands in which the Gospel is wholly unknown, as in Abyssinia; before it can become widely accepted it must be widely heralded. There are many lands into which our missionaries have barely entered, as in India; their number must be reinforced. There are many lands in which the Gospel has been erroneously taught, as in Mexico; the truth must be made to succeed error. There are a few lands in which the adversary has destroyed the peaceful fruits of righteousness, as in skeptical France; evil must be overcome of good. There are a few lands in which the people have wandered from the truth, as in parts of our loved America; the lost must be found. While the special needs of all countries are as varied as the lands from which they spring, the general need of all is the saving power of Christ.

How are we to meet the universal need of the world? While Christians are divided the spread of the Gospel will be slow. It will never compass the earth till Christians are one. The plea of the Disciples of Christ is for all Christians to unite on the Bible alone. Division is the great hindrance to the conversion of the world, and

until that hindrance is removed we can not fulfill the great commission. In all our zeal for missions let us be consistent and remember that as a people we have no excuse for being, unless we can gently lead our fellow-Christians back to Christ. Shall we not prayerfully avail ourselves of all wise and godly means to bring about such a union, so that, in one faith, we may all go forth and subdue the unbelieving nations. God's truth the message, united Christendom the messenger, where is the land so dark that it can resist their combined omnipotence?

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#### *THE BIBLE CHAIR WORK FROM THE STUDENT'S VIEW-POINT.*

"Only thinkers wear the laurels  
On the mountain-tops of fame,  
While the dreamer lingers ever  
At the foot without a name;  
And the shadow of the mountain  
Makes oblivion darker still.  
Oh, the dreamers all have wishes,  
But the thinkers have the will."

A real university student is, and of rights must be, a thinker. In the busy circles of a university community there is no place for dreamers. The pulse of a great commonwealth can be found at its seat of learning. There young, vigorous blood is on fire with a passion for advancement; there the future brain of the nation is expanding into its outermost boundaries; there the heart is strong, the will firm. In a word, there the whole life is crying out with Oliver Wendell Holmes:

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,  
As the swift seasons roll!  
Leave thy low vaulted past!  
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,  
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,  
Till thou at length are free,  
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!"

All is actively there. A university center is one of the busiest places in the world. Recitations are given on time. Punctuality is the watchword. Students from any of our colleges or universities, present here today, know that there is no room for laggards in their institutions.

Into such a center of activity, under the shadow of a great university, with its four thousand busy, hard-working, hard-thinking students, you have brought the opportunity for Bible study. Michigan, while amply providing for the training of its youth in literature, science, law and medicine, failed to make provision for the teaching of that "One Book" to its children. Taking advantage of this neglect, the Christian Woman's Board of Missions has planted in Ann Arbor the Bible Chairs, where instruction of university grade, in the Bible and about the Bible, is provided for all university students who may desire to avail themselves of this work.

The Bible Chairs are at work. What they have accomplished and are accomplishing is known to many of you. What the attitude of the instructors should be toward the students is no part of my purpose to discuss at this time.

The question for our consideration at this time is: "The Bible Chair Work from the Student's View-Point; What Is It?" At what point does the student stand and judge our work? For the moment let us adopt Chas. Read's motto—"Put Yourself in His Place." What attitude does the student maintain in regard to the work we are attempting to do? In short, what must the work of the Bible Chairs be to *attract, interest and hold* him? Standing with the student, then, and viewing it from his angle, it seems to me that the work should be based upon these three cardinal principles: *Simplicity, definiteness and vitality.*

First. *The work must be simple.* Much of the good we would accomplish in this world fails because we do

not properly appreciate the conditions. The expert marksman is not always the one who holds his gun the steadiest; nor is the strongest man the surer of his game. The way to become a good shot is to know how to aim. A young schoolmaster, just entering upon his new profession, was asked that old question:

"Well, I presume you are now going to teach the 'young idea' how to shoot?"

"No, sir," he promptly replied; "I shall teach the 'young idea' how to aim."

Ah, there is the secret. We *must* know how to aim. Our success or failure will depend upon this.

Many a teacher, with splendid training for her work, has failed in the school-room because she did not get a proper sight on her pupils. She was assigned the fourth grade, and her daily explanations would have been understood with difficulty by pupils in the sixth grade. She aimed too high. On the other hand, another teacher talked to her high school students as if they had been members of the intermediate grades. She aimed too low. In the world at large we try to teach the principles of advanced sociology to the people of the slums before they have learned how to govern their own homes half properly. It is the old principle of over-shooting, or, to speak in the vernacular, we are "shooting over people's heads."

The average student enters our State University with a very limited amount of Biblical knowledge. His training has usually been very meager. It has been confined chiefly to Sunday-school teaching and some desultory study in his home. To take him in this condition and begin at once to fill his head with a whole lot of notions about disputed questions in the Bible, or give him a severe course of study from a scholarly, exegetical standpoint, in those things which the so-called "higher critics" have fought over for years, and then tell him that he must either believe or disbelieve all the "higher critics" say, will result very shortly and very disastrously to both student and instructor. Such a method of procedure would be entirely out of place among the average State University students. That would be getting a very poor aim.

What this average student—for we shall take for granted that he is standing before us at this time and asking certain things of us—demands in our Bible-teaching is that we take him just where he is, and by a slow, pedagogical process lead him out into broader pastures and richer fields. Seek to arrange properly and clearly the few facts he may have already acquired, and add to these, carefully and systematically, other facts which will make for him a sure and solid foundation, upon which, in time, he may erect a greater superstructure.

It can not be emphasized too frequently that these few facts be stated simply. The instructor's lectures are not to be brilliant oratorical sky-rockets that will make the student look on in awe and admiration, but they should be simple talks, face-to-face and heart-to-heart with his students. The instructor, no matter how brilliant he may be, who fails to present his subject so as to put it with the comprehensive reach of his dullest student has missed his aim. The really great teacher is the simplest in his presentation. Witness Christ, He who said, "I am the truth." He who had "all power" "spoke as never man spake," for "He taught them as one having authority." He took the masses where he found them and began to teach them at that point in words they could understand. Let us look to Him as our model in teaching. Let us remember to do as He did with those who came to learn of Him; begin with the people just where they are. If we would reach one student in our Bible teaching we must adopt such a course. Avoid over-shooting! Take a sure aim! Be simple! Thus will we have fulfilled His first demand.

Second. *The work must be definite.* How many persons in this world have failed to accomplish the things God wished them to accomplish, all because they did not pick out one particular, definite thing and work at it until the end? Oh, the time and talent wasted here by working without a purpose—doing things aimlessly!

The really great man in this world is the fellow who

brings something to pass. He is the man who, like Paul, has said: "Forgetting the things which are behind, \* \* \* I press on toward the goal." Yea, more, he has forgotten not only those things which are behind, but also those things which are on both sides of him. His eyes are fixed on a definite goal directly ahead of him. Towards this he is pressing with all his might. The things behind and about concern him not, unless they can assist him in reaching that point beyond. A friend of mine once told me the secret of a very successful man's life. He said: "That man has had one definite purpose in life, and nothing has turned him away from that purpose. All those things which in themselves were attractive but did not help him to perform his task, he brushed aside. All things that did, he used. In short, he has made the most of everything that in any way assisted him to accomplish the one thing he had set out to do."

The skilled mechanic is he who can build his engine so as to provide against all possible lost motion. All the energy of that locomotive must be used to haul the train. It is worth nothing to have the "wheels go round" unless they cling to the rails. We want the cars to move.

The trend of education today is towards concentration. The student gets rid of his "required" work as soon as possible in order to focus his powers on his "specialty." The day of a smattering education in many subjects, with no great amount of proficiency in any one, is fast passing away. The university men of the present are fixing their eyes on some definite work and are devoting most of their time to that.

It is in the nature of things, therefore, that our student demands that the Bible instruction be definite. What facts are taught must be put so definitely that he can carry them away with him from every recitation or lecture. He is then made to feel that the hour has been profitable; he has added some definite facts to his storehouse of Biblical knowledge.

In order that the work be definite, it behooves the instructor to be concise in all he says. To lose his kernel thought in a vast shell of highly-colored sentences is a sad misfortune. To strive after diction at the sacrifice of clearness is to go wide of the mark. It is little compliment to an instructor for a student to come to him at the close of the hour and say, "That was a fine lecture." However, if he supplements his remark by saying, "It stirred me deeply, and I got your point," then the instructor may feel amply repaid for his efforts.

Let the instructor be confined to a limited field of investigation. Our busy university student will have little time to sift, from a multitude of facts, those things most needful to his development. Seek to press the work into the smallest possible space. State a few points clearly, concisely and definitely if you would have them go home to the hearts of your students. Thus we may hope to meet his second demand.

Third. *The work must be vital.* This is the student's chiefest demand. Should the teaching of the Bible succeed admirably in meeting the first two demands, but be found wanting in this, the friends of the Bible Chair movement would find their fondest hopes dashed to the ground. No matter how intelligent the instructor may be, no matter how well prepared he comes to his work, or how simply and definitely he may present his subjects, if he fails to touch the heart of the student and win his love and reverence for God's holy word, his work will be very short-lived. The teaching must go to the bottom. It must reach the heart and soul of him who is taught. To make the teaching of the Bible so effective that the student, no matter what his future walk in life may be, will feel that these Bible truths thus acquired are an indispensable part of his general make-up, is to reach the highest ambition of those who have labored so earnestly and prayerfully for the success of the Bible Chair work.

True, it is not our aim to teach dogmas or creeds, but we can not teach the Bible without pointing out and emphasizing its religious phase. To do so is next to impossible. We may give courses of study from the historical or literary side of the Bible, but it is out of the question to think of escaping, during our presentation,

the religious side. There should be no effort to escape it. Such a course, if chosen, would mean a death blow to the work.

A student in our classes may have no religious anchorage whatever when he first comes into the Bible Chair classes. If, after some weeks of instruction, he has failed to see the vital part of the instruction, namely, the religious phase of the work, he may lose respect for the Book he is studying. If the work of the instructor does not tend toward the deepening and broadening of the student's life, then the work is a failure, so far as making any marked impression upon him is concerned.

The influence of the Bible upon men and affairs is too important a fact to be overlooked or thought of indifferently. Our students should be made to realize the significance and weight of words like these from Charles Dudley Warner:

"It (the Bible) is the one book that no intelligent person who wishes to come in contact with the world of thought, and to share the ideas of the great minds of the Christian era, can afford to be ignorant of. With it all modern literature and all art are permeated. There is scarcely a great work in the language that can be fully understood and enjoyed without a knowledge of it. \* \* \* This is true of fiction, of poetry, of economic and of philosophic works; also of scientific and even agnostic treatises. It is in itself almost a liberal education, as many great masters in literature have testified. It is so entered into law, literature, thought, the whole modern life of the Christian world, that ignorance of it is a most serious disadvantage."

With all the force of his being, the instructor should drive home to the heart of his student the importance of a knowledge of the Bible. This knowledge will make him a well-rounded man, equipped to meet the world with its conflicts when he leaves the sacred walls of his Alma Mater, perhaps forever. When his own life has been made richer and stronger by a careful study of held in the home of the secretary of the Calcutta Association.

It was not the Viceroy's Council, the Indian National Council, or even a convention of any kind. No; it was God's word, then, and then only, have we reaped the fruit of our sowing. Then we have satisfied all of his demands, but chiefly his last one—that *the work be vital*.

The demands of this average student, which have just been discussed, are not mere freaks of fancy. They are typical of the real conditions under which the work in Ann Arbor is carried on. Your instructors there are trying to the best of their ability, with the help of your prayers and God's guidance, to meet these demands. They are trying to show the student that he can not afford to devote all of his time to the prescribed work in the university to the neglect of his Bible training. His education will be incomplete without a knowledge of the greatest Book of the ages. We want him to feel keenly the truth of Whittier's words, when he said:

To find that all the sages said  
Is in the Book our mothers read."  
"We search the world for truth, we cull  
From graven stone and written scroll,  
From all old flower fields of the soul,  
And, weary seekers for the best,  
We come back laden from our quest  
The good, the pure, the beautiful,

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#### THE MISSION OF OUR ORGANIZATION TO YOUNG WOMEN.

The mission of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions to those sitting in heathen darkness must ever be in the minds of those who speak its name; its mission to those in our own land, struggling from the darkness of ignorance into light, is equally evident to all. But that our organization can have a mission to the young women of our own church body, may not be so self-evident.

We think of the Y. W. C. A. as existing for the sake of young women; we think of our Christian Endeavor Societies as means of development for the young people who are its members; but we think of a missionary organization as of value solely to those for whose welfare it was originally instituted.

Yet our woman's missionary organization has a great mission to perform to our young women, if they will but accept its services. It offers to them one of the greatest opportunities of their lives—not that of being helped, assisted or waited upon, not that of being served, but that far greater privilege of serving. Other organizations may offer to do many things for you, young women—delightful things, helpful things, inspiring things; ours offers you but one privilege—that of service. Here you may do for others; here you may work.

The most cherished desire in the hearts of our young women, could it be uncovered today, would, I am sure, prove to be that of a lofty character, worthy the respect, reverence and love of all. Yet, like many of the most valued possessions of life, this can only be attained indirectly. The most beautiful traits of character are not those that can be gained by direct effort; one does not gain humility by saying, Uriah-Heep-like, "I'm so 'umble," nor even by a definite effort of the soul in that direction. It is only as the gaze is centered upon one grander, truer, nobler than one's self that the realization of one's own slow advancement and slight achievement grows into the modest flower of humility.

One does not attain to the true nobility of self-abnegation by denying one's self the natural desires of the heart for the sake of the coveted crown. It is the man who forgets self for love of another and in that love continually loses selfish desire who learns through others that he has become endowed with the longed-for unselfishness. True were the Savior's words, "He that findeth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it."

It is in this grand opportunity for service that our organization has a mission to young women. True, we need the young women; but to others I shall leave that subject. It is my desire to impress upon the young women the fact that they need the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. If they wish to develop their own womanhood to its most ideal point, they will find in this organization the help they need and desire.

Let us consider some of the results of membership in this, our woman's missionary organization.

One of the early tasks confronting the young who would attain to the beauty of maturity is growth from the narrow view and limited sympathy of youth into the broader, more generous life. In childhood, the world is limited to the narrow sphere of personal experience. The child looks upon himself as the center of the universe. For him the sun rises, the birds sing, the flowers bloom; and should rain interfere with his plans he is overcome with surprise that his world should thus play him false. Experience after experience comes to widen his view, but it is a slow process, and even those who have reached the dignity of legal majority might be surprised could some one power disclose to them the narrowness that still shuts them in. Still, it is their own pleasure and their own sorrow that engrosses them. They have not learned to see that bit of themselves in every other which makes every joy and every sorrow a part of their experience. There is very little in their every day lives to lift them out of their narrowness. Little is known by them of their neighbors' lives, and little is told them that would broaden their sympathies. They need a knowledge of conditions that their outlook may be broader, their sympathies more generous.

This they gain from a study of the missionary topics as presented in our Auxiliary meetings, and they begin to look upon these far-away black-skinned or yellow-skinned or brown-skinned people as brothers and sisters, with the same hopes, aspirations, longings and desires. And as this wonderful fact of the oneness of human nature dawns upon them, they begin to understand what it means to have those hopes extinguished, those aspirations smothered, those longings denied, and those desires frustrated. They see, then, that heathen peoples are not, can not be happy in the degradation of their heathenism, and with that clearer vision comes a rush of broad, deep pity and sympathy hitherto unknown.

Breadth of sympathy could not be gained by direct effort. One can not say to his soul, "Be sympathetic." It can only come as the indirect result of a widened outlook and a clearer understanding.

Efficiency in action is another development of character greatly to be desired by our young women. Sympathy is of little real value in this world unless rightly directed and practically applied. Much harm, indeed, has sometimes come from unwise sympathy or a misapplication of its force, and to arouse the sympathetic emotions without giving them an outlet in activity is to injure the organism.

With sympathy, then, should go a knowledge of methods more than theoretical; practical knowledge of any subject is only gained through experience. It is by membership in our missionary society such experience may be gained. Here are the results of years of effort and experiment crystallized in the best possible plans and methods, and here may the young woman gain that efficiency in action which is her desire.

There are other elements of character which are, however, so indefinable, so elusive, that we can not separate them into their elements and give to each its name. We can but group them together and classify them as making up the spiritual life. It is the deep hunger of every Christian heart that these deep-hidden powers may be so strengthened and developed that all may see and recognize their existence. But if there is any part of the human make-up that can not be developed by direct effort, it is found here. The rarest Christian virtues come only as a result of our thoughts of and for others. So our spiritual development calls for a devotion to the interest of others. As our young women forget themselves in caring for others they gain their greatest blessing.

One other thought in regard to this loss of self in the thought of others: it is in prayer for others that we gain our greatest power with God. Those who have not yet learned the beauty of the ministry of intercession have fallen short of the joy and the blessing that may be theirs. No wonder our prayers are infrequent, heavy and even mechanical, if we pray only for ourselves. Power with God descends only upon those who wrestle with Him for the sake of others. It was after he had interceded with the Lord for the people who had gone astray that Moses' face shone. Even so today upon those who devote themselves to the great work of intercessory prayer is set a seal of power that may not be gained in any other way.

The most priceless Christian graces are vouchsafed only to those who give themselves up to prayer for others. Do our young women long for the day when they shall be indeed like Him? Let them, then, take upon themselves His glorious work of intercession which He has committed unto our care.

To every human being come moments of depression; times when the goal seems afar off, our efforts well-nigh useless, and there is no encouragement. It is at such times as these that human friendship is to one like a draught of cold water in a desert.

The way seems long to me, but if I find by my side one who has traveled the same road, who has overcome the obstacles that beset me, whose beauty of character arouses in me the fires of emulation, I am renewed in strength, encouraged and inspired to greater efforts. This, it seems to me, is one of the great blessings that comes to the young woman who joins the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

God knew how hard is adherence to mere principle, and so He sent His Son that love for Him, devotion to Him, might so fire our lives that, looking into His face, we would forget the stones beneath our feet.

Even so, may these followers of His, who are treading the path far ahead of us, become our guides and our inspirers. Through love and admiration for them we come better to understand the beauty of the One who is altogether glorious.

God would put into our lives much help and inspiration through these who draw out from us the admiration and devotion of our hearts. Speaking from my own experience, let me say that no one force in this world can so help strengthen and inspire a young woman as the companionship of such women as compose our Christian Woman's Board of Missions. Their friendship is an honor that must raise a young woman in her own esti-

mation and give her an ambition to make herself worthy of such an honor. And as a young woman comes into close contact with their lives, sees the good that flows from them, and catches glimpses of the beauty of their character, the prayer of George Eliot gains renewed hold upon her heart, and with increased fervency she prays:

"May I reach  
That purest Heaven, be to other souls  
The cup of strength in some great agony,  
Enkindle generous ardor, feed pure love,  
Beget the smiles that have no cruelty,  
Be the sweet presence of a good diffused,  
And in diffusion ever more intense—  
So shall I join the choir invisible  
Whose music is the gladness of the world."

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ROSE M. WOOD-ALLEN.

#### A RETROSPECT OF WHAT I SAW OF WORK ABROAD.

It is not my purpose to give the facts one may gather from reading, for the request comes from our honored President that I sketch a few events from my own pleasing chapter of happenings. It is not as a missionary-worker in even the humblest department that I am asked to speak tonight;—and yet as I will try to render an account of the many Christian deeds in the Christian homes I visited abroad, I feel the Master has laid upon me a very sacred mission.

Those who spent the closing months of the sorrow-laden year of 1900 in Great Britain must have seen the womanhood of this nation from a most unusual standpoint, both in her church and home life. Every household seemed to share with the Queen the anxieties and griefs of the African war, while many were overshadowed by the terror of some loved one in China being a victim of the ghastly massacres. It was in the midst of such surroundings as these that I was given a personal insight into the homes of a few of England's representative families. I had before me the exceptional opportunity of hearing from the platform many religious leaders, and then a quiet study of them in their own homes. The most pronounced surprise I had was the amount of practical Christian work done by the ladies of rank, and their willingness to direct or speak in any public meeting connected with the Lord's work. It proved a most interesting study to note their methods of public speaking. Every subject they champion, however profound, is made more attractive by a graceful simplicity of language and delivery. In England a lady, speaking on any phase of Christian work, has the comfort of knowing the moment she gains the sympathy or interest of her hearers by the full chorus of "Amen," or the inspiring "Hear! Hear!" from the audience, that often swells above her own voice.

Had I the honor given me of introducing to this convention the English lady that charmed me most as a speaker, none would be surprised at my choice, unless it might be Miss Morley herself—she who is one of the most distinguished leaders in London of the Training Home of the Young Woman's Christian Association. Her power lies in her scholarly knowledge of the Bible. This is equally true of the daughters of the late Lady Kinnaird, of Scotland, who was founder of the Zenana, Bible and Medical Missionary Society of Great Britain and also founder of the Young Woman's Christian Association. Her daughter, the Honorable Gertrude Kinnaird, serves as one of the Secretaries of this Missionary Society. I heard her speak in London at a farewell meeting given in honor of a band of outgoing India missionaries. The self-effacement with which she dealt in personalities, telling us what the Lord's work had done for her, was an eloquent lesson. The Master had endowed her with the two-fold power of doing much good in His name, and doing it without being conscious of her gift.

At that time I was the guest in London of Mrs. Weatherly, the former honorable Secretary, whose eldest daughter is a missionary in India under this board, while the younger is one of the most brilliant speakers in the Christian Endeavor movement in F. B. Meyer's

Church. It was a liberal missionary education to be in this home at such a time. That week in October, in view of the terrible anxieties affecting mission fields in Africa, China and famine-stricken India, this Missionary Board (which is strictly undenominational) called for a series of special prayer-meetings to be held in London, at Morley Hall and the celebrated Exeter Hall. The last of these services at Exeter Hall was called a valedictory meeting, when final leave-taking was extended to the eleven lady missionaries. Sir Charles Elliott presided over this meeting. There can never come into my life a more vivid impression of love casting out all fear than the memory of that semi-circle of eleven young women. They formed a radiant halo above us on the platform as they sang, without a tremulous note, the tender farewell hymn written especially for these valedictory services.

I had learned the history of each of these missionaries, but will only take time to give you a thought from one—the Honorable Miss Stannard, who was leaving a titled family in England, that she might go as a medical missionary to Bernares. She looked so young, so exquisitely dainty, that one might wonder if she was not in the group by mistake. But not so when she arose to deliver her farewell. She spoke as one having "thoughts that breathed and words that burned." I can almost hear now her strong, brave voice, as she described a similar valedictory meeting she had attended at Exeter Hall when she was a very young girl. On that occasion an outgoing missionary said every time he read his Bible (after he had offered himself to the mission field) the Captain of his Salvation seemed to be saying to him from every page of the Holy Book: "I want to go to India, and I can not go except through *you*." Miss Stannard said, child as she was, that one sentence became her missionary fuel. It had been the starting point to bring her where she stood that afternoon, and as she spoke you could read back of the girlish face a purpose like flint rock. As she half turned to take her seat once more she faced the audience, saying, with pleading emphasis: "Pass this sentence along that has done so much for me. Listen for the Master to say to *you*: 'I want to go to India, and I can not go except through *you*.'" "After these things the Lord sent them two and two before His face into every city and place, *whether He Himself would come*" (Luke x, 1), might well have been the closing record of this valedictory meeting.

There is a feature of woman's work in England that has no parallel in our brotherhood. In America our churches leave to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and kindergarten circles the sole burden and responsibility of mothers' meetings. In England this is not sufficient. The clergy and ministers have under their direct control an organization called Mothers' Unions. The strongest union in London is in the congregation of F. B. Meyer, or the "Christ's Church," as it is called throughout England. One afternoon of each week Mr. Meyer and his assistant pastor meet a large force of lady teachers and personally help them conduct these Mothers' Unions.

The purpose of the union in this church is to gather inebriate women and all classes of mothers, who might feel themselves cut off from the regular church services by the sad results of sin in their lives.

The mechanism of the union is elaborate and many-sided. The same afternoon of the meeting a committee of experienced ladies are stationed on the streets surrounding the church building for the purpose of inviting the passers-by into the union. These Christian young women of this committee are so wisely drilled in this work that they know just how to approach and win these street wanderers. When a mother comes in with her children she is relieved of all care of them during the meeting by another committee of young women, who have charge of a nursery in the church, where these little ones, often worse than motherless, are taught and amused throughout the afternoon.

The large lecture hall of the Church of Christ is conveniently arranged for these unions by each teacher having a class of ten mothers seated around a table,

where afternoon tea is served. After the devotional service a brief musical program is given by the very best talent Mr. Meyer can command. Then comes the delightful half-hour when Mr. Meyer speaks to the mothers. I was told by one of the teachers of the union that there is no service in the church when this man, so mighty in his knowledge of the Scriptures, becomes such an eloquent bearer of the Gospel Message as at these Mothers' Unions. The first time I attended one of these meetings Mr. Meyer was in Germany. His assistant pastor Mr. Evans, being in charge, read a mirth-provoking story in such an exhilarating fashion that he seemed to drive dull care from the hall. Then he announced that an American lady was with them, who had been introduced to him as a lover of children, but he would introduce her to the union as a lover of mothers. As he left the platform and came towards me, the brief warning only gave me time to frame a frightful refusal. I am glad now that the invitation was given and that I yielded to his earnestness. As we reached the reading-stand he whispered, "Tell them something bright; make them laugh;" but it was a tearful sight for one who had seen but little of woman's degradation. I stood under the gaze of about three hundred mothers. Some bore on their faces the stamp which had been fixed there by years of sin and hardship, while others flashed into my eyes the splendor and surprise of knowing the Divine secret of sins forgiven. It was one of those rare moments when self and the strangeness of the surroundings are forgotten in the presence of the resistless needs of others. I wish I could share with every woman who loves her home land my experience at the close of that little message of sympathy. Before I could turn to leave the reading-stand the assistant pastor was at my side calling for all to bow in prayer. A moment's hush fell over the assembly; then, in words as tender as an own brother's, I heard my beloved Florida prayed for in London; stranger still, I heard my own name linked with the petition that the influence of this Mothers' Union might be carried to the churches of America.

Did you ever have pent up in your memory an influence so strong that, were the impossible required of you, for the Master's sake you would surrender to the duty? I believe it would mean all this for any individual or church to study carefully this branch of woman's work in England.

Mr. Meyer works on the basis that organized iniquity must be met with organized forgiveness, love and faith. The attitude of the pastors and teachers seemed to be that of Paul when he wrote to the Thessalonians: "We were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children." We hear a good deal in this country of the intemperance and self-centered habits of the upper class of Great Britain. Many who travel extensively in England have theories that the ladies of high social position and noble birth spend their lives in one long round of fashionable amusements. I am sure, dear friends, you will honor the motive of the Hon. Miss Geraldine Curzon in giving me a ready consent to use any information I had gained of their home life, while at Kedleston, that might redound to the glory of God, and encourage American girls of luxurious surroundings to do more for Christ. Kedleston, four miles from the great city of Derby, is the enchanting retreat of their father, Lord Scarsdale. We are far more likely to under-rate than to exaggerate the splendor of a titled English estate. For an unbroken record of nearly eight centuries this princely heritage has descended to the eldest son, who, on gaining possession, becomes the Lord Scarsdale. Lord Curzon, that master-spirit who so wisely serves as Viceroy of India, is the eldest son of the present Lord Scarsdale and will inherit both the title and estate of Kedleston.

During the highest tension of the Indian famine last summer, this home circle felt so keenly the situation that they gave a supreme test of their sympathy, and the testing time brought to a focus this splendid truth—that the peerage of England have learned the all-important lesson that there are times when the giving of *self* to a cause is far more valuable than the giving of one's *wealth*.

For the first time in the history of Kedleston, its strict privacy was invaded by the sight-seer. The announcement was sent forth that Lord Scarsdale would throw open the manor house and park to the public visitor for the benefit of the India famine fund. Two afternoons each week, for one month, his lordship and daughters personally received the public, each visitor paying one shilling. During these eight afternoons over three hundred thousand persons came to enjoy the opportunity of seeing this ancestral home. All classes from many parts of the world were received, and all had equal privileges of seeing the mansion from the huge kitchen hall to the state drawing-room, with its accumulated art treasures of eight hundred years.

In the great marble hall the visitor found offering boxes for the fund, together with leaflets containing extracts from the Viceroy's speech on the famine, delivered at Calcutta; also extracts from newspapers and letters of missionaries. This last feature was a tactful plan to spread missionary information. The sum realized from these eight afternoons was \$895. At once Lord Scarsdale started an appeal throughout Derbyshire, which soon resulted in the generous sum of \$11,955, making a grand total of \$12,850 as an outcome of the efforts of this one noble family. Fifteen shillings of this sum was sent to the fund anonymously from two Derbyshire children, bearing this heroic label: "For which we partly starved and partly collected."

Of the thirteen homes I visited, only two neglected having family worship. At Kedleston, just before breakfast is served, the family and guests meet in the dining hall, where all the house servants are assembled for the reading of morning prayers. Immediately afterward it is the daily custom of the two younger daughters, Miss Geraldine and Miss Eleanor Curzon, to withdraw to their own private sitting-room, where a chapter from the Bible is read and carefully studied, after which voluntary prayers are offered that the Master's work may rule and sway every purpose of their lives for the day. Could any young woman, whatever her environments may be, spend her life in a round of fashionable amusements if she begins each day like this?

Once a week, in this sitting-room, these two sisters have what they term "working parties," when all the women servants of their household (about twenty-five in number) meet them. While the women sew on garments for Dr. Barnardo's home, the two ladies read alternately to them some bright, instructive book; but the real magnet of these working parties is the closing Bible reading and prayers. The Misses Curzon are Bible students, and in undertaking this plan of teaching the Scriptures to their maid servants, find a deeper meaning in Paul's appeal when he wrote: "Give unto your servants that which is just and equal, knowing that ye also have a Master in Heaven." In 1777 Dr. Samuel Johnson, after being shown through Kedleston, and viewing all of its grandeur, said with his well-known bluntness: "And all this excludes but one evil—*poverty*." Had Dr. Johnson been one of the guests last summer at Kedleston, he might have truthfully added, "But what a wealth of good it sends forth."

Perhaps there is no titled family in England so quiet in the social world, and yet so prominent and well known in Christian work, as the four daughters of Sir Thomas and Lady Beauchamp. Early in life this home circle were taught that gifts to missions meant far more than offerings of money. The spaciousness of their mansion and park in Norfolk became the rendezvous for religious gatherings called "Mission Weeks," when clergymen and large numbers of friends were their guests for the express purpose of Bible study and evangelistic work at home and abroad. It was during one of these Mission Weeks at their home, Langley Park, in August, 1874, that the first plans for the world-renowned Keswick meetings was germinated. That same year Sir Thomas died. Then began Lady Beauchamp's unswerving career of Christian devotion that blesses every one who hears of it.

She would accept no creed or guide save the Bible, and a "Thus saith the Lord." Her most unalterable method of work is something our sisterhood might well wish God speed, and many of us put into practice.

Wherever Lady Beauchamp traveled, whether it was for a pleasure drive, a long railway journey, or sea voyage, she always took with her a number of copies of the Bible, which she gave away wherever she found a hand willing to receive the book.

Every Monday morning she had a private Bible reading and prayer with her house-keeper, from which many servants have dated their conversion. It was her daily custom to have three separate Bible readings with her children, one for the elder, one for the medium, and a third for the wee ones of her flock. Like all truly spiritual lives, her influence deepened with her final leaving-taking. She went to her death as to a coronation one Lord's-day morning, in one of her Sailor's Rests at Havre, which she had endowed and personally directed.

There is an incident connected with her Memorial Sketch which is sure to claim the interest of our Christian Woman's Board of Missions. A copy of this Memorial Sketch recently fell into the keeping of one of our ministers in America. The next Lord's-day he took to his pulpit the influence of this radiant little volume, that he might give it to the women of his congregation. A few days later the Florida State Convention convened in this same church. At the close of our woman's sessions a young woman of this Jacksonville congregation offered herself to our Board, testifying that it was this sermon and the reading of Lady Beauchamp's life that had crowned her decision to become a missionary to India. There is another living legacy Lady Beauchamp has given Florida, for her eldest daughter, having a winter home in that State, is a perfect reflection of her mother's life in our midst. To this divinely-given friend I am indebted for the very private glimpses given me of the Christian work and homes of England.

There are doubtless many women of our nation who give large sums annually to spread the Gospel Message, but feel their duty ends with the gifts of money. I wish all such could have the view given me of a home in Scotland which is as truly dedicated to the Lord as any church building. It belongs, in an earthly sense, to William Robinson-Douglas, of Castle Douglas, who married one of Lady Beauchamp's daughters. This picturesque estate of broad acres of "blue-grass" richness, with its mountain and moor of heather and bracken, was one of the first to give me welcome. Over the entrance of the mansion one sees indelibly written this Bible portrayal Ezekiel gives of a Christian home:

"The whole limit—shall be most holy;  
Behold, *this* is the law of this house."

—Eze. xliii:12.

I doubt if that triple message so marvelously sculptured above the portal of the Milan Cathedral has so exalted a purpose as this holy saying of the prophet over the door of this Scotch home. It might be called the index finger to guide the guest through the labyrinth of rooms. The vestibule opens into a large hall, which is entirely furnished and decorated with Chinese relics sent Mrs. Douglas by her brother, who is a missionary in the China Inland Mission. This room bears the unique name of "Amen Hall." Every Sunday afternoon the chairs, organ and portable pulpit are arranged so that this hall is transformed into a chapel, where services are held for the farming people and a large company of house servants.

Another room, called the "Missionary Shop," is where Mrs. Douglas keeps for sale every kind of dainty needlework for the benefit of some foreign missionary fund.

Mrs. Douglas has mastered the art of photography, that she might put to a sacred use the skill which to many is only a fashionable fad. Her Missionary Studio (which is dedicated to the work of the China Inland Mission) would convert the heart and purse of an infidel to the cause of missions.

The strangely winning thing about this home, with its walls, ceiling and floors a wealth of artistic beauty, is that the *whole limit is most holy*, and that the mistress of all this luxury should feel that a part of her offerings each year to missions must literally be the labor of her own hands.

I have lingered over these home scenes and the private work of this class of English ladies, with the hope

that it will strongly confirm our united hearts in seeking true Christian refinement, rather than fashion; to surround ourselves with the wealth of living for others, rather than riches of dollars; to study to show ourselves approved servants in this work of our sisterhood, rather than pose as leaders in some fashionable drawing-room; and finally to teach us "if we would be unworldly, we must strive to become other worldly."

Ocoee, Fla.

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#### WOMAN IN THE KINGDOM.

On the river Lahn, close to the Rhine, is the little town of Ems, a pretty watering-place. It was for years a favorite resort of the old Emperor William, and many stories of his visits to Ems are recounted. Upon a certain occasion he paid a visit to an orphan asylum in the neighborhood. A class of children was reciting. Looking at one of the little girls, the Emperor, taking an orange from his pocket, said:

"My little fraulein, can you tell me to what kingdom this belongs?"

"To the vegetable kingdom, Sir," she replied.

"Very good," said Kaiser Wilhelm. Then, presenting a gold piece, he inquired:

"To what kingdom does this belong?"

"To the mineral kingdom," she promptly answered.

"Well done," exclaimed the Emperor. "But now," he added, "to what kingdom do I belong?"

The child hesitated and hung her head. She could not say that her beloved Emperor belonged to the animal kingdom. After a moment she answered brightly: "Your Majesty belongs to the kingdom of God."

The old Emperor smiled, but there were tears in his eyes as he said: "My little one, I hope you are right."

The little German girl felt the need of another kingdom above the animal. The world recognizes this need. Quatrefages, the distinguished French scientist, pleads for four kingdoms. He accepts the mineral and vegetable, and divides the animal kingdom into two, making the animal and the human. He argues that conscience, the heaven idea, and faith in God are great dividing lines between the animal and human worlds. The Christian world would add to these yet another—the little girl's kingdom of God.

My theme is, woman in this kingdom. It is a real kingdom, with Jesus Christ as its king. It has been here for almost two thousand years; it will be here until time is no more, and the kingdom on earth becomes the glorious kingdom of heaven.

When this old world began its course, all was in harmony with God. The first three kingdoms knew nothing of enmity to God. With the coming of man, a bitter enemy was revealed—one who neither slumbered nor slept, relentless as fate. He laid hold upon and marred God's greatest works. He introduced sorrow, defeat and death into this beautiful world. He disinherited the possessors of the beautiful garden. He fitted the whole world for the deluge. He kindled fires which swept the cities of the plain into destruction. He filled the life of Jacob with sorrow, and sought to swallow up the Hebrew people in Egyptian bondage. He would have destroyed the Children of Israel, root and branch, by idolatry and repeated captivities. He plotted against the Christ from the day of His birth, and at last nailed Him to the cross. He led the Roman government in three centuries of slaughter of unresisting Christians, from Nero to Diocletian. He sought to wipe out Christianity through the barbarian hordes from the north. Again he attempted it, but God met him on the field of Tours. He very nearly annihilated Christianity in the "Dark Ages." He slew Huss and Jerome of Prague, and Savonarola. He dug up the ashes of Wyclif, and only left the ashes of Luther and Calvin and Wesley because they were in the hand of God.

In this awful battle of the ages, when right seemed forever on the scaffold and wrong forever on the throne, woman has been crushed and mangled more than her brother, man. And why? Did Satan take note on the morning of creation? Did he see how God gave her a unique place of honor, completing in her His wonderful works? If so, he must then and there have determined

to strike the heart of God by venting his hottest hate on womankind. In this long war on God and His kingdom, who has suffered most? I answer, woman. We need but turn our faces to any Christless land to read this awful truth. Joseph Cook, after many months spent in heathen lands, spoke of woman's condition, where Christ had not redeemed her from thralldom. He said: "While in the southern Pacific ocean I was looking toward the Fiji Islands, and was told, on indisputable authority, that in this paradise of the great deep, young girls were once fattened and sold in the public market as stall-fed cattle, for food! We are informed by entirely trustworthy African travelers that sometimes, when a king of the tropical region of the 'Dark Continent' dies, a river is turned out of its course by artificial means, a pit is dug in its dry channel, a score of human beings called his wives are put into this pit alive, a platform of wood is constructed above them, other wives are placed on the platform alive, clasping his limbs from the support on which he lies a corpse, and then the earth is shoveled into the pit upon all this mass of living humanity, and the river is brought back to its course! But," he adds, "in India I have seen worse things." And then he pictures the polygamy, concubinage, prostitution, infanticide, terrible slavery enforced upon widows, child-marriage, ignorance, wretchedness and abuse which often finds sweet relief in suicide. This, my dear friends, is but a picture of woman in all ages, in all lands where God has been cast out.

Why has woman been the target of Satan's bitter attacks? Upon whom God centers special interest, Satan focuses awful hate. Whom God begets by the Holy Spirit, Satan would slay with Herod's sword. Whom God heralds at birth by angel choirs, Satan determines to wickedly kill. Whom God honors in the baptismal waters, Satan tempts in the wilderness. Whom God glorifies on the mountain of transfiguration, Satan crucifies on the mountain of Golgotha. In her creation God commissioned woman to be a helper of man. Hers was a high and holy mission, the greatest of all great things, SERVICE. This very commission drew down upon her the wrath of the enemy of all good and marked her for attack.

The knighthood of Heaven has not only come to the rescue of woman in this age-long struggle, but has also crowned her with many honors.

The greatest event of all history is the advent of Christ. In it woman is wondrously honored. More miraculous than woman's creation, more astonishing than the birth of Isaac, is the birth of Christ. God manifest in human flesh! Weak enough to die and go into the doors of death; God-like enough to smite and crush the head of him who had the power of death, and to deliver them who, through fear of death, were all their life-time subject to bondage. For such an one God might have created a body, but He did not. He honored motherhood and childhood by placing the Christ-child under the heart of Mary and in her arms. He glorified childhood by the babe in the manger, heralded by angels, seen by the shepherds, and visited by the wise men from the east. When the mothers brought little children to the Master for a blessing, what a calamity for motherhood and childhood had he sided with the disciples and sent the mothers away with the children untouched by His arms! But one loss could have been greater: a refusal on the part of God to send His Son into the world by the way of the home, through birth and childhood, without the help of motherhood.

Aye, Mary, truly have all generations called thee blessed and favored of womankind. In the setting up of His Kingdom, Christ Jesus had no more loyal helpers than the Marys and Marthas and Priscillas of the early church. The poetry and art of the world have found no more touching theme than the fidelity of those who were last at the cross, first at the grave, and first to believe in the risen Lord. On God's roll of sainted womanhood will be found the names of thousands who have loved and served in such a quiet way that history has had no large place for them. Others, in God's providence, have been led into larger fields of service, and their deeds are



recorded both in the books of time and of eternity. Of the many who have been thus honored, I can mention but a few.

In Paul's second missionary journey he is kept from the north and the shores of the Black Sea, and also kept from Ephesus in the south. Why is he providentially guided to the seacoast, near the site of ancient Troy? How does it come that a ship is ready that very morning for that unusual route? Because the Gospel of Jesus Christ has not been regularly introduced into Europe. And because a woman is praying to God for herself and for the people of that continent. Is not Christianity in Europe an answer to the prayers of Lydia?

You remember how Monica followed her profligate son from Africa to Italy; how she did not despair when for so many years Augustine clung to his scholarly skepticism. She hoped and prayed when her son's head and heart and soul seemed utterly lost to God. She was a woman of faith, and God gave her hope and courage; her prayers were answered, and the profligate Augustine became a teacher to influence thought for more than a thousand years. From her the world has learned that the prayer of a righteous woman availeth much. The tides of history are often turned by a woman's prayers!

At one time Luther was heartsick and discouraged in his battle with the superstitions of the middle ages. One morning his wife appeared in mourning. In surprise he asked her who had died.

"Do you not know?" she replied. "God in Heaven is dead."

"How can you talk such nonsense?" Luther exclaimed. "How can God die? He is immortal, and will live through all eternity."

"Is that really true?" she asked.

"Of course," said Luther. "As surely as there is a God in Heaven, so surely is it that He can never die."

"And yet," she said, "you are hopelessly discouraged."

From that time Luther felt that one man with the living God was a host, and that the gates of hell could not prevail against him. In our reverence for this mighty reformer, let us give a passing thought to Luther's wife. Many a woman has been the secret inspirer of man's noblest deeds.

The greatest eras of English history, as all admit, are the Elizabethan and Victorian. When the young Princess Victoria received the message that she was queen of the British Empire, she exclaimed, "I will be good." And on her knees she pledged herself to serve, first, her God, and then her people. Her whole life was in harmony with that famous utterance when a foreign prince asked the secret of the greatness of her kingdom. Taking a Bible in her hand, she said: "This is the secret of England's greatness."

God has also honored woman in the great fields of philanthropy and reform. In these good works the nineteenth century leads all others. And in them none has served more faithfully than woman.

High in the list of those who have given lasting blessing to the world stands the name of Elizabeth Fry. In her life these words of Christ found fulfillment: "I was sick and in prison, and ye visited me." She visited and talked of Christ in the English jails. They were loathsome, and the treatment of the prisoners was inhuman. She prevailed upon Parliament to amend the laws for prisoners, and began a world-wide prison reform. Every man in prison today owes something to this good woman. In the judgment day many will thank Elizabeth Fry for a start in the better life.

Florence Nightingale and Clara Barton learned from the Master to care for the sick and wounded on battlefields. Where storm and pestilence wrought havoc, they hastened in His name. Ease and home could not hold them back. Neither sneers nor entreaties could drive them from the path of God-given service. Florence Nightingale tells in a few words the story of her life. She says: "If I could give you any information concerning my life, it would be to show how a woman of very ordinary ability has been led by God, in strange and unaccustomed paths, to work in His service. And if I could tell you all, you would see how God has done all and I nothing. I have worked hard, very hard, that is

all, and I never refused God anything." What a door of usefulness is open to those who will not refuse God anything!

Maud Ballington Booth is another of the Christ-like ones whose meat and drink is to do the Father's will. Like her Master, she fears not to sit at the table with publicans and sinners, believing that sin-sick souls need the touch of a loving heart.

On the honor roll of the nineteenth century heroines must be placed the name of Lady Henry Somerset. The world offered its richest pleasures for her soul. "One day," she said, "as I sat in the midst of idleness and luxury, a voice seemed to say, *Follow thou me.*" She answered, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord." Wealth, influence, talent, all she laid at her Master's feet for use in His Kingdom. We love her because of her bravery in fighting sin in high as well as in low places. We honor her for her efforts in behalf of social purity in the English army, and for her services to the fatherless and widowed. How tenderly she studies the home welfare of laborers! How grandly she pleads for the overthrow of the rum power! In her service for humanity she has proven herself a monument of Christian heroism.

When we speak of Lady Somerset, involuntarily we think of Frances Willard, her fast friend and leader in all good works. Hers was a wonderful life; raised in the obscurity of the pioneer West, without the help of influential or wealthy connection; surmounting prejudice and all kinds of obstacles, she became famous on both sides of the ocean. Why is she ranked by many thoughtful students of history as the queen of American womanhood? When she died, why was her name entwined with that of Queen Victoria? They were called "the two greatest women of the nineteenth century." Jesus said, "He that would be great among you, let him serve." In Frances Willard this law was fulfilled. In her young womanhood she laid aside ease and honor choosing a life of hard service in an unpopular cause. Like Moses, she chose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of the world. In a very true sense she esteemed the reproaches of Christ greater riches than the treasures of any modern Egypt. Verily, she has had her recompense of reward. Like Abraham and Sarah, before death she had a divine pledge of the glorious fulfillment of her faith. Like theirs, hers was God-given, not a son, but a host of spiritual children, banded into such an organization as the founders of Monasticism never knew. When God, in that last day, shall say, "Well done," multitudes innumerable will answer, "Amen."

While the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, with a faith like that of Joshua, is praying and working for the downfall of the liquor power, others are banded together to relieve the awful suffering that follows in its wake. They tell us that the Directory of Charities for the city of London is one of the largest books in the world. New York and one hundred lesser cities in the world have similar volumes. These tell of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, preaching the gospel to the poor, rescuing the fallen, teaching the ignorant, employing the idle, helping the prisoners, gathering into hospitals the sick and dying, caring for the lame and blind and imbecile. They tell of an intelligent body of men and women, who are not only doing the work, but at the same time studying causes with a view to prevention. And, dear friends, the majority of the good Samaritans engaged in these good works are women.

Perhaps the greatest honor conferred upon womanhood by the King of the kingdom is admission to mission work and its roster of martyrs. Until Christ came the ideal of love was for a friend to lay down his life for a friend. Since His coming love has risen to the sublime height where an enemy feels its strange power. The cross is now and ever will be the sublimest manifestation of love. The most wonderful words ever spoken by human lips or stamped upon the printed page are, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." In His kingdom woman has taken up that cross of love and has borne it all the centuries. Her blood has been seed for the church. Under Saul

of Tarsus not only men, but women suffered. Quo Vadis truthfully portrays woman's share in the awful Neronian persecution. In the second and third centuries hundreds of timid women and young girls revealed the sublimest courage in all kinds of martyrdom. Nor were the centuries from the fourth to the seventeenth destitute of testimony from martyred women. The spirit of martyrdom is not yet dead. Our own day has as noble heroines as ever gave their lives to God. The year nineteen hundred will be known in the history of missions as the martyr year. In that year, in China alone, one hundred and eighty-six persons were made martyrs for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. Tears flow down our cheeks as we read of the noble men and women who counted not their lives dear unto themselves, but died for the faith. The last letter from one of these reveals a wonderful triumph. Mrs. Lizzie Atwater, daughter-in-law of our own beloved J. M. Atwater, who, with her husband and little child and unborn babe, were brutally murdered, wrote, just before her death, words which are a precious legacy to dear ones in this land—words which make the whole church richer in spiritual power.

On August second, 1901, she said: "Heaven seems very near in these last hours and I feel quite calm. There will be a joyful welcome for us all above. I am fixing my thoughts more and more on the glorious hereafter, and it gives me wonderful peace. God bless you all. Yours in blessed hope, L. A." Three days previous, in a city near by, forty-five of her friends and fellow-workers were publicly beheaded, their hearts torn out and their heads placed in baskets and stuck on poles in front of the yamen!! This awful news had just reached her when she wrote. The next day she wrote again, the last words ever received from her. After once more mentioning the horrible butchery she says: "How am I to write all the horrible details of these days? We are now waiting our call home. I am preparing for the end very quietly and calmly. The Lord is wonderfully near me. I was very restless and excited while there was a chance of life, but God has taken away that feeling, and now I just pray for grace to meet the terrible end bravely. The pain will soon be over, and, oh! the sweetness of the welcome above. My little baby will go with me. I think God will give it to me in Heaven, and my dear mother will be so glad to see us. I can not imagine the Savior's welcome! Oh, that will compensate for all these days of suspense! I do not regret coming to China, but I am sorry I have done so little. My married life, two precious years, has been so very full of happiness."

Our Savior, so recently in the garden of agony, with wounds in feet and hands and side, in the hour of His ascension, said, GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE, AND, LO, I AM WITH YOU TO THE END OF THE WORLD." These words came as a call to Mrs. Atwater and scores of other noble women. To many it has been a call to death. To others it came as a call to living service. In organized mission work one of the richest fields of service has been opened to every woman in the land. The question was recently asked in a company of cultured ladies and gentlemen, "What event of the past century is most important and far-reaching in its power for good to the human race?" Answers followed in quick succession: "Discoveries in medical science, explorations in Africa, the application of electricity to the service of man." At last a lady gave this answer: "The higher education of woman and her service in giving the Gospel to the secluded women of the world. In other words, the organization of women's missionary boards." At first the company was skeptical, but a little discussion vindicated the position. The Christian women of the world are organized as never before for a crusade against the strongholds of Satan. Alone her efforts are feeble, but in union what strength is revealed! It is no small thing when thousands of women are at work creating the missionary spirit in their hearts, in their homes and in their own churches. The work thus begun will reach and influence the ends of the earth. Few of us can go or send one to teach those who sit in darkness, but, thanks be to God, He has opened the

way for every woman in the land to be a partner in the saving of the world. "Think of the honor He bestows and let it thrill your soul. He takes your little part and mine and makes this glorious whole." In this greatest work of the past century we have but a glimpse of how God can use consecrated, united Christian women.

The kingdom in the past and the kingdom in the present suggest the kingdom in the future. In the future lie the greatest victories of our King. The past has many, but the future has more. How complete was the downfall of paganism after three centuries of martyr blood! What a Waterloo when God hurled Martin Luther and the reformers down upon the medieval church! What a victory when the sunrise of missions came with Carey! What a mountain was sunk in the sea when slavery was plucked up! What a glorious past! But the future is greater. Our God has but well begun His work of victory. Between the Armageddon, with King Alcohol and sodomy on the one hand and the destruction of his last enemy, Death, lie His greatest victories. In securing these victories He will have the help of all real women. When the decree goes forth, "Lift up your heads, ye everlasting gates and let the King of Glory come in," when the triumphal entry of the ages is made, God's myriads of women will be there.

Woman's large place in the work of missions has made imperative for her a larger place, in future, at home. She finds the Bible a blessing in far-away lands; but our political, rum-soaked civilization, she finds a curse and blight to all her foreign work. It will and does crowd into her territory. She must come home and raise the moral tone or fail in her work abroad. In mission work she finds Christ just what the nations need, but denominationalism blocks her way. She must come home and help to remedy this evil before she can do much abroad. So it is becoming more and more evident that the core of the missionary problem and the hope of the future is in America. To do her part in conquering the world for Christ she must throw heart and soul into all lines of service. She must be a reformer of all evils. Home lands are the fountains which must supply the mission lands of the world. Are not these fountains, like the springs of Jericho before the prophet of God, full of moral rot and death? May not Christian womanhood be the cruse of salt to heal these waters? When social and political and church life at home is purified, then, and not till then, may we look for Pentecosts in Asia and Africa. What will that century be when woman holds the balance of moral power? Will not public sentiment then empty the jails? Will men then spend millions for tobacco? Can the rum power then rule? Would Christian (?) civilization then be one of the greatest drawbacks to foreign missions? Would the millennium then be so far off? The present is preparing an answer to these questions. Certain it is that woman's place in the kingdom is enlarging. She is building for the future on foundations deep and strong. Plucked from the deepest depths, why should she not rise to the loftiest heights? Why should she not fulfill the glorious prophecy of her creation? Why should not the future crown her with her greatest laurels?

She is peculiarly fitted to remove the one great obstacle in the way of the coming triumph of the kingdom. She is not the cause of the curse of division of forces. What causes and perpetuates division? Philosophy has been and is a leader in the work of division. From Socrates to Herbert Spencer you can read division. Theology has been and is another captain of division. Political ambition forms the third in this great triumvirate. Can philosophers ever unite? How about Hume and Locke and Spencer? Can theologians ever unite? How about Augustine and Luther and Calvin and Wesley? Can politicians unite? How about Tory and Liberal, Democrat and Republican? Philosophy must give way for the coming kingdom. Theology must not bar the way of the salvation of the masses. Political ambition must not defeat the triumph of righteousness. We can not look for victory to the philosophers; we have little hope in the theologians and the

politician is our despair. We must find some combination of forces little tainted with philosophy, divorced, if need be, from theology, and above selfish political ambition. Such a combination of forces may hope to answer the prayer of our Master on the night of His betrayal, His prayer for unity, that the whole world may believe in Him.

Who have kept themselves most out of philosophy? The women. Who have read most clearly the certain defeat of righteousness on account of selfish political ambition? Who have undertaken a union for the purpose of honeycombing the hell-gate of progress, the rum traffic, with God's own dynamite? The women. In the great moral battle of the ages, whose blood has flowed more freely than that of the women martyrs? After Christ on the cross and in the garden, who has suffered more than woman? In the exaltation and glorification of Christ, who shall sit closer to His throne? "Who are these arrayed in robes of white and whence came they? These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple."

O, God, make Thine handmaidens worthy of the place which Thou hast prepared for them in Thy kingdom on earth, and fit them for the rewards Thou hast in store for those who love and serve in the kingdom of Heaven.

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#### THE WARDS OF OUR NATION.

A child who is without parents is given by the government a guardian whose business it is to act for the child as defender, protector and guide. This child is a ward.

The wards of the nation are the children of the nation who are helpless and untrained. As "The child is father of the man," so the children of the nation may become the nation's manhood. God judges all nations as to their guardianship of the helpless.

The United States has many wards. We have one hundred and nineteen thousand Chinese, who, because of customs, the outgrowth of previous environment, are set apart as children needing special legislation, and who because of their industry and economy need special exclusion. We have two hundred and sixty-six thousand Indians, the remnant of those who were once monarchs of forest and plain. As they were the original owners of the soil we exempt one hundred and thirty-four thousand of them from taxation and consider them the objects of special legislation; hence they are children in the eyes of the law. We have more reason to be proud of our army and navy than of our mercy or justice toward these. Then there is that vast host who year by year come to us from oppression and misery abroad, only to find new oppression and new misery here. For among other liberties granted, is the liberty of the unprincipled to prey upon the untrained. They come to us poor, ignorant and helpless to find bread and fish, and they find many a stone and many a serpent. Not that we oppress them, but that we fail to guide and protect them. For five years we bar them from many things belonging to the citizen, but from then we bar nothing. We forget that a guardian's duty is to grant protection as well as privilege, and training as well as restraint. Anarchy is a crime against government and God. Anarchy is transplanted here from foreign lands. Have we done all we can to sweeten the soil in which alien children grow? When the soil is drained the wild rice becomes tame. The touch of love will transform hate. How much of love have these unlovely children felt? God's greatest greatness was in that, while we were yet unlovely, He loved us.

In the United States we have eight million eight hundred and forty thousand negroes. When freedom came to them there were only a little more than four millions; a gain of one hundred per cent. in forty years. The entire population of the United States—with all gain from immigration and acquired territory—does not exceed this per cent. of growth. We have now three times as many negroes as there were colonists when they made the

Declaration of Independence. Our negro population is about the same as the united population of Scotland and Ireland—a vast and rapidly increasing number—one-ninth of the entire population of the land. The great mass of these are irresponsible and should be treated as children.

What are the claims of these upon us for guardianship?

1. We brought them here and they are part of the body politic. We would resent the interference of any other nation or people in their behalf. We alone can care for them and protect them. They have a claim upon our honor.

2. Their well-being is our well-being. They are children now but they will be men some day, either in righteousness or sin. They will become either our strength or our weakness. There is a claim upon our wisdom.

3. Their weakness or need. He who invented the telescope by which we can see distant stars is immortal. He who will make an instrument whereby we can see our neighbors' need will be eternal. He who will illumine our hearts so that every need seen will be a call for human because it is a call for Divine aid will be inspired. The need of heathen Africa is at our door. There is a claim upon our mercy.

4. They call upon us for leadership. Are the negroes good soldiers? The best in the world when led by white men. Are they good workmen? Yes, under the eye of a white man. The brightest page in the negro's history is his loyalty to his master who was fighting in a war where victory would rivet his chains. The most beautiful epic of literature is of his devotion to his mistress who ruled him as a queen. Anywhere he will follow our lead—up San Juan hill to victory; through toil to material success; through sin to destruction, or through righteousness to salvation. What he is and will be we make him, for he follows our leadership both up and down. He is a child crying in the night for light. There is a claim of love. God will require him at our hands.

What is required of our guardianship? How can we best lead him out of slavery (for he is yet a slave) into true freedom? Bigelow says: "But today the so-called free African is no less a slave than he was fifty years ago \* \* \* \* He does not now fear the flogging of the overseer but he is the slave of the money lender; the slave of the corner grocer; the slave of the man who advances him whisky and gives him long credit."

We can not free him by voting him privileges for which he is not prepared. When we voted him equal to the white man we did not make him so. When we voted him a citizen he did not become such. When we voted him a man he was none the less a child. If in place of inviting him to vote, hold office and make our laws we had protected him from Shylock and the power of rum—we would now hold a more dignified place among the nations of the world. A sympathetic Englishman says of us: "The Americans are incorrigible sentimentalists. They believe with all their might that legislation can cure everything. The passion for making laws is bred in their bones. They gave proof of this in granting the darkies the vote after the civil war. A bit of foolishness which it has taken forty years and an immense amount of illegality to set right. It is this spirit which will be their greatest handicap in dealing sensibly with the Philippines. They will go and dump down upon the Islanders all the laws and institutions they have at home; elective assemblies; a free press; trial by jury, and heaven knows what else." Any privilege for which one is not prepared is a curse—not a blessing. The rights of a man may be the wrongs of a child. The ballot in the hands of an untrained, untaught person is like an infernal machine in the hands of one who does not know the combination, and results are likely to be disastrous to all near—especially to the one who holds the machine. We granted the negro all rights, but redressed no wrongs. We gave him unlim-

ited liberty which became license. We granted abundant privilege and no protection. If any legal guardian of a child had been so foolishly indulgent on the one hand and so criminally careless of protection on the other—he would have been arrested and placed under bonds.

2. We can not train him to manhood by encouraging his childish ways. Perquisites, tips and unrequited aid belong only to children. Alms may supply present need but never future blessing. It is easy to give, but difficult to train. The first calls only for money—the second for self.

"The holy supper is kept indeed  
In whatso we share with another's need.  
Not what we give, but what we share,  
For the gift without the giver is bare.  
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three—  
Himself, his hungry neighbor, and me."

Even rarer than Christian charity—is Christian charity seasoned with wisdom. Charity covers a multitude of blunders as well as sins. It is rare that benevolence and wisdom walk hand in hand in doing the world's work. No man is a true friend to the negro who demands social commingling in the South. Because we have stated it a million times that "all men are created equal"—this does not make it true. It is not, however, so much a question of equality as of separation. We need to restate ourselves on this subject. As guardians we should guard the purity of the black man's blood. Virtue should know no color line, or double standard. We need to protect the white woman; we need to protect the black woman. If we hang a black man for a crime—and wink at the white man's identical crime—God will not wink at it. He will require this people pure at our hands. This is exactly the attitude of the representative southerner. He objects not to the negro having his rights; he objects not to his advancement; he is as proud of Booker T. Washington as any northern man. He is pleased with improvement in the negro's home and social life, and cares not how high he climbs in the scale of civilization. What he demands is social separation, for social commingling means amalgamation.

The negro's great need is protection and training for his life work. The first should be given by law; the second can only come by Christian education. It has been said that the three R's and the little white school-house have produced American civilization. A present-day educator says that the three H's are to supplant them in the training of the youth—the head, the hand, the heart. The three R's are sufficient now for the negro's head; skill in some useful occupation for his hand; and the morals of the Bible (the only safe textbook on ethics) for his heart. The man who possesses these is welcome in any community. The first gives him intelligence with all its attendant blessings. The second usefulness with all its attendant strength. The last gives him unselfishness with all its attending nobility of purpose. The Christian industrial school supplies all of the above—school, industry, Christianity. In these schools the theory and practice go hand in hand. It seems as if this kind of training would produce a character strong, useful and unselfish—and it does. General Armstrong's charity was well seasoned with wisdom when he founded Hampton Institute. The product is Booker T. Washington and his like; and the Tuskegee Institute and its like. The negroes trained by these men in these institutions are the hope of the negro of the southland and the nation. These are respected and honored everywhere. On the other hand, the negro who was given college and university education by somebody's supposed charity, and was pampered and petted, and his head crammed too full, with his acquired scorn of honest toil and his borrowed ideas of social rights, has become a bump on the log—very manifest, but very useless. No labor degrades except labor unskillfully or grudgingly performed.

In harmony with this policy, in its work among the negroes, the Christian Church has been enabled to produce the following results:

1. We have property valued at more than our entire cash expenditure in the work. While training their hands to skill we have made them minister unto themselves by building their own school-houses, homes, and churches.

2. We have gained the good will and hearty co-operation of the best white people in the communities where our schools are located. They believe in this kind of training for negroes, and the one who looks upon the representative southern white man as being an enemy to the true progress of the race is ignorant of facts.

3. Not one of all the preachers we have trained for work in the United States has ever asked help from the Board. In these schools self-reliance has been placed next in importance to love of truth. First, character; second, independence of character.

4. We already have a little army of trained workers who are laboring with their hands, earning an honest living and at the same time preaching the Gospel, building up churches and schools and homes and becoming the recognized leaders of the race.

5. We have yet to hear of one whom we have fully trained going back to a life of shame or dishonesty. One of our scholars, by working overtime, has paid back all the money advanced him for his schooling, and bought a home for his father and mother and one for his wife's father and mother that they too might be for the first time free indeed. Another has bought forty acres of land and paid for it and upon this, with his own hands, has built a comfortable house and surrounded it with all the accessories of a civilized home. Yet during all the time he has preached the Gospel. His preaching for that people is far more potent than that of the most finished scholar and gifted orator who despises toil. It is the Gospel of purity and self-help. The greatest scholar is not the one who knows the most truth, but the one who knows some truth well, and knows how to apply that truth to the work God has given him to do. Another has maintained himself by working faithfully and skillfully with his trowel, six days in the week, yet has built up a most flourishing church to which he most faithfully ministers. These are the leaders we are training for this people. Their horny hands of toil placed on the book which tells of the Carpenter's Son has a deep significance. Of course this kind of training is not recommended for white preachers—just for negroes—*yet it was good for our fathers*. These know not the classics nor higher criticism—yet they "know the Truth, and the Truth shall make them free."

We have some strange anomalies in our land. We grant the ballot to the negro and refuse it to woman. Now we come to woman to help educate the negro so he can use the ballot. We grant unto children what we refuse to our peers. This is a blot on our civilization. It is good for our land, however, that an educated public opinion is far more potent than civil enactments in repressing crime and advancing righteousness, and women are and have been largely the educators of our youth. The women of our land can console themselves—if consolation be needed—with the thought that it is better to even think right than to enact wrong. However, here in this nation, after having denied you the power of enactment, we turn to you helpless, for help, to redress great wrongs. If the W. C. T. U. can not, in some way, deliver our youth from the saloon power—God pity our land. It is not so much for the suppression of wrong, however, that we look to you and ask your aid, as for the up-building of right. Home building, which is so potent a factor in character building, is yours. From our homes will go forth the power.

In our missionary work—for America, at least—all that is distinctively educational and philanthropic we have turned over to you. The Christian Woman's Board of Missions is already seeking to save the university youth in America with Bible truth. In Porto Rico you are training the children; these will be the light of that land. You have kindled a fire which by God's help will spread for the cleansing of Mexico. You have

lighted a beacon in the mountains of Kentucky—already seen as a star of hope. You have taken by the hand the children of the Orient—to lead them out of idolatry. Now we have asked you to give the former slave his final emancipation. We are willing even to “help those women who labor with Christ in this Gospel.” We have asked it because we had faith in your wisdom and patience. We now rejoice that during the year in which you have wrought in this field—new sympathy, new hope and new helpfulness have come to our brother in black. Of course our gallant brethren who have asked you to foster this work do not intend to leave all the burden of maintaining it to you. They will respond cheerfully and liberally when you call upon them for means with which to build up great industrial training schools for our nation’s wards.

The nation which acts best the part of guardian to its illiterate and weak and even misguided population will in the end receive abundant reward in a strengthened state. Yet the government, no matter how enlightened, can not save the masses. The true guardian of the poor is the church. The church which is the body of Christ, is the helper of the helpless. The church which most nearly represents the mind of Christ is most the church of Christ. We may be doctrinally right in all things and have all the forms of godliness—yet, if, as a people, we neglect Christ’s poor, we neglect Christ; having a form of godliness, we have denied its power. Christ came not to the saved, but to the lost. To save the many He became the special guardian of the few. Twelve well trained were a mightier force for the world’s redemption than twelve thousand would have been without that special training. We need not so much recruits as drill. We should keep uppermost the world’s need—not what will redound to the glory of the church. Mercy must be the vital breath of all missions; missions may be as selfish as men. As guardian of the black man, we will not number our Israel. It will not be how many we have baptized, but how many we have trained—in head and hand and heart—to lead their people out. One may lead a thousand and two rally ten thousand from sin. To give this training, some of our purest and wisest and best must be willing to walk by the side of this people for years, to give them wisdom, skill and holiness. And these are as worthy of our admiration and esteem as those who cross the ocean to do a like work for the children of the nations.

It has been said the negro has no soul. Then why these dreams of immortality? We know he has a soul; then he is the object of Christ’s protecting love. Yet if we could be shown that he was soulless, still we will give him clean hands and a pure heart, that he may joyfully bear our burdens as the trained beast. And as he journeys to his everlasting night, let us still give him dreams of Heaven and visions of God.

As guardians, God will some day ask us to make our report on the wards of the nation—the wards of the church.

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“ALL THINGS ARE YOURS.”

The earth and its fullness, the world and they that dwell in it are still God’s.

We sometimes talk and act as if we believe in two great deities—a good one and a bad one—and as if we hardly know which is to rule the world at last. Nay, truly there is but one God, and this world is His. All things through the long sweep of ages are tending toward Him. “The wrath of man,” even when it causes our hearts to bleed, is still praising Him. Small our faith if we do not see it so!

Old China, in her blindness and ignorance, has slain our loved ones who strove to do her good. Do we, for this reason, despair of God’s work in the world? Have Christian people cried out: “No more sacrifice for China’s ransom?” Have they tried to narrow down the great commission so that it no longer reads, “all the world” and “every creature?” Followers of Jesus are we, and yet hesitating to go with Him into Gethsemane

or even to Calvary, if need be? Do we not realize that oftentimes—

“God’s hand within the shadow lays  
The stones whereon His gates of praise  
Shall rise at last?”

When the ruthless hand of the assassin struck down the head of our Christian nation did we hold fast to our faith that “there is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations,” or did we act as if God had forgotten the world?

We had believed that Christianity with its civilization had almost brought the time when “nation shall not lift sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” And when we have seen the war clouds hanging over so many lands and the storm falling heavily on some, have we talked as those might who believe not in the final triumph of the Prince of Peace?

“Down the dark future, through long generations,  
The echoing sounds grow fainter and then cease;  
And like a bell, with solemn, sweet vibrations,  
I hear once more the voice of Christ say, ‘Peace!’  
Peace! and no longer from its brazen portals  
The blast of War’s great organ shakes the skies!  
But beautiful as songs of the immortals  
The holy melodies of love arise.”

They tell us that at a certain place in the Mississippi, because of the peculiar structure of the bed or banks, the water is turned back upon itself. A stranger standing there would say: “The Mississippi flows to the north!” But we know that, despite the seeming to him who sees but a small part, the mighty stream holds its course steadily to the south. So with the great stream of Christian civilization, though at brief times its current seems turned back upon itself, yet the more extended view shows that forever and forever its course is onward in its God-directed channel.

Yes, this world is God’s, and because we are His children we are heirs unto vast estates. Paul puts it about this way: “All things are yours, the Apostles and their teachings, the whole world, life and death, and things present and things to come—all are yours. They shall work for your good, they shall do you service, but you are Christ’s and Christ is God’s.” The words put to shame our indifference and apathy, our hesitating and doubting. They link the divine and the human together in one great partnership, and so have in them a mighty courage and inspiration. They proclaim bountiful gifts from God to man and boundless allegiance of man to God.

You have seen a beautiful earthly home. Wealth and taste have made it elegant and delightful in all of its appointments. There is nothing lacking in its comforts or adornments. But more than this, there is love that binds together the little group and makes the word home in its sweetness next to the word Heaven. The children from their lisping days have said “our fruits and flowers,” “our groves and gardens,” “our books and pictures,” “our house,” “our home.” The father loves to have it so, and in word and action he often says: “All that I have is Thine.”

It is of a home like this that one of the saddest stories in literature is told. A selfish boy, forgetful of the home interest, the home comfort, the home love, comes to his father and says: “Father, give me my portion of the goods that falleth to me.” The generous and indulgent father grants his request. See him as he turns away from the father’s house! It is not “our home,” but “my portion” that fills his mind. He does not stop to think of father’s aching heart or mother’s tears and entreaties. He hardly stops to say, “Good-by.” The breaking of home ties seems nothing to him, for he has visions of a good time coming. He clasps his treasure to his heart and thinks he has never been so rich before. I fancy he mutters to himself as he goes, “Mine; all mine! Mine to do with as I please; mine to consume upon my own pleasures.” Poor, selfish one! You know how the story ends. Soon he learns that treasure, wasted in the gratification of selfish longings, leaves

no lasting good behind, but emptiness and loss of power and longings more unsatisfied, and that outside his father's house he is poor and wretched and beggarly.

Do we call this picture sad? There is another akin to it. Behold the child of God who knows the love and care of the infinite Father who gives to him richly all things to enjoy. He has often said, "Our Father." He has often prayed for the coming of the kingdom in its fullness throughout the world. But his hands are stretched out to receive the gifts from the Father, and he seems to say: "Father, give me my portion of the goods that falleth to me," and, forgetful of the interests and needs of his Father's great family, he lavishes his treasures upon himself. He says to his soul, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease; eat, drink and be merry." He thinks he is rich, but he is miserably poor. He has left the Father's house with its blessed abundance. He is living afar off. The "all things" are not his. He grasps but a puny mite that will soon be gone, leaving him to come into his Father's presence a beggar. Or possibly he may hear Him say: "Thou fool, this night shall thy soul be required of thee." "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Christian brother, sister, in the Father's house, close to His presence, guarded by the Elder Brother's love, you can lack no good thing. "All things are yours." But do you ever find your hands so full of receiving that you have no room for giving? Do you ever congratulate yourself upon your portion which you have laid up for your own comfort, even for luxuries and extravagance? Then have you had better moments, when you have risen up out of your selfish self and looked upon all that you possess—your brain with its power to plan, your heart with its capacity to love, your money with its power to render passable the ocean waters and the jungles of the desert, your feet with their ability to bear good tidings, your hands with their strength to lift up, your voice with its power to soothe and to publish the wonderful story—have you ever stood outside of yourself and looked upon all these things that you call yours as coming from God as belonging to Him, as being placed in this world by Him to send out their streams of influence in every direction to accomplish His work? Ah, if you have done this you have felt something of the spirit of Christ who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, not to do His own will, but the will of Him who sent Him. Yes, and you have seen that to center all that you have upon yourself is base ingratitude to the Giver.

Never does God give gifts to man without giving him a corresponding responsibility. "As God hath prospered him," is the only measure of the obligation that is placed upon him. It may be this will call for a tenth part; why may it not call for even a greater part? Christian people are learning, but they do not yet fully know how God hath prospered them, how much power and ability He hath placed in their hands.

Socrates thought men were gods who had not yet found it out. And Socrates was partly right even before Christ had taught men how Godlike they are. To the man who knows his powers and dares to task them to their limit, determination almost means accomplishment. There is scarcely any limit to the possibilities of an earnest, zealous soul. The old proverb says: "They can because they think they can." Peter the Hermit, because inspired by an idea, believed himself able, and breathed into all Europe his zeal, and brought on the crusades. Miltiades, because he knew his power in war, woke to life the sleeping energies of the young Greeks. One of them exclaimed, "The trophies of Miltiades will not let me sleep!" Napoleon, by his military genius, stirred the world. When we come to the heroes of the Cross we find them daring and doing yet greater things. They have a grander cause, a nobler inspiration. Paul declares that he can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth him. Before Luther's power the Pope trembled and the nations were shaken. Other reformers made men wonder at the strength of men. Myriads, unflinching, have met death by the knife and at the

stake for the cause of Christ. God's children, in raising men and women from ruin and wretchedness to blessedness temporal and eternal, have a cause worthy of God Himself—an inspiration the noblest that ever stirred the human soul. Why do we ever forget?

When Caesar's boatmen were about to give up because of the narrow and dangerous channel and the storm that raged, he roused them to their duty by calling out: "Pluck up your courage, men; you carry Caesar!" Discouraged Christian, pluck up your courage. You carry in your craft more than the mortal life of Caesar! You carry eternal destinies!

To be discouraged is to doubt Christ's promises. Relying on them, we shall work through prosperous and through perilous times, through the grand enthusiasm of conventions and through the weak and struggling efforts of the home church. Steady courage and zeal shall mark all our work, assured that though we alone are weak, our Leader is strong; that though we, unaided, might fail, Christ shall not fail. Saint Theresa shamed those who pointed to her weakness to accomplish her works of mercy. "Theresa and two sons are indeed nothing," said she, "but Theresa, two sons and God are all things!"

Never before has the Christian world had such ability to do the Master's work. "All things are yours" means more than it meant nineteen hundred years ago. The garnered treasures of the ages are ours. Man's power over the material world was never so great as now. The oceans and the mountains form no such barriers as formerly. Earth's peoples are closer together.

"The hand of human brotherhood  
Is clasped beneath the sea."

Cruel nations are losing their hold. Christian nations are taking the world. The Bible has been put into nearly all the languages of the earth. Christian people of the United States alone hold in their hands more than thirteen billion dollars. Yes, they are rich in advantages of all kinds. But if their abilities were never so great before, perhaps never before did they face issues so important.

"Turn and o'erturn, O outstretched Hand!  
Nor stint nor stay,  
The years have never dropped their sand  
On mortal issues vast and grand  
As ours today!"

Sisters of our Christian Woman's Board of Missions, God has honored our work in the past with a large measure of success. But we have not yet risen to the height of our possibilities. We have a rich abundance, we fare sumptuously every day; yet it was not long ago that in a single day one hundred and twenty-eight of India's fainting, famine-stricken children plead for entrance to our orphanage and plead in vain. Miss Graybiel records that day as one of the saddest of her life. It ought to make us all sad. God brings us now to the threshold of a new year of opportunity. Never before in our history has this meant so much. India's orphan children still cry to us for help. The colored people of our south land are pleading piteously for education. Education and Christianity alone can lift them out of the degradation in which they live. Our western fields are very needy. Our new mission points are waiting. The restless hearts of consecrated young people are yearning to go to them. Our old mission stations are calling for more help. The hearts of our workers are often heavy because they see the need so pressing. Let us pray earnestly to "Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above what we think or ask," not alone for the blessings He is pouring out so richly upon us, but for a consecration of what we already hold in our hands. Let us move into the new year with renewed zeal for the great work, with less selfishness and more self-sacrifice. So doing we shall not lack the "all things" material or spiritual. Neither shall our strength fail. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

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